



**ORDER CERTIFYING NEED FOR SPECIAL
JUDGE ASSIGNMENT
(DISQUALIFICATION OF REGULAR JUDGE)**

Case No. _____
Court _____
County _____
Division _____

PLAINTIFFS

vs.

DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to KRS 26A.015(2) (*Judge to check one or more*) ☐ (a), ☐ (b), ☐ (c), ☐ (d) ☐ 1, ☐ 2, ☐ 3, ☐ 4, ☐ (e),
the regular judge of the _____ ☐ Circuit ☐ District, Division _____, is disqualified from presiding in this case, specifically:

_____.

No other judge within the judicial circuit or district is available to provide coverage.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the need for a special judge is certified to the Chief Regional Judge of the _____ Region of Judicial Circuits/Districts pursuant to the Regional Administration Program Charter, Supreme Court Order No. 2024-13, effective April 12, 2024.

The following information is furnished concerning this case:

1. Nature of case/hearing: _____
2. Attorney for Plaintiff: _____
3. Attorney for Defendant: _____
4. Estimated court time: _____
5. Dates of any future hearings: _____
6. To be tried by: (*check one*): ☐ Judge or ☐ Jury

Date

Judge of the _____ ☐ Circuit ☐ District, Division _____

Please print or type name of Judge in the space below:

Original: Chief Regional Judge
Copy: Circuit Court Clerk

Reasons for Disqualification under KRS 26A.015(2)

- (a) Personal bias/prejudice concerning a party/personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts/expressed an opinion concerning the merits of the proceeding;
- (b) Having served as a lawyer/rendered a legal opinion in the matter or a prior associate or partner served during such association as a lawyer concerning the matter in controversy, or any of you has been a material witness concerning the matter;
- (c) Judge, individually or as a fiduciary, or spouse/minor child residing in his household, has a pecuniary or proprietary interest in the subject matter or in a party to the proceeding;
- (d) Judge/spouse/someone within the third degree of relationship to either or the spouse of such a person:
 - (1) is a party to the proceeding, or an officer, director, or trustee of a party;
 - (2) is acting as a lawyer in the proceeding and the disqualification is not waived by stipulation of counsel in the proceeding filed;
 - (3) is known to have an interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding;
 - (4) is likely to be a material witness in the proceeding;
- (e) Knowledge of any other circumstances in which impartiality might reasonably be questioned.