

**NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

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IN RE ROYAL DUTCH/SHELL TRANSPORT :  
SECURITIES LITIGATION : Civil Action No. 04-374  
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: : **ORDER**  
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Before the Court is a July 13, 2009 request by Jonathan Lee Riches (“Riches”) for the recusal of Judge Joel A. Pisano (“Judge Pisano”) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455 (A)(B) and (C) (docket entry 554) and a “rehearing” of Riches’ previously denied Motion to Intervene (docket entry 509). Specifically, Riches claims that he has newly discovered evidence in the instant matter and that Judge Pisano’s personal conflict with Riches will affect the Judge’s treatment of this new evidence. Riches asserts that Judge Pisano’s personal conflict with him stems from Riches’ previous suits against Judge Pisano in *Riches v. Federal Reserve Bank* and *Riches v. Federal Judicial System* (docket numbers unknown). Riches alleges that because of these lawsuits Judge Pisano has a personal bias against him which lead the Judge to deny Riches’ Motion to Intervene in the instant litigation in an Order dated August 26, 2008 (docket entry 509).

The Court finds that Riches has not sufficiently demonstrated why the Judge’s impartiality might reasonably be questioned under 28 U.S.C. § 455 (A)(B) and (C).

Additionally, the Court construes Riches request for a “rehearing” on his Motion to Intervene as a Motion for Reconsideration pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(i). Under Local Rule 7.1(i), a party moving for reconsideration must serve and file the motion within “ten business days after the entry of the order or judgment on the original motion by the Judge . . . .” The Court finds that Riches has

failed to file his Motion for Reconsideration in a timely manner since he moved to reconsider on July 13, 2009 which is more than ten days since the date of the August 26, 2008 Order denying his Motion to Intervene.

Accordingly,

**IT IS**

**ON** this 27th day of July, 2009,

**ORDERED** that Riches' request for the recusal of Judge Joel A. Pisano is **DENIED**

(docket entry 554); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED** that Riches' request for a "rehearing" of the Court's August 26, 2008 Order is **DENIED** (docket entry 554).

**SO ORDERED.**

/s/ JOEL A. PISANO  
United States District Judge