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IN RE:	)	
	)	**GENERAL ORDER NO. 515**
RECUSAL WHEN FORMER JUDGE	)	
APPEARS AS COUNSEL	)	
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The District Judges of the Eastern District of California have met and have decided the issue of recusal of its judges when a former Eastern District judge (either district or magistrate) appears as counsel. The Court will follow the guidelines provided by the United States Federal Courts Committee on Codes of Conduct, Advisory Opinion No. 70, which in part states: "The Committee recommends that courts announce a policy that for a fixed period after the retirement or resignation of a colleague, judges recuse themselves in any case in which the former colleague appears as counsel." This general recusal will last for a one year period from the date that the former judge left the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: December 7, 2011

FOR THE COURT:

ANTHONY W. ISHII
Chief United States District Judge