

**United States Court of Appeals  
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

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No. 97-1860

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Melvin Leroy Tyler,

Appellant,

v.

John Ashcroft; Dick Moore;  
James Purkett; Robert J. Krehbiel;  
Mel Carnahan; Dora Schriro;  
Pedro Cayabyab,

Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States  
District Court for the  
Eastern District of Missouri.

[UNPUBLISHED]

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Submitted: August 13, 1999

Filed: August 18, 1999

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Before BEAM, LOKEN, and MORRIS SHEPPARD ARNOLD, Circuit Judges.

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PER CURIAM.

Melvin Leroy Tyler appeals from numerous district court orders dismissing parties and claims, and from the judgment entered against him by the district court<sup>1</sup> after a bench trial on his retaliation-related 42 U.S.C. § 1983 claims. Appellant argues the entire United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit should disqualify itself

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<sup>1</sup>The Honorable E. Richard Webber, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

because it has demonstrated bias and prejudice against him; he has also filed a motion with this court asking that it recuse itself. Under 28 U.S.C. § 455(a), a federal judge should disqualify himself or herself “in any proceeding in which his [or her] impartiality might reasonably be questioned.” Appellant cites to numerous cases in which this court has ruled against him; however, he otherwise does not provide a reason compelling this entire court to recuse itself from hearing this appeal, nor does he explain why a reasonable observer would question this court’s impartiality. Thus, we reject his request. See In re Kansas Pub. Employees Retirement Sys., 85 F.3d 1353, 1358 (8th Cir. 1996) (describing standard for recusal under § 455); Hale v. Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., 756 F.2d 1322, 1329 (8th Cir. 1985). After careful review of the record and the parties’ submissions on appeal, we believe that appellant’s other arguments are also without merit and that a full opinion would serve no precedential value. See 8th Cir. R. 47B. Appellant’s pending motions are denied.

Accordingly, the judgment is affirmed.

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