

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**PETER SCHWARTZ,**

Defendant.

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Case No. 1:21-cr-00178-APM

**MOTION TO WITHDRAWAL AS COUNSEL OF RECORD**

Comes now John N. Pierce, counsel of record for Defendant Peter Schwartz, pursuant to Local Rule of Criminal Procedure 44.5(d), and moves this Honorable Court for an Order granting Defense Counsel Pierce leave to withdraw as counsel of record in this matter.

This motion is based upon the Affidavit of John M. Pierce, and all exhibits thereto, which accompanies this Motion.

The basis for this Motion is that the attorney-client relationship between Defense Counsel Pierce and Defendant Schwartz has developed conflicts that are irreconcilable and have led to an irreparable breakdown in the relationship between Counsel Pierce and Defendant Schwartz.

There are no circumstances that would enable Counsel Pierce effectively, competently, and zealously represent Defendant Schwartz in his upcoming trial.

Date: November 22, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, John M. Pierce, hereby certify that on this day, November 22, 2021, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served on all counsel through the Court's CM/ECF case filing system.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/ John M. Pierce  
John M. Pierce