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MESSAGE: Judge Sharp's order.

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ORDER

Docket No:

WARREN COUNTY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

THOMAS A. PORTER v. SUSAN C. WILLIAMS (formerly Tackels)

RE: CHANCE COLEMAN AND HUNTER PORTER

Type of Hearing: Judicial Recusal

Counsel of Record:

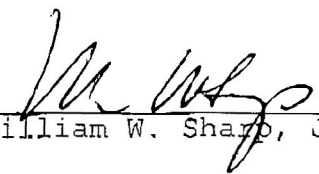
None

FINDINGS: Mr. Porter has filed motions to amend custody of each child and to vacate the protective order against him. The motion is 12 pages of allegations and requested relief that include statements that this judge "tortured" the children, was cruel and ignored the evidence. Mr. Porter also references the judge's wife in a manner intended to create at least some inference of impropriety or conflict. After the last trial between these parties, Mr. Porter posted comments on the Internet about this judge. While this judge deliberately avoided viewing them, I was advised that they were derogatory. Under these circumstances, it is impossible for this judge to render a verdict that one side or the other would not perceive as influenced by Mr. Porter's conduct - if he loses, the Court has retaliated against him; if he prevails, the Court has over-compensated to show him wrong.

DISPOSITION: Therefore, the Honorable William W. Sharp does hereby recuse himself from hearing this case for the above-stated reasons. This recusal will be forwarded to the Chief Judge of the District for designation of a new judge to hear this matter. The Chief Judge should note that a member of Judge Napier's firm served as a guardian ad litem in this case while Judge Napier was still a practicing attorney, and that there are comments in Mr. Porter's pleadings about Judge Logan that would raise the same problems for him as exist for this judge.

9/7/07

date



William W. Sharp, Judgecc: Thomas A. Porter
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