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U.S. District Court for the Northern District Of Illinois
Attorney Appearance Form

Case Title: Nicholas Howell v. City of
Chicago, et al.

Case Number: 25-cv-13959

An appearance is hereby filed by the undersigned as attorney for:

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Are you acting as lead counsel in this case? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you a member of the court's general bar? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you a member of the court's trial bar? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you appearing *pro hac vice*? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If this case reaches trial, will you act as the trial attorney? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If this is a criminal case, check your status.

- ☐ Retained Counsel
☐ Appointed Counsel
If appointed counsel, are you a
☐ Federal Defender
☐ CJA Panel Attorney

In order to appear before this Court an attorney must either be a member in good standing of this Court's general bar or be granted leave to appear *pro hac vice* as provided for by local rules 83.12 through 83.14. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Under 28 U.S.C. §1746, this statement under perjury has the same force and effect as a sworn statement made under oath.

Executed on December 23, 2025

Attorney signature: S/ Brian P. Gainer

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