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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

JACKSON, *et al.*

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE ALIERA COMPANIES, INC., *et al.*

Defendants.

Case No.: 19-cv-01281-BJR

ORDER REGARDING MOTION TO  
LIFT STAY AND MOTION TO  
WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

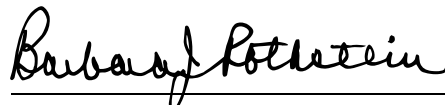
Currently before the Court are Plaintiffs’ Motion to Lift Stay (Dkt. No. 143) and a motion to withdraw as counsel filed by the attorneys for Defendant The Alieria Companies Inc. (“Alieria”) (Dkt. No. 146). The Court held a telephone conference regarding the motions, a portion of which was held *in camera*, on October 6, 2021. The Court now rules on the motions as follows:

In late 2020, this Court stayed the proceedings in this matter pending arbitration. On September 2, 2021, the arbitrator in *The Matter of the Arbitration between Gerald and Roslyn Jackson, et al. v. The Alieria Companies, Inc., et al.*, American Arbitration Association Case No. 01-21-0001-0892, entered an Arbitration Award dismissing the arbitration for lack of jurisdiction and returning it to proceed in this Court. Thereafter, Plaintiffs moved to lift the stay of the

1 proceedings in this Court. Having reviewed the motion and heard the parties' arguments, the  
2 Court HEREBY GRANTS the motion and the stay on the proceedings in this case as it relates to  
3 Alera is lifted effective immediately.

4 Further, the Court rules on defense counsel's motion to withdraw as the attorneys for  
5 Alera as follows. The Court GRANTS the motion with the proviso that defense counsel shall  
6 continue to represent Alera for fifteen (15) days from the date of this order to allow Alera time  
7 to retain substitute counsel. At the expiration of the fifteen (15) day period, defense counsel is  
8 released of any obligation to Alera with respect to this case, regardless of whether substitute  
9 counsel has made an appearance in this matter.

10 Dated this 6th day of October 2021.

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12 Barbara Jacobs Rothstein  
13 U.S. District Court Judge