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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

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In the Matter of)
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H&R Block Inc.,)
a corporation,)
	Docket No. 9427
HRB Digital LLC,)
a limited liability company, and)
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HRB Tax Group, Inc.,)
a corporation,)
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Respondents.)
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CERTIFICATION OF MOTION TO DISQUALIFY ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Respondents H&R Block, Inc., HRB Digital LLC, and HRB Tax Group, Inc. ("Respondents") have moved to disqualify the assigned Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), as well as all other Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") ALJs, from presiding over this case ("Motion"). Respondents rely on Rule 3.42(g)(2) of the FTC's Rules of Practice, which provides:

Whenever any party shall deem the Administrative Law Judge for any reason to be disqualified to preside, or to continue to preside, in a particular proceeding, such party may file with the Secretary a motion addressed to the Administrative Law Judge to disqualify and remove him, such motion to be supported by affidavits setting forth the alleged grounds for disqualification. If the Administrative Law Judge does not disqualify himself within 10 days, he shall certify the motion to the Commission, together with any statement he may wish to have considered by the Commission. The Commission shall promptly determine the validity of the grounds alleged, either directly or on the report of another Administrative Law Judge appointed to conduct a hearing for that purpose.

16 C.F.R. § 3.42(g)(2).

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Pursuant to Rule 3.42(g)(2), the requested disqualification is rejected, and the Motion is hereby certified to the Commission for further proceedings.

ORDERED: Jay L. Himes

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Administrative Law Judge

Date: April 4, 2024