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**United States District Court**  
For the Northern District of California

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION,

No. C 10-80129 JSW

Plaintiff,

v.

**ORDER OF RECUSAL**

GORDON BRENT PIERCE,

Defendant.

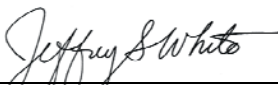
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TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

I, the undersigned judge of the court, finding myself disqualified in the above-entitled action, hereby recuse myself from this case and request that the case be reassigned pursuant to the provisions of paragraph E.2 of the Assignment Plan.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: July 15, 2010

  
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JEFFREY S. WHITE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE