

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In the Matter of Disclosure of Members,
Shareholders, Partners, and Leaders of
Business Organization Parties

**GENERAL
ORDER NO. 157**

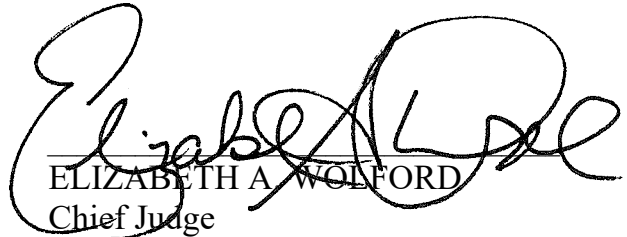
The Court has a duty in all cases to assure itself of its subject matter jurisdiction. Further, individual judges have a duty to monitor cases for potential conflicts of interest and to recuse themselves when required. In order to appropriately discharge these duties, the Court must have information regarding the makeup of business organization parties.

It is therefore hereby **ORDERED** that in all cases, business organization parties (including corporations, LLCs, and partnerships) must identify any members, shareholders, partners, or individuals in leadership positions whose identities may reasonably bear on the Court's decision whether to recuse, on motion or *sua sponte*. Such identification must be made within the timeframe for corporate disclosure statements set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1(b).

It is further **ORDERED** that in an action in which the Court's subject matter jurisdiction is based on diversity of citizenship under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), a party or intervenor must file a disclosure statement that names and identifies the citizenship of every individual or entity whose citizenship is attributed to that party or intervenor. Such disclosure statement shall be filed within the timeframe for corporate disclosure statements set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1(b).

This Order shall be effective as of June 1, 2022, and shall remain in effect unless otherwise ordered by the Court. The Court reserves the right to amend, modify, or terminate this Order at any time.

SO ORDERED.



ELIZABETH A. WOLFORD
Chief Judge
United States District Court

Dated: May 31, 2022
Rochester, New York