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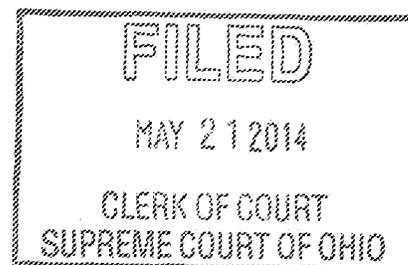
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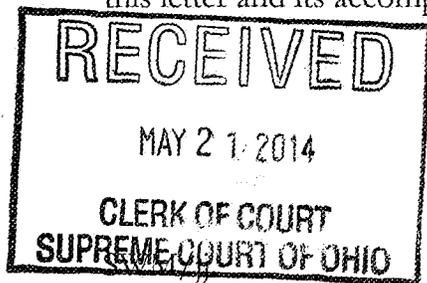
Mark Reed
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of Ohio
65 South Front Street, 8th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3431



Re: ***Peggy Spaeth v. State Automobile Mutual Ins. Co., et al.***
Ohio Supreme Court Case No.: 12-1866
Eighth District Court of Appeals Case No.: CA-11-97715
Our File No.: 73962

Dear Supreme Court Clerk of Court:

This letter is submitted pursuant to S.Ct. Prac. R. 4.04 which deals with the recusal or disqualification of a Justice. As attested to in the accompanying affidavit of the undersigned, Shawn W. Maestle, on Thursday, May 15, 2014, it first came to my attention that one of the other partners in my law firm initiated litigation against Justice Paul E. Pfeifer last summer in the matter of *Timothy J. Rice v. Paul E. Pfeifer, et al.*, Case No.: 13CV0178, in the Court of Common Pleas, Crawford County, Ohio. Because of these facts recently learned, and after consultation with the Supreme Court's Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and out of an abundance of caution, undersigned counsel believes it necessary to advise the Court of this potential disqualification and/or recusal situation for Justice Paul E. Pfeifer. In accordance with the cited rules, a copy of this letter and its accompanying affidavit was forwarded to all parties.



Very truly yours,

Shawn W. Maestle

Enclosure
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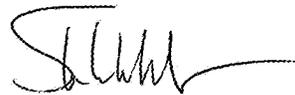
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I, Shawn W. Maestle, being first duly sworn, state the following:

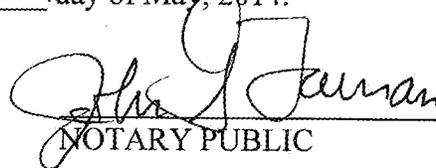
1. I am an attorney admitted to practice law in the State of Ohio;
2. I am counsel of record in the matter of *Peggy Spaeth v. State Automobile Mutual Ins. Co., et al.*, Ohio Supreme Court Case No.: 12-1866;
3. On May 15, 2014, I was made aware that one of my partners had initiated litigation against Justice Paul E. Pfeifer and his wife last summer in the matter of *Timothy J. Rice v. Paul E. Pfeifer, et al.*, Case No.: 13CV0178 in the Court of Common Pleas, Crawford County, Ohio;
4. On May 16, 2014, I spoke with the Supreme Court's Office of Disciplinary Counsel to seek guidance on whether this issue presents one for either disqualification and/or recusal of Justice Paul E. Pfeifer;
5. Out of an abundance of caution, I am submitting this notice to the court in accordance with S.Ct. Prac. R. 4.04.

Further affiant sayeth naught.



SHAWN W. MAESTLE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of May, 2014.


NOTARY PUBLIC

JOHN G. FERRARO, Attorney
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF OHIO
My commission has no expiration date.
Section 147.03 R.C.

