

Second Judicial Circuit

FROM THE CHAMBERS OF
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Hon. John A. Hutchison, Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Appeals
Capitol Complex
Building 1, Room E-302
Charleston, WV 25305

**Re: Voluntary Recusal by Both Circuit Judges
Second Judicial Circuit, Marshall, Wetzel and Tyler Counties, WV**

**EQT v. Matthew Irby, State Tax Commissioner
Case No. 22-P-6
Circuit Court of Marshall County, West Virginia**

**DWG Oil & Gas v. EQT
Case No. 19-C-4
Circuit Court of Wetzel County, West Virginia**

**Denman v. EQT
Case No. 19-C-72
Circuit Court of Wetzel County, West Virginia**

**Venable Royalty v. EQT
Case No. 21-C-19
Circuit Court of Wetzel County, West Virginia**

**EQT v. J. E. Smith
Case No. 21-P-18
Circuit Court of Wetzel County, West Virginia**

**LEMCO v. EQT
Case No. 22-C-27
Circuit Court of Wetzel County, West Virginia**

**EQT v. Tammy M. Pinkney
Case No. 22-P-14
Circuit Court of Wetzel County, West Virginia**

**EQT v. Julie M. Pinkney
Case No. 22-P-15
Circuit Court of Wetzel County, West Virginia**

**EQT v. Rose Franz
Case No. 22-P-22
Circuit Court of Wetzel County, West Virginia**

**West Virginia Div. of Highways v. EQT
Case No. 22-P-4
Circuit Court of Wetzel County, West Virginia**

**EQT v. Matthew Irby, State Tax Commissioner
Case No. 22-P-7
Circuit Court of Wetzel County, West Virginia**

**EQT v. Matthew Irby, State Tax Commissioner
Case No. 22-P-6
Circuit Court of Wetzel County, West Virginia**

**Baker, et al. v. EQT
Case No. 20-C-19
Circuit Court of Tyler County, West Virginia**

**EQT v. Pratt
Case No. 21-C-1
Circuit Court of Tyler County, West Virginia**

**Wittman v. EQT
Case No. 21-C-14
Circuit Court of Tyler County, West Virginia**

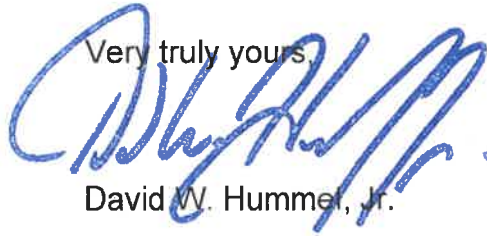
Dear Chief Justice Hutchison:

Pursuant to T.C.R. 17.02 I am writing to advise Your Honor that I seek to voluntarily recuse myself of and from the above-styled civil litigation matters pending in Marshall, Wetzel and Tyler Counties. Judge Cramer previously voluntarily recused himself from matters involving EQT entities for reason(s) which I believe he may have already shared with The Supreme Court of Appeals. At this time, I find myself adverse to EQT entities and/or affiliates as a result of matters of national/international attention.

If you would be so kind as to appoint another Circuit Court Judge to preside over the instant litigation, I will be most appreciative.

Thank you for your valuable time and prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. W. Hummel, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

David W. Hummel, Jr.

DWH

cc: All Counsel of Record