IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

BEN BAKER,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Case No. 1:16-cv-08940
v.	)	
	)	Judge Franklin U. Valderrama
CITY OF CHICAGO, et al.,	)	
	)	**Related Case No. 1:19-cv-01717**
Defendants.	)	

ZACHARY A. PESTINE'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

Zachary A. Pestine, pursuant to Local Rule 83.17, respectfully moves to withdraw his appearance on behalf of Defendant RONALD WATTS ("Defendant"). In support of this Motion, Mr. Pestine states as follows:

1. On January 30, 2020, Zachary A. Pestine, a former attorney with Johnson & Bell, Ltd., filed his appearance as counsel on behalf of Defendant.

2. Brian P. Gainer, Ahmed A. Kosoko, Lisa M. McElroy and Monica Burkoth, also attorneys with Johnson & Bell, Ltd., filed appearances on behalf of Defendant.

3. Mr. Pestine left the employ of Johnson & Bell, Ltd., on June 18, 2021.

4. Accordingly, Mr. Pestine requests leave of court to withdraw his appearance as counsel of record for Defendant.

5. Brian P. Gainer, Ahmed A. Kosoko, Lisa M. McElroy and Monica Burkoth will remain as counsel of record for Defendant.

6. The withdrawal of Mr. Pestine is not interposed for the purposes of harassment or delay, and no party will be prejudiced by the Court's granting of this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Zachary A. Pestine respectfully requests leave of this Court to withdraw as counsel of record for Defendant RONALD WATTS.

DATED: July 22, 2021   Respectfully submitted,

                                        By: /s/ Zachary A. Pestine

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that on July 22, 2021, he filed the foregoing ***Zachary A. Pestine's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel*** electronically with the Clerk of Court using the ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record via the Court's CM/ECF system.

/s/ Zachary A. Pestine