

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

In re: GUIDANT CORP. IMPLANTABLE
DEFIBRILLATORS PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 05-1708 (DWF/AJB)

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ORDER

The Court has received numerous Motions for Withdrawal of Counsel Without Substitution pursuant to District of Minnesota Local Rule 83.7(c). That rule provides that “[w]ithout substitution may be granted only by a motion made before the Court, for *good cause shown*.” D. Minn. L.R. 83.7(c) (emphasis added).

In many of these motions, plaintiffs’ counsel request withdrawal because it has become “unreasonably difficult to carry out employment effectively.” (*See e.g.*, MDL 05-1708 (DWF/AJB), Doc. No. 2962.) These attorneys provide no details regarding their request, claiming that such details would reveal attorney/client privileged information. (*Id.*) The Court has reviewed these requests and concluded that they do not establish good cause as required by Local Rule 83.7(c).

Thus, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. Any motions for withdrawal of counsel that contain the language described above (including the motions listed below) are **DENIED WITHOUT PERJUDICE**.

| Case Number | Plaintiff Name | Docket Number in Individual Case | Docket Number in Master Case |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 07-3775 | Combs | 3 | 2962 |
| 07-2670 | Green | 3 | 2961 |
| 07-2675 | Pearce | 3 | 2960 |
| 07-2620 | Walters | 3 | 2959 |
| 07-2633 | Williams | 3 | 2958 |
| 06-4419 | Kaiser | 18 | 2901 |
| 07-1091 | Tibbs | 5 | 2900 |
| 07-2718 | Fields | 3 | 2899 |
| 07-1092 | Eliander | 5 | 2898 |
| 06-4826 | Zaker | 10 | 2897 |
| 06-3566 | Stafford | | 2896 |
| 06-4420 | Pagan | 11 | 2895 |
| 06-4419 | Redding | 19 | 2894 |
| 06-4826 | Newton | 9 | 2893 |
| 06-3741 | Napolitano | 11 | 2892 |
| 06-4826 | Koneski | 8 | 2891 |
| 07-1557 | Crain | 6 | 2890 |
| 06-3676 | Constantine | 13 | 2889 |
| 07-1557 | Byrd | 5 | 2888 |
| 07-2571 | Timko | 6 | 2884 |

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 2, 2008

s/Donovan W. Frank
DONOVAN W. FRANK
Judge of United States District Court