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COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT OR DISABILITY

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To begin the complaint process, complete this form and prepare the brief statement of facts described in item 4 (below). The RULES FOR JUDICIAL-CONDUCT AND JUDICIAL-DISABILITY PROCEEDINGS, adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States, contain information on what to include in a complaint (Rule 6), where to file a complaint (Rule 7), and other important matters. The Rules are available in federal court clerks' offices, on individual federal courts' websites, and on www.uscourts.gov.

Your complaint (this form and the statement of facts) should be typewritten and must be legible. For the number of copies to file, consult the local rules or clerk's office of the court in which your complaint is required to be filed. Enclose each copy of the complaint in an envelope marked "COMPLAINT OF MISCONDUCT" or "COMPLAINT OF DISABILITY" and submit it to the appropriate clerk of court. **Do not put the name of any judge on the envelope.**

1. Name of Complainant: Lidia M. Orrego
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2. Name(s) of Judge(s): District Judge Sanket J. Bulsara
 Court: EDNY

3. Does this complaint concern the behavior of the judge(s) in a particular lawsuit or lawsuits?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," give the following information about each lawsuit:

Court: EDNY - Central Islip

Case Number: 20-cv-3361/23cv6507/24-cv-7247/25-cv-00769/25-cv-00736

Docket number of any appeal to the * Circuit: Second

Are (were) you a party or lawyer in the lawsuit?

☒ Party ☐ Lawyer ☐ Neither

If you are (were) a party and have (had) a lawyer, give the lawyer's name, address, and telephone number: N/A

*Writ of Mandamus: Court of Appeals Second Circuit 25-1802/ 25-1808/25-1810;
 Interlocutory Appeals against Unlawful "Total" Injunction: 25-2225/25-2234/25-2239;
 25-2431/25-2434/25-2437

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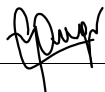
COMPLAINT OF JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT OR DISABILITY

4. Brief Statement of Facts. Attach a brief statement of the specific facts on which the claim of judicial misconduct or disability is based. Include what happened, when and where it happened, and any information that would help an investigator check the facts. If the complaint alleges judicial disability, also include any additional facts that form the basis of that allegation. See attachment Facts and Exhibits

5. Declaration and signature:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____



Date: 11/29/2025

Statement of Facts for Complaint Against District Judge Sanket J. Bulsara

Dated: November 29, 2025

Complainant: Lidia M. Orrego (Pro Se Plaintiff in the below cases)

This complaint alleges judicial misconduct by District Judge Sanket J. Bulsara in five related EDNY cases: 20-cv-03361-SJB-AYS (Orrego v. Knipfing et al., employment discrimination), 23-cv-06507-SJB-AYS (Orrego v. Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP, et al., RICO violations), 24-cv-07247-SJB-AYS (Orrego v. Savitsky et al., civil rights violations), 25-cv-00769-SJB-AYS (Orrego v. Wilson et al.), and 25-cv-00736-SJB-AYS (Orrego v. Kerrigan et al.). The misconduct involves improper reassignment after recusal, creating an appearance of impropriety under 28 U.S.C. § 455(a), failure to docket a key document evidencing fraud, issuance of filing bans obstructing due process, and ignoring the second motion to recuse Magistrate Judge Shields (DE [196]) due to impropriety tainting the case. These actions violate the Code of Conduct for United States Judges (Canons 2 and 3) and constitute "conduct prejudicial to the effective and expeditious administration of the business of the courts" (28 U.S.C. § 351(a)).

Specific Facts

1. **Recusal and Improper Reassignment:** On November 17, 2025, Judge Bulsara and Magistrate Judge Shields entered a formal ORDER OF RECUSAL under 28 U.S.C. § 455 in all cases, reassigning them to Judge Pamela K. Chen and Magistrate Judge Taryn A. Merkl due to a "party" conflict (docket texts attached). Without notice, explanation, or opportunity to object, the cases were reassigned back to the same judges on November 26, 2025. This violates § 455(a)'s requirement to avoid the appearance of impropriety and renders subsequent orders voidable (*Liljeberg v. Health Servs. Acquisition Corp.*, 486 U.S. 847 (1988); *In re Cement Antitrust Litig.*, 673 F.2d 1020 (9th Cir. 1982)). In docket 23-cv-06507, this reassignment perpetuates impropriety by allowing the judges to ignore prior motions (e.g., improper restricted access). In docket 24-cv-07247, it blocks the resolution of civil rights claims amid ongoing bias. See Exhibit 3 (*Contreras v. Bourke*, No. CV-24-0217-PR (Ariz. Aug. 21, 2025), holding that recused judge cannot re-enter without explanation and opportunity to object, voiding orders); Exhibit 4 (docket for 20-cv-03361 from January 1, 2025, showing reassignment to Bulsara on 01/31/2025 and ongoing impropriety); Exhibit 5 (docket excerpts for 23-cv-06507 and 24-cv-07247 from January 1, 2025, showing reassignment, bans, impropriety).

2. **Undocketed Document and Fraud Concealment (Docket 23-cv-06507):** A document submitted on November 21, 2025, detailing fraud, motion manipulation, and impropriety remains undocketed, violating Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d) and due process. This concealment aids defendants' misrepresentations (e.g., of a deceased defendant), creating bias and obstructing justice.

3. **Filing Bans and Due Process Violations:** On November 26, 2025, the judges issued bans prohibiting new filings until "next week," extending prior litigation bars (e.g., DE 210 in 20-cv-03361). Issued without notice/hearing, these bans block challenges to the reassignment, exacerbating impropriety in dockets 23-cv-06507 (undocketed fraud evidence) and 24-cv-07247 (unresolved rights violations).

4. **Ignored Second Motion to Recuse Shields (DE [196]):** On June 17, 2025, I filed a second motion to recuse Magistrate Judge Shields (Exhibit 6 attached) due to impropriety tainting the case, including favoritism aiding defendants' fraud and violations of FRCP 11, due process, and equal protection. Judge Bulsara ignored this motion, allowing the impropriety to continue.

5. **Fraudulent Dismissals of Related Cases (Dockets 25-cv-00769 and 25-cv-00736):** The cases 25-cv-00769 (Orrego v. Wilson et al.) and 25-cv-00736 (Orrego v. Kerrigan et al.) were dismissed without prejudice based on fraudulent misrepresentation by Judge Bulsara. He ignored the law supporting in forma pauperis (IFP) applications for pro se litigants under 28 U.S.C. § 1915, lied about the IFP application details, and ignored requests to correct the errors. This was done to protect corruption at the State Court involving Attorney General Letitia James, further evidencing bias and impropriety.

6. **Related Mandamus Petition:** On July 24, 2025, I filed a Petition for Writ of Mandamus (Docket 25-1802, same under 25-1808 and 25-1810, redacted Exhibit 1 attached), detailing similar impropriety (e.g., evidence obstruction, bias). Denied November 21, 2025, before the reassignment, it supports this complaint.

7. **Notice of Prior Recusal:** On November 28, 2025, I prepared a Notice of Prior Recusal (Exhibit 2 attached) demanding reassignment, but the ban prevented filing, confirming ongoing harm.

8. These actions undermine public confidence in the judiciary and prejudice my cases. I request investigation, reassignment, and vacatur of voidable orders.

Exhibits

- Exhibit 1: 25-1802 Dk 1.1. Dated 07-24-2025 Petition Writ of Mandamus Docket 25-1802/25-1808/25-1810. See annexed Page 1e.
- Exhibit 2: Dated 11-28-2025 Docket 20cv3361 - NOTICE OF PRIOR RECUSAL. See annexed Page 22e.
- Exhibit 3: Case 2025-cv-24-0217-pr-Contreras_v_ Bourke supports Exhibit 2. See annexed Page 29e.
- Exhibit 4: 20cv3361 Orrego v Knipfing et al. Docket From January 1, 2025. See annexed Page 42e.
- Exhibit 5: 23cv6507 Orrego v Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP, et al. and 24cv7247 Orrego v Savitsky et al. Docket from January 1, 2025; Cases 25-cv-00769 Orrego v. Wilson et al. and 25-cv-00736 Orrego v. Kerrigan et al. complete docket. See annexed Page 51e.
- Exhibit 6: Missing Dated 11-21-2025 Letter H. Judge Chen - Prefiling -Case 23cv6507 Orrego v Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP, et al. See annexed Page 73e.
- Exhibit 7: DE [196] Dated June 17, 2025 - Second Motion to Recuse Magistrate Judge Anne Y. Shields Before District Judge Sanket J. Bulsara. See annexed Page 107e.
- Exhibit 8: Notice of Motions, Motions, Letters Motions, Evidence. See annexed Page 132e.
 1. Dated August 5, 2025 – DE [207] 20cv3361 Orrego v Knipfing et al. Letter Motion Objection to Order Dated August 24, 2025 – Due Process Violation and Reaffirmation of Recusal Motions. See annexed Page 133e.
 2. Dated July 29, 2025 – DE [78] 23cv6507 Orrego v Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP, et al. Letter Motion and Objection Vacate Orders – Motion Substitution – Objection – Recusal on Order Dated July 28, 2025. See annexed Page 142e.
 3. Dated August 2, 2025 – DE [79] 23cv6507 Orrego v Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP, et al. Letter Motion Objection Vacate Order Dated July 28, 2025. See annexed Page 165e.
 4. Dated August 3, 2025 – DE [80] 23cv6507 Orrego v Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP, et al. Letter Motion Objection Vacate Order Dated July 28, 2025. See annexed Page 173e.

5. Dated August 11, 2025 – DE [87] 23cv6507 Orrego v Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP, et al. Letter Motion to File Additional Opposition to Motion to Dismiss Against Law Firms Defendants. See annexed Page 182e.
6. Dated August 13, 2025 – DE [101] 23cv6507 Orrego v Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP, et al. Letter Motion to Strike DE [93] [94]. See annexed Page 198e.
7. Dated August 15, 2025 – DE [30] 24cv7247 Pages 60 of 144 Letter Motion for Alternative Service Due to Defendants' Bad Faith. See annexed Page 206e.
8. Dated September 11, 2025 – DE [31] 24cv7247 Notice of Appeal and Evidence. See annexed Page 251e.
9. Dated August 1, 2025 – NYSCEF Doc. [92] 71 of 944 Letter Objection – Index 714097-2024 Orrego v. Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP. See annexed Page 290e.
10. Dated August 13, 2025 – NYSCEF Doc. [97] Pre-Letter Motion – Objection, Motion to Vacate Sua Sponte Order, and Motion for Judicial Recusal Due to Intentional Misrepresentations – Index 714097-2024 Orrego v Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP, et al. See annexed Page 299e.
11. Dated August 13, 2025 – NYSCEF Doc. [98] Email – Index 714094-2024 Orrego v Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP, et al.– NYSCEF Doc. [96] Pre-Letter Motion, Objection, Motion to Vacate Sua Sponte Order, and Motion for Judicial Recusal Due to Intentional Misrepresentations and Violations of Due Process. See annexed Page 320e.
12. Dated August 29, 2025 – DE [117] 23cv6507 Orrego v Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP, et al. Notice Motion Substitution, Notice, Affirmation, Memorandum of Law in Support, Proposed Order, Exhibits including Index 714094-2024 Orrego v Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP, et al. See annexed Page 322e.
13. Dated October 14, 2025 – DE [118] 23cv6507 Orrego v Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP, et al. Motion Substitution Reply to Partial Defendants' Opposition. See annexed Page 388e.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 29, 2025
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