

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO. 3:22-cv-487-TJC-MCR

MICHAEL RANDO, *et al.*,

Defendants.

ORDER

THIS CAUSE is before the Court on the Unopposed Motion for Leave to Withdraw (“Motion”) (Doc. 124). For the reasons stated herein, the Motion is due to be **GRANTED in part**.

The Motion requests an order allowing Michael R. Freed, L.T. Lafferty, Nathan W. Hill, Jonathan K. Osborne, Samantha V. Medina, and the Gunster law firm to withdraw from representing Defendants, Michael Rando and Valerie Rando (the “Individual Defendants”), and, “to the extent necessary,” Prosperity Training Technology LLC, First Coast Matchmakers Inc., First Coast Matchmakers LLC, Digital Business Scaling LLC, and Financial Consulting Management Group LLC (the “Corporate Defendants”), in this matter.¹ (*Id.* at 1-2.) The Motion provides that irreconcilable

¹ The Motion provides that after Maria M. Yip was appointed as an equity Receiver over the Corporate Defendants, “Movants currently only represent the

differences have arisen between counsel and the Individual Defendants that require counsel to withdraw. (*Id.* at 2.) The Motion also provides that a fourteen-day notice was provided to the Individual Defendants, and that Plaintiff and the Receiver do not oppose the requested relief. (*Id.* at 2-3.) The Motion further provides that the requested withdrawal will not cause the continuance of trial, because this matter is administratively closed and there are no current deadlines. (*Id.* at 2.)

Upon consideration, it is **ORDERED**:

1. The Motion (**Doc. 124**) is **GRANTED** only to the extent that Michael R. Freed, L.T. Lafferty, Nathan W. Hill, Jonathan K. Osborne, Samantha V. Medina, and the Gunster law firm are relieved of any further responsibility as counsel for the Individual Defendants, Michael Rando and Valerie Rando, in this matter except as stated herein. Movants shall comply with all applicable obligations on withdrawing counsel, including any applicable Bar rules. In addition, Movants shall immediately serve a copy of this Order on the Individual Defendants by mail and email, and file a certificate verifying such service.

2. **On or before May 8, 2023**, the Individual Defendants, Michael Rando and Valerie Rando, shall either: (1) employ new counsel who shall file

Individual Defendants.” (Doc. 124 at 2.)

a notice of appearance with the Court by that date, or (2) file a notice with the Court indicating that they will be proceeding *pro se*. Failure to comply with this Order may result in the imposition of sanctions without further notice. If the Individual Defendants intend to proceed *pro se*, they must timely follow all rules and orders of this Court.

3. The Clerk of Court shall terminate Michael R. Freed, L.T. Lafferty, Nathan W. Hill, Jonathan K. Osborne, Samantha V. Medina, and the Gunster law firm as counsel of record for Michael Rando and Valerie Rando.

DONE AND ORDERED at Jacksonville, Florida, on April 7, 2023.


MONTE C. RICHARDSON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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