

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

IN RE: The Marriage of

MATTHEW EDWIN RUSHTON,
Petitioner/Husband,

and

CASE NO.: 2021 DR 3619
Division: 5

WHITNEY BROOKE RUSHTON,
Respondent/Wife.

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ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on July 1, 2022, for a hearing upon the Husband's attorney's Motion for Leave to Withdraw filed on June 3, 2022. The Husband filed an objection to the motion on June 8, 2022. Both parties appeared, as did the Husband's attorney, Tonya Holman, and the Wife's attorney, Tonya Petermann. The Court reviewed the motion and the Husband's objection, and provided the Husband an opportunity to be heard regarding his position on Ms. Holman's request to withdraw.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED and ADJUDGED**, in accordance with the Court's verbal pronouncement at the conclusion of the hearing, that:

1. The Motion for Leave to Withdraw is hereby **GRANTED**. Tonya Holman, Esq., is permitted to withdraw from representation of the Husband and is hereby relieved of any further responsibility as attorney for the Husband in this action.

2. The Husband's request for a stay of this proceeding is **DENIED**. However, in an effort to accommodate the Husband's request that he be provided time to retain new counsel, the Court hereby extends the deadline for the Husband to respond to any pending discovery requests by 30 days, and the Court will not set any non-emergency hearings within the next 30 days.

3. Until another attorney appears on behalf of the Husband or until the Husband files

written notice of his preferred method and address for receiving documents (e.g., Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915), all further communication, pleadings, or other documents shall be provided to the Husband by email at mattrushton18@gmail.com and regular mail at 270 Cypress Creek Farm Road, Sanford, NC 27332.

DONE AND ORDERED in Crestview, Okaloosa County, Florida, *nunc pro tunc* to July 1, 2022.



eSigned by CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE LACEY POWELL CLARK
on 07/09/2022 21:31:22 VCVkSldQ

Lacey Powell Clark
Circuit Court Judge

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