

RULE 157.5

(As amended December 5, 2000)

ATTORNEYS-APPEARANCES AND WITHDRAWALS

(a) Appearances

An attorney's signature to a pleading shall constitute an appearance. Otherwise, an attorney who wishes to participate in any manner in any action must file a formal written appearance. An appearance whether by pleading or formal written appearance shall be signed by an attorney in his/her individual name and shall state his/her office address and telephone number.

(b) Withdrawals in General

No attorney may withdraw an appearance in any action except by leave of Court. A defense attorney in any criminal case shall continue the representation until relieved by order of this Court or the Court of Appeals. A motion to withdraw shall be accompanied by a notice of appearance of substitute counsel. In the absence of the appearance of substitute counsel, a motion to withdraw shall set forth sufficient information to enable the Court to rule. Such information may be filed under seal, submitted to the court *in camera*, and shall not be made part of the public record, except by order of the Court. After sentencing, the Court will grant leave to withdraw only upon the appearance of substitute counsel.

After a notice of appeal has been filed, a motion to withdraw must be directed to the Court of Appeals. See First Circuit Local Rules 12 and 46.6.