

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

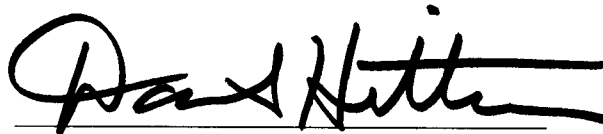
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| NATHAN SMITH                        | § |                             |
|                                     | § | CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:07-00784 |
| VS.                                 | § |                             |
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| THE ABANDONED VESSEL, <i>in rem</i> | § | ADMIRALTY                   |

**ORDER GRANTING JAY A. MCKENDREE'S  
MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL**

Now before the Court is Jay A. McKendree's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel. After considering the motion, the Court is of the opinion that it should be GRANTED.

It is therefore ORDERED that Jay A. McKendree is no longer representing Petitioner Nathan Smith in this matter.

Signed this 24 day of September, 2007.



United States District Judge