

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of the Petition for:)
JOHN DOE (2025-18,))
)
Petitioner,)
)
v.) Supreme Court Docket No. 53006-2025
) (Consolidated with related writs)
JANE DOE,)
) Idaho State Bar No. 25-208
Respondent.)

MOTION FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF CHIEF JUSTICE G. RICHARD BEVAN

NOW COMES Petitioner, Corey Michael Switzer, pro se, pursuant to Idaho Code § 1-215 and Canon 2.11 of the Idaho Code of Judicial Conduct, and respectfully moves this Court for an order disqualifying Chief Justice G. Richard Bevan from presiding over any and all matters related to the above-captioned case and the consolidated Petitions for Extraordinary Writs (including Docket Nos. 53216-2025, 53263-2025, 53285-2025). In support of this Motion, Petitioner states as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. A fundamental tenet of our judicial system is that “[a] judge shall disqualify himself or herself in any proceeding in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned.” Idaho Code Jud. Conduct Canon 2.11(A).

2. Chief Justice Bevan's impartiality in this matter might reasonably be questioned due to two interconnected circumstances:

a. The Supreme Court's Direct Supervisory Role: The Court, under Chief Justice Bevan's leadership, exercises direct supervisory authority over the Idaho State Bar (ISB), which is the central respondent in Petitioner's pending writs. Petitioner's claims allege systemic corruption and bad faith within the very entity the Chief Justice oversees.

b. Institutional and Social Entanglements: The Chief Justice's participation in a high-profile ISB event, sponsored by an organization that has recently appointed a key adversarial figure in Petitioner's underlying claims, creates an appearance of institutional alignment and potential bias.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Petitioner has multiple pending grievances against attorneys and officials within Nez Perce County and the ISB itself, filed with the ISB's Professional Conduct Board (PCB Files: 25-168a, 25-169a, 25-187a, 25-208a).

2. Due to the profound conflicts of interest and procedural failures alleged within the ISB's disciplinary process, Petitioner has filed several Petitions for Extraordinary Writs with this Court, seeking its supervisory intervention.

3. This Court has already acknowledged the unusual nature of this matter by exercising its authority to appoint a special fact-finding referee, Senior Judge Juneal Kerrick, bypassing the standard ISB Hearing Committee. (See Order Appointing Senior Judge Juneal Kerrick, July 2025).

4. The Idaho State Bar, over which Chief Justice Bevan and this Court exercise ultimate supervisory authority, is therefore a de facto respondent in the pending writs, as Petitioner is challenging the integrity and lawful operation of the Bar's disciplinary apparatus.

5. Furthermore, on July 16, 2025, Chief Justice Bevan presided over and gave congratulatory remarks at the Idaho State Bar's 100th Anniversary Gala. The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) was a publicly acknowledged "silver sponsor" of this event. (See 2025 Annual Meeting and Anniversary Gala Recap, attached as Exhibit A).

6. On or about October 1, 2025, the ICF announced the appointment of Nez Perce County Commissioner Hannah Liedkie to its Board of Directors. (See ICF Press Release, attached as Exhibit B).

7. Commissioner Liedkie is a central figure in Petitioner's underlying complaints of official obstruction and intimidation. Petitioner has documented public statements by Commissioner Liedkie threatening to "compile a file" on Petitioner and invoke "the government's ability to track you," which have been provided to this Court. (Exhibit C) and referenced in prior submissions.

8. Commissioner Liedkie has documented attempting to charge Petitioner the amount of [\\$8733.12](#) (Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and Twelve cent) for the filtered release of the communication Trae Turner and Justin Coleman limited to "Corey Switzer" between the dates of January 1st, 2025 and April 28, 2025 relevant to Docket Nos. 53216-2025, 53263-2025, 53285-2025 (Exhibit D) as a method to bar lawful access to the herein contained reported Conflict of Interest(s).

LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. The Chief Justice's Supervisory Role Over the ISB Creates an Unavoidable Conflict.

1. Idaho Code § 1-215(1)(a) mandates disqualification when a judge "has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party."

2. The "party" here is, functionally, the Idaho State Bar and its processes. Petitioner's writs allege a catastrophic failure of the ISB's ethical oversight, including claims that the Bar's process is "irredeemably compromised" and that a sitting Bar Commissioner (Patty Weeks) is herself a subject of a grievance.

3. A reasonable, objective observer, knowing that the Chief Justice oversees the ISB and that Petitioner is suing to overturn the ISB's actions, would question whether the Chief Justice can impartially adjudicate a challenge to the performance of an entity under his direct control. The Judge is placed in the position of reviewing his own subordinate's conduct, creating an inherent and disabling conflict. See: *Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Co.*, 556 U.S. 868, 884 (2009)

(requiring recusal where "the probability of actual bias on the part of the judge ... is too high to be constitutionally tolerable").

B. The Institutional Connections Create a Appearance of Impropriety.

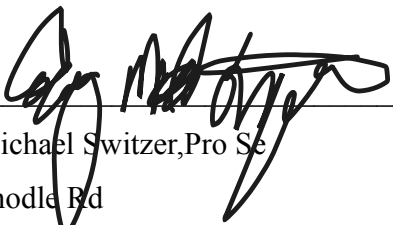
1. Canon 2.11 requires disqualification when a judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, which includes situations involving social or institutional relationships.
2. The Chief Justice's participation in the ISB Gala, sponsored by the ICF, and the ICF's subsequent appointment of Commissioner Liedkie a central figure in the documented obstruction of Justice, creates a tangible link between the Court and an adversarial party.
3. A reasonable person could perceive that the Chief Justice, through his participation in the sponsored event and his Court's supervisory role, is institutionally aligned with the very network of individuals and organizations Petitioner alleges are engaged in a concerted effort to obstruct justice. This perception is sufficient to warrant recusal to protect the integrity of these proceedings. See *Liteky v. United States*, 510 U.S. 540, 548 (1994) (noting that the inquiry is whether the judge's actions would create in a reasonable mind a doubt about his impartiality).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court enter an order:

1. Granting this Motion for Disqualification; and
2. Disqualifying Chief Justice G. Richard Bevan from any further participation in the above-captioned matters and all consolidated related writs.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of October, 2025.

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