

Hon. Robert S. Lasnik

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

THOMAS E. PEREZ, Secretary of Labor,
United States Department of Labor

Plaintiff,

vs.

HUANG "JACKIE" JIE, an individual,
ZHAO "JENNY" ZENG HONG, an
individual, PACIFIC COAST FOODS, INC.,
a Washington corporation doing business as J
& J MONGOLIAN GRILL, and J & J
COMFORT ZONE, INC. doing business
as SPA THERAPY,

Defendant

CASE NO.: 2013-cv-00877-RSL

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL**

This matter comes before the Court on the Motion for Withdrawal of Counsel.

Glyn Lewis moves to withdraw as counsel for Defendants Huang "Jackie" Jie, Zhao "Jenny"
Zeng Hong, Pacific Coast Foods Inc. and J&J Comfort Zone Inc.

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stipulation for withdrawal and certifying that the motion or stipulation was served on the

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6 No attorney shall withdraw an appearance in any cause, civil or criminal,
7 except by leave of court. Leave shall be obtained by filing a motion or a
8 stipulation for withdrawal or, if appropriate, by complying with the
9 requirement of CrR 5(d)(2). A motion for withdrawal shall be noted in
10 accordance with CR 7(d)(2) or CrR 12(c)(7) and shall include a
11 certification that the motion was served on the client and opposing counsel.
12 A stipulation for withdrawal shall also include a certification that it has
13 been served upon the client. The attorney will ordinarily be permitted to
14 withdraw until sixty days before the discovery cut off date in a civil case.
15 Local Rule GR 2(g)(4)(A).

16 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1654, parties may appear personally in federal court or
17 through licensed counsel. Courts have uniformly interpreted 28 U.S.C. § 1654 to prohibit
18 corporations, partnerships, and associations from appearing in federal court other than
19 through a licensed attorney. Rowland v. California Men's Colony, Unit II Men's Advisory
20 Council, 506 U.S. 194, 202 (1993). Accordingly, the Local Rules of the Western District
21 of Washington impose special requirements on attorneys seeking to withdraw from
22 representation of corporations:

23 If the attorney for a corporation is seeking to withdraw, the attorney
24 shall certify to the court that he or she has advised the corporation that it is
25 required by law to be represented by an attorney admitted to practice
26 before this court and that failure to obtain a replacement attorney by the
27 date the withdrawal is effective may result in the dismissal of the
28 corporation's claims for failure to prosecute and/or entry of default against
the corporation as to any claims of other parties.

Local Rule GR 2(g)(4)(B).

The motion to withdraw as counsel is granted. Mr. Lewis has provided

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1 nonpayment of legal fees as the reason for his withdrawal. Mr. Lewis has certified that Pacific
2 Coast Foods Inc. and J&J Comfort Zone Inc. has been advised that it is required to be
3 represented by an attorney, and that failure to obtain substitute counsel may result in default. Mr.
4 Lewis' motion was served on his clients.
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6 In addition, no party has filed papers in opposition to this motion. See Local Rule
7 CR 7(b)(2).
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9 Dated: February 28, 2018

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12 ROBERT LASNIK
13 United States District Judge
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