

HONORABLE RONALD B. LEIGHTON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

FREELAND LENDING, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

RCJS PROPERTIES, LLC, RICHARD
SORRELS,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C17-5383 RBL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

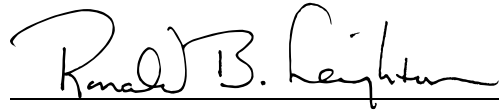
THIS MATTER is before the Court on Freeland Lending’s, LLC’s Motion for Default Judgment [Dkt. 15]. On November 29, 2017, the Clerk filed an Entry of Default after Defendants failed to appear or otherwise defend the present action. On December 4, 2017, Sorrels filed a notice of appearance with the Clerk’s Office purporting to represent both himself and RCJS Properties in a *pro se* capacity. This notice of appearance was deficient, however, as a corporation may appear in federal court only through licensed counsel. *See Rowland v. Cal. Men’s Colony*, 506 U.S. 194, 202–03 (1993); *Taylor v. Knapp*, 871 F.2d 803, 806 (9th Cir. 1989). Accordingly, Sorrels may represent himself only, and must find a licensed attorney to represent RCJS Properties in this matter.

1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants have until **January 5, 2018** to both:

- 2 1. Obtain licensed counsel to represent RCJS Properties in this matter; and
3 2. Show cause why the Court should not enter Default Judgment in favor of
4 Freeland Lending.

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6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

7 Dated this 6th day of December, 2017.

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10 Ronald B. Leighton
11 United States District Judge
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