

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO
Magistrate Judge Maritza Dominguez Braswell

Civil Action No. 20-cv-02992-PAB-MDB

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.,
ELIZABETH MILLER,
LORRI HOVEY, and
MARK SUTFIN,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JENA GRISWOLD, Colorado Secretary of State, in her official capacities,

Defendant.

ORDER OF RECUSAL

Section 455(a) of Title 28 of the United States Code states that “[a]ny justice, judge, or magistrate judge of the United States shall disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned.” A federal judge must recuse when there is an appearance of bias, regardless of whether there is actual bias. *Nichols v. Alley*, 71 F.3d 347, 350 (10th Cir. 1995). “The test is whether a reasonable person, knowing all the relevant facts, would harbor doubts about the judge’s impartiality.” *Hinman v. Rogers*, 831 F.2d 937, 939 (10th Cir. 1987).

Upon review of the file of this case, I conclude that I must recuse myself from further service in this matter, due to my previous relationship with counsel of record for Defendant.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that I **RECUSE** myself from this case, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455(a). It is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall cause this case to be reassigned to another Magistrate Judge.

Dated this 9th day of August, 2022.

BY THE COURT:



Maritza Dominguez Braswell
United States Magistrate Judge

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