RULE CHANGE 2011(13)

COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Rule 121. Local Rules – Statewide Practice Standards Section 1-1 Entry of Appearance and Withdrawal

Section 1-1

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND WITHDRAWAL

1. through 4. [NO CHANGE]

5. Notice of Limited Representation Entry of Appearance and Withdrawal.

In accordance with C.R.C.P. 11(b) and C.R.C.P. Rule 311(b), an attorney may undertake to provide limited representation to a pro se party involved in a court proceeding. Upon the request and with the consent of a pro se party, an attorney may make a limited appearance for the pro se party in one or more specified proceedings, if the attorney files and serves with the court and the other parties and attorneys (if any) a notice of the limited appearance prior to or simultaneous with the proceeding(s) for which the attorney appears. At the conclusion of such proceeding(s), the attorney's appearance terminates without the necessity of leave of court, upon the attorney filing a notice of completion of limited appearance. Service on an attorney who makes a limited appearance for a party shall be valid only in connection with the specific proceeding(s) for which the attorney appears.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

The purpose of section 1-1(5) is to implement Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure 11(b) and 311(b), which authorize limited representation of a pro se party either on a pro bono or fee basis, in accordance with Colorado Rule of Professional Conduct 1.2. This provision provides assurance that an attorney who makes a limited appearance for a pro se party in a specified case proceeding(s), at the request of and with the consent of the pro se party, can withdraw from the case upon filing a notice of completion of the limited appearance, without leave of court.

Adopted by the Court en banc October 20, 2011, effective immediately.

By the Court

Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr.

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Justice