

**Rule 9010-2 Substitution; Withdrawal.**

- (a) Substitution. If a party in an adversary proceeding or a debtor in any case wishes to substitute attorneys, a substitution of counsel document signed by the original attorney and the substituted attorney must be filed. If a trustee, debtor or official committee wishes to substitute attorneys or any other professional whose employment was subject to approval by the Court, a motion for retention of the new professional must also be filed.
- (b) Withdrawal. An attorney may withdraw an appearance for a party without the Court's permission (i) when such withdrawal will leave a member of the Bar of the District Court appearing as attorney of record for the party or (ii) when the party (a) has no controversy pending before the Court and (b) the attorney certifies that the party consents to withdrawal of counsel. Otherwise, no appearance shall be withdrawn except by order on a motion duly filed, served on each party and served on the party client by registered or certified mail addressed to the client's last known address, at least 14 days before the motion is heard by the Court. The filer is not required to confer other than with its party client prior to filing the motion to withdraw.
- (c) Service. Substitutions and motions for withdrawal under this Local Rule must be served (i) in an adversary proceeding, on all parties to the proceeding and (ii) in a bankruptcy case, on all parties entitled to notice under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002.
- (d) Effect of Failure to Comply. Until paragraph (a) or (b), as applicable, and paragraph (c) of this Local Rule are complied with and an order, if necessary, is entered, the original attorney remains the client's attorney of record for purposes of the respective case or proceeding.