

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND  
FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WILLIAM WINDSOR,  
Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 2018-CA-010270-O

vs.

ROBERT KEITH LONGEST, an individual, and BOISE CASCADE BUILDING MATERIALS  
DISTRIBUTION, L.L.C., a Foreign Limited Liability Company,  
Defendants.

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**CERTIFICATE THAT MOTION TO DISQUALIFY IS FILED IN GOOD FAITH**

1. I, William M. Windsor, pro se, hereby certify that my Motion to Disqualify and my Affidavit of Prejudice are both filed in good faith.
2. All facts are true and correct.
3. I have no "counsel of record." I am pro se, so I am my own counsel, and I am providing this to meet the requirements.
4. There does not appear to be an appellate decision in the State of Florida regarding pro se parties in a disqualification of the judge. Federal case law provides that a pro se party is entitled to sign such a Certificate himself.
5. *Stine v. United States*, No. V-06-21 (S.D.Tex. 11/07/2008) cites 13 cases, including one federal appellate court decision, stating that a pro se litigant may file the certificate of good faith, signed by himself, indicating that his motion and affidavit are filed in good faith.
6. The 2008 decision in *Stine v. United States* was: "...both the weight of authority, including reasonable inference from a Fifth Circuit statement, and the most logical reasoning are on the side of holding that a pro se litigant must sign a certificate when making a section 144 motion."

7. *Stine* also states: “The Fifth Circuit has intimated, without expressly so stating, that even a pro se litigant must file such a certificate, signed by himself, indicating that his motion and affidavit are filed in good faith. See *Parker v. Bd. of Supervisors Univ. of Louisiana-Lafayette*, 270 Fed. Appx. 314, 316 (5th Cir. 2008) (“*Parker* failed to accompany his motion asserting bias with a ‘timely and sufficient affidavit’ and a ‘certificate of counsel of record stating that it is made in good faith,’ even if signed by himself pro se, as required by § 144.”). Other courts have joined in allowing pro se litigants to file this certificate. See *United States v. Collins*, 203 Fed. Appx. 712, 714 (7th Cir. 2006); *Everson v. Liberty Mut. Assurance Co.*, Civ. No. 1:05-2459, 2008 WL 1766956 (N.D. Ga. Apr. 14, 2008); *Apel v. Davis*, Civ. No. 3:07-475, 2007 WL 4531521 (N.D. Fla. Dec. 14, 2007); *United States v. Goldston*, Civ. No. 06-2153, 2007 WL 3090775 (D. Colo. Oct. 19, 2007); *United States v. Pungitore*, Civ. No. 97-2972, 2003 WL 22657087 (E.D. Pa. Oct. 24, 2003); *Heimbecker v. 555 Assocs.*, Civ. No. 01-6140, 2003 WL 21652182 (E.D. Pa. Mar. 26, 2003); *Vassilos v. Petersen*, Civ. No. 92-6456, 1992 WL 345044 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 12, 1992); *United States v. Jones*, Crim. No. 89-61E, 1989 WL 58544 (W.D.N.Y. June 2, 1989); *Kersh v. Borden Chemical*, 689 F. Supp. 1457 (E.D. Mich. 1988)... *In re: Request for Recusal of District Judge*, Misc. No. 3-94-30, 1994 WL 1631038 (S.D. Ohio Oct. 12, 1994) (“Of course here the Plaintiff is proceeding pro se, so no counsel’s certificate is required.”); *Trinsey v. K. Hovanian at Upper Merion, Inc.*, Civ. No. 93-1695, 1993 WL 313510 (E.D. Pa. July 28, 1993).”

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of February, 2021.



WILLIAM M. WINDSOR

**VERIFICATION**

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public duly authorized to administer oaths, William M. Windsor, who after being duly sworn deposes and states that he is authorized to make this verification and that the facts alleged in the foregoing are true and correct based upon his personal knowledge, except as to the matters herein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes them to be true.


I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct based upon my personal knowledge.

This 1st day of February, 2021,



William M. Windsor

Sworn and subscribed before me this 1st day of February, 2021, by means of physical presence.

  
Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished by Electronic Mail to:

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