

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
INSURANCE CO., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 8:24-cv-2452-MSS-CPT

MICHAEL T. LAROCCA, et al.

Defendants.

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**ORDER**

This cause is before the Court sua sponte. Under 28 U.S.C. § 455, a judge must disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 455(a). And if the proper grounds do exist, a judge has an affirmative and self-enforcing obligation to recuse himself on his own accord. *See United States v. Kelly*, 888 F.2d 732, 744 (11th Cir. 1989).

After careful review, the undersigned has determined that his recusal is warranted due to a financial interest in one of the parties. 28 U.S.C. § 455(a). Accordingly, the Clerk of Court is directed to reassign this case to another magistrate judge by random draw and to provide notice to the parties of the newly designated magistrate judge.

SO ORDERED in Tampa, Florida, this 25th day of October 2024.

  
HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER P. TUIE  
United States Magistrate Judge

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