

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
HAMMOND DIVISION

IN RE: )  
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ROBERT LEE CHAMBERS and ) BANKRUPTCY NO. 03-61666 JPK  
REMONA JEAN CHAMBERS, ) Chapter 13  
 )  
Debtors. )

ORDER REGARDING MOTION TO ENTER AS CO-COUNSEL

On August 21, 2006, Attorney Ricardo Casas filed a document designated as "Motion to Enter as Co-Counsel", which states in its entirety the following: "Comes now attorney Ricardo B. Casas and enters his appearance as Co-Counsel on behalf of the above mentioned debtors." Attorney Casas also submitted to the Court a proposed form of order granting his request to enter an appearance as co-counsel.

First, as a motion, the document entirely fails to comply with Fed. R. Bank. P. 9023, which requires a motion to "state with particularity the grounds therefore, and . . . set forth the relief or order sought." Secondly, the Court is at a loss to understand why it is necessary for it to approve the entry of an appearance of an attorney as counsel for a party, in light of the provisions of Fed. R. Bank. P. 9010(b): simply entering an appearance as counsel for a party accomplishes the goal of authorization to appear before the Court with respect to that party. Thus, to the extent that the "motion" seeks relief from the Court, it is unnecessary. Because any attempted entry of an appearance is stated in terms of a motion, the document is inadequate to satisfy the requirements of N.D.Ind.L.B.R. B-9010-2(a) as the entry of an appearance by Attorney Casas for the debtors.

IT IS ORDERED that the foregoing motion is denied, and that the foregoing motion is not deemed to constitute the entry of an appearance by Attorney Casas pursuant to the

requirements of N.D.Ind.L.B.R. B-9010-2(a).<sup>1</sup>

Dated at Hammond, Indiana on August 31, 2006.

/s/ J. Philip Klingeberger  
J. Philip Klingeberger, Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court

Distribution:  
Debtors, Attorney for Debtors  
Trustee  
U.S. Trustee  
Attorney Ricardo Casas

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<sup>1</sup>Counsel is reminded that his entry of an appearance invokes the requirements of 11 U.S.C. § 329(a).