

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
FIFTH DISTRICT

JOHN R. QUICK,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No. 5D19-2518

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

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Opinion filed October 18, 2019

Petition for Writ of Prohibition,
Tom Young, Respondent Judge.

Robert Wesley, Public Defender, and
David L. Redfearn, Assistant Public
Defender, Orlando, for Petitioner,

No Appearance for Respondent.

PER CURIAM.

John R. Quick petitions this Court for a writ of prohibition, seeking disqualification of a trial judge. We find the allegations sufficient and grant the petition for writ of prohibition. The petitioner's allegations include comments by the trial judge in Orange County case numbers 2019-CF-002605, 2018-CF-010319, and 2018-CF-0176810. We find that the facts alleged in the motion to disqualify and the petition articulate an objectively reasonable fear of judicial bias. Specifically, the trial judge made comments indicating that he had prejudged the petitioner's guilt and doubted both his sincerity and truthfulness regarding a medical episode experienced during trial proceedings.

PETITION GRANTED; ORDER QUASHED; REMANDED With Instructions to Reassign to New Trial Judge.

EVANDER, C.J., WALLIS and LAMBERT, JJ., concur.