At a term of the Family Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Westchester at White Plains Family Court, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY 10601, on June 15, 2026

PRESENT: Hon. Michelle I. Schauer

In the Matter of **an Article 6 Custody/Visitation** Proceeding

File #: 154703
Docket #: V-07641-18 (Motion 16)

Tara K. Walsh (Petitioner)

Stephen G. Russell (Respondent)

[redacted] (DOB: [redacted])

ORDER ON MOTION

A motion was filed with this Court by Stephen G. Russell on June 15, 2026, requesting an order on a(n) Notice of Motion for Recusal and Reassignment.

Tara K. Walsh did not appear.

Stephen G. Russell did not appear.

Currently before this court is Stephen Grant Russell's motion for this court to recuse itself from any further participation in any matter involving him and Tara Katelyn Wash, the mother of his child, [redacted] born [redacted]. Three other Westchester County Family Court judges have previously recused from hearing Mr. Russell's matters.

There is currently nothing pending before this court. The basis for Mr. Russell's application is his unhappiness with a number of rulings made by this court, including comments related to issues of credibility made in prior proceedings. Curiously, Mr. Russell emphasizes this Court's decision issuing a custody "Order on Default," because Mr. Russell failed to appear for the custody trial. Upon appeal, the Appellate Division held that it was not actually an order on default, because, although Mr. Russell did not appear and participate, Mr. Russell's attorney appeared and participated in the hearing (Matter of Walsh v Russell, 214 AD3d 890 [2d Dept 2023]). While Mr. Russell asserts that such rulings demonstrate this Court's bias against him, contrary to Mr. Russell's assertions and notwithstanding his unhappiness with this Court's previous rulings, this Court can decide the matters fairly and impartially.

After examining the motion papers and supporting affidavit(s), and for the reasons stated above,

NOW, therefore, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the motion of Stephen G. Russell is denied.

Dated: **June 15, 2026**

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Hon. Michelle I. Schauer

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1113 OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, AN APPEAL FROM THIS ORDER MUST BE TAKEN WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE ORDER BY APPELLANT IN COURT, 35

Public copy: the child's legal name is shown as E.V.; dates of birth are removed. Otherwise as filed.

DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MAILING OR ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF THE ORDER TO APPELLANT BY THE CLERK OF COURT, OR 30 DAYS AFTER SERVICE BY A PARTY OR THE ATTORNEY FOR THE CHILD UPON THE APPELLANT, WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST.

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CC: Stephen G. Russell