

The Honorable Christopher Alston
Chapter 11
Hearing: May 6, 2016, 9:30 a.m.
Seattle
Response due: May 6, 2016, 9:30 a.m.
(subject to entry of order shortening time)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

IN RE:

NORTHWEST TERRITORIAL MINT, LLC
Debtor.

NO. 16-11767

MOTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO
WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR ROSS
HANSEN AND NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Motion set out below is set for hearing, conditioned on entry of an order shortening time, as follows:

JUDGE:	Christopher M. Alston	DATE:	May 6, 2016
PLACE:	U.S. Bankruptcy Court 700 Stewart St., Room 7106 Seattle, WA 98101	TIME:	9:30 a.m.

IF YOU OPPOSE the Motion, you must file your written response with the Court Clerk, 700 Stewart St., Room 6301, Seattle, Washington 98101, and serve your response, NOT LATER THAN THE RESPONSE DATE, which is the date and time set for hearing.

If no response is timely filed and served, the Court may, in its discretion, approve the application prior to the hearing, without further notice, and strike the hearing.

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1 MOTION

2 ALAN J. WENOKUR, counsel of record in this bankruptcy case for Ross B. Hansen, moves for
3 entry of an order authorizing his withdrawal as counsel for Mr. Hansen, effective immediately upon entry
4 of the order. The motion is made pursuant to General Order 2015-3(b)(2).

5 Mr. Hansen is the principal of the Debtor. Mr. Hansen has asked the undersigned counsel not to
6 provide any further legal services for him in connection with this (or any other) case. Counsel holds no
7 money belonging to Mr. Hansen and has no arrangement for payment for future services.

8 Counsel has appeared for Mr. Hansen at one court hearing in this case, but has not filed any
9 pleadings on his behalf, nor taken any position on his behalf with respect to any contested matters before
10 this Court. There are no known deadlines, hearings, or trials that would be continued as a result of
11 counsel's withdrawal.

12 Withdrawing counsel is aware that the General Order requires that the motion provide the current
13 mailing address, phone number, and email address of the client. Counsel has this information; however,
14 Mr. Hansen has not given counsel authority to include such information in this Motion—and counsel
15 agrees that the information should not be included. This case has engendered very strong feelings among
16 some creditors (see, e.g., the opposition of creditor Cohen Asset Management at ECF No. 18). Mr.
17 Hansen has received personal threats, and a window at his residence has been broken. There are several
18 thousand creditors in this case, most of whom are individuals. Members of the press have contacted
19 counsel in this case. It would be unwise to provide access to Mr. Hansen's location, mail, and email in a
20 public document.

21 Counsel believes that the Chapter 11 Trustee Mark Calvert has all of Mr. Hansen's contact
22 information, and that estate administration would not be impeded in any manner by the withholding of
23 the contact information.

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DATED April 25, 2016.

/s/ Alan J. Wenokur

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