

Section 455 of Title 28, United States Code, places on each individual judge the responsibility for avoiding conflicts of interest between the judge's financial interests and his assigned cases. The statute requires that a judge disqualify himself if the judge:

“individually or as a fiduciary, or his spouse or minor child residing in his household, has a financial interest in the subject matter in controversy or in a party to the proceeding, or any other interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding.”

A decision to disqualify based on financial interest is mandatory under the statute and cannot be waived by the parties.

Please review the following list of stocks held by Magistrate Judge Mahoney or his family. Please alert the court of any conflict of interest you may have with this list. Thank you.

**Honeywell
Nortel Networks Corporation
Anheuser-Busch Inc.**

Possible conflict: **Northern Illinois University
(Magistrate Judge Mahoney teaches at law school)**

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