

**CONFIDENTIAL, TO BE FILED UNDER SEAL**

**In the United States District Court for the  
Western District of Wisconsin**

**Ryan Thomas Bechard,  
Libellant & Appellant;**

vs.

**UNITED STATES, in rem;  
via U.S. Attorney General, in personam;  
Secretary of the Treasury, in personam;  
Comptroller of the Currency, in personam;  
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INS. CORP., in rem;  
RYAN THOMAS BECHARD, in rem;  
KATHLEEN LYNN GEHRKE, in rem;  
SERENA ANNE BECHARD, in rem;  
LUCAS GORDON BECHARD, in rem;  
GORDON LEROY BECHARD, in rem;  
ARTHUR RAYMOND BECHARD, in rem;  
LORRAINE ARLENE BECHARD, in rem;  
LESTER CARL SCHLEUSNER, in rem;  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE  
UNITED STATES COURT OF  
APPEALS FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CIRCUIT**

no.: 21-cv-00811-jdp  
Prize Court in Admiralty

Judge: Hon. James D. Peterson

**To the Honorable Clerk Peter Oppeneer;  
Libellant respectfully shows to the Court:**

1. I, Ryan Thomas Bechard; Libellant; now as Appellant; am herewith appealing the Judgment issued and entered on 7 January 2022; doc. #3 and Order #5 of the case captioned above to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; “USCA-DC”.
2. USCA-DC has exclusive jurisdiction over my claims arising under “public contracts” which are maritime in nature pursuant to The Shipping Act 1916 and Jones Act 1920. See 41 USC § 1327(b)(3).
3. As a Federal “Agency”; also “United States” as an instrumentality thereof; see Exhibit 1 of the Libel of this case; I am exempt from fees and costs. See

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**PRAYER FOR DUE PROCESS**

For the Honorable Clerk of Court; or deputy thereof; to take all actions pursuant to USCA-DC's rules.

Ryan Thomas Bechard Ryan Thomas Bechard; 7 January 2022