

Rule 2.03 | APPEARANCE AND WITHDRAWAL

(a) Every pleading or paper of any kind filed by an attorney in this Court shall conform and be subject to the requirements of Rule 11, Fed.R.Civ.P., and unless otherwise expressly stated therein, shall constitute a general appearance on behalf of the persons or parties for whom the pleading or paper is filed.

(b) No attorney, having made a general appearance under subsection (a) of this rule, shall thereafter abandon the case or proceeding in which the appearance was made, or withdraw as counsel for any party therein, except by written leave of Court obtained after giving ten (10) days' notice to the party or client affected thereby, and to opposing counsel.

(c) In all criminal cases non-payment of attorney's fees shall not be sufficient justification for seeking leave to withdraw if the withdrawal of counsel is likely to cause a continuance of a scheduled trial date; nor shall leave be given to withdraw in any other case, absent compelling ethical considerations, if such withdrawal would likely cause continuance or delay. If a party discharges an attorney it shall be the responsibility of that party to proceed pro se or obtain the appearance of substitute counsel in sufficient time to meet established trial dates or other regularly scheduled proceedings as the Court may direct.

(d) Any party for whom a general appearance of counsel has been made shall not thereafter take any step or be heard in the case in proper person, absent prior leave of Court; nor shall any party, having previously elected to proceed in proper person, be permitted to obtain special or intermittent appearances of counsel except upon such conditions as the Court may specify.

(e) A corporation may appear and be heard only through counsel admitted to practice in the Court pursuant to Rule 2.01 or Rule 2.02.