

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 BRETT B. STRONG,
4 Plaintiff,

Case No.: 2:13-cv-00656-JAD-GWF

5 vs.

Order Denying Joinder of Parties
[37]

6 BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A
7 BANK OF NEW YORK; FIRST HORIZON
ASSET SECURITIES, INC.,

8 Defendants.
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11 Plaintiff Brett Strong, who is proceeding on a pro se basis, has filed a document entitled
12 “Joinder of Parties.” Doc. 37. By this document, plaintiff represents that he seeks to “add
13 Nationstar Mortgage as a Defendant to [his] existing claim against The Bank of New York
14 Mellon” because it has “a role in said lawsuit and it is now essential to combine these parties in
15 said claim.” *Id.* Although plaintiff asks for “joinder” under FRCP 20, it appears what he wants
16 is to amend his complaint to add a defendant, a request that requires him to also satisfy FRCP
17 15.¹

18 There are a number of problems with Strong’s request. First, the deadline for amending
19 pleadings and adding parties passed nearly two years ago on July 17, 2013. *See* Doc. 16. Strong
20 thus must to do more than simply demonstrate that he satisfies Rules 15 and 20 of the Federal
21 Rules of Civil Procedure; he must also demonstrate good cause for extension of the deadlines in
22 the scheduling order. The court takes no position on whether Strong may be able to make such a
23 showing.

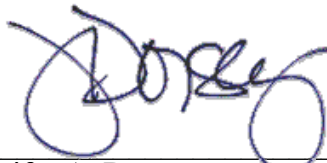
24 Requests for leave to amend must also comply with Local Rule 15-1, which requires a
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26 ¹ *See Desert Empire Bank v. Ins. Co. of N. Am.*, 623 F.2d 1371, 1374 (9th Cir. 1980); 1
27 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules and Commentary Rule 20, Permissive Joinder.

1 party seeking leave to add a party to attach a proposed amended complaint to the motion seeking
2 leave to file the amended complaint. *See* L.R. 15-1(a). Strong did not attach a proposed
3 amended complaint to his request.

4 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion for joinder [Doc. 37] is
5 **DENIED.**

6 Dated this 8th day of May, 2015.

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9 Jennifer A. Dorsey
10 United States District Judge
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