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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE MB MBY 27 A 10: 5 EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BREVARD COUNTY,

FILED BY VIERA-80 FLORIDA. OLERIC GEORGE, CT. THE VENUE OF FILL CASE NO.

05-2013-CF-64037-AXXX-XX

STATE OF FLORIDA, Plaintiff,

vs.

MITCHELL A. NEEDELMAN, Defendant.

## ORDER GRANTING, IN PART, DEFENDANT MITCHELL A. NEEDELMAN'S AMENDED MOTION FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF JUDGES OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

THIS CAUSE came before the Court upon Defendant Mitchell A. Needelman's Amended Motion for Disqualification of Judges of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, filed on November 21, 2013. The law and procedure concerning such motions is clear:

> Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.432, which sets forth the procedural aspects of the disqualification process, provides:

> (d) Determination. The judge against whom the motion is directed shall determine only the legal sufficiency of the motion. The judge shall not pass on the truth of the facts alleged. If the motion is legally sufficient, the judge shall enter an order of disqualification and proceed no further in the action.

This Court does not pass on the truth of the facts alleged. Since the motion is legally sufficient as to Brevard County judges, it must be granted without a consideration of the truth of the contents therein. The motion is not legally sufficient as to Seminole County Judges.

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## Accordingly, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED**:

- The Defendant Mitchell A. Needelman's Amended Motion for Disqualification of Judges of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit is GRANTED as to Brevard County Judges.
- 2. The Defendant Mitchell A. Needelman's Amended Motion for Disqualification of Judges of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit is **DENIED** as to Seminole County Judges.
- 3. This matter is referred to the Chief Judge for reassignment.

DONE AND ORDERED	in Viera,	Brevard	County,	Florida,	this _	27th	_ _day of
Nev., 2013.							

DAVID DUGAN CIRCUIT JUDGE

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do certify that copies hereof have been furnished to the Office of the State Attorney, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building D, Viera, Florida 32940 and the Office of Court Administration, by courier, and Warren E. Lindsey, Esq., Attorney for the Defendant, 1150 Louisiana Avenue, Suite 2, Winter Park, Florida 32789, by U.S. mail, this 27 day of 2013.

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