

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MAINE**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
v.)	
)	Criminal No. 2:13-cr-00090-NT-1
BINIAM TSEGAI,)	
)	
DEFENDANT)	

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

LOCAL RULE 157.5(b)

NOW COMES Peter J. Cyr, Esq., and moves this Honorable Court for leave to withdraw as counsel for the Defendant in the above-captioned matter. In support hereof, Attorney Cyr states as follows:

1. On May 23, 2013, the Court appointed Attorney Cyr to represent the Defendant in the above-captioned matter.
2. From the outset of his appointment as counsel, Attorney Cyr worked diligently to investigate the facts and law applicable to the case, to communicate with the Defendant, and to develop the most effective legal strategy for the case.
3. Recently, the Defendant asked Attorney Cyr to withdraw as counsel.
4. After discussion with the Defendant, Attorney Cyr believes that a fundamental disagreement exists between him and the Defendant and that other good cause exists for the termination of his representation of the Defendant.
5. Thus, Attorney Cyr seeks to withdraw as counsel.
6. Jury selection is currently scheduled for May 5, 2014.

7. A copy of this Motion will be mailed to the Defendant at the following address: c/o
Cumberland County Jail, 50 County Way, Portland, ME 04102.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to Local Rule 157.5(b), Attorney Cyr requests that this Honorable Court grant him leave to withdraw as counsel for the Defendant in the above-captioned matter.

DATED at Portland, Maine this 17th day of February, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Peter J. Cyr

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date I electronically filed my Motion for Leave to Withdraw as Counsel with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Conley. I further certify that I mailed a copy of this Motion to the Defendant at the following address: c/o Cumberland County Jail, 50 County Way, Portland, ME 04102.

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