



As grounds for leave to withdraw, defense counsel state that they have experienced over several weeks an ongoing inability to communicate with their client's primary representative and, in addition, defense counsel have not been paid for over four months. They therefore request leave to withdraw as counsel of record for Defendant. This motion is unopposed by Plaintiff, who additionally requests leave to communicate directly with the Defendant's corporate representative regarding matter specifically involving this litigation.

Defense counsels' motion for leave to withdraw is granted, and Brad Howard and Allison Davis, and their law firm, are withdrawn as counsel for Defendant Lin's Restaurant, Inc.

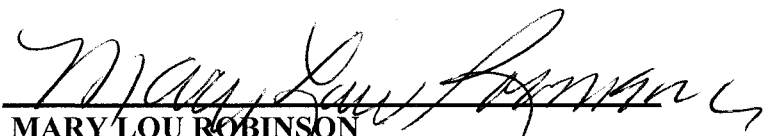
Because the Defendant can not proceed *pro se* in this case, Defendant is given twenty (20) days from the date of this Order to employ licensed counsel, and that new counsel is required to file an entry of appearance within twenty-one (21) days of the date of entry of this Order.

Plaintiff's request for leave to communicate directly with the Defendant's corporate representative within that 21-day period regarding general matters involving this litigation, such as the scheduling of discovery-related issues, is granted. However, after new counsel appears on behalf of the Defendant, Plaintiff is to direct communications through Defendant's counsel of record.

Defendant Lin's Restaurant, Inc. is hereby cautioned that if it does not timely retain a new attorney then it may be sanctioned for failure comply with the law, and this Order, requiring it to timely obtain an attorney to represent it in this case. Such sanctions can range from monetary sanctions, the striking of pleadings, or up to and including the entry of a final adverse judgment, or all of those.

It is SO ORDERED.

Signed this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

  
MARY LOU ROBINSON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE