-NAZARIAN LAW-

Oswego County & Mailing Address Onondaga County

April 26, 2017

Onondaga County Family Court Clerk's Office Onondaga County Courthouse 401 Montgomery Street Syracuse, New York 13202

Re:

Michael J. Rotondo v. Angela C. Gasparini

FF No. 24816; Doc. No. V-03531-11/17B&C

Dear Clerk of the Court:

With regard to the above-referenced matter, I am pleased to enclose for filing my motion to be relieved as attorney of record for Petitioner Michael J. Rotondo, made returnable *May 2, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.* By copy of this correspondence to all interested parties, I am serving them with same.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned to discuss this matter in further detail.

Respectfully yours,

Armen J. Nazarian

AJN/jmn Enc.

cc:

C.A.R. Salvatore Pavone, Esq. (via e-mail only)

Michael J. Rotondo (via e-mail only) Dana Grillo, Esq. (via e-mail only)

Zachary L. Karmen, Esq. (via e-mail only)

STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF ONONDAGA ONONDAGA COUNTY FAMILY COURT

In the Matter of a Custody/Visitation Proceeding NOTICE OF MOTION

File No.

24816

Doc. No.

V-03531-11/17B&C

MICHAEL J. ROTONDO,

Petitioner,

-V-

ANGELA C. GASPARINI,

Respondent.

SIRS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon the annexed Affirmation of Armen J. Nazarian, Esq., attorney for Petitioner Michael J. Rotondo, duly sworn to on the 26th day of April, 2017, a motion will be made on behalf of Attorney Nazarian, before Court Attorney Referee Salvatore Pavone, Esq., Onondaga County Family Court, Onondaga County Courthouse, 401 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, New York, on the 2nd day of May, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. to be relieved as Petitioner Rotondo's attorney of record, and for such other and further relief as the Court may find appropriate.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Answering Affidavits, if any, are to be served in accordance with relevant provisions of the Civil Procedure Law.

DATED:

April 26, 2017

Syracuse, New York

Respectfully submitted,

NAZARIAN LAW

BY:

Armen J. Nazarian, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner

TO: Michael J. Rotondo (via e-mail only)
Dana Grillo, Esq. (via e-mail only)
Zachary L. Karmen, Esq. (via e-mail only)

CC: C.A.R. Salvatore Pavone, Esq. (via e-mail only)

STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF ONONDAGA ONONDAGA COUNTY FAMILY COURT

In the Matter of a Custody/Visitation Proceeding AFFIRMATION OF

AFFIRMATION OF ARMEN J. NAZARIAN, ESQ.

File No.

24816

Doc. No.

V-03531-11/17B&C

MICHAEL J. ROTONDO,

Petitioner,

-V-

ANGELA C. GASPARINI,

Respo	ndent.
-------	--------

ARMEN J. NAZARIAN, ESQ. under penalty of perjury, hereby affirms as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice law in the State of New York and have been assigned as counsel for the above-referenced Petitioner Michael J. Rotondo ("Petitioner"). As such, I am familiar with the facts and circumstances of this matter, and am competent to testify accordingly.
- 2. I make the present Affirmation in support of my motion for a Court Order relieving me as Petitioner's attorney of record.
- 3. On or around March 24, 2017, I was assigned by the Onondaga County Family Court to represent the Petitioner with regard to the above captioned proceeding.
- 4. Without waiving any attorney/client privilege, and upon review of my file and my billing records, I hereby report to the Court that I have provided various services to the Petitioner to date including, but not limited to: meeting with Petitioner; learning the facts of the present case; reviewing a significant amount of documentation provided by the Petitioner; sharing my

legal opinion with him regarding several aspects of this case; providing Petitioner with Westlaw research outlining some of the legal concepts involved, as well as the law governing the issues before the Court.

- 5. Petitioner has expressed to me, in no uncertain terms, that he wishes to proceed *pro se*. After giving the Petitioner some time to reconsider and process the counsel that I have provided to him, his position has remained unchanged.
- 6. Petitioner has requested that I immediately move to withdraw as his counsel of record. Taking into account the conversations that I have had with him and the legal counsel that I have provided to him, I believe that he is making a knowing, intelligent and voluntary waiver of his right to further counsel, and that our attorney/client relationship has irrevocably broken down.
- 7. Due to the above, I am unable to effectively assist Petitioner as his assigned counsel. In fact, Petitioner has already begun proceeding *pro se*, most recently filing an amended petitioner on April 20, 2017 on his own, without my direct input or knowledge.

WHEREFORE, your Affirmant respectfully moves the Court for an Order relieving me as Petitioner's attorney of record, and for such other and further relief as the Court may find appropriate.

DATED:

April 26, 2017 Syracuse, New York Respectfully submitted, NAZARIAN LAW

BY:

Armen J. Nazarian, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner

Telephone Facsimile

At a term of the Family Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Onondaga at 401 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, New York 13202 on May 2, 2017.

PRESENT:	SALVATORE PAVONE, ESQ.
÷	COURT ATTORNEY REFEREE

In the Matter of a **Custody/Visitation** Proceeding Under Article 6 of the Family Court Act

ORDER OF THE COURT

MICHAEL J. ROTONDO,

Petitioner,

File No.:

24816

Docket

Docket No.: V-03531-11/17B&C

ANGELA C. GASPARINI,

v.

Respondent.

The above-captioned matter having come before this Court on the motion of assigned counsel Armen J. Nazarian, Esq. for a Court Order relieving him as attorney of record for Petitioner Michael J. Rotondo, and Michael J. Rotondo having appeared represented by Armen J. Nazarian, Esq., and Angela C. Gasparini having appeared represented by Dana Grillo, Esq., and Zachary L Karmen, Esq. having appeared as attorney for the subject child;

And the Court having heard the respective contentions of the parties, and due deliberation having been had hereon;

NOW THEREFORE, upon examination and inquiry into the facts and circumstances of the case, it is hereby

	ORDERED, that Attorney Nazaria	s's motion is GRANTED in all respects; and it is
furthe	r	
	ORDERED, that Attorney Nazarian	is hereby relieved as Petitioner Rotondo's attorney
of reco	ord.	
DATE	ED:, 20 Syracuse, New York	ENTER:
		Salvatore Pavone, Esq. Court Attorney Referee
Order e	entered and (mailed/e-mailed) on:	, 20 by
TO:	Michael J. Rotondo Dana Grillo, Esq. Zachary L. Karmen, Esq.	