

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

ASSOCIATE, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

AZZOGLE.COM, INC. and
EPIC MEDIA GROUP, INC.,

Defendants.

ORDER

11-cv-727-bbc

The law firms of K&L Gates, LLP and Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. and lawyers James Peterson, Bryan Cahill, Steven Schortgen, Jennifer Klein Ayers, Seth Gold and Jim Warriner, have filed motions for leave to withdraw as counsel for defendants Azoogle.com, Inc. and Epic Media Group, Inc. Dkt. ##32, 33. Counsel states that defendants have failed to pay the fees owed for defense of this matter and that general counsel for defendants does not oppose the motions.

I am granting the motion. Defendants should be aware that as legally-recognized business entities, they cannot defend in court without being represented by a lawyer. Philos Technologies, Inc. v. Philos & D, Inc., 645 F.3d 851, 857-58 (7th Cir. 2011); United States v. Hagerman, 545 F.3d 579, 581-82 (7th Cir. 2008). Thus, defendants may have until June 22, 2012 to notify the court in writing whether they intend to obtain new counsel and what actions they are taking to do so. If defendants do not obtain new counsel, they will be

prohibited from participating in summary judgment or trial and plaintiff will likely be entitled to judgment by default. Scandia Down Corp. v. Euroquilt, Inc., 772 F.2d 1423, 1427 (7th Cir. 1985). At this time, I am not altering the schedule in this case.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the motions for leave to withdraw as counsel for defendants Azoogole.com, Inc. and Epic Media Group, Inc. by the law firms of K&L Gates, LLP and Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. and lawyers James Peterson, Bryan Cahill, Steven Schortgen, Jennifer Klein Ayers, Seth Gold and Jim Warriner, dkt. ##32, 33, are GRANTED.

Counsel must provide defendants with a copy of this order and remind them of the impending deadlines for summary judgment and other matters and the consequences for defendants of failing to obtain replacement counsel.

Entered this 8th day of June, 2012.

BY THE COURT:
/s/
BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge