

MARK GARBER, ET AL

15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

VERSUS

DOCKET NO. 2019-6286

PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, ET AL

LAFAYETTE PARISH, LOUISIANA

EN BANC RECUSAL ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Articles 151 et seq., the Judges of the Fifteenth Judicial District Court of Louisiana, on their own motion, do hereby recuse themselves on the grounds that this case involves two political subdivisions that are intricately entwined with the judges of the 15th Judicial District. The Sheriff is in charge of security at the courthouse and the Parish Government provides funding for the operations of the court and the courthouse. Therefore, there exists a substantial and objective basis that reasonably would be expected to prevent the Judges from conducting any aspect of the case in a fair and impartial manner. Also, the court must avoid any appearance of impropriety and must insure the impartial handling of this matter.

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Judges of the Fifteenth Judicial District Court hereby recuse themselves from this case. The Judges respectfully request the Louisiana Supreme Court to appoint an ad hoc judge from outside the Fifteenth Judicial District to preside over this matter.

Lafayette, Louisiana, this 10th day of December, 2025.

Susan Theall
Honorable Susan M. Theall, Division M
Chief Judge, For the Court, En Banc
Fifteenth Judicial District Court

Scott Privat
Honorable Scott Privat, Division A

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Honorable Lauric Hulin, Division G

Thomas Frederick
Honorable Thomas Frederick, Division C

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Honorable David Blanchet, Division H

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Honorable Royale Colbert, Division D

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Honorable Michelle Breaux, Division E

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Honorable John Trahan, Division J (Ad Hoc)

David Smith
Honorable David Smith, Division F

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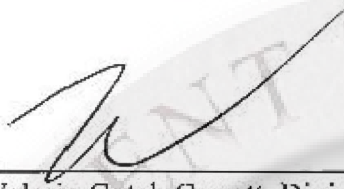
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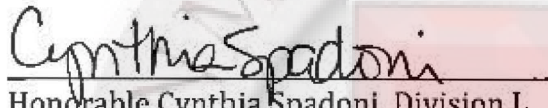
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Honorable Valerie Gotch Garrett, Division B


Honorable Michele Billeaud, Division K


Honorable Cynthia Spadoni, Division L

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF LAFAYETTE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED COPY
OF THIS ORDER HAS BEEN
MAILED/SERVED ON ALL PARTIES THIS
January 07, 2026


DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

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