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The Federal Trade Commission has denied a motion filed by H&R Block Inc. to disqualify the Administrative Law Judge overseeing the hearing concerning a complaint filed by the Commission against the tax preparation company for certain deceptive and unfair practices.

The vote to issue the order denying the motion was 5-0. Commissioner Melissa Holyoak concurred only in the result. Commissioner Andrew N. Ferguson issued a statement dissenting in part and concurring in the denial of the motion**.** Chair Lina M. Khan, joined by Commissioner Alvaro M. Bedoya, filed a separate statement.

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