

**Board of Mgrs. of the Broad Exch. Bldg.
Condominium v Jonnalagadda**

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November 24, 2025

Supreme Court, New York County

Docket Number: Index No. 850257/2025

Judge: Emily Morales-Minerva

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
NEW YORK COUNTY

PRESENT: HON. EMILY MORALES-MINERVA PART 42M

Justice

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THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE BROAD
EXCHANGE BUILDING CONDOMINIUM,

MOTION DATE 11/24/2025

Plaintiff,

MOTION SEQ. NO. 004

- v -

PANDU JONNALAGADDA, TEJA JONNALAGADDA,
TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, JOHN DOE ONE
THROUGH JOHN DOE TEN,

**DECISION + ORDER ON
MOTION**

Defendants.

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The following e-filed documents, listed by NYSCEF document number (Motion 004) 39, 40, 41, 42, 43,
45, 46, 47, 48, 50

were read on this motion to/for DISCHARGE

APPEARANCES:

Rivkin Radler LLP, New York, NY (Evan R. Schieber, Esq., of
counsel), for plaintiff.

Becker NE P.C., New York, NY (Steven S. Anderson, Esq., of
counsel), for defendant PANDU JONNALAGADDA.

Outerbridge Law P.C., New York, NY (Altagracia Beatrice
Pierre-Outerbridge, Esq., of counsel) for defendant TEJA
JONNALAGADDA.

EMILY MORALES-MINERVA, J.S.C.

In this action, non-party movant Outerbridge Law P.C.
(Altagracia Beatrice Pierre-Outerbridge, Esq., of counsel),
moves, by order to show cause (mot. seq. no. 04), pursuant to
CPLR § 321 (b) (2), for an order permitting it to withdraw as

attorney of record for defendant TEJA JONNALAGADDA, and staying the matter for 60 days for defendant to secure new counsel.¹

The motion was returnable in Part 42M, at 12:00 P.M., today, November 24, 2025. At the call of the calendar, all parties, including defendant TEJA JONNALAGADDA, appeared. Plaintiff THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE BROAD EXCHANGE BUILDING CONDOMINIUM submits written opposition, opposing a stay of the proceeding. However, plaintiff does not oppose the withdrawal of defendant's counsel of record. For the reasons set forth below, the court grants the application entirely.

An attorney may only withdraw as counsel upon a showing of good and sufficient cause, and reasonable notice (see CPLR § 321 [b] [2]; see also Bok v Werner, 9 AD3d 318 [1st Dept 2004]). An attorney may withdraw as counsel if the client's failure to communicate with counsel renders the representation unreasonably difficult, undermining counsel's ability to represent the client effectively (see Raff & Becker LLP v Kaiser Saurborn & Mair, P.C., 160 AD3d 479 [1st Dept 2018]; see also Elias v Elias, 224 AD3d 500 [1st Dept 2024]). The question of whether good cause exists lies within the sound discretion of the court (see Applebaum v Einstein, 163 AD3d 905, 907 [1st Dept 2018]).

¹ CPLR § 321 (b) (2) provides: "An attorney of record may withdraw or be changed by order of the court in which the action is pending, upon motion on such notice to the client of the withdrawing attorney, to the attorneys of all other parties in the action or, if a party appears without an attorney, to the party, and to any other person, as the court may direct."

Here, non-party movant has made a sufficient showing of good cause for withdrawal (see New York State Court Electronic Filing System [NYSCEF] Doc. No. 40, Affirmation of Altagracia Beatrice Pierre-Outerbridge, Esq.). Additionally, the proceedings are stayed for 60 days to afford defendant TEJA JONNALAGADDA a reasonable opportunity to obtain new counsel (see Fan v Sabin, 125 AD3d 498, 500 [1st Dept 2015]).

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that non-party movant Outerbridge Law P.C.'s motion (seq. no. 04), by order to show cause, is granted entirely; it is further

ORDERED that Outerbridge Law P.C. is permitted to withdraw and is relieved as counsel for defendant TEJA JONNALAGADDA; it is further

ORDERED that this action is stayed for a period of 60 days from the date of entry of this order to allow defendant TEJA JONNALAGADDA sufficient time to retain new counsel, and that defendant TEJA JONNALAGADDA shall notify this court, in writing, on or before the end of the 60-day period as to incoming counsel's name and address; and it is further

ORDERED that movant Outerbridge Law P.C. shall serve a copy of this order with notice of entry upon defendant TEJA JONNALAGADDA and all other parties within 10 days of entry.

THIS CONSTITUTES THE DECISION AND ORDER OF THE COURT.

11/24/2025
DATE

Emily Morales-Minerva
EMILY MORALES-MINERVA, J.S.C.

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