

IOP 4.1 | RECUSAL AND DISQUALIFICATION OF JUDGES

In order to facilitate the assignment of cases, the clerk maintains a list for each active judge of persons or entities who are likely to appear before the court and whose involvement in a proceeding will require the judge's recusal. Each judge is responsible for keeping the clerk informed as additions to or deletions from this recusal list come to the judge's attention.

The court recognizes that the clerk's recusal list will not identify all cases involving conflicts. Parties may submit for information, on the docketing statement, a list of judges of this court who they believe should not be assigned to the case for conflict reasons. However, this listing on the docketing statement does not supplant the need to file an appropriate separate motion if a party seeks to disqualify a judge.

If a judge identifies a conflict necessitating recusal from a case on which the judge has been assigned, the judge shall notify the clerk, who will designate a substitute judge based upon a rotation system. If the judge identifying the conflict is the primary judge on the case, the judge's staff will usually remain involved to assist the substitute judge to the extent possible or necessary.

