

EXHIBIT A

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

AARON SWARTZ,

Defendant.

Crim. No. 11-CR-10260-NMG

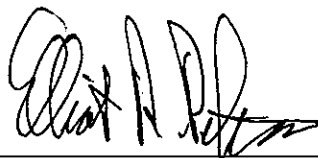
LOCAL RULE 83.5.3(B) CERTIFICATE

OF ELLIOT R. PETERS

I, Elliot R. Peters, am a partner in the firm of Kecker & Van Nest, 633 Battery Street, San Francisco, California 94111, counsel to the defendant in this action, hereby certify that:

1. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of California.
2. There are no disciplinary proceedings pending against me as a member of the Bar of the State of California.
3. I am familiar with the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Dated: November 8, 2012



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CERTIFICATE OF STANDING

October 30, 2012

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that according to the records of the State Bar, ELLIOT REMSEN PETERS, #158708 was admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Supreme Court of California on June 10, 1992; and has been since that date, and is at date hereof, an ACTIVE member of the State Bar of California; and that no recommendation for discipline for professional or other misconduct has ever been made by the Board of Trustees or a Disciplinary Board to the Supreme Court of the State of California.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louise Turner".

Louise Turner
Custodian of Membership Records