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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

INGENUITY 13 LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN DOE,

Defendant.

Case Nos. 2:12-cv-8333-ODW(JCx)
**ORDER DENYING REQUEST TO
WITHDRAW [144]**

Klinedinst P.C. and its attorneys seek to withdraw as counsel of record for Prenda Law, Inc. (ECF No. 144.) Local Rule 83-2.9.2.1 requires an attorney to obtain leave from the court to withdraw as counsel. California’s Rules of Professional Conduct generally govern an attorney’s conduct before this Court, including circumstances permitting withdrawal. *See* L.R. 83-3.1.2.

A district court has discretion to permit or deny an attorney’s withdrawal. *Huntington Learning Ctrs., Inc. v. Educ. Gateway, Inc.*, No. 2:09-cv-3200 PSG(VBKx), 2009 WL 2337863, at *1 (C.D. Cal. July 28, 2009). Courts consider four factors for withdrawal requests: “(1) the reasons why withdrawal is sought; (2) the prejudice withdrawal may cause to other litigants; (3) the harm withdrawal might cause to the administration of justice; and (4) the degree to which withdrawal will delay the resolution of the case.” *Id.*

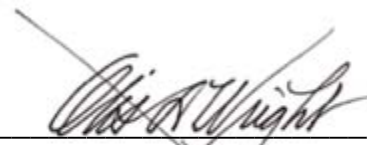
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1 Klinedinst states no reasons for its withdrawal, other than that Prenda Law has
2 consented to it. Klinedinst correctly notes that Prenda Law is a corporation and
3 cannot represent itself pro se in federal court. *Rowland v. Cal. Men's Colony, Unit II*
4 *Men's Advisory Council*, 506 U.S. 194, 201-02 (1993). But because no attorney has
5 yet to substitute in for Prenda Law, the Court rejects Klinedinst's Request to
6 Withdraw.

7 Thus, Klinedinst's Request is hereby **DENIED**. The Court will allow
8 Klinedinst to withdraw when Prenda Law has acquired substitute counsel. At that
9 time, Prenda Law must file a request for approval of substitution of attorney.

10 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

11 May 17, 2013

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14 **OTIS D. WRIGHT, II**
15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**
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