



default judgment where the Court's discretion, in large part, governs the appropriate award of damages to Plaintiff. Thus, in the interests of avoiding the appearance of any impartiality, recusal is appropriate. The Court notes that this ruling is entirely distinguishable from a scenario where a former student appears as counsel for a party in an action before this Court. Instead, this case is *sui generis* in that a former student to a class taught by the undersigned less than three months ago is the *party* to this action.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Court recuses itself from this matter, and the Clerk's office is respectfully DIRECTED to reassign this case to another judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: April 13, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frank D. Whitney", written over a horizontal line.

Frank D. Whitney  
Chief United States District Judge

