

**[7 MM 2022]
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MIDDLE DISTRICT**

CAROL ANN CARTER, MONICA : No. 7 MM 2022
PARRILLA, REBECCA POYOUROW, :
WILLIAM TUNG, ROSEANNE MILAZZO, :
BURT SIEGEL, SUSAN CASSANELLI, LEE :
CASSANELLI, LYNN WACHMAN, :
MICHAEL GUTTMAN, MAYA FONKEU, :
BRADY HILL, MARY ELLEN BALCHUNIS, :
TOM DEWALL, STEPHANIE MCNULTY :
AND JANET TEMIN, :

Petitioners

v.

LEIGH M. CHAPMAN, IN HER OFFICIAL :
CAPACITY AS THE ACTING SECRETARY :
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF :
PENNSYLVANIA; JESSICA MATHIS, IN :
HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR :
FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA BUREAU OF :
ELECTION SERVICES AND NOTARIES, :

Respondents

PHILIP T. GRESSMAN; RON Y. DONAGI; :
KRISTOPHER R. TAPP; PAMELA :
GORKIN; DAVID P. MARSH; JAMES L. :
ROSENBERGER; AMY MYERS; EUGENE :
BOMAN; GARY GORDON; LIZ MCMAHON; :
TIMOTHY G. FEEMAN; AND GARTH :
ISAAK, :

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY JUSTICE WECHT

On February 2, 2022, I directed the Prothonotary to issue a disclosure to all counsel on my behalf (copy attached). I disclosed that I had learned that one of the intervenors in this matter, Joanna McClinton, lists counsel that includes a lawyer, David Senoff, who represented me in a personal matter a few years ago. I thought it prudent to inform all counsel of this prior engagement, and I indicated that I would consider any motion that any party might elect to file.

On February 7, 2022, intervenors Bryan Cutler and Kerry Benninghoff responded by filing a request for further disclosure, inquiring as to the nature of the representation and the date when it concluded. In the interest of transparency, I provide that requested information here.

On February 2, 2018, Michael Turzai and Joseph Scarnati, legislative respondents in the redistricting litigation captioned at *League of Women Voters v. Commonwealth*, No. 159 MM 2017, moved for my disqualification or recusal in that case. Their motion was based on statements I had made while campaigning in 2015. On February 5, 2018, I denied that motion, for reasons stated in my Order and Opinion reported at 179 A.3d 1080 (Pa. 2018).

On or about March 1, 2018, I was notified that persons—who have never been identified to me—had filed one or more complaints against me with the Judicial Conduct Board, alleging that I was disqualified from the above-cited litigation for the same reasons cited by Messrs. Turzai and Scarnati. That same month, I personally retained Attorney Senoff and Mark Sheppard, Esquire to represent me in addressing these complaints.

On August 23, 2018, the Judicial Conduct Board notified me that all complaints had been dismissed. The matter having been closed, the engagement of Attorneys Senoff and Sheppard terminated shortly thereafter.

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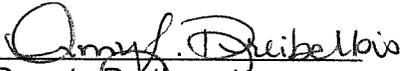
Re: *Carter, C. et al, Pets. v. Chapman, L. et al*, 7 MM 2022

Date: February 2, 2022

Dear Counsel:

It has come to Justice Wecht's attention that one of the intervenors/respondents in this matter, Joanna McClinton, lists counsel that includes a lawyer, David Senoff, who represented Justice Wecht in a personal matter a few years ago. Justice Wecht wishes to notify all parties of this fact. Justice Wecht does not believe that his past engagement of a lawyer who now is one of the lawyers for one of the intervenors/respondents here presents a disqualifying circumstance, and accordingly does not intend to recuse.

Should any party wish nonetheless to file a motion, Justice Wecht will afford it appropriate consideration.


Deputy Prothonotary

cc: All Justices
All counsel