

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
HAMMOND DIVISION

IN RE:)
)
JUSTIN ALBERT BROOKS) CASE NO. 07-20323 jpk
) Chapter 7
Debtor.)

KENNETH A. MANNING,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
V.) ADVERSARY NO. 11-2110
)
JUSTIN ALBERT BROOKS,)
)
Defendant.)

ORDER FOR HEARING IN RELATION TO MATTERS
CONCERNING WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL'S APPEARANCE

On March 21, 2013, as record No. 43, Attorney Michael Fish filed a motion to withdraw as counsel for the defendant, Justin Albert Brooks. The Motion is in proper form, and the court will grant it.¹ The granting of the motion will leave the defendant, Justin Albert Brooks without an attorney in a complicated case in which – by record No. 41 – a pretrial order is due on May 1, 2013; A final pretrial conference is to be held on May 8, 2013; and trial is to commence on May 22, 2013.

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. The deadline of May 1, 2013, for the filing of a final pretrial order is suspended, pending further order of the court.
2. The final pretrial conference scheduled for May 8, 2013 is cancelled.
3. At this time, the trial setting of May 22, 2013 remains in place.

¹ Absent extraordinary circumstances not present in this case, the court will not compel a party and an attorney to continue in an attorney/client relationship in a case when one of them requests termination of that relationship.

4. A hearing in open court will be held on **May 8, 2013, at 11:30 A.M.**, to determine further proceedings in relation to the May 22, 2013 trial date.

5. The defendant, Justin Albert Brooks shall undertake all reasonable and expedient action to seek to obtain an attorney to represent him in this adversary proceeding if he desires to have counsel represent him in this adversary proceeding. If he obtains such counsel by May 8, 2013, that attorney shall enter an appearance on behalf of the defendant in this case and personally appear at the May 8, 2013, hearing. If Mr. Brooks does not obtain an attorney by that date, Justin Albert Brooks shall personally appear at the May 8, 2013, hearing.

Dated at Hammond, Indiana on April 15, 2013.

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

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