

UNITED STATES SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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1. **Name:** State full name (include any former names used).

Georgia Nick Alexakis

2. **Position:** State the position for which you have been nominated.

United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois

3. **Address:** List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state you currently reside.

United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Illinois  
219 South Dearborn Street, 5th Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Residence: Glenview, Illinois

4. **Birthplace:** State year and place of birth.

1978; Chicago, Illinois

5. **Education:** List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

2003 – 2006, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law; J.D. (*magna cum laude*), 2006

1996 – 2000, Harvard University; A.B. (*magna cum laude*), 2000

6. **Employment Record:** List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or description.

2022 – present; 2013 – 2021

United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Illinois  
219 South Dearborn Street, 5th Floor

Chicago, Illinois 60604  
Chief of Appeals, Criminal Division (2022 – present)  
Deputy Chief of Appeals, Criminal Division (2019 – 2021)  
Civil Rights and Hate Crimes Program Coordinator (2019 – 2021)  
Assistant United States Attorney (2013 – 2021; 2022 – present)

2021 – 2022  
Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP  
70 West Madison Street, Suite 2900  
Chicago, Illinois 60602  
Partner

2008 – 2012  
Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP  
54 West Hubbard Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60654  
Partner (2012)  
Associate (2008 – 2011)

2007 – 2008; Spring 2005  
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois  
219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
Law Clerk for the Honorable Milton I. Shadur (2007 – 2008)  
Extern for the Honorable Rubén Castillo (uncompensated) (Spring 2005)

Summer 2007  
Sidley Austin LLP  
1 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60603  
Summer Associate

2006 – 2007  
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  
95 Seventh Street  
San Francisco, California 94103  
Law Clerk for the Honorable Marsha S. Berzon

Spring 2006  
Miner Barnhill & Galland PC  
325 North LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60654  
Extern (uncompensated)

Summer 2005  
Ropes & Gray LLP

800 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02199  
Summer Associate

2004 – 2005  
Northwestern Pritzker School of Law  
357 East Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Teaching Assistant to Professor Ronald J. Allen (2004 – 2005)  
Research Assistant to Professor Robert H. Sitkoff (2004)

Summer 2004  
Midwest Center for Justice  
831 Main Street  
Evanston, Illinois 60202  
Intern (uncompensated)

2000 – 2003  
The Boston Consulting Group  
300 North LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60654  
Consultant (2002 – 2003)  
Associate (2000 – 2002)

Summer 2000  
The Nieman Foundation for Journalism  
Walter Lippmann House  
1 Francis Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138  
Journalism Fellow

7. **Military Service and Draft Status:** Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including dates of service, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for selective service.

I did not serve in the military. I was not required to register for the selective service.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

Director's Award, Executive Office of United States Attorneys, for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney (2021)

Leadership Greater Chicago, Signature Fellows Program (2020 – 2021)

Cook County Crime Stoppers Award (2019)

Chicago Crime Commission Excellence in Law Enforcement Award (2015, 2016)

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Student-Funded Public Interest Fellowships Young Alumni Award (2016)

Order of the Coif, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (2006)

Julius H. Miner Moot Court Competition: Winner and “Best Speaker” (2005)

*Northwestern University Law Review* (2004 – 2006)

Christopher J. Georges Journalism Fellowship, The Nieman Foundation (2000)

John Harvard Scholarship, Harvard College (approximately 1997 – 2000)

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

American Inns of Court, Chicago Chapter (2023 – present)

Appellate Lawyers Association (2021 – present)

Women’s White Collar Defense Association (2021 – 2022)

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

- a. List the date(s) you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.

Illinois, 2007

There have been no lapses in membership.

- b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require special admission to practice.

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2022

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2008

There have been no lapses in membership.

11. **Memberships:**

- a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana (2019 – present)

Harvard Club of Chicago (2000 – present) (intermittent)

Law360, Appellate Editorial Advisory Board Member (2022)

Leadership Greater Chicago (2020 – present)

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Center for Practice Engagement and Innovation, Advisory Board (2015)

Young Professionals Board for the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago (now known as Legal Aid Chicago) (2009 – 2013)

- b. The American Bar Association's Commentary to its Code of Judicial Conduct states that it is inappropriate for a judge to hold membership in any organization that invidiously discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion, or national origin. Indicate whether any of the organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

The Women's White Collar Defense Association and Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana are professional networking and public service organizations, respectively, that extend membership only to women and girls. To the best of my knowledge, none of the other organizations listed above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin, either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

12. **Published Writings and Public Statements:**

- a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Supply four (4) copies of all published material to the Committee.

I have done my best to identify all published material that I have written. I have done so by reviewing my personal files and searching publicly available electronic databases. Still, there may be materials that I have been unable to identify. I have not included multiple entries for publications that were also published in a shortened form or under an alternate headline in certain editions.

With Patricia Brown Holmes, John K. Theis, and Abigail L. Peluso, *An Allied Front Against Ransomware*, Best Lawyers, Nov. 4, 2021. Copy supplied.

With Kelly Warner, *What DOJ Government Monitoring Guidance Can Teach Companies*, Law360, Sept. 9, 2021. Copy supplied.

With Ronald J. Allen, *Utility and Truth in the Scholarship of Mirjan Damaska*, in J. Jackson, M. Langer, and P. Tillers (eds.), *Crime, Procedure and Evidence in a Comparative and International Context: Essays in Honor of Mirjan R. Damaska*, 342–362 (2008). Copy supplied.

With Katherine Shaw, *Foreword*, 100 Nw. U. L. Rev. I (2006). Copy supplied.

Keeping The Old Sheet Flying: 125 Years of *The Harvard Crimson* (2002). Contributed chapter titled “Gone Are the Good Ole Boys.” Copy supplied.

*Test Prep: What Bush Can Learn From a Tryout of School Reform in Massachusetts*. The Washington Monthly, March 2001. Copy supplied.

*Five Minutes of Your Time*, The Harvard Crimson, June 8, 2000. Copy supplied.

With Melissa K. Crocker, *What Was News*, The Harvard Crimson, June 8, 2000. Copy supplied.

*Fifteen Minutes: Sealed with a Kiss*, The Harvard Crimson, Apr. 20, 2000. Copy supplied.

50 Successful Harvard Application Essays. With analysis by the staff of *The Harvard Crimson* (1999). Contributed “16 Steps to Success—That May or May Not Prove to Be Surefire” and additional analysis. Copy supplied.

*Ice cream guru wants feds to trim fat*, The Baltimore Sun, Sept. 1, 1999. Copy supplied.

*Atlantans eye bicycles as a path to cleaner air*, The Baltimore Sun, Aug. 25, 1999. Copy supplied.

*In D.C., a summer slumber*, The Baltimore Sun, Aug. 20, 1999. Copy supplied.

*Downhill fast for U.S. Luge Association in D.C.*, The Baltimore Sun, Aug. 14, 1999. Copy supplied.

With Peter Hermann and Scott Shane, *Enforcement of limits on water begins*, The Baltimore Sun, Aug. 7, 1999. Copy supplied.

*A melding of passion and money*, The Baltimore Sun, July 29, 1999. Copy supplied.

*D.C. visitors are disappointed that tours of FBI are canceled*, The Baltimore Sun, July 27, 1999. Copy supplied.

*Balancing The Books*, The Baltimore Sun, July 22, 1999. Copy supplied.

With Ellen Gamerman, *Kennedy myth dims across generations*, The Baltimore Sun, July 20, 1999. Copy supplied.

*Many feel drawn to visit Arlington*, The Baltimore Sun, July 19, 1999. Copy supplied.

*Team works to save nation's symbol*, The Baltimore Sun, July 3, 1999. Copy supplied.

*Books upstage politicians*, The Baltimore Sun, June 27, 1999. Copy supplied.

*Starting down that slippery slope*, The Baltimore Sun, June 25, 1999. Copy supplied.

With Vasant M. Kamath, *Police question Yale U. professor in student homicide*, University Wire, Dec. 10, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Epps to Retire After 28-Year Tenure*, The Harvard Crimson, Nov. 23, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Hitting the Superhighway*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 29, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Reinventing RAZA*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 19, 1998. Copy supplied.

With Marc J. Ambinder, *One Dead, Two Hurt In Local Shooting*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 19, 1998. Copy supplied.

With Joyce K. McIntyre, *Law: Recruiting Also Runs Rampant at HLS*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 15, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Junior Will Face 2nd Custody Battle*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 15, 1998. Copy supplied.

With Kamil E. Redmond, *Let's Move On*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 8, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Down With the Queen*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 7, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Harshbarger To Face Cellucci In November*, The Harvard Crimson, Sept. 16, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Candidates Garner Harvard Donations*, The Harvard Crimson, Sept. 15, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Primary concern for Cellucci, Harshbarger*, University Wire, Sept. 14, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Nelson Mandela To Receive Rare Harvard Honor*, The Harvard Crimson, Sept. 8, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Water Skiers Raise Funds for Saint Francis*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 29, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Germantown Hills Worker Stripped of Supervisory Role*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 28, 1998. Copy supplied.

*2,100 Students Ready for Class*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 24, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Expo Caters to Seniors' Interests*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 23, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Event Makes Waves for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 23, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Lawmakers, Academics Applaud Clinton Move*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 21, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Heights Board Approves Pay Raises for Officials*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 19, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Experts: Scandal Not Over*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 18, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Rally Has Children Yearning for Learning*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 16, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Schools Across Country Share a Search for Subs*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 11, 1998. Copy supplied.



*Small Fire District Gets Big Donation*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 10, 1998.  
Copy supplied.

*Truth or Dare: Name Is Part of the Game*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 9, 1998.  
Copy supplied.

*Grand Jury Indicts Driver in Boat Crash*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 8, 1998.  
Copy supplied.

*Counties Put Out Call for Election Judges*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 8, 1998.  
Copy supplied.

*Corinne Wood Conducts Old-Fashioned Campaign*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 8, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Sex in the Heartland*, The Harvard Crimson, Aug. 7, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Some Peoria Heights Officials May See Pay Raise*, The Peoria Journal Star, Aug. 5, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Glen Cove Park May Be Taken Off Auction*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 31, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Singers on Threshold of the Performance of a Lifetime*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 30, 1998. Copy supplied.

*With Andy Kravetz, Murder Suspect Has History of Abuse*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 29, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Conservationist Completes 2,600-Mile Ride*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 28, 1998. Copy supplied.

*No Answers So Far in Ex-Peorian's Death*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 27, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Haves Versus the Have Nots: Corn Stock Prepares for a Musical Social Commentary*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 26, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Young Peorian Stands on Top of North America*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 22, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Residents Dip, Sip Their Way Through the Heat*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 21, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Not Your Typical Mayoral Race*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 20, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Another Parachutist Dies in Ottawa Event*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 20, 1998. Copy supplied.

*It's Bluetown Once Again*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 19, 1998. Copy supplied.

*It's Been a Long Ride From Boat Person to Medical Doctor*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 19, 1998. Copy supplied.

*A Day Without Mourning at Springdale*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 19, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Raising a Winner Becoming a Lost Art*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 17, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Who Owns This Park? Auction Soon Will Decide*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 15, 1998. Copy supplied.

*2nd Strip Club Opens in Kappa*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 15, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Spells, Songs, Spirit of America at Fair*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 13, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Illinois River Becomes Combat Zone for a Day*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 12, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Peoria Heights Village Board Lets Library Board Issue Bonds*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 8, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Relay for Life Proves a Hot Way To Raise Cancer Funds*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 7, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Thrill Rides*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 6, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Second Skydiver Falls to His Death*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 6, 1998. Copy supplied.

*New Technology Adds Excitement to Rides*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 6, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Thousands Renew Faith at Carver*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 5, 1998. Copy supplied.

With Valerie Lilley, *Businesses Cleaning Up from Storm*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 2, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Resigning Superintendent Quickly Replaced*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 1, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Elevator Carries Visitors in Tower Again*, The Peoria Journal Star, July 1, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Reported Tornado Blows Lid Off Morton*, The Peoria Journal Star, June 30, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Protesters Add Bite to Wienermobile's Visit*, The Peoria Journal Star, June 29, 1998. Copy supplied.

With Andy Kravetz, *Peoria May Be Next Target Area for Meth Trafficking*, The Peoria Journal Star, June 26, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Seat Belt Law May Prove Effective*, The Peoria Journal Star, June 23, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Steamboat Festival Focuses on Families*, The Peoria Journal Star, June 20, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Homestead Up in Smoke*, The Peoria Journal Star, June 18, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Minister's Death Leaves a Wake of Sorrow*, The Peoria Journal Star, June 16, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Won't You Be Mine*, The Harvard Crimson, June 4, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Personal Politics*, The Harvard Crimson, June 4, 1998. Copy supplied.

With David A. Fahrenthold, *6,236 Graduate Harvard Today*, University Wire, June 4, 1998. Copy supplied.

*First Lady Diagnoses Nation's Family and Health-Care Ills*, The Harvard Crimson, June 3, 1998. Copy supplied.

With Jenny E. Heller, *Radcliffe Reassessment Spurs Campus Feminists to Ponder Future*, The Harvard Crimson, Apr. 20, 1998. Copy supplied.

*The Reporter's Notebook*, The Harvard Crimson, Apr. 8, 1998. Copy supplied.

*GSE Students Accuse Grendel's Den of Racial Discrimination*, The Harvard Crimson, Mar. 30, 1998. Copy supplied.

With James Y. Stern, *Evidence Suggests Okrent's Death Was Likely Suicide*, University Wire, Mar. 18, 1998. Copy supplied.

With James Stern, *Harvard Junior Stabbed Dead*, The Daily Pennsylvanian, Mar. 17, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Owner Says Tasty Will Make Return*, The Harvard Crimson, Feb. 25, 1998. Copy supplied.

*The Bee: A Club of Their Own*, The Harvard Crimson, Feb. 17, 1998. Copy supplied.

*Coles to Receive Highest U.S. Civilian Honor*, The Harvard Crimson, Jan. 12, 1998. Copy supplied.

With Lori Diamond, *Harvard Assists Student Mothers*, The Harvard Crimson, Dec. 15, 1997. Copy supplied.

With Lori Diamond, *Student Moms Juggle Schoolwork, Parenting*, The Harvard Crimson, Dec. 12, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Corporal Works of Mercy: How Catholics find creative ways to make the Word flesh*, U.S. Catholic, Dec. 1997. Copy supplied.

*Jiang Addresses Harvard, America*, The Harvard Crimson, Nov. 3, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Enigmatic Group Seeks To Burnish Its Image*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 27, 1997. Copy supplied.

With Andrew K. Mandel, *True Confessions of a Harvard Slacker*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 24, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Kinky Motion: Vibrator Vendor Hubba Hubba Moves to Central Square*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 1, 1997. Copy supplied.

*KSG Student Presidential Hopefuls Face Off in Debate*, The Harvard Crimson, Sept. 23, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Textbook Trends*, The Harvard Crimson, June 5, 1997. Copy supplied.

*PBHA Strives for Autonomy from University*, The Harvard Crimson, June 5, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Jones Urges Peace and Love*, The Harvard Crimson, June 5, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Exercises Honor Phi Beta Kappa Seniors*, The Harvard Crimson, June 4, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Microsoft Gets Crimson Tinge*, The Harvard Crimson, June 3, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Student Groups May Not Receive Early Housing*, The Harvard Crimson, May 2, 1997. Copy supplied.

*BSA Hosts Rap Symposium*, The Harvard Crimson, May 1, 1997. Copy supplied.

With David A. Fahrenthold and Chana R. Schoenberger, *Three Scholars Tenured in FAS*, The Harvard Crimson, Apr. 25, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Nantucket Denied Variance*, The Harvard Crimson, Apr. 25, 1997. Copy supplied.

*History of La Flamme*, The Harvard Crimson, Apr. 23, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Affirmative Action Plan Released*, The Harvard Crimson, Apr. 18, 1997. Copy supplied.

*White House Adviser Will Join K-School*, The Harvard Crimson, Apr. 11, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Prefrosh Plan Falls Hundreds of Hosts Short*, The Harvard Crimson, Apr. 11, 1997. Copy supplied.

*John Leonard Speaks at Ed School*, The Harvard Crimson, Mar. 20, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Alumnus Helps Legions of Tourists Find Their Way*, The Harvard Crimson, Mar. 19, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Students Will Face 4.1 Percent Tuition Increase*, The Harvard Crimson, Mar. 13, 1997. Copy supplied.

*City Manager Approves Increased School Budget*, The Harvard Crimson, Mar. 6, 1997. Copy supplied.

Contributing reporter. *Carnesale Will Be Named UCLA Chancellor*, The Harvard Crimson, Mar. 6, 1997. Copy supplied.

With Ariel R. Frank, *Section Sizes Worry Faculty*, The Harvard Crimson, Feb. 21, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Revamping VES*, The Harvard Crimson, Feb. 21, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Innovative Banneker School Serves City's Minority Students*, The Harvard Crimson, Feb. 19, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Gibson Eats Dog Food, Accepts Pudding Pot*, The Harvard Crimson, Feb. 19, 1997. Copy supplied.

*UHS: Clean Bill of Health?*, The Harvard Crimson, Feb. 14, 1997. Copy supplied.

*Class Works on the Web*, The Harvard Crimson, Nov. 22, 1996. Copy supplied.

*Admissions Office Surveys Students*, The Harvard Crimson, Nov. 20, 1996. Copy supplied.

*PfoHo Dedicates Room To Masters*, The Harvard Crimson, Nov. 20, 1996. Copy supplied.

*What's On Tap*, The Harvard Crimson, Nov. 2, 1996. Copy supplied.

*City Considers Protection of Rent*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 29, 1996. Copy supplied.

*After-school Programs Throw Halloween Party*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 28, 1996. Copy supplied.

*NBC Nightly News Will Feature Rev. Gomes*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 24, 1996. Copy supplied.

*Veritas Forum Explores Christianity at Harvard*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 21, 1996. Copy supplied.

*Caribbean Leader Pays Harvard Visit*, The Harvard Crimson, Sept. 28, 1996. Copy supplied.

*Tenants Petition to Purchase Part of the Craigie Circle Apartments*, The Harvard Crimson, Sept. 24, 1996. Copy supplied.

With Brett Schaeffer, *Five scripture scholars pick their golden oldies*, U.S. Catholic, Nov. 1996. Copy supplied. I do not recall writing or contributing to this article, which I found running database searches. It was published in November 1996, and I had no affiliation with U.S. Catholic until the summer of 1997, when I

was an intern at the magazine. I believe my name is associated with the article by mistake. Nonetheless, I am supplying it out of an abundance of caution.

- b. Supply four (4) copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

None.

- c. Supply four (4) copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

April 24, 2023, Letter to Senators Richard J. Durbin and Lindsey O. Graham, in support of nomination of Eric G. Olshan as United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Copy supplied.

- d. Supply (4) copies, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks you have delivered, including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place where they were delivered, and readily available press reports about the speech or talk. If you do not have a copy of the speech or a transcript or recording of your remarks, give the name and address of the group before whom the speech was given, the date of the speech, and a summary of its subject matter. If you did not speak from a prepared text, furnish a copy of any outline or notes from which you spoke.

February 21, 2023: Panelist, "Becoming an AUSA," Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Alumni Association and Career Strategy Center, Chicago, Illinois. The panel was on the process of becoming an Assistant United States Attorney and the work of an Assistant United States Attorney. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Northwestern Pritzker School of Law is 357 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

April 26, 2022: Moderator, Panel Discussion Regarding "How Unappealing: An Empirical Analysis of the Gender Gap Among Appellate Attorneys," Sidley Austin LLP and Women's White Collar Defense Association, Chicago, Illinois. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Sidley Austin LLP is 1 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 6063. The address for the Women's White Collar Defense Association is 4401-A Connecticut Avenue NW #185, Washington, DC 20008.

March 29, 2022: Guest Speaker, First-Year Legal Research and Writing course, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The discussion concerned my career path, including my work as an appellate advocate, and guidance I could provide to students regarding preparing for their first moot court competition. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The relevant address is Susannah B. Tobin, Senior Lecturer on Law, Harvard Law School, 1585 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

March 10, 2022: Guest Speaker, Government Externships Seminar, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois. The discussion concerned effective written advocacy. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The relevant address is Adjunct Professor Saurish Appleby-Bhattacharjee, DePaul University College of Law, 25 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

February 11, 2022: Moderator, Leadership Greater Chicago, Signature Fellows Class of 2021, Chicago, Illinois. The panel was on Chicago's violence epidemic and featured a former federal prosecutor and a Chicago police officer. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Leadership Greater Chicago is 205 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

November 4, 2021: Co-moderator, "From White Collar Practice to In-House Roles: The View from the Other Side," Women's White Collar Defense Association and Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP, Chicago Illinois. Presentation supplied.

October 20, 2021: Guest Speaker, course on "Justice, Equity, and Opportunity: Shifting Approaches to Criminal Justice Reform," Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois. The discussion concerned my work as a federal prosecutor, including my work investigating civil rights and hate crimes offenses. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The relevant address is Professor Quinn Kareem Rallins, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 357 East Chicago Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60611.

June 9, 2021: Speaker, Overview of Federal Hate Crime Laws, Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of Greater Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. Presentation supplied.

October 27, 2020: Speaker, "Protecting Places of Worship," American Jewish Committee, Chicago, Illinois. Presentation supplied.

January 10, 2020: Speaker, "Protecting Places of Worship," Waukegan Police Department and the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, Waukegan, Illinois. Notes and presentation supplied.



November 9, 2019: Speaker, "Protecting Places of Worship," Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago, Burr Ridge, Illinois. Notes and presentation supplied.

March 31, 2016: Remarks, Student-Funded Public Interest Fellowships Alumni Dinner, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois. I thanked the Student-Funded Public Interest Fellowships program for honoring with me its Young Alumni Award and thanked the law school for encouraging me to pursue a career in public service. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Northwestern Pritzker School of Law is 357 East Chicago Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60611.

February 3, 2016: Panelist, Judicial Law Clerks, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois. The panel was about judicial clerkships. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 357 East Chicago Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Between 2016 and 2019 (approximately): Panelist, Careers in Public Service, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois. The panel was on careers in public service. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Northwestern Pritzker School of Law is 357 East Chicago Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60611.

May 21, 2008: Commencement Speaker, Resurrection College Prep High School, River Forest, Illinois. My speech was about my time at Resurrection and my advice to graduates. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for Resurrection College Prep High School is 7500 West Talcott Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60631.

- e. List all interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these interviews and copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

*Riley Safer Adds Experienced IP, White Collar Partners*, Law360, Aug. 9, 2021. Copy supplied.

*Ex-prosecutor, Reed Smith hiring partner jump to Chicago's Riley Safer*, Reuters, Aug. 4, 2021. Copy supplied.

*If Only the Paper Came*, The Harvard Crimson, Oct. 22, 1999. Copy supplied.

*Point Man on Campus: Dean Archie Epps Quietly Transformed Face of Harvard*, Boston Globe, Apr. 6, 1999. Copy supplied.

13. **Judicial Office:** State (chronologically) any judicial offices you have held, including positions as an administrative law judge, whether such position was elected or appointed, and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court.

I have not held judicial office.

- a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment? \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:  
jury trials: \_\_\_\_%;  
bench trials: \_\_\_\_% [total 100%]
  - ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:  
civil proceedings? \_\_\_\_%;  
criminal proceedings? \_\_\_\_% [total 100%]
- b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.
- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).
- d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the case.
- e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.
- f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.
- g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.

- h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.
- i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.

14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal. (If your court employs an “automatic” recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

I have not held judicial office.

- a. whether your recusal was requested by a motion or other suggestion by a litigant or a party to the proceeding or by any other person or interested party; or if you recused yourself sua sponte;
- b. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal;
- c. the procedure you followed in determining whether or not to recuse yourself;
- d. your reason for recusing or declining to recuse yourself, including any action taken to remove the real, apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other ground for recusal.

15. **Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:**

- a. List chronologically any public offices you have held, other than judicial offices, including the terms of service and whether such positions were elected or appointed. If appointed, please include the name of the individual who appointed you. Also, state chronologically any unsuccessful candidacies you have had for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

None.

- b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and responsibilities.

In approximately the fall of 2008, I spent one afternoon conducting door-to-door canvassing in northwest Indiana in support of then-presidential candidate Barack Obama.

16. **Legal Career:** Answer each part separately.

a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:

- i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

From 2006 to 2007, I clerked for the Honorable Marsha S. Berzon of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

From 2007 to 2008, I clerked for the Honorable Milton I. Shadur of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

- ii. whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and dates;

I have not practiced law alone.

- iii. the dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been affiliated, and the nature of your affiliation with each;

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- iv. whether you served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and, if so, a description of the 10 most significant matters with which you were involved in that capacity.

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator.

b. Describe:

- i. the general character of your law practice and indicate by date when its character has changed over the years;

From 2006 through 2008, I served as a judicial law clerk, assisting with research, writing, and drafting legal opinions.

In between my clerkships, during the summer of 2007, I was a summer associate at Sidley Austin LLP, where I conducted legal research and drafted memoranda on topics pertinent to complex commercial litigation.

From 2008 through 2012, I worked at Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP. From 2008 through 2011, I was an associate. In 2012, I became a partner. At Bartlit Beck, I worked on breach of contract claims, accounting- and tax-related disputes, and mass tort and product liability matters, including class actions and multi-district litigation. I researched and wrote legal memoranda, handled pretrial discovery matters, took and defended depositions, and drafted and argued dispositive motions. I was a member of approximately six trial teams. As a trial lawyer, I prepared and examined witnesses, drafted examination outlines, wrote and argued motions, and prepared jury instructions. At one trial, I delivered the opening statement and closing argument. Of the six trial teams on which I participated while I worked at Bartlit Beck, three matters were tried to verdict, while the parties settled the remaining matters either in the middle of trial or on the eve thereof.

From 2013 through 2021, I was an Assistant United States Attorney for the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois. For the first four years, I worked in the General Crimes and Narcotics and Money Laundering sections. I handled all aspects of criminal investigation

and prosecution, including grand jury proceedings, discovery matters, pretrial motion practice, trials and post-trial motions, sentencings, and appeals. I prosecuted a wide variety of federal crimes that increased in complexity over time, including violations of laws related to drugs, firearms, fraud, cybercrimes, national security, civil rights, child exploitation, human trafficking, tax, and public corruption. During this time, my work was entirely criminal.

Beginning in approximately 2017, I continued my investigative and trial-related work, but I also briefed and argued an increasing number of matters before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

From 2019 through 2021, I served as Deputy Chief of Appeals. In that role, I continued my investigative and trial-related work and continued to personally handle criminal appeals. I also supervised other prosecutors, including by editing appellate briefs, assisting other prosecutors as they prepared for oral argument, and supervising other prosecutors in district court matters that raised complex legal issues.

From 2019 through 2021, I also served as Civil Rights and Hate Crimes Program Coordinator. In that role, I worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to review allegations regarding the use of excessive force by law enforcement and hate crimes for potential investigation and prosecution. I also supervised prosecutors who were assigned to investigate these matters.

In 2021 and 2022, I was a partner at Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP. My practice there was primarily civil. I worked on disputes involving non-compete clauses in employment contracts and investigated claims of race-based employment discrimination and the theft of trade secrets. I also represented individual clients in criminal matters.

Beginning in 2022 through the present, I have served as Chief of Appeals for the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois. In this role, I oversee all aspects of the office's criminal practice in the Seventh Circuit, including all briefs and oral arguments. I also serve as chief legal adviser to the United States Attorney and other senior leaders of the office on complex legal and strategic issues, including issues regarding the Constitution, statutory interpretation, jury instructions, the Sentencing Guidelines, and emerging investigative techniques. I further provide legal guidance to all prosecutors on indictments, grand jury practice, critical pretrial motions, jury instructions, and issues arising during trial.

- ii. your typical clients and the areas at each period of your legal career, if any, in which you have specialized.

At Bartlit Beck, I represented corporations in civil litigation matters.

At Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila, I represented both corporations and individuals, and my work involved civil litigation, criminal defense, and internal investigations.

As an Assistant United States Attorney, I represent the United States in criminal prosecutions at every stage of litigation, from investigation through post-conviction proceedings.

- c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

From 2008 through 2012, as both an associate and partner at Bartlit Beck, I occasionally appeared in both state and federal courts, although there were periods of time (for example, in the lead-up to, and during, trials) when my court appearances were frequent. My work at Bartlit Beck was solely litigation.

From 2013 through 2021, and from 2022 through the present, as an Assistant United States Attorney, I regularly appear in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. As an Assistant United States Attorney, my work has been solely litigation.

From 2021 through 2022, as a partner at Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila, I appeared in court on approximately two occasions. On one occasion, I argued multiple motions in a state-court preliminary injunction hearing. On the second occasion, I represented a criminal defendant during a change of plea hearing in the Northern District of Illinois. My work at Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila primarily involved litigation, although I also worked on internal investigations.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. federal courts:	90%
2. state courts of record:	10%
3. other courts:	0%
4. administrative agencies:	0%

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. civil proceedings:	30%
2. criminal proceedings:	70%

- d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

I have tried 10 cases to verdict. I have tried eight cases to verdict in federal court. I tried seven of these eight cases in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. I tried the eighth case in the United States Court of Federal Claims. Of the seven cases that I have tried in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, I tried six cases with one other Assistant United States Attorney; the seventh case I tried with one Assistant United States Attorney and one trial attorney from the Department of Justice's Counterespionage Section. I was co-counsel on the case in the United States Court of Federal Claims. I was co-counsel in one confidential arbitration tried before a three-judge panel from the American Arbitration Association. I have tried one case in Illinois state court and was sole trial counsel in that matter. I have argued approximately 30 appeals in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
  - 1. jury: 70%
  - 2. non-jury: 30%

- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

I have never practiced before the Supreme Court of the United States.

17. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

- a. the date of representation;
- b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated;
- c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

- 1. *Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. v. Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., et al.*, No. 2184CV02828 (Mass. Dist. Ct.) (Ham, J.)

I served as counsel for global insurance brokerage firm, Arthur J. Gallagher & Company, in litigation against its competitor, Alliant Insurance Services, and former Gallagher employees, in which Gallagher alleged breaches of non-compete clauses in employment agreements, tortious interference, and related claims. As part of this representation, I



engaged in pretrial discovery practice, defended Gallagher witnesses in several depositions, prepared examination outlines for depositions of several Alliant witnesses, researched and drafted discovery-related motions as well as a motion for a preliminary injunction, and argued motions at a preliminary injunction hearing. After I was no longer employed at Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila, the matter settled.

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2. *United States v. Gordon et al.*, No. 19 CR 873 (N.D. Ill.) (previously Dow, J.; currently Ellis, J.)

I represented the United States in this eight-defendant wire and honest services fraud prosecution. Mr. Gordon was a former Vice Chancellor of Legislative and Community Affairs for City Colleges of Chicago. Working with several other co-defendants (including Mr. Gordon's ex-wife and other City Colleges employees and contractors), Mr. Gordon fraudulently obtained contracts from City Colleges by, among other things, concealing the fact that he had personal relationships with the contract applicants and received kickbacks. I served as the lead prosecutor throughout the investigation and prosecution until shortly after Mr. Gordon pleaded guilty in June 2021. Thereafter, I

departed the United States Attorney's Office. All of Mr. Gordon's co-defendants have since pleaded guilty. Mr. Gordon received a sentence of 66 months' imprisonment, and his co-defendants who have been sentenced to date have received sentences of probation.

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3. *United States v. Webb et al.*, No. 17 CR 656 (N.D. Ill.) (Gettleman, J.); *United States v. Jarigese*, 999 F.3d 464 (7th Cir. 2021) (Rovner, Hamilton, St. Eve, JJ.)

I represented the United States in this four-defendant public-corruption matter, which resulted in the conviction of the former mayor of the Village of Markham (Mr. Webb), for taking nearly \$300,000 in bribes in exchange for awarding municipal contracts. Co-defendants included one contractor (Mr. Jarigese) who was convicted following a jury trial of paying more than \$80,000 in bribes to Mr. Webb and a second contractor who was convicted following a jury trial of making false statements to the FBI. I served as co-counsel throughout the investigation and much of the prosecution of this matter, including the sentencing hearings for Mr. Webb and Mr. Jarigese. (Owing to a maternity leave, I did not represent the United States in the trials of Mr. Jarigese and Mr. Summers.) Mr. Webb was sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment, Mr. Jarigese to 41 months' imprisonment, and Mr. Summers to a term of imprisonment of 12 months and one day. I also supervised the criminal appeal brought by Mr. Jarigese, which resulted in the Seventh Circuit affirming his conviction and sentence.

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4. *United States v. Daoud*, 980 F.3d 581 (7th Cir. 2020) (Ripple, Brennan, St. Eve, JJ.)

I represented the United States in this criminal appeal in which the government contended that the district court had imposed a substantively unreasonable sentence on the defendant. Pursuant to an *Alford* plea, Mr. Daoud was convicted of attempting to detonate a bomb that would have killed hundreds of people in downtown Chicago; soliciting the murder of an FBI agent; and stabbing a fellow inmate in his sleep. The district court sentenced Mr. Daoud to a 16-year term of imprisonment; by comparison, the Sentencing Guidelines recommended life imprisonment. The Seventh Circuit agreed with the government's position that a 16-year term of imprisonment was substantively unreasonable in light of the severity of Mr. Daoud's offenses. The appeals court vacated Mr. Daoud's sentence and remanded for a new sentencing hearing. A new sentence has not yet been imposed.

Date of representation: 2019 – 2020

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5. *United States v. Berrios et al.*, No. 12 CR 853 (Zagel, J. and Kennelly, J.); *United States v. Berrios*, 990 F.3d 528 (7th Cir. 2021) (Sykes, Wood, Brennan, JJ.)

I represented the United States in criminal proceedings against four co-defendants who operated a robbery crew in 2012 and engaged in more than two dozen armed robberies or attempted armed robberies of Chicago cell phone stores, currency exchanges, dollar stores, and retail pharmacies. The co-defendants were charged with robbery-related offenses under the federal Hobbs Act as well as federal firearms violations. Working with another Assistant United States Attorney, I represented the United States in the investigation and grand jury phases of this matter; at the sentencing hearings of Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Revis; and at Mr. Berrios's jury trial. At that jury trial, I argued motions, examined witnesses, and presented the government's closing argument. I further represented the United States on Mr. Berrios's direct appeal, editing the government's response brief and overseeing oral argument preparations by another prosecutor. The Seventh Circuit affirmed Mr. Berrios's conviction and 360-month sentence.

Date of representation: 2013 – 2021

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6. *United States v. Proano*, No. 16 CR 590 (N.D. Ill.) (Feinerman, J.), *aff'd*, 912 F.3d 431 (7th Cir. 2019) (Kanne, Hamilton, St. Eve, JJ.)

I represented the United States in all proceedings in this criminal civil rights prosecution of a former Chicago police officer. Mr. Proano was convicted by a jury of using excessive force under color of law when he fired 16 bullets into a car with six black teenagers as passengers, striking two of them. I served as lead prosecutor throughout the investigation of Mr. Proano, handling witness proffers, grand jury proceedings, and pretrial motion practice. At Mr. Proano's jury trial, I examined multiple witnesses, presented the government's opening statement, and delivered the government's rebuttal argument. I also served as lead prosecutor at Mr. Proano's sentencing, where he received a five-year term of imprisonment. I further handled the criminal appeal, writing the government's response brief and arguing the merits case. The Seventh Circuit affirmed. (Another prosecutor handled an aspect of the appeal from which I was recused, as it involved an alleged violation of Mr. Proano's Fifth Amendment rights under *Garrity v. New Jersey*, 385 U.S. 493 (1967). Like the district court, the Seventh Circuit found no such violation.)

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7. *United States v. Reynolds*, No. 15 CR 389 (N.D. Ill.) (Gettleman, J.)

I represented the United States in criminal proceedings against a former United States congressman on charges that Mr. Reynolds failed to file income tax returns in four calendar years. I was assigned to the matter after one of the original investigating prosecutors left the United States Attorney's Office. Working with another Assistant United States Attorney, I handled Mr. Reynolds' bench trial at the conclusion of which he was convicted on all four counts. During the trial, I argued motions, examined witnesses, and presented the government's closing argument. I also represented the government in the sentencing proceedings against Mr. Reynolds, which resulted in a six-month term of imprisonment.

Date of representation: 2016 – 2018

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8. *United States v. Narvaez*, No. 10 CR 759 (N.D. Ill.) (Tharp, J.)

In this criminal matter, Mr. Narvaez was charged with conspiring to distribute cocaine, using a telephone to facilitate that conspiracy, and distributing cocaine on three separate occasions. Along with another Assistant United States Attorney, I represented the United



States at Mr. Narvaez's trial. There, I prepared and argued motions in limine, prepared jury instructions, examined witnesses, and presented the government's closing argument. The jury convicted Mr. Narvaez on all counts, and he was ultimately sentenced to a total term of 72 months' imprisonment.

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9. *United States v. Turner*, No. 13 CR 572 (N.D. Ill.) (Bucklo, J.), 2014 WL 4783002 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 23, 2014), 2014 WL 4703468 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 22, 2014), 2014 WL 4699708 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 22, 2014), and 2014 WL 3905873 (N.D. Ill. July 29, 2014); *United States v. Turner*, No. 15-1175, 836 F.3d 849 (7th Cir. 2016) (Kanne, Rovner, Sykes, JJ.); *United States v. Turner*, No. 15-1175, 840 F.3d 336 (7th Cir. 2016) (Kanne, Rovner, Sykes, JJ.)

I represented the United States in criminal proceedings against a defendant who was convicted following a jury trial of violating the International Emergency Powers Act by willfully conspiring to provide political lobbying services on behalf of, or for the benefit of, Zimbabwean government officials, including former Zimbabwean president Robert Mugabe, without a license from the United States Treasury Department. I was assigned to the matter after one of the original investigating prosecutors developed a scheduling conflict with the trial date. Working with another Assistant United States Attorney and a trial attorney from the Department of Justice's Counterespionage Section, I represented the United States in Mr. Turner's jury trial. During the trial, I argued motions, examined witnesses, and presented the government's opening statement. I also represented the government in the sentencing proceedings against Mr. Turner, which resulted in a 15-month term of imprisonment. I further represented the United States on direct appeal by co-authoring the government's response brief. The Seventh Circuit affirmed defendant's conviction and sentence in two separate opinions, including a supplemental classified opinion.

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10. *Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. v. United States*, 110 Fed. Cl. 210 (Fed. Cl. 2013) (Lettow, J.), *aff'd*, 773 F.3d 1315 (Fed. Cir. 2014) (Dyk, Taranto, Chen, JJ.)

I represented Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation in a dispute with the United States over whether Sikorsky's accounting practices complied with the Cost Accounting Standards set forth at 48 C.F.R. § 9904.418. The government had issued a final decision finding that Sikorsky's method of allocating overhead costs was not in compliance with those regulations and asserting a claim against Sikorsky for approximately \$80 million in combined principal and interest. Sikorsky challenged that determination in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and, following a bench trial, the court held that the government had failed to establish by a preponderance of the evidence that Sikorsky's accounting practices violated the relevant regulations. In the Court of Federal Claims, I represented Sikorsky in the complaint phase; in pretrial discovery, including extensive document review and production and depositions; in summary judgment proceedings, in which I drafted and argued Sikorsky's opposition to summary judgment; and at the bench trial, in which I examined multiple witnesses. I also drafted Sikorsky's post-hearing briefs. After

I left Bartlit Beck, the Court of Federal Claims returned its verdict in Sikorsky's favor and the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed that judgment.  
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18. **Legal Activities:** Describe the most significant legal activities you have pursued, including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not involve litigation. Describe fully the nature of your participation in these activities. List any client(s) or organization(s) for whom you performed lobbying activities and describe the lobbying activities you performed on behalf of such client(s) or organizations(s). (Note: As to any facts requested in this question, please omit any information protected by the attorney-client privilege.)

As a partner at Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila, I led confidential internal investigations into disputes over non-compete clauses in employment contracts, theft of trade secrets, and race-based employment discrimination.

As an Assistant United States Attorney, my activities have centered on the investigation and prosecution of federal crimes. At the investigation stage, my roles have included advising law enforcement agents; obtaining search warrants and wiretap orders; preparing extradition requests and requests for assistance from foreign governments; and meeting with and interviewing witnesses. At the charging stage, my responsibilities have included preparing criminal complaints and presenting cases to the grand jury. In charged charges, I have negotiated plea agreements, held proffer sessions with defendants, and represented the United States in district court proceedings, such as detention hearings, pretrial conferences, suppression conferences, guilty pleas, trials, and sentencing. As an Assistant United States Attorney, I have also served in the mentor program and on the hiring committee for the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois.

As Civil Rights and Hate Crimes Program Coordinator for the United States Attorney's Office in the Northern District of Illinois, I worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to review allegations regarding the use of excessive force by law enforcement and hate crimes for potential investigation and prosecution. This review often entailed conducting a preliminary investigation (for example, issuing subpoenas, reviewing evidence, interviewing witnesses), even if no formal grand jury investigation ultimately was opened and even if no charges eventually were brought.

As Chief of Appeals in the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, in addition to supervising every criminal appeal involving the office in the Seventh Circuit, I also advise on nearly every significant investigation, prosecution, and trial handled by the office. On a daily basis, I am consulted, and offer assistance, on a wide variety of legal issues, including indictments, suppression motions, jury instructions, grand jury practice, and emerging areas of criminal practice.

I have never performed any lobbying activities or registered as a lobbyist.

19. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide four (4) copies to the committee.

I have not taught any courses.

20. **Deferred Income/Future Benefits:** List the sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock, options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services, firm memberships, former employers, clients or customers. Describe the arrangements you have made to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

None.

21. **Outside Commitments During Service:** Do you have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during your service with the court? If so, explain.

None.

22. **Sources of Income:** List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

When my nomination is formally submitted to the Senate, I will file my Financial Disclosure Report and will supplement this Questionnaire with a copy of that report.

23. **Statement of Net Worth:** Please complete the attached financial net worth statement in detail (add schedules as called for).

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

- a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, categories of litigation, and financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest when you first assume the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you would address any such conflict if it were to arise.

If confirmed, I would follow the Code of Conduct for United States Judges and all other applicable principles covering recusal. I would anticipate recusal from any matter in which I ever played a role while at the United States Attorney's Office or in private practice, I would also recuse myself from any case involving Wintrust Bank, where my spouse is employed. I would further evaluate other conflicts or relationships that might give rise to the need for recusal on a case-by-case basis, seeking to determine the appropriate action for any real or potential conflicts.

- b. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest, including the procedure you would follow in determining these areas of concern.

I would consult and follow the guidance set forth in the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, as well as any other relevant canons, statutes, and rules. As appropriate, I also would seek advice and guidance from judicial colleagues and solicit the views of the relevant parties to determine whether recusal is appropriate.

25. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each.

While employed at Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila, I performed legal services on behalf of plaintiffs who had established their wrongful convictions by the State of Illinois and were thereafter pursuing legal remedies under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. *See, e.g., Blackmon v. City of Chicago*, 19 CV 767 (N.D. Ill.) (previously Kendall, J.; currently Jenkins, J.).

While employed as an Assistant United States Attorney, my ability to perform outside legal work, even when performed on a pro bono basis, has been substantially restricted. During my time as an Assistant United States Attorney, however, I have volunteered in the community in several ways: as an assistant troop leader for a Girl Scouts troop; as a food-distribution volunteer with New Life Centers; at my children's schools; and as a judge in the Anti-Defamation League Midwest's "First Amendment Freedoms Art & Essay Contest" for grades 6-12.

26. **Selection Process:**

- a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

In August 2023, Senators Durbin and Duckworth issued a public announcement seeking applicants to fill a vacancy created after a district judge announced his intention to assume senior status. On September 10, 2023, I submitted my application to the Senators' 11-member Screening Committee. On October 8, 2023, I interviewed with the Screening Committee. On November 8, 2023, I interviewed with Senator Duckworth. On November 10, 2023, I interviewed with Senator Durbin. On November 17, 2023, my name was on a list of six candidates that Senators Durbin and Duckworth submitted to the White House. On November 21, 2023, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. Since December 8, 2023, I have been in contact with officials at the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On February 21, 2024, the President announced his intent to nominate me.

- b. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a judicial nominee discussed with you any currently pending or specific case, legal issue or question

in a manner that could reasonably be interpreted as seeking any express or implied assurances concerning your position on such case, issue, or question? If so, explain fully.

No.