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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 JACKSON, *et al.*

Plaintiffs,

Case No.: 19-cv-01281-BJR

10 v.

ORDER REGARDING MOTION TO
LIFT STAY AND MOTION TO
WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

11 THE ALIERA COMPANIES, INC., *et al.*

12 Defendants.

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14 Currently before the Court are Plaintiffs' Motion to Lift Stay (Dkt. No. 143) and a motion
15 to withdraw as counsel filed by the attorneys for Defendant The Alier Companies Inc.
16 ("Alier") (Dkt. No. 146). The Court held a telephone conference regarding the motions, a
17 portion of which was held *in camera*, on October 6, 2021. The Court now rules on the motions as
18 follows:

19 In late 2020, this Court stayed the proceedings in this matter pending arbitration. On
20 September 2, 2021, the arbitrator in *The Matter of the Arbitration between Gerald and Roslyn*
21 *Jackson, et al. v. The Alier Companies, Inc., et al.*, American Arbitration Association Case No.
22 01-21-0001-0892, entered an Arbitration Award dismissing the arbitration for lack of jurisdiction
23 and returning it to proceed in this Court. Thereafter, Plaintiffs moved to lift the stay of the

1 proceedings in this Court. Having reviewed the motion and heard the parties' arguments, the
2 Court HEREBY GRANTS the motion and the stay on the proceedings in this case as it relates to
3 Alera is lifted effective immediately.

4 Further, the Court rules on defense counsel's motion to withdraw as the attorneys for
5 Alera as follows. The Court GRANTS the motion with the proviso that defense counsel shall
6 continue to represent Alera for fifteen (15) days from the date of this order to allow Alera time
7 to retain substitute counsel. At the expiration of the fifteen (15) day period, defense counsel is
8 released of any obligation to Alera with respect to this case, regardless of whether substitute
9 counsel has made an appearance in this matter.

10 Dated this 6th day of October 2021.

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Barbara Jacobs Rothstein
13 U.S. District Court Judge