

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

**Fernando Navarro Hernandez v. James E. Dzurenda, Erica Ceballos,  
FNU (.SIC) Barreti, Lorenzo Villegas, Roxanne Bybee, Ted Hanf,  
Gregory Martin, Michelle Perkins, Elizabeth Pritchard**

Hernandez · No. 3:24-cv-00001-ART-CLB · Decided January 13, 2026

SUMMARY

This document is a motion by Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP to withdraw as counsel for defendants Roxanne Bybee, M.D., and Erica Ceballos, R.N., and to be removed from the CM/ECF service list. The motion asserts that the Nevada Office of the Attorney General is actively representing the defendants and that withdrawal will not cause delay or prejudice. The document includes supporting declarations and memorandum of law, and the court granted the motion on January 13, 2026.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT              | United States District Court for the District of Nevada                                                                                                                           |
| JURISDICTION       | United States District Court for the District of Nevada                                                                                                                           |
| DECIDED            | January 13, 2026                                                                                                                                                                  |
| DOCKET             | 3:24-cv-00001-ART-CLB                                                                                                                                                             |
| DISPOSITION        | other                                                                                                                                                                             |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE | Counsel for defendants moved to withdraw as counsel of record and to be removed from the CM/ECF service list after the Nevada Office of the Attorney General assumed the defense. |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW | The court exercises discretion in deciding whether to grant or deny a motion to withdraw as counsel.                                                                              |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE | unknown                                                                                                                                                                           |

TOPICS

civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure   legal ethics and professional responsibility

## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should permit attorneys and their law firm to withdraw as counsel of record for defendants.
2. Whether the withdrawing attorneys and law firm should be removed from the case's CM/ECF service list.

## HOLDINGS

1. The court granted the motion to withdraw because the defendants had active replacement counsel, withdrawal would not materially adversely affect their interests, and no delay would result.
2. The court authorized Keith A. Weaver, Alissa N. Bestick, and Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP to be removed from the CM/ECF service list.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

“[A]n attorney cannot withdraw from a case without consent of the court.” (at 1)

“Courts maintain the discretion to grant or deny a motion to withdraw as counsel.” (at 1)

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Keith A. Weaver, Alissa N. Bestick, and Lewis Brisbois had been retained to represent defendants Roxanne Bybee and Erica Ceballos. The defendants subsequently obtained representation from the Nevada Office of the Attorney General, which was actively defending them, and the moving attorneys were no longer participating in the defense. The court found that withdrawal would not adversely affect the defendants or delay discovery, trial, or any hearing.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The matter was pending in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. Lewis Brisbois attorneys Keith A. Weaver and Alissa N. Bestick moved to withdraw from representing defendants Roxanne Bybee and Erica Ceballos, asserting that replacement counsel from the Nevada Office of the Attorney General was actively defending the defendants. The court granted the motion and authorized counsel's removal from the CM/ECF service list.

## DISPOSITION

other

## CASES CITED

- 2023 WL 6059667, at \*3 (D. Nev. Sept. 18, 2023)
- 118 F.2d 704, 706 (9th Cir. 1941)

## OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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DISTRICT OF NEVADA

9 10 FERNANDO NAVARRO HERNANDEZ, Case No. 3:24-cv-00001-ART-CLB 11

PLAINTIFF, ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO

12 WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR

VS. DEFENDANTS ROXANNE BYBEE, M.D.

13 AND ERICA CEBALLOS, R.N. AND FOR

JAMES E. DZORENDA, ERICA REMOVAL FROM THE CM/ECF

14 CEBALLOS, FNU (.SIC) BARRETI, SERVICE LIST

LORENZO VILLEGAS, ROXANNE

15 BYBEE, TED HANF, GREGORY MARTIN,

MICHELLE PERKINS, ELIZABETH

16 PRITCHARD,

17 Defendants. 18

19 /// 20 /// 21 /// 22 /// 23 /// 24 /// 25 /// 26 /// 27 /// 1 Keith A. Weaver (“Attorney  
Weaver”), Alissa N. Bestick (“Attorney Bestick”), and 2 their law firm Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard &  
Smith LLP (“Lewis Brisbois”) hereby files this 3 Motion to Withdraw as Counsel of Record for  
Defendants Roxanne Bybee, M.D. and Erica 4 Ceballos, R.N.. (“Defendants”) and to be removed  
the CM/ECF service list for this case 5 pursuant to LR IA 11-6. With this Motion, counsel requests  
an order from this Honorable 6 Court allowing them and their firm to withdraw as counsel of  
record for Defendants, as 7 Defendants are now represented by the Office of the Attorney General  
of the State of 8 Nevada. 9 This Motion is based on the following Memorandum of Points and  
Authorities. the 10 pleadings and papers on file with this Court, and any oral arguments this  
Honorable Court 11 is willing to entertain at the time of the hearing of this matter. 12 DATED this  
12th day of January, 2026 13

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1 DECLARATION OF ALISSA N. BESTICK, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF  
MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF RECORD FOR DEFENDANTS ROXANNE  
2 BYBEE, M.D. AND ERICA CEBALLOS, R.N. AND FOR REMOVAL FROM THE CM/ECF  
SERVICE LIST

3 4 I, Alissa N. Bestick, Esq., do declare under penalty of perjury that the following is 5 true and  
correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief: 6

1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice in the State of Nevada, and an  
7 attorney at the law firm of LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH, LLP, which has been 8  
retained to represent the interests of Defendants Roxanne Bybee, M.D. and Erica Ceballos, 9 R.N.  
in the matter of . Case No. 3:24-cv-00001-ART-CLB . I 10 have personal knowledge of the  
content of this Declaration, and I am competent to testify thereto if 11 called upon to do so. 12

2. The facts set forth in this Motion are true and correct to the best of my  
13 knowledge, information, and belief. 14

3. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Docket  
15 , et al. Case No. 3:24-cv-00001-ART-CLB. 16 I declare under penalty of perjury that the  
foregoing is true and correct. 17 18 19 /s/ Alissa N. Bestick Alissa N. Bestick 20 21 22 23 24 25 26  
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1 MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

2 I. INTRODUCTION

3 Attorney Weaver, Attorney Bestick, and Lewis Brisbois were retained to represent 4 Defendants  
regarding the claims in this case. However, Defendants have retained the 5 services of the Nevada  
Office of the Attorney General, who is now actively defending the 6 Defendants in this case.  
Accordingly, Attorney Weaver, Attorney Bestick, and Lewis 7 Brisbois respectfully request that  
this Court permit them to withdrawal as counsel of record 8 for Defendants and remove them from  
the CM/ECF service list from this case. Defendants' 9 interests will be protected, no delay will  
result, and good cause otherwise exists to permit 10 the requested relief.

11 II. GOOD CAUSE EXISTS TO PERMIT ATTORNEY WEAVER, ATTORNEY  
BESTICK, AND LEWIS BRISBOIS TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF RECORD  
12 FOR DEFENDANTS ROXANNE BYBEE, M.D. AND ERICA CEBALLOS, R.N. 13 “[A]n  
attorney cannot withdraw from a case without consent of the court.”

14 No. 3:19-cv-00598-RCJ-CBC, 2023 WL 6059667,  
15 at \*3 (D. Nev. Sept. 18, 2023) (quoting 118 F.2d 704, 706 (9th Cir. 16 1941)). Further, “[c]ourts  
maintain the discretion to grant or deny a motion to withdraw as 17 counsel.” (citation omitted).

18 Rule 11-6 of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada's Local Rule  
19 of Practice states in pertinent part: 20 (b)If an attorney seeks with withdraw after appearing in a  
case, the attorney 21 must file a motion or stipulation and serve it on the affected client and

opposing counsel. The affected client may, but is not required to, file a 22 response to the attorney's motion within 14 days of the filing of the motion, unless the court orders otherwise. 23 \* \* \* 24 (e) Except for good cause shown, no withdrawal or substitution will be 25 approved if it will result in delay of discovery, the trial, or any hearing in the case. Where delay would result, the papers seeking leave of the court for 26 the withdrawal or substitution must request specific relief from the scheduled discovery, trial, or hearing. If a trial setting has been made, an additional 27 copy of the moving papers must be provided to the clerk for immediate delivery to the assigned district judge, bankruptcy judge, or magistrate 1 LR IA 11-6(b) & (e); 2023 WL 6059667 at \*3. 2 In addition, Rule 1.16 of the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct governs the 3 termination of representation. NRPC 1.16 states in pertinent part: 4 5 (b) Except as stated in paragraph (c), a lawyer may withdraw from representing a client if: 6

(1) Withdrawal can be accomplished without material

7 adverse effect on the interests of the client; 8 \* \* \* 9 . . . or 10 (7) Other good cause for withdrawal exists. 11 (c) A lawyer must comply with applicable law requiring notice to or permission of a tribunal when terminating representation. When ordered to 12 do so by a tribunal, a lawyer shall continue representation notwithstanding good cause for terminating the representation. 13 (d) Upon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the 14 extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as giving reasonable notice to the client, allowing time for employment of other 15 counsel, surrendering papers and property to which the client is entitled and refunding any advance payment of fee or expense that has not been earned 16 or incurred. The lawyer may retain papers relating to the client to the extent permitted by other law. 17 18 NRCP 1.16(b)(1), (b)(7), (c), & (d). 19 Here, Defendants, as a present or former State officers, employees, or contractors 20 of the State of Nevada, obtained Defense Counsel through the Office of the Attorney 21 General of the State of Nevada. Defendants are currently being represented by counsel 22 from the Office of the Attorney General. Exhibit A (indicating that Defendants are 23 represented by the Office of the Attorney General). 24 Although Attorney Weaver, Attorney Bestick, and Lewis Brisbois are still currently 25 listed as additional counsel for Defendants, they are no longer actively participating in 26 Defendants' defense and good cause exists to permit them to withdraw from this case. 27 Although "[w]ithdraw[al] has been denied where the court finds that withdrawal 1 2023 WL 6059667 at \*3 (citation and internal quotation marks omitted). As 2 noted, Defendants already have active representation through the Nevada Office of the 3 Attorney General and no delay will be incurred as a result of counsel's withdrawal. Similarly, 4 no delay will result with respect to discovery, the trial, or any hearing in this case as any 5 deadlines imposed on Defendants are being handled by thier current counsel and the 6 parties. This was specifically done to allow the parties "to complete written discovery, the 7 deposition of parties, experts, and lay witnesses, and any other discovery the parties may 8 want to conduct[.]" at p. 2. 9 Because Defendants already have active replacement counsel, the requested 10 withdrawal can be accomplished without material adverse effects on Defendants' interests. 11

Indeed, Defendants' interests have already been taken over by the Attorney General, who is actively participating in Defendants' defense. Accordingly, Attorney Weaver, Attorney Bestick, and Lewis Brisbois respectfully request that this Court grant their request to withdraw as counsel for Defendants and permit the Nevada Office of the Attorney General to continue with its representation. ///

1 AML. CONCLUSION

2 Based on the foregoing, Attorney Weaver, Attorney Bestick, and Lewis Brisbois respectfully request that this Court grant their request to withdraw as counsel for Defendants and to remove them from the CM/ECF service list for this case. 5 DATED this 12 day of January, 2026 6

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ORDERED. 18 DATED: January 13, 2026. 19 \* 20 21

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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