UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

DAVID RENE LATSCHA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 8:23-cv-2222-TPB-NHA

SAFERENT SOLUTIONS, LLC

Defendant.	

ORDER OF RECUSAL

This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. A judge shall disqualify herself in any proceeding in which her impartiality might reasonably be questioned. 28 U.S.C. § 455(a). When proper grounds exist, a judge has an affirmative and self-enforcing obligation to recuse herself *sua sponte*. *United States v. Kelly*, 888 F.2d 732, 744 (11th Cir. 1989).

Defendant SafeRent Solutions, LLC is represented by Foley & Lardner LLP. I was a partner at Foley & Lardner LLP from October 2022 to October 2023. While I cannot tell if section 455(b) requires my recusal, given the recency of my association with the law firm, I find that section 455(a) does require it.

Accordingly, the Clerk of Court is directed to reassign this case, by random draw, to another United States Magistrate Judge.

DONE and ORDERED at Tampa, Florida, this 24 day of January, 2024.

NATALIE HIRT ADAMS

United States Magistrate Judge