

State of Connecticut

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Deputy Attorney General Perry Zinn Rowthorn
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RE: Democratic Governors Association v Brandi, 3:14cv-544

Dear Deputy Attorney General Zinn Rowthorn,

After careful consideration, I have decided to recuse myself in the matter of Democratic Governors Association v Brandi, 3:14cv-544. The reason for my recusal is that as an active participant in the Democratic Attorneys General Association ("DAGA"), which has included fundraising for the organization, some of the issues at stake in the DGA litigation could affect future action by DAGA as it pertains to my candidacy for re-election in 2014. There must not be any perception in the minds of the public – even an inaccurate one – that my personal circumstances as a candidate or membership in DAGA have impacted the defense of this case. While I am certain that I could and would aggressively defend the state's position in this matter, in light of the potential appearance of a conflict, the wiser course and the public interest is that I recuse myself at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Jepsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "J".

George Jepsen