

# Second Judicial Circuit

FROM THE CHAMBERS OF  
**JEFFREY D. CRAMER**  
*Judge*



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## West Virginia

Marshall, Wetzel, Tyler Counties

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The Honorable John A. Hutchison  
Chief Justice of the West Virginia  
Supreme Court of Appeals  
Capitol Complex  
Building One, Room E-305  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

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RE: Voluntary Recusal Request

Dear Chief Justice Hutchison:

Pursuant to Rule 17.02 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, I am writing to request recusal from presiding over the following cases currently pending in the Second Judicial Circuit:

### Marshall County:

1. *EQT v. Irby, State Tax Commissioner,* 22-P-6

### Wetzel County:

2. *DWG Oil & Gas v. EQT,* 19-C-4
3. *Denman v. EQT,* 19-C-72
4. *Venable Royalty v. EQT,* 21-C-19
5. *LEMCO v. EQT,* 22-C-27
6. *EQT v. Pinkney,* 22-P-14
7. *EQT v. Pinkney,* 22-P-15
8. *EQT v. Franz,* 22-P-22
9. *West Virginia Div. of Highways v. EQT,* 22-P-4

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| 10. | <i>EQT v. Irby, State Tax Commissioner,</i> | 22-P-7   |
| 11. | <i>EQT v. Irby, State Tax Commission,</i>   | 22-P-6   |
| 12. | <i>Goodrich v. EQT,</i>                     | 20-C-18. |

**Tyler County:**

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| 13. | <i>Baker, et al. v. EQT,</i> | 20-C-19 |
| 14. | <i>EQT v. Pratt,</i>         | 21-C-1  |

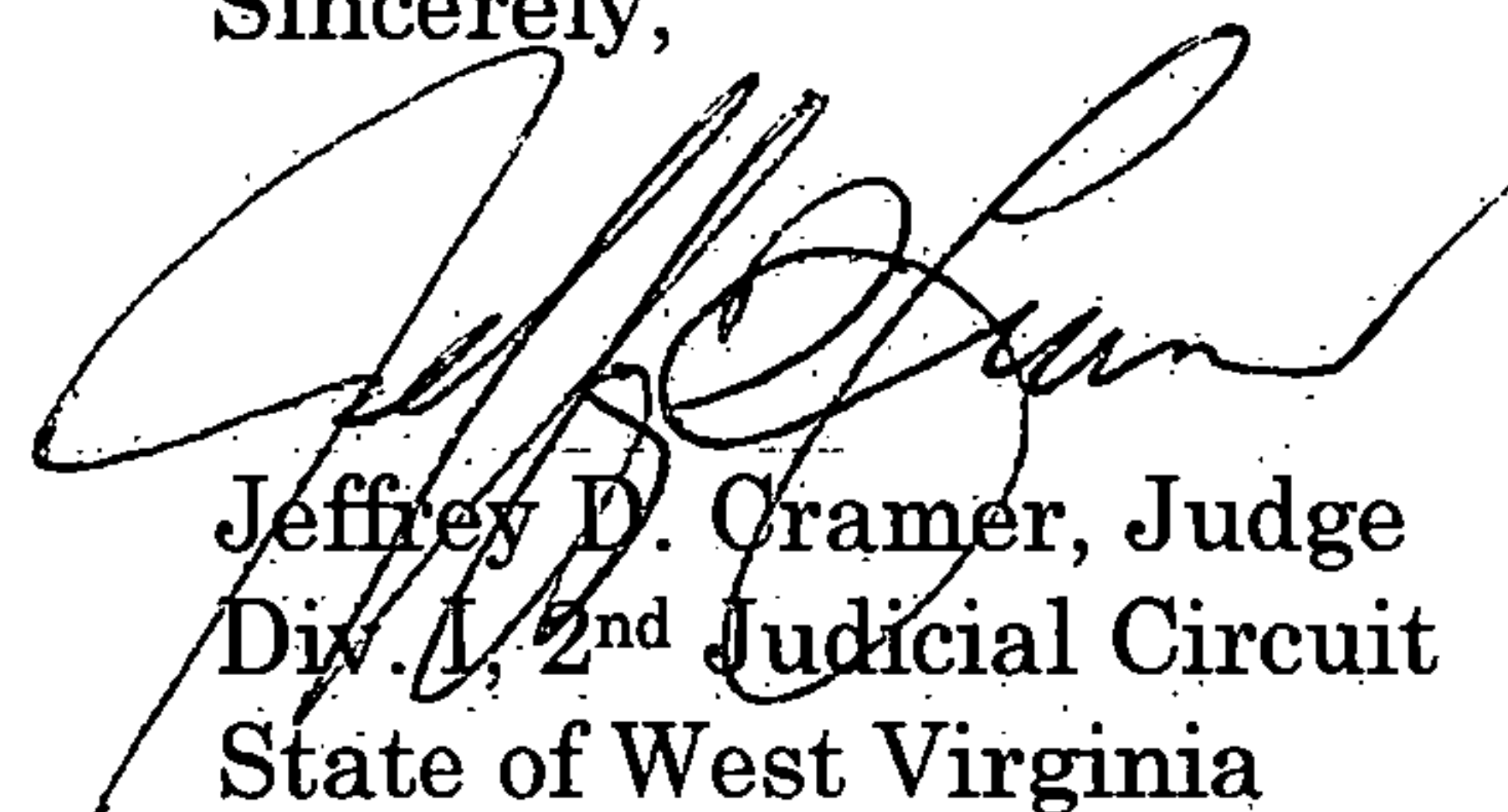
As I believe you are aware, my wife and I have mineral interests here in Marshall County which were leased to Chevron in 2014, renewed by Chevron in 2019 and assigned to EQT in November, 2020.

At that time, pursuant to West Virginia Trial Court Rule 17.03, I was able to transfer all EQT cases to the Honorable David W. Hummel, Jr. for further action. However, I am aware that Judge Hummel has recently voluntarily recused himself from further presiding over EQT cases.

I have inquired and have been informed that EQT still holds our mineral lease. Therefore, I am requesting that I be permitted to recuse myself from presiding over the above matters and a special judge be appointed to the same.

Thanking you for your consideration and attention to this matter, I am

Sincerely,



Jeffrey D. Cramer, Judge  
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cc: Hon. David W. Hummel, Jr.  
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Marshall County Circuit Clerk  
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