

United States District Court
District of Columbia

United States

Plaintiff

vs.

Oshank

Defendant

Case No.: 4:24-CM-0218/MAL

ORDER SANCTIONING ATTORNEY

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Upon review of the proceedings in the matter of **United States v Oshank**, it has come to the Court's attention that Attorney aConArtist, acting as counsel for the defendant in this criminal trial, has withdrawn from representation without the Court's prior approval or a proper motion as required by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 44a (SCOTUS created). Such withdrawal, occurring midtrial, violates established procedures and is not in accordance with the ethical and legal responsibilities of counsel in a criminal case.

The Court hereby finds that:

1. aConArtist's withdraw from representation in the case at hand, as shown by their statement in the case channel, was done without the necessary motion to withdraw or any prior approval from the Court. The attorney's actions disrupted the proceedings and potentially prejudiced against the defendant's case.
2. Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 44a mandates that withdrawal of counsel, absent substitution, must be requested by motion and granted by the Court. The Court has not received such a motion, nor has it been granted permission to withdraw.

3. The untimely and unauthorized withdrawal has disrupted the trial process, as it leaves the defendant without counsel and interferes with the Court's ability to ensure a fair and orderly trial.

Therefore, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

Attorney aConArtist is hereby sanctioned for their unauthorized withdrawal.

The Court orders the following sanctions:

1. Attorney aConArtist is suspended from the practice of law in the District Court for a period of 5 days.

The court strongly advises Attorney aConArtist that any future attempts to withdraw from representation in any matter, especially without the Court's permission, will result in immediate contempt sanctions and possible referral for disbarment with the FBA.

This Order is entered this **1/27/2025** and will be in effect immediately. All parties are advised to adhere to the rules and procedures outlined by this Court and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The court directs the Clerk of This Court to immediately transmit this order to the Clerk of the Supreme Court for review as required by Supreme Court Order 2024-51 section 9.

SO ORDERED.

JustTheJudge ☺

Just T. Judge
District Court Judge