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2 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
3 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**
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6 In the matter of:

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8 Héctor L. Ramos-Vega
9 United States Magistrate Judge

MISC NO. 23-601(HRV)

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11 **STANDING ORDER OF DISQUALIFICATION**

12 1. The undersigned disqualifies himself from all cases that he personally
13 handled as lead counsel or co-counsel while serving as Assistant Federal Public Defender
14 for the District of Puerto Rico, and from all cases where the undersigned's name appears
15 on the pleadings.

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17 2. Regardless of direct personal involvement, the undersigned further
18 disqualifies himself from all cases assigned to the Federal Public Defender's Office
19 between March 27, 2023, and September 18, 2023—period of time during which the
20 undersigned served as Interim Federal Public Defender.

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22 3. For a period of six months beginning on October 20, 2023 and ending on
23 April 19, 2024, in order to avoid his impartiality being reasonably questioned, the
24 undersigned should not receive civil or criminal referrals in cases where the Federal
25 Public Defender is counsel of record. Additionally, the undersigned will not be included
26 in the duty roster for the same six-month period.

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28 4. The Clerk of Court shall take notice of this Standing Order of
Disqualification, include it as a Standing Order on the Court's website immediately, and

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2 notify the United States Attorney, the Federal Public Defender, and the Chief United
3 States Probation Officer.

4 **IT IS SO ORDERED**

5 In San Juan, Puerto Rico this 27th of November, 2023.

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7 S/Héctor L. Ramos-Vega
8 HÉCTOR L. RAMOS-VEGA
9 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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