

1
2
3
4
5
6
7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 MARY ANN KERRIGAN,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 QBE INSURANCE CORPORATION,

14 Defendant.
15

Case No. C16-1637 RSM

MINUTE ORDER STRIKING NOTICE OF
WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

16 The following MINUTE ORDER is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable
17 Ricardo S. Martinez, Chief United States District Judge:

18 On February 14, 2017, Plaintiff's attorney, Ian Matthew Johnson, filed a Notice of Intent
19 to Withdraw. Dkt. #14. In that notice, Mr. Johnson states his intent to withdraw as attorney of
20 record for Plaintiff "effective immediately." *Id.* at 1. Mr. Johnson also proclaims, erroneously,
21 that his "withdrawal shall be effective without order of court unless an objection to the
22 withdrawal is served upon said withdrawing attorney within ten (10) days." *Id.* Mr. Johnson is
23 incorrect. With the exception of a change of counsel within the same law firm, no attorney shall
24 withdraw an appearance in any case, civil or criminal, except by leave of court. LCR 83.2(b)(1).
25 Here, because Mr. Johnson fails to comply with Local Civil Rule 83.2, the Court STRIKES Mr.
26 Johnson's Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel.

27 Attorneys can obtain leave to withdraw as counsel by filing a motion, noted in
28 accordance with LCR 7(d)(3), or a stipulation and proposed order for withdrawal. *Id.* Motions

MINUTE ORDER- 1

1 for withdrawal must include certification that the motion was served on the client and opposing
2 counsel. *Id.* Withdrawal without substitution can be accomplished by motion if the motion
3 includes the party's address and telephone number. *Id.*

4 Accordingly, because Mr. Johnson fails to comply with LCR 83.2, the Court STRIKES
5 Mr. Johnson's Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel. Until Mr. Johnson withdraws in accordance
6 with the Local Civil Rules, he shall continue as the attorney of record for Plaintiff.
7
8 *See* LCR 83.2(b)(6).

9
10 DATED this 17th day of February 2017.

11
12 

13 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
14 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28