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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

HONORABLE LEE F. JANTZEN DIVISION 4 DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2022

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COURT ORDER/NOTICE/RULING

NANCY KNIGHT, Plaintiff,

vs. CV-2018-04003

GLEN LUDWIG, et al., et ux., Defendants.

The Court has received a pleading from Plaintiff herself titled <u>Notice Removing Attorney Coughlin and Replacing Same as Pro Per Plaintiff</u>. The Court received this on Friday, September 30, 2022, but waited to address the pleading until after a scheduled vacation. The Court has not received any pleadings from currently assigned Counsel in which he has asked to be withdrawn or in which he informs the Court he has been removed by Plaintiff. The Plaintiff is still represented by Counsel until the Court makes a ruling on this issue.

There is still an attorney of record on this case for the Plaintiff and Counsel for the opposing side has the right to know who is filing legitimate pleadings, which pleadings need to be responded to, and with whom to exchange information or documents. If you look at the rules, there is a process for filing a Motion to Withdraw or Substitute Counsel in which the parties can participate, after which the Court would make a ruling. That process was not followed in this case. Counsel of record remains Counsel for Plaintiff until proper procedures are followed and the Court approves any change in representation.

This process is especially important in this extremely complicated case where the Court is considering multiple issues concerning the addition of scores of new parties.

After filing the Notice, the Plaintiff proceeded to file multiple other pleadings. All of these pleadings are premature and cannot legally be filed by a person who is still represented by Counsel. The Court does not want them all to be filed again in the future should the Court grant Plaintiff's request to represent herself, so the Court is placing all the additional pleadings filed by the Plaintiff since September 29, 2022 in abeyance until further notice. Defendant does not have to answer these pleadings filed

by Plaintiff herself, and time to answer these pleadings does not start at least until the Court determines who is representing the Plaintiff.

The Court has also received a pleading from Defense Counsel titled <u>Request to</u> Set Accelerated Status Conference.

IT IS ORDERED setting this matter for a Status Conference on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

The parties may appear by Zoom by following the instructions below.

To join the Zoom meeting by video (**preferred**), participants can go to Zoom.us and click on 'Join'; the Court's meeting ID # is 258656631. The password to join is 2141912.

To attend the Zoom meeting telephonically, the participants may call 1-669-900-6833 or toll free at 1-833-548-0282 with meeting ID # 258656631. The password to join is 2141912.

Any additional pleadings filed by the Plaintiff until the Court's ruling shall also be held in abeyance.

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