

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA,
NORTHERN DIVISION

Christopher Brown v. Nevada Department of Corrections; Salisheaun
Garcia, R.N.

Brown · No. 3:24-cv-00212-ART-CLB · Decided January 13, 2026

SUMMARY

This document is an order granting Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP attorneys Keith A. Weaver and Alissa N. Bestick permission to withdraw as counsel for defendant Salisheaun Garcia, R.N., in Christopher Brown v. Nevada Department of Corrections. The order also permits their removal from the CM/ECF service list because Garcia is represented by the Nevada Office of the Attorney General. It was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada on January 13, 2026.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Nevada, Northern Division
DECIDED	January 13, 2026
DOCKET	3:24-cv-00212-ART-CLB
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Counsel for defendant Salisheaun Garcia moved to withdraw as counsel of record and to be removed from the CM/ECF service list because Garcia had obtained representation from the Nevada Office of the Attorney General. The district court granted the motion.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court applied its discretion in deciding whether to permit counsel's withdrawal.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Christopher Brown v. Nevada Department of Corrections, Salisheaun Garcia, R.N.

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- civil rights
- section 1983

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should permit Garcia's existing counsel to withdraw under District of Nevada Local Rule IA 11-6 and the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct.
2. Whether counsel should be removed from the CM/ECF service list after withdrawal.

HOLDINGS

1. The court granted the motion to withdraw because good cause existed, Garcia had active replacement counsel through the Nevada Office of the Attorney General, and withdrawal would not cause delay or materially adversely affect Garcia's interests.
2. The court permitted 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 3)

“Courts maintain the discretion to grant or deny a motion to withdraw as counsel.” (at 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Keith A. Weaver, Alissa N. Bestick, and their law firm had been retained to represent Salisheaun Garcia in the action. Garcia subsequently obtained representation from the Nevada Office of the Attorney General, which was actively defending her. The court found that replacement counsel was in place and that withdrawal would not cause delay or materially prejudice Garcia's interests.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The case was pending in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. Attorneys Keith A. Weaver, Alissa N. Bestick, and Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, who had represented Garcia, moved to withdraw after the Nevada Office of the Attorney General assumed Garcia's defense. The court granted withdrawal and permitted removal of the attorneys 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)

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