

## **Rule 2091-1**

### **ATTORNEYS – DUTIES OF DEBTOR’S COUNSEL**

Unless the Court has permitted the withdrawal of the attorney under Local Rule 2091-2 or except as otherwise provided in this rule, an attorney who files a petition on behalf of a debtor shall attend all hearings in the case that the debtor is required to attend under any provision of the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, these rules, or order of the Court. However, counsel need not attend a hearing regarding a matter to which the debtor is not a party and whose attendance has only been required as a witness. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an attorney who provides *pro bono* representation to a debtor may limit the representation to specified tasks in accordance with the Rules of Professional Conduct. An attorney providing *pro bono* representation to a debtor may be removed from the case upon filing a notice of withdrawal referencing the limits of their *pro bono* engagement.

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#### *Notes of Advisory Committee*

##### ***2021 Amendment***

This amendment permits an attorney who represents a debtor on a *pro bono* basis to limit the representation to specified tasks in accordance with the Rules of Professional Conduct. This amendment to the rule is effective August 1, 2021.

##### ***2016 Amendment***

This amendment renumbers the rule from 9011-1 to 2091-1 and revises the title of the rule to indicate that the rule applies to debtor’s counsel. Other revisions are stylistic. This amendment to the rule is effective July 1, 2016.