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U. S. District Court  
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**In Re: RECUSAL OF JUDGE WHEN )  
FORMER JUDGE APPEARS AND ) Administrative Order No. 2019-17  
RESTRICTION OF FORMER )  
JUDGE REPRESENTATION IN )  
CERTAIN COURT PROCEEDINGS )**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee on Codes of Conduct of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee hereby adopts the following policy regarding the recusal of Judicial Officers in matters where a former Judicial Officer of this Court appears as an attorney and the restriction of former Judicial Officers from representing parties in matters in which such former Judicial Officer served as the presiding and/or referral Judicial Officer. This Administrative Order applies to Active and Senior District Judges and Magistrate Judges.

**I. Recusal Period**

Where a former Judicial Officer of this Court appears in a case before this Court and that case is assigned to a Judicial Officer who served during the tenure of the former Judicial Officer, the Judicial Officer assigned to the case shall recuse him or herself from the case if the appearance is within one (1) year of the departure of the former Judicial Officer from the Court. In the event circumstances require all Judicial Officers of this Court to recuse themselves from such a case, the Court shall seek the appointment of a Judicial Officer from another district to preside over the case.

**II. Restriction from Representation**

A former Judicial Officer of this Court shall not represent a party in any case that had been assigned to such former Judicial Officer's individual docket during his or her judicial tenure, including both assignments as either the presiding and/or referral Judicial Officer.

**FOR THE COURT** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.



S. THOMAS ANDERSON  
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE