

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

In re Medtronic, Inc. Sprint Fidelis
Leads Products Liability Litigation,

This document relates to:
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Multidistrict Litigation
No. 08-1905 (RHK/JSM)
ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the Motion of the Hennepin County Bar Association (the “HCBA”) for Leave to File a Memorandum of Proposed *Amicus Curiae* (Doc. No. 254). In the Motion, the HCBA seeks permission to file an *amicus curiae* brief regarding Plaintiffs’ Motion for Recusal (Doc. No. 245), in order to “aid the Court in understanding the broad policy and practice implications raised by Plaintiffs’ Motion.” (Mot. at 2.) But the standards for recusal in the federal courts are well established and uncontroversial, and, accordingly, the Court does not believe at this juncture that an *amicus curiae* brief will assist it “beyond the help that the lawyers for the parties [will be] able to provide.” Ryan v. Commodity Futures Trading Comm’n, 125 F.3d 1062, 1064 (7th Cir. 1997). Accordingly, the HCBA’s Motion (Doc. No. 254) is **DENIED**. If, after the Motion for Recusal is fully briefed, the Court believes that *amicus curiae* submissions might be helpful, it will revisit the issue at that time.

Dated: March 4, 2009

s/Richard H. Kyle
RICHARD H. KYLE
United States District Judge