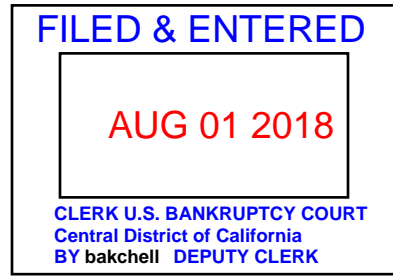


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NOT FOR PUBLICATION
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
LOS ANGELES DIVISION

In re:
PLACEMARK PROPERTIES LLC,

Debtor.

Case No. 2:18-bk-12964-RK
Chapter 7

**ORDER DENYING “41 EAST FOREST
AVE - MOTION FOR
RECONSIDERATION” OF AVIS
COPELIN, CEO OF PLACEMARK
PROPERTIES LLC, DEBTOR, AND
VACATING HEARING**

Vacated Hearing
Date: August 7, 2018
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Courtroom: 1675
Roybal Federal Building
255 East Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA

Pending before the court is the Motion for Reconsideration (“Motion”) (Docket No. 82) of Avis Copelin, CEO of Placemark Properties LLC, Debtor, purportedly for Debtor, which has been noticed for hearing before the undersigned United States Bankruptcy Judge on August 7, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

Having considered the Motion, the court determines that pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(j)(3), oral argument on the Motion is not necessary, dispenses

1 with it, vacates the hearing on the Motion, takes the Motion under submission and rules
2 as follows:

- 3 1. The Motion is denied.
- 4 2. The Motion seeks reconsideration of the court's order entered on July 5, 2018
5 (Docket No. 77) granting relief from stay with respect to real property located at
6 41 E. Forest Lane, Arcadia, California, 91006. "It has been the law for the
7 better part of two centuries, for example, that a corporation may appear in the
8 federal courts only through licensed counsel." *Rowland v. California Men's*
9 *Colony, Unit II Men's Advisory Council*, 506 U.S. 194, 201-202 (1993) (citations
10 omitted); *In re America West Airlines*, 40 F.3d 1058, 1059 (9th Cir. 1994)
11 ("Corporations and other unincorporated associations must appear in court
12 through an attorney.") (citations omitted); Local Bankruptcy Rule 9011-2(a) ("A
13 corporation, a partnership including a limited liability partnership, a limited
14 liability company, or any other unincorporated association, or a trust may not
15 file a petition *or otherwise appear without counsel* in any case or
16 proceeding...") (emphasis added). The Motion was filed on behalf of Debtor by
17 Debtor's principal, Avis Copelin, who is not a licensed attorney at law admitted
18 to practice before this court, and thus, the filing of the Motion was improper
19 because it was an appearance by a non-attorney for a limited liability company
20 in this bankruptcy case in violation of Local Bankruptcy Rule 9011-2(a).
21 Accordingly, the court denies the Motion as procedurally improper because it
22 violates the court's rules requiring business entities like Debtor to appear only
23 through a licensed attorney at law.
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3. The hearing on the Motion on August 7, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. is vacated, and no appearances are required.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Date: August 1, 2018



Robert Kwan
United States Bankruptcy Judge