

)	CASE NO.: 11-cv-02564 (LBS)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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v.)	
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Pokerstars, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
Defendants.)	
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Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 1.4, Steven J. McCool of Mallon & McCool, LLC (“M&M”) moves this Court for an order granting permission for Mr. McCool and M&M to withdraw as counsel of record to defendant Chad Elie. Local Civil Rule 1.4, “Withdrawal or Displacement of Attorney of Record,” provides that “an attorney who has appeared as attorney of record for a party may be relieved or displaced only by order of the court and may not withdraw from a case without leave of court granted by order. Such an order may be granted only upon a showing by affidavit or otherwise of satisfactory reasons for withdrawal or displacement and the posture of the case, including its position, if any, on the calendar.”

Mr. Elie has been represented by two attorneys thus far in this matter, William Cowden and Steven McCool. Mr. Cowden is no longer associated with M&M and remains Mr. Elie's counsel of record in this case. This withdrawal will not affect any existing court deadlines, M&M is not asserting or retaining a charging lien, and the government does not oppose this motion.

Wherefore, M&M respectfully requests that this motion be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 23rd day of November 2011, the foregoing was served electronically on the counsel of record through the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York's Electronic Document Filing System (ECF) and the document is available on the ECF system.

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William R. Cowden