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Enclosed is the most recent Opinion of the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee.

The Opinion responds to a question regarding whether recusal is necessary when a judge is a party or becomes a party to a civil lawsuit brought by a litigant (a defendant in a criminal case over which the judge presides). The Opinion concludes that recusal is not necessary unless the judge has a personal bias or prejudice regarding the Litigant.

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