**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

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| **ERNEST TAYLOR** | **CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:13-CV-00579** |
| **VERSUS** | **CHIEF JUDGE JACKSON** |
| **THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE, ET AL.** | **MAGISTRATE JUDGE BOURGEOIS** |

**_EX PARTE_ MOTION OF MARY ROPER TO CLARIFY ENROLLMENT OF ADDITIONAL COUNSEL**

Pursuant to Local Rule 83.2.11, Defendant Mary Roper, in her individual and official capacities ("Roper"), files this motion to clarify the Court's order (found at Docket No. 47) directing that the Clerk of Court enroll Shelton Dennis Blunt Paul LeBlanc, and Frank J. Gremillion, as additional counsel of record in this matter.

1.

On July 3, 2014 a motion was filed to enroll Frank J. Gremillion, as counsel of record for Tedrick K. Knightshead and James L. Hilburn (Doc. No. 39). On July 4, 2014 a motion was filed to enroll Shelton Dennis Blunt and Paul LeBlanc as additional counsel of record for Roper (Doc. No. 41). The motions requested that these additional counsel be appointed for purposes of the hearing on the Court's show cause order regarding sanctions (Doc. No. 31).

2.

On July 7, 2014 the Court granted both motions in a single order requiring the Clerk of Court to "enroll Frank J. Gremillion, Shelton Dennis Blunt, and Paul LeBlanc in the above captioned matter for the sole purpose of representing James L. Hilburn, Tedrick Knightshead,

and Mary E. Roper during the show cause hearing in this matter." (Doc. No. 47).

3.

The wording of this order (Doc. No. 47) suggests that all three additional counsel (Gremillion, Blunt, and LeBlanc) are enrolled to jointly represent not only defendant Roper, but also the two previously appearing counsel of record for Defendants (Knightshead and Hilburn).

4.

While Blunt and LeBlanc did not request enrollment on behalf of Knightshead, they are willing to accept representation of Knightshead in this matter. However, it is the considered opinion of undersigned counsel that there exists a current or potential conflict of interest between Hilburn and Roper, such that it would be inappropriate for the same counsel to represent both Hilburn and Roper in the show cause hearing.

5.

Accordingly, Roper moves that the Court clarify its order of enrollment (Doc. No. 47) by directing that the Clerk of Court (1) enroll Shelton Dennis Blunt and Paul LeBlanc to represent only Roper and Knightshead, and (2) enroll Frank J. Gremillion to represent only Knightshead and Hilburn. As per the present order, such representation will be solely for purposes of the show cause hearing (Doc. No. 31).

WHEREFORE, Defendant Mary Roper prays that this Court grant her Motion and issue an order clarifying that Shelton Dennis Blunt and Paul LeBlanc are enrolled as additional counsel only for Defendant Mary Roper and Tedrick K. Knightshead in this matter; and that Frank J. Gremillion is enrolled as counsel of record only for Tedrick K. Knightshead and James L. Hilburn.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 10TH day of July, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court by using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notice of electronic filing to all counsel of record.

/s/ Paul LeBlanc

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**ORDER**

Considering the foregoing *Ex Parte* Motion of Mary Roper to Clarify Enrollment of Additional Counsel,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Order contained as Docket Entry No. 47 in this matter be clarified in the following respect only:

The Clerk of Court is directed to enroll Frank J. Gremillion, Assistant Parish Attorney (Bar. No. 6296), as additional counsel of record to represent only Tedrick K. Knightshead and James L. Hilburn. The Clerk of Court is further directed to enroll Shelton Dennis Blunt (Bar No. 21230) and Paul LeBlanc (Bar No. 23186), of the law firm of Phelps Dunbar, LLP, as additional counsel of record to represent only Defendant Mary Roper and Tedrick K. Knightshead.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana this ____ day of July, 2014.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE