

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION**

TP 27,870

In re: 3227 11<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.

Ward One (1)

ALTHEA PAUL  
Tenant/Appellant

v.

FERNANDO MIRANDA  
Housing Provider/Appellee

**ORDER ON CONSENT TO WITHDRAW APPEARANCE**

March 26, 2004

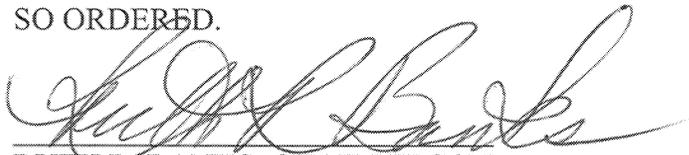
**BANKS, CHAIRPERSON.** On March 5, 2004, Emily S. Williams, attorney for Althea Paul, Tenant, moved the Commission to withdraw her appearance as counsel for the Tenant, because Attorney Williams is no longer employed at the Neighborhood Legal Services Program. In addition, Aloise Vasant, Esquire, simultaneously entered her appearance as counsel for the Tenant, who does not object to the change of counsel. The Commission's rule, 14 DCMR § 3813.1-4 (1991), on the withdrawal of counsel states:

- § 3813.1 If an attorney or other person representing a party wishes to withdraw from a case pending before the Commission, a written motion for application to withdraw shall be filed.
- § 3813.2 The motion shall state whether the party consents to or opposes the motion and whether the party will be unrepresented or will have substitute representation. A copy of the motion shall be served on the party and the party advised that he or she has the right to oppose the motion.
- § 3813.3 The motion shall state the specific reasons for withdrawal and shall state whether the absence of representation will prejudice the rights of the party.

§ 3813.4 Motions for application to withdraw shall be promptly decided.

In this case Attorney Williams properly filed the motion requesting to withdraw in which she stated that the Tenant did not object to her withdrawal. Moreover, since new counsel simultaneously entered her appearance, there will be no prejudice due to the withdrawal of the appearance of Attorney Williams. Accordingly, the motion is GRANTED.

SO ORDERED.



RUTH R. BANKS, CHAIRPERSON

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the Order on Motion to Withdraw Appearance in TP 27,870 was served by priority mail, with delivery confirmation, postage prepaid, this **26th day of March, 2004**, to:

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