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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BLACKCROWN INC.,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
-against-	:	1:19-cv-11578-GHW
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CHARLES SCHWAB & CO. INC.,	:	<u>ORDER</u>
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Defendant.	:	
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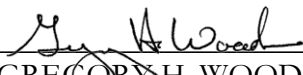
GREGORY H. WOODS, United States District Judge:

The Court dismisses this action *sua sponte* without prejudice because Plaintiff BlackCrown Inc. is not represented by counsel. Corporate entities—such as BlackCrown Inc.—must appear before the Court through counsel. *See Rowland v. California Men’s Colony*, 506 U.S. 194, 201-02 (1993) (“It has been the law for the better part of two centuries . . . that a corporation may appear in the federal courts only through licensed counsel.”); *Pridgen v. Anresen*, 113 F.3d 391, 393 (2d Cir. 1997) (“[I]t is well established that a layperson may not represent a corporation.”). In other words, BlackCrown Inc. must retain an attorney should it wish to prosecute this case. Because BlackCrown Inc. has attempted to proceed with this action *pro se*, it must be dismissed.

The Clerk of Court is directed to close this case.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 2, 2020
New York, New York



GREGORY H. WOODS
United States District Judge