

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
CIVIL CASE NO. 1:17-cv-00241-MR

NICOLE LEE BLAKE,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting)
Commissioner of Social Security,)
Defendant.)

ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Plaintiff's motion for the admission of attorney Karl E. Osterhout as counsel *pro hac vice*. [Doc. 3]. Upon careful review and consideration, the Court will deny the motion.

Pro hac vice admission is for the admission of an attorney from another jurisdiction for a single case. See LCvR 83.1(B)(1) (“*A pro hac vice* admission is defined as an admission to the Bar of this Court in a *particular* case....”) (emphasis added). The admission of an attorney *pro hac vice* is a matter within the discretion of the particular judge to whom the case is assigned. *Id.*

Pro hac vice admission is not intended to be a substitute for admission to the bar of this Court by those who regularly practice here. The present

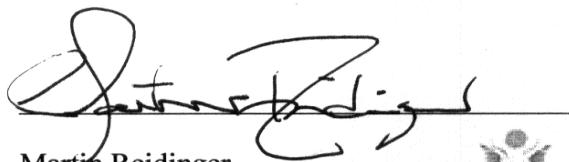
motion is the 17th time that Mr. Osterhout has sought *pro hac vice* admission in this District. This, in the Court's view, constitutes regular practice.

Notably, counsel represents that he has been admitted to the bar in 31 other jurisdictions. [Doc. 3-4 at 1-2]. Apparently, he practices regularly in many courts. If, however, Mr. Osterhout desires to practice regularly *in this Court* he must apply for regular admission.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Plaintiff's motion for the admission of attorney Karl E. Osterhout as counsel *pro hac vice* [Doc. 3] is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: September 15, 2017



Martin Reidinger
United States District Judge

