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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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## DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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KENNETH FRIEDMAN,

Case No. 2:15-cv-00380-RFB-CWH

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*Petitioner,***ORDER**

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vs.

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JAMES COX, *et al.*,

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*Respondents.*

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This represented habeas matter under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 comes before the Court following upon two filings by counsel who has not properly been substituted as counsel of record in this matter.

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The record reflects that Lisa Rasmussen remains as petitioner's counsel of record in this matter. On March 13, 2018, Christopher Oram filed a notice of appearance. On May 8, 2018, Mr. Oram filed a status report on behalf of petitioner as petitioner's purported counsel of record. (See ECF Nos. 40 & 41.) Local Rule LR IA 11-6 provides a specific procedure for withdrawal and/or substitution of counsel. The rule does not permit a different attorney to simply file a notice of appearance and begin representing a party as counsel of record. Nothing in the current record reflects that Mr. Oram merely is an associate in Ms. Rasmussen's office or otherwise is seeking to appear as co-counsel. The special rule under Local Rule LSR 3-6 for substitution of a deputy attorney general or assistant federal public defender in a habeas action does not apply in this action, as neither Mr. Rasmussen nor Mr. Oram are with the federal public defender. Petitioner's counsel instead is retained. Nor has

1 the Court been made aware of any exigency that would warrant waiving full compliance with  
2 the local rule, as was the case following upon the late Mr. Potter's health issues. (Cf. ECF No.  
3 33, at 1.)

4 IT THEREFORE IS ORDERED that Mr. Oram shall have **thirty (30) days** from entry  
5 of this order within which to present a filing seeking substitution or other relief that fully  
6 complies with Local Rule LR IA 11-6. If he fails to timely comply fully with the requirements  
7 of the local rule, he will be terminated as counsel on the docket sheet and all filings submitted  
8 under his signature will be stricken. If Mr. Oram is seeking to appear only as co-counsel, all  
9 filings hereafter by petitioner shall reflect such joint representation.

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DATED: May 8, 2018.



RICHARD F. BOULWARE, II  
United States District Judge