

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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LUSIK USOYAN, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 1:18-cv-01141-CKK
)	
THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

Pursuant to Local Rule LCvR 83.6, attorneys David S. Saltzman, Mark E. Schamel, Christopher M. Schafbuch, Cathy A. Hinger, and Victoria A. Bruno hereby respectfully request leave to withdraw as counsel for Defendant The Republic of Turkey (“Turkey”).

The Court has ordered Turkey to engage in pretrial discovery, *see* ECF Nos. 106, 107, and Minute Orders dated October 18 and 20, 2022, while the Supreme Court is still considering whether to grant Turkey’s petition for a writ of certiorari and assess its sovereign immunity from suit. *See* Sup. Ct. No. 21-1013. Specifically, the Court has ordered Turkey to participate in a Rule 26(f) conference no later than October 21, 2022. *See* ECF Nos. 106, 107.

Turkey does not intend to participate in the Rule 26(f) conference by today, as ordered by this Court, so undersigned counsel is required to withdraw under D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct 1.16 and XI.

Dated: October 21, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to LCvR 83.6, counsel has caused a copy of this motion to be served upon Defendant The Republic of Turkey (“Turkey”) and advised Turkey to obtain other counsel. The Turkish Embassy's address is 2525 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20008.

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