

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

UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

LYNETTE JOHNSON, As Trustee of the
Pamela Kay DeSantis Living Trust, and
FREDERICK GURTNER,

Defendants.

ORDER

12-cv-343-bbc

In a November 20, 2012 order, I directed defendants Lynette Johnson and Frederick Gurtner to file an amended answer and crossclaims in response to plaintiff Unum Insurance Company of America's amended complaint. The court has received a submission from Frederick Gurtner's father, Fritz Gurtner, stating that Frederick has granted him power of attorney. However, a power of attorney does not authorize its recipient to practice law, so Fritz cannot represent Frederick in this action. See, e.g., Holly v. Delaney, 2007 WL 2608487, *1 (S.D. Ill. Sept. 5, 2007); Village of Hales Corners v. Hendricks, 2004 WI App 68, ¶ 6, 271 Wis. 2d 820, 677 N.W.2d 733 (unpublished opinion) ("While Hendricks could represent himself, he could not designate another person to represent him in court. To permit Hendricks' father to represent him in court would be tantamount to conferring attorney status on anyone named in a power of attorney."). Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED

that Frederick Gurtner may have until January 29, 2013, to submit an answer to plaintiff's amended complaint.

Entered this 18th day of January, 2013.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge