

Judge Hellerstein discloses prosecutor once clerked for him in Maduro case

United States v. Maduro Moros et al. · S.D.N.Y. No. 1:11-cr-00205

Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein · Docket entry #317 · Filed 2026-07-23 · Filed by: Court

What happened

Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein filed a letter in the case against Nicolás Maduro and others, disclosing that one of the Assistant U.S. Attorneys on the case, Henry Ross, clerked for him from 2018 to 2019. The judge states that this past relationship does not affect his impartiality in presiding over the case. He asked that any concern or objection be submitted in writing to the Clerk of Court and himself by July 30, 2026.

What it means

This letter is a required judicial disclosure about a past relationship with a prosecutor, not a ruling on the merits of the case. The judge states his own view that it does not affect his impartiality, but he is giving the parties a formal window to raise an objection if they wish.

What happens next

Any objections must be received in writing by July 30, 2026; no further date has been set on this matter.

Key passages from the filing (verbatim)

"one of the Assistant United States Attorneys working on this case, Henry Ross, clerked for me from 2018-2019."

Page 1 — States the core fact of the disclosure.

"This does not affect my impartiality in presiding over this case."

Page 1 — Judge's own assessment of the disclosure.

"If there is any concern or objection it should be made by letter to the Clerk of Court and I, to be received by July 30, 2026."

Page 1 — Sets the procedural deadline for parties to respond.

Docket text (official, in English)

LETTER as to United States v. Nicolas Maduro Moros. et al -- 11 Cr. 205 (AKH) from Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein dated July 23, 2026 re: All concerned should be aware that one of the Assistant United States Attorneys working on this case, Henry Ross, clerked for me from 2018-2019. This does not affect my impartiality in presiding over this case. If there is any concern or objection it should be made by letter to the Clerk of Court and I, to be received by July 30, 2026. (bw) (Entered: 07/23/2026)

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