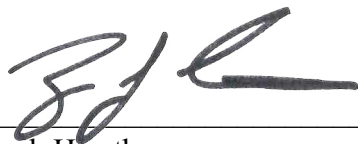


magistrate judge. Contrary to plaintiff's assertion, this case was referred to the magistrate judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) for determinations of pretrial matters and recommendations for the disposition of the case. Therefore, plaintiff's complaints about the judicial rulings are not a valid basis for recusal. As a result, plaintiff's motion to recuse shall be denied. It is accordingly

ORDERED that plaintiff's third motion for recusal of the magistrate judge (document no. 29) is **DENIED**.

SIGNED this 14th day of September, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zack Hawthorn', written over a horizontal line.

Zack Hawthorn
United States Magistrate Judge