

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.) Case No. 10-00320-CR-W-DGK
)
ARMANDO MENDEZ)
Defendant.)

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF RECORD

COMES now Sarah Morrison Rapelye, counsel for Armando Mendez, and moves this Court for an Order granting leave to withdraw as counsel of record for the defendant based on counsel's lack of means necessary to continue representation.

SUGGESTIONS IN SUPPORT

1. On November 22, 2010, undersigned counsel was appointed by this Court to represent Mr. Mendez in the above-captioned matter.
2. Undersigned counsel is no longer an attorney with The Sandage Law Firm, P.C., and as such is currently without means necessary to continue representation of Ms. Kartman.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Sarah Morrison Rapelye moves this Court for an Order granting leave to withdraw as counsel for Armando Mendez, and for the Court to appoint alternate counsel who will have the means necessary to represent Mr. Mendez.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Sarah M. Rapelye

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Certificate of Service

In accordance with Rule 49(a),(b), and (d), Fed. R. Crim. P., and Rule 5(b), Fed. R. Civ.P., it is hereby CERTIFIED that one copy of the foregoing motion was electronically sent to ALL COUNSEL OF RECORD, this 28th day of March, 2011.

s/ Sarah M. Rapelye