

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
1:23-cv-00290-MR-WCM

HELEN A. DAVENPORT,            )  
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                  Plaintiff,            )  
  )  
v.                                    )  
  )  
GPI RESORT HOLDINGS, LLC;    )  
OMNI HOTELS MANAGEMENT    )  
CORPORATION; and            )  
OMNI GROVE PARK, LLC,        )  
  )  
                  Defendants.        )  
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**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on a Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* and Affidavit (Doc. 26) filed by Stephen Williamson. The Motion indicates that Mr. Williamson, a member in good standing of the Bar of this Court, is local counsel for Defendants, and that he seeks the admission of Kathleen M. Smith, who the Motion represents as being a member in good standing of the Bar of Virginia. It further appears that the requisite admission fee has been paid.

The Motion states that Mr. Williamson has informed Plaintiff’s counsel of this Motion, and that “Plaintiff’s counsel has not responded with an objection at the time of filing.” Doc. 26 at ¶ 8.

Seeing no facial defect in the Motion, the undersigned will grant the request. Plaintiff may, however, request that the admission of Kathleen M.

Smith be reconsidered, provided that such request is made within seven (7) days of this Order and is supported by specific objections.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice and Affidavit (Doc. 26) is **GRANTED**, and Kathleen M. Smith is **ADMITTED** to practice *pro hac vice* before the Court in this matter while associated with local counsel.
2. This ruling is **WITHOUT PREJUDICE** to Plaintiff's right to challenge Ms. Smith's admission, provided that any such motion is filed within **seven (7) days** of this Order and is appropriately supported.

Signed: July 9, 2024



W. Carleton Metcalf  
United States Magistrate Judge

