

5. The Court's Order further stated "that Smith Hotel Properties, LLC shall obtain counsel, licensed to practice in North Carolina and admitted to this Court, who shall enter an appearance in this matter before February 19, 2010. Failure to obtain counsel may result in the entry of default against Smith Hotel Properties, LLC." [Doc. 23].
6. No appearance of counsel was entered on behalf of Smith Hotel Properties, LLC on or before the February 19, 2009 deadline.
7. As of the date Choice Hotels filed its Motion for Entry of Default, no attorney licensed to practice law in North Carolina and admitted to this Court had entered a Notice of Appearance on behalf of Defendant Smith Hotel Properties, LLC.
8. A show cause hearing was held on December 28, 2010 in Greenville, North Carolina. At the hearing, *pro se* Defendant Walter Smith appeared but failed to show good cause for Defendant Smith Hotel Properties, LLC's failure to retain counsel or otherwise defend this action.

For the reasons set forth above, **DEFAULT** is entered against Defendant Smith Hotel Properties, LLC, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(a).

This the 30th day of December, 2010.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David W. Daniel', written over a horizontal line.

DAVID W. DANIEL
United States Magistrate Judge