

NY man suing Facebook wants his lawyer to stay

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In this June 23, 2004, file photo, attorney Dean Boland poses for a photo in front of a projector at his office in Cleveland. A hearing is set Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012, for Boland's motion to withdraw as attorney to Paul Ceglia, a New York man in a multibillion lawsuit against Facebook. At least a half dozen lawyers and firms have withdrawn from the case before Boland. (AP Photo/The Plain Dealer, Eustacio Humphrey, File) MANDATORY CREDIT; NO SALES

(AP)—A lawyer who says he no longer wants to represent a New York man claiming part ownership of Facebook is still on the case for now after his client told a judge he doesn't want him to go.

Paul Ceglia's [opposition](#) to Ohio attorney Dean Boland's request to withdraw from Ceglia's [civil lawsuit](#) surprised Facebook attorneys, who'd been ready to go along with it during a court hearing conducted by phone Tuesday.

It also surprised Magistrate Judge Leslie Foschio, who put the request on hold.

Boland hasn't said publicly why he wants off the case, outlining his reasons privately to the judge.

Now [Facebook](#) wants the reasons disclosed. The judge gave Boland until Dec. 4 to respond to that request.

Without giving details, Ceglia implied Boland's been receiving threats.

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