

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
HAMMOND DIVISION

IN RE: )  
 )  
KATINA BROWN, ) CASE NO. 10-24356 JPK  
 ) Chapter 7  
Debtor. )

ORDER FOR HEARING REGARDING STATUS OF  
ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION OF THE DEBTOR

This matter came before the court on January 13, 2011 on the United States Trustee's motion to dismiss pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 707(b)(2) and (3). Trial Attorney Jennifer Prokop appeared on behalf of the United States Trustee. When a telephone call was placed to the debtor's attorney of record – William M. Murakowski – the court's judicial assistant was advised that Attorney Murakowski no longer worked at The Law Offices of Ernesto D. Borges; that the firm had no forwarding address for Attorney Murakowski; that the law firm had no telephone number for Attorney Murakowski; and that Attorney Murakowski had switched off his email address at the firm used to provide electronic notice of matters in cases in which he had entered an appearance. An alternative email address for Attorney Murakowski was provided by the firm to the court's judicial assistant.

In the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Indiana, individual attorneys represent debtors; law firms are not authorized to enter blanket appearances. As a result, the debtor's present attorney of record is William M. Murakowski, and until another individual attorney enters an appearance in this case on behalf of the debtor and files a statement required by 11 U.S.C. § 329(a)/Fed.R.Bankr.P. 2016(b), Attorney Murakowski will continue to be the sole attorney authorized to represent the debtor in this case.

It is necessary to conduct a hearing to determine the identity and status of counsel for the debtor in this case.

IT IS ORDERED that a hearing will be held on **February 11, 2011, at 10:00 A.M.** to

address the foregoing matters.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the debtor Katina Brown shall personally appear at that hearing to advise the court as to the identity of the attorney representing her in this case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney William M. Murakowski shall personally appear at the hearing, and that any attorney from the law firm of The Law Offices of Ernesto D. Borges who will provide representation to the debtor in this case, if any, shall also appear at said hearing.

Dated at Hammond, Indiana on January 21, 2011.

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

Distribution:

Debtor, Trustee, US Trustee

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