

**UNITED STATES SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES**

**PUBLIC**

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

Kevin Gafford Ritz

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

United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit

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

United States Attorney's Office  
Western District of Tennessee  
167 North Main Street, Suite 800  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

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

1974; Petersburg, Virginia

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.

2001 – 2004, University of Virginia School of Law; J.D., 2004

1997 – 1999, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service; M.S., 1999

1993 – 1997, University of Virginia; B.A., 1997

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.

2005 – present

United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee

167 North Main Street, Suite 800  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
United States Attorney (2022 – present)  
Special Counsel to the United States Attorney (2011 – 2022)  
Appellate Chief (2018 – 2022)  
Criminal Appellate Chief (2010 – 2018)  
Assistant United States Attorney (2005 – 2022)

2008 – 2016  
University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law  
1 North Front Street  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
Adjunct Professor

2004 – 2005  
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit  
167 North Main Street, Suite 970  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
Law Clerk to the Honorable Julia S. Gibbons

Summer 2004  
Burch, Porter & Johnson  
130 North Court Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
Summer Associate

Summer 2003  
Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (now WilmerHale)  
1875 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20006  
Summer Associate

Summer 2002  
Wyatt Tarrant & Combs  
6070 Poplar Avenue, Suite 300  
Memphis, Tennessee 38119  
Summer Associate

Summer 2002  
University of Virginia School of Law  
580 Massie Road  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903  
Research Assistant to Professor A.E. Dick Howard

1999 – 2001  
United States Department of State

2201 C Street, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20520  
Presidential Management Intern

1998 – 1999  
United States House of Representatives  
Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
Legislative Assistant to United States Representative Harold E. Ford, Jr.

Summer 1998  
United States Department of State  
2201 C Street, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20520  
Intern (uncompensated)

Spring 1998  
Office of the Vice President  
Old Executive Office Building  
1650 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20502  
Intern (uncompensated)

Other Affiliations (Uncompensated)

2023 – present  
City of Memphis Group Violence Intervention Program Advisory Board  
125 North Main Street, Suite 700  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
Board Member

2023 – present  
Memphis Shelby County Crime Commission  
600 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 400  
Memphis, Tennessee 38105  
Board Member

2022 – present  
Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)  
3748 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 200  
Metairie, Louisiana 70002  
Board Member

2022 – present  
Multi-Agency Gang Unit  
3657 Old Getwell Road  
Memphis, Tennessee 38118

Board Member

2007 – present

Idlewild Presbyterian Church

1750 Union Avenue

Memphis, Tennessee 38104

Recreation Committee Chairperson (2012 – 2013)

Deacon (2011 – 2013)

2004 – present

University of Virginia Alumni Association

211 Emmet Street South

Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

Reunions Committee Co-Chair (2006 – 2007, 2011 – 2012, 2016 – 2017, 2021 – 2022)

2017 – 2022

Appellate Practice Section

Tennessee Bar Association

3310 West End Avenue, #590

Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Executive Council Member

Chair (2020 – 2021)

Vice-Chair (2019 – 2020)

2007 – 2022

Jefferson Scholarship Memphis Regional Selection Committee

Jefferson Scholarship Foundation

112 Clarke Court

Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

Member

Chair (2016 – 2022)

1999 – 2021

Scottie City Limited Partnership

100 West Liberty Street, 12th Floor

Reno, Nevada 89501

Partner

2010 – 2018

Memphis/Mid-South Chapter

Federal Bar Association

P.O. Box 172345

Memphis, Tennessee 38119

Board Member (2010 – 2018)

President (2017)

President-Elect (2016)

Vice-President (2015)  
Treasurer (2014)  
Secretary (2013)  
Membership Committee Chair (2012)

2010 – 2018  
Cooper Young Community Association  
2298 Young Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38104  
Board Member (2010 – 2014)  
Treasurer (2011 – 2014)

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 timely registered 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.

Civic Hero, Impact Baptist Church (2023)

Memphis Shelby County Schools Alumni Hall of Fame (2023)

“Best of the Bar” Finalist, *Memphis Business Journal* (2020)

Spirit of Excellence Award, United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Tennessee (2018)

United States Attorney’s Award, United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Tennessee (2015)

“Top 40 Under 40” Award, *Memphis Business Journal* (2011)

Distinguished Service Award, United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Tennessee (2007)

University of Virginia School of Law  
James C. Slaughter Honor Award (2004)  
Order of the Coif (2004)  
Ritter Prize (2003)  
Dillard Scholar (2001)

Georgetown University School of Foreign Service  
Foy Scholar (1998)  
Dean's Award for Academic Excellence (1998)

University of Virginia  
Raven Society Award (2004)  
Lawn Resident (1996 – 1997)  
Phi Beta Kappa (1996)  
Omicron Delta Kappa (1996)  
The Raven Society (1996)  
Echols Scholar (1993)  
Jefferson Scholar (1993)

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.

City of Memphis Group Violence Intervention Program Advisory Board  
Board Member (2023 – present)

City of Memphis Public Safety Task Force (2024 – present)

Federal Bar Association, Memphis/Mid-South Chapter, Board Member (2010 – 2018)  
President (2017)  
President-Elect (2016)  
Vice-President (2015)  
Treasurer (2014)  
Secretary (2013)  
Membership Committee Chair (2012)

Federal Reentry Council, Western District of Tennessee

Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)  
Board Member (2022 – present)

Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inn of Court

Memphis Bar Association

Memphis Bar Association Leadership Forum Class

Memphis Bar Foundation

Memphis Shelby County Crime Commission  
Board Member (2023 – present)

Multi-Agency Gang Unit  
Board Member (2022 – present)

Sixth Circuit Criminal Pattern Jury Instruction Committee

Tennessee Bar Association  
Appellate Practice Section Chair (2020 – 2021)  
Vice-Chair (2019 – 2020)

Tennessee Bar Association Leadership Law Class

Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility Hearing Committee

The Appellate Project Mentorship Program

United States Attorney General’s Advisory Committee Subcommittees: Civil Rights,  
Terrorism and National Security, Violent and Organized Crime

United States Department of Justice Appellate Chiefs Working Group

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.

Tennessee, 2004

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.

Supreme Court of the United States, 2010  
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2004  
United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, 2005

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.

Born in the Que S. A. Barbecue Team (2007 – 2020)

Boscocycling Team (2012 – 2015)

Cooper Young Community Association (2010 – 2018)

Board Member (2010 – 2014)

Treasurer (2011 – 2014)

Give365, Community Foundation of Greater Memphis (2013 – 2022)

Idlewild Presbyterian Church (2007 – present)

Recreation Committee Chairperson (2012 – 2013)

Deacon (2011 – 2013)

Jefferson Scholarship Memphis Regional Selection Committee (2007 – 2022)

Chair (2016 – 2022)

Junior League of Memphis Community Advisory Board (2011)

Lantana Projects (2006 – 2007)

The Leadership Academy [now New Memphis] Fellows Program (2007 – 2008)

University of Virginia Alumni Association (2004 – present)

Reunions Committee Co-Chair (2006 – 2007, 2011 – 2012, 2016 – 2017, 2021 – 2022)

- 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 these 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.

To the best of my knowledge, the organizations listed above do not currently discriminate nor have ever 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 any books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have identified the following. While I understand that articles written while in high school are not responsive to this request, I am including such articles that were listed in a prior Senate Judiciary Committee Questionnaire.

*Guest Column: U.S. Attorney Ritz on "Doubling Down" on Crime*, DAILY MEMPHIAN, November 28, 2023. Copy supplied.

*President's Message*, FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION MEMPHIS/MID-SOUTH CHAPTER NEWSLETTER, December 1, 2017. Copy supplied.

*President's Message*, FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION MEMPHIS/MID-SOUTH CHAPTER NEWSLETTER, May 24, 2017. Copy supplied.

Wes Hendrix, *Briefs on Appeal: From Good to Great: the Four Stages of Effective Self-Editing*, JOURNAL OF APPELLATE PRACTICE & PROCESS, Fall 2013, 14 J. App. Practice & Process 267. Copy supplied.

Letter to the Editor providing feedback on the weekly Law School publication, VIRGINIA LAW WEEKLY, September 19, 2003. Copy supplied.

*UVa. Alumnus Uses His Skill in Unexpected Way*, UNIVERSITY JOURNAL, December 10, 1993. Copy supplied.

*L.A. Music to Visit Charlottesville*, UNIVERSITY JOURNAL, October 29, 1993. Copy supplied.

*Heavy Metal Horns Rock Trax with Unique Style*, UNIVERSITY JOURNAL, September 27, 1993. Copy supplied.

*Concert Series Kicks Off with Judybats*, UNIVERSITY JOURNAL, September 10, 1993. Copy supplied.

*Knowledge Bowl Advances to Finals*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), May 1993. Copy supplied.

*Honor Society Inducts Members*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), May 1993. Copy supplied.

*Knowledge Bowl Team Moves Ahead*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), April 1993. Copy supplied.

*Faculty Honors Seniors; Students Select Favorites*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), March 1993. Copy supplied.

*Student Council Aids School, Others*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), March 1993. Copy supplied.

*Project Graduation Combats Alcohol*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), December 1992. Copy supplied.

*Homecoming Promotes Spirit, Participation*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), November 1992. Copy supplied.

*Class of '93 Excels in National Merit*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), October 1992. Copy supplied.

*Honor Society Inducts Next Year's Members; Record 117 Take Oath*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), May 1992. Copy supplied.

*Pickens Crowned Queen of Clubs*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), April 1992. Copy supplied.

*Students, Faculty Extend Welcome to Mr. Simpson*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), February 1992. Copy supplied.

*Goodbye, Mr. Coffey – Thank You for Years of Exceptional Service; We'll Miss You*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), December 1991. Copy supplied.

*Academic Decathlon Team Selected, Preparing for Competition*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), December 1991. Copy supplied.

*Homecoming Week Sends Spartan Spirit Soaring With Events*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), November 1991. Copy supplied.

*Struggling Football Team Keeps High Spirit, Determination*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), October 1991. Copy supplied.

*Annual Talent Show Held*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), May 1991. Copy supplied.

*Classes Compete in Intramural Competition*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), April 1991. Copy supplied.

*R.E.M. Finds Itself Out of Time*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), April 1991. Copy supplied.

*Students Show Enthusiasm in Homecoming*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), February 1991. Copy supplied.

*Senior Hall of Fame Selected*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), December 1990. Copy supplied.

*Victories Abound in Homecoming '90*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), November 1990. Copy supplied.

*A Look Back: Stevie Ray Vaughan*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), October 1990. Copy supplied.

- 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.

I have done my best to identify any reports, memoranda, or policy statements I have prepared or contributed to, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have not identified any such material.

- 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.

I have done my best to identify any testimony, official statements, or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have identified the following:

July 19, 2023: Witness, Public Hearing on Retroactivity of the 2023 Criminal History Amendment to the Sentencing Guidelines, United States Sentencing Commission. I was the designated witness representing the United States Department of Justice's position. Transcript supplied. A recording and the Department's official statement to the Commission are available at <https://www.ussc.gov/policymaking/meetings-hearings/public-hearing-july-19->

2023.

August 2022: Questions for the Record from Senators Grassley, Hirono, and Tillis. Copies supplied.

- d. Supply four (4) copies, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by you 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.

I have done my best to identify transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. I frequently speak without notes and when I have spoken with the aid of notes or an outline, I have not always retained these materials. Despite my searches, there may be other talks or materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. Finally, because many of my appearances as United States Attorney are public, I am often unaware if people record my remarks on their digital devices. When aware of a recording, I have so indicated below. I have identified the following events. While I understand that speeches given while in high school are not responsive to this request, I am including such speeches that were listed in a prior Senate Judiciary Committee Questionnaire.

March 5, 2024: Speaker, Lambda Alpha International Memphis Chapter Meeting, Memphis, Tennessee. Slides supplied.

February 21, 2024: Speaker, "The Role of the United States Attorney in Our Justice System," University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford, Mississippi. Slides supplied.

February 9, 2024: Speaker, Tennessee Sheriffs' Association In-Service Training Program, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I spoke to participants in the Tennessee Sheriffs' training program about the work and priorities of the United States Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association is 145 South College Street, Lebanon, Tennessee, 37087.

January 23, 2024: Speaker, Juvenile Ceasefire Program, Juvenile Court, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke to juveniles who had contact with Juvenile Court about the importance of making good decisions and staying away from illegal activity. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Juvenile Court

is 616 Adams Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

January 7, 2024: Remarks, United Against Hate Community Event, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkSLfjfTejk>.

December 19, 2023: Speaker, Juvenile Ceasefire Program, Juvenile Court, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke to juveniles who had contact with Juvenile Court about the importance of making good decisions and staying away from illegal activity. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Juvenile Court is 616 Adams Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

December 4, 2023: Speaker, Milan Law Enforcement Quarterly Meeting, Milan, Tennessee. I spoke to law enforcement officers from in and around Milan about the work and priorities of the United States Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Milan Police Department is 7029 Telecom Drive, Milan, Tennessee 38358.

November 14, 2023: Remarks, Chairman's Circle Public Safety Accountability Committee, Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce, Memphis, Tennessee. Slides supplied.

November 14, 2023: Speaker, Jackson Exchange Club, Jackson, Tennessee. Notes supplied.

October 31, 2023: Remarks, Trunk and Treat Fall Festival, Neighborhood Christian Centers, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke briefly to welcome citizens attending a neighborhood trunk-and-treat event. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Neighborhood Christian Centers is 785 Jackson Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38107.

October 21, 2023: Speaker, FBI Memphis Citizens Academy, Memphis, Tennessee. Slides supplied.

October 19, 2023: Speaker, Youth Council, City of Memphis Office of Youth Services. I spoke to high school students who make up the city's Youth Council. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Office of Youth Services is 315 South Hollywood Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38104.

October 19, 2023: Speaker, Frayser Exchange Club, Memphis, Tennessee. Slides supplied.

October 12, 2023: Remarks, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee. I spoke briefly to welcome new citizens who were taking the oath of citizenship. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the district court is 167 North Main Street, Memphis,

Tennessee 38103.

October 4, 2023: Speaker, "Justice and Civil Rights," University of Memphis Leader to Leader Speaker Series, Memphis, Tennessee. Slides supplied.

September 28, 2023: Speaker, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Basic Criminal Investigator School, Jackson, Tennessee. I spoke to participants in the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's training program about the work and priorities of the United States Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in West Tennessee is 350 Smith Lane, Jackson, Tennessee 38301.

September 25, 2023: Remarks, "Standing in Solidarity-United Against Hate," Temple Israel, Memphis, Tennessee. Recording available at [https://www.facebook.com/TempleIsrael/videos/964635441506468/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-IOI\\_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing&mibextid=tZ3DYY](https://www.facebook.com/TempleIsrael/videos/964635441506468/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-IOI_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing&mibextid=tZ3DYY).

September 20, 2023: Guest speaker, Law and Leadership Class, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia. I was a guest speaker for a small law school class and spoke about leadership lessons I had learned. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the law school is 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

September 14, 2023: Remarks, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke briefly to welcome new citizens who were taking the oath of citizenship. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the district court is 167 North Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

August 24, 2023: Remarks, Memphis Shelby County Schools Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Memphis, TN. I gave brief acceptance remarks at an event where I was inducted into the Hall of Fame. I have no notes, transcript, or recording of the remarks, but I was interviewed for a video that was played at the event. That recording is available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3VDTKOj\\_co&t=3s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3VDTKOj_co&t=3s). The address for the Memphis-Shelby County Schools is 160 South Hollywood Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38112.

August 24, 2023: Speaker, Dyer Baptist Association Ministerial Meeting, Dyersburg, TN. I spoke with local faith leaders about the work of our office and our priorities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Dyer Baptist Association is 512 West Parkview, Dyersburg, Tennessee 38025.

August 24, 2023: Speaker, Dyersburg Rotary Club, Dyersburg, Tennessee. Notes supplied.

August 23, 2023: Speaker, Trenton Ministerial Alliance, Trenton, Tennessee. I spoke with local faith leaders about the work of our office and our priorities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Trenton Ministerial Alliance is 1275 U.S. 45 Bypass, Trenton, Tennessee 38382.

August 20, 2023: Speaker, "Justice and Civil Rights," Germantown United Methodist Church Speaker Series, Germantown, Tennessee. Slides supplied.

August 19, 2023: Panelist, "Preventive Measures: Laws, Rights, and Consequences," City of Memphis Office of Youth Services, Memphis, Tennessee. I was a panelist for a program encouraging area youth to make good decisions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Office of Youth Services is 315 South Hollywood Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38104.

August 15, 2023: Remarks, Pure Academy, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke with high school students about our office's work and priorities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Pure Academy is 4847 Arney Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38109.

August 12, 2023: Remarks, I-CARE Community Summit, Jackson, Tennessee. I gave brief remarks at a community public-safety summit at Lane College about our office's work and priorities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Lane College is 545 Lane Avenue, Jackson, Tennessee 38301.

August 10, 2023: Remarks, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke briefly to welcome new citizens who were taking the oath of citizenship. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the district court is 167 North Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

July 13, 2023: Speaker, Memphis Metropolitan Association of Chiefs of Police, Collierville, Tennessee. I spoke to a regular meeting of the association about the work and priorities of the United States Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Memphis Metropolitan Association of Chiefs of Police is 156 North Rowlett, Collierville, Tennessee 38017.

June 29, 2023: Remarks, Investiture Ceremony for Judge Matt Wilson, Denmark, Tennessee. I gave brief remarks at the investiture ceremony for Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Wilson. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals is 511 Union Street, Suite 600, Nashville, Tennessee 37219.

June 27, 2023: Speaker, Juvenile Ceasefire Program, Juvenile Court, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke to juveniles who had contact with Juvenile Court about the importance of making good decisions and staying away from illegal activity. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Juvenile Court is 616

Adams Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

June 25, 2023: Speaker, "Justice and Civil Rights," Idlewild Presbyterian Church Adult Forum, Memphis, Tennessee. Recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Idv9sSfcQo>.

June 8, 2023: Remarks, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke briefly to welcome new citizens who were taking the oath of citizenship. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the district court is 167 North Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

May 11, 2023: Speaker, Focused Deterrence Program, City of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke to participants in the program, who are generally on probation or parole, about the importance of making good decisions and staying away from illegal activity. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the focused deterrence program is 125 North Main Street, Suite 700, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

April 21, 2023: Panelist, "Current Trends and New Developments Where Criminal Issues Intersect with Civil Issues," American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section, Memphis, Tennessee. Recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vje3JczzuS0>.

April 18, 2023: Guest speaker, Federal Courts Class, University of Memphis Law School, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke to students in the federal courts class about the work and priorities of the United States Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the law school is 1 North Front Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

April 13, 2023: Speaker, Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, Franklin, Tennessee. I spoke to a regular meeting of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police about the work and priorities of the United States Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police is 545 Mainstream Drive, Suite 103, Nashville, Tennessee 37228.

April 12, 2023: Speaker, Downtown Jackson Rotary Club, Jackson, Tennessee. Notes supplied.

April 3, 2023: Panelist, Community Stakeholders Conversation, University of Memphis Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change, Memphis, Tennessee. I introduced the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights and delivered brief remarks at an event at the University of Memphis. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Institute for Social Change is 107 Scates Hall, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee 38152.



March 28, 2023: Speaker, Juvenile Ceasefire Program, Juvenile Court, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke to juveniles who had contact with Juvenile Court about the importance of making good decisions and staying away from illegal activity. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Juvenile Court is 616 Adams Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

March 7, 2023: Speaker, Memphis Baptist Ministerial Association, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke about our office and our priorities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the association is 591 East McLemore Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38106.

February 17, 2023: Remarks, Investiture Ceremony, Memphis, Tennessee. Transcript supplied.

February 14, 2023: Speaker, Memphis Rotary Club, Memphis, Tennessee. Notes supplied.

January 10, 2023: Remarks, Monthly Meeting, Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inn of Court, Memphis, Tennessee. I gave brief remarks and introduced the featured speaker. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Inns of Court is 225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 770, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

November 10, 2022: Speaker, Focused Deterrence Program, City of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke to participants in the program, who are generally on probation or parole, about the importance of making good decisions and staying away from illegal activity. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the focused deterrence program is 125 North Main Street, Suite 700, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

October 15, 2022: Speaker, Community Capacity Building Leadership and Advocacy Program, Southeast Regional Development Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee. Members of my staff and I spoke to participants of a leadership development program about public safety, civil and victims' rights, and the work of the United States Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Southeast Regional Development Corporation is 4600 Cromwell Avenue, Suite 101, Memphis, Tennessee 38118.

October 13, 2022: Remarks, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke briefly to welcome new citizens who were taking the oath of citizenship. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the district court is 167 North Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

October 6, 2022: Speaker, Frayser Exchange Club, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke about the United States Attorney's Office and my priorities as United States

Attorney. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Frayser Exchange Club is 4040 North Watkins Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38127.

August 17, 2022: Luncheon speaker, 10 Tips for Better Writing, Greater Memphis Paralegal Association, Memphis, Tennessee. Slides supplied.

July 21, 2022: Question-and-Answer Session, Speed Mentoring Event, New Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke with college-age individuals who were working at Memphis companies and organizations as summer interns. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for New Memphis is 516 Tennessee Street, Suite 301, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

May 18, 2022: Panelist, "District and Appellate Court Practice," Tennessee Bar Association Federal Practice Forum, via Zoom. I discussed appellate practice tips. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Tennessee Bar Association is 3310 West End Avenue, #590, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

February 16, 2022: Guest speaker, Legal Methods Class, University of Memphis Law School, Memphis, Tennessee. I was a guest speaker on appellate advocacy for the first-year Legal Methods class at the law school. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the law school is 1 North Front Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

February 16 and 17, 2021: Guest speaker, Legal Methods Class, University of Memphis Law School, via Zoom. I was a guest speaker on appellate advocacy for the first-year Legal Methods class at the law school. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the law school is 1 North Front Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

August 26, 2020: Moderator, CLE Discussion, Tennessee Bar Association, via Zoom. I moderated a CLE panel discussion on how the federal appellate courts adopted their practices and operations in light of the pandemic. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Tennessee Bar Association is 3310 West End Avenue, #590, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

July 27, 2020: Question-and-Answer Session, United States Court of Appeals Judge Julia S. Gibbons, via Zoom. I participated in a question-and-answer session with the law clerks for Judge Gibbons. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Judge Gibbons is 167 North Main Street, Suite 970, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

July 17, 2019: Luncheon speaker, Tips on Effective Legal Writing, Greater Memphis Paralegal Association, Memphis, Tennessee. Slides and notes supplied.

June 20, 2019: Panelist, Gathering with High School Students, Rhodes College Mock Trial Academy, Memphis, Tennessee. I was part of a panel of attorneys

who met with high school students who were visiting our office to discuss careers in the Department of Justice and as a prosecutor. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Mock Trial Academy is Rhodes College, 2000 North Parkway, Buckman Hall 223, Memphis, Tennessee 38112.

April 13, 2019: Panelist, Recent Supreme Court Decisions, Memphis Bar Association Bench Bar Conference, Destin, Florida. Slides supplied.

August 23, 2018: Panelist, Recent Supreme Court Decisions, Memphis Bar Association, Memphis, Tennessee. Handout supplied.

June 27, 2018: Panelist, Gathering with High School Students, Rhodes College Mock Trial Academy, Memphis, Tennessee. I was part of a panel of attorneys who met with high school students who were visiting our office to discuss careers in the Department of Justice and as a prosecutor. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Mock Trial Academy is Rhodes College, 2000 North Parkway, Buckman Hall 223, Memphis, Tennessee 38112.

June 18, 2018: Panelist, "Memphis at the Supreme Court: A Criminal Case Study" CLE Seminar, Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter, Memphis, Tennessee. I was part of a panel discussion on the litigation leading to, and the Supreme Court's decision in, *United States v. Castleman*, 572 U.S. 157 (2014). I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter is P.O. Box 172345, Memphis, Tennessee 38119.

April 7, 2018: Remarks, Reunion Concert, Virginia Gentlemen, Charlottesville, Virginia. I spoke for a few minutes during the reunion concert for the singing group I was in during college, discussing the travels and activities of our group during the mid-1990s. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Virginia Gentlemen is 112 Old Cabell Hall, P.O. Box 400176, Charlottesville, Virginia, 22904.

October 27, 2017: Remarks, Annual Seminar, Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter, Memphis, Tennessee. To introduce the day-long CLE seminar, I gave opening remarks as chapter president. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter is P.O. Box 172345, Memphis, Tennessee 38119.

October 3, 2017: Panelist, Sixth Circuit Practice Institute, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the Federal Bar Association, Cincinnati, Ohio. I was part of a panel presentation on recent developments in federal criminal law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is 540 Potter Stewart United States Courthouse, 100 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. The address for the Federal Bar Association is 4075 Wilson Boulevard, 8th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

November 15, 2016: Remarks, “Bridge the Gap” Training, Memphis Bar Association, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke briefly to a small group of lawyers at the Memphis Bar Association about the Federal Bar Association’s activities and mission. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Memphis Bar Association is 145 Court Avenue, Suite 301, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

October 28, 2016: Panelist, “Criminal Law Breakout Panel: *Johnson* and Other Sentencing Issues,” Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter, Memphis, Tennessee. Slides supplied.

July 22, 2016: Panelist, “*Johnson* and Other Sentencing Issues,” Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter, Jackson, Tennessee. I was part of a panel presentation on federal sentencing issues. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter is P.O. Box 172345, Memphis, Tennessee 38119.

April 13, 2016: Moderator, “Memphis at the Supreme Court: Public Lands Use and Community Opposition,” Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter, Memphis, Tennessee. I moderated a panel discussion of two attorneys who discussed their experiences litigating cases before the Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter is P.O. Box 172345, Memphis, Tennessee 38119.

October 30, 2015: Panelist, Annual Seminar, Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter, Memphis, Tennessee. I moderated a panel discussion on recent developments in Sixth Circuit law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter is P.O. Box 172345, Memphis, Tennessee 38119.

August 21, 2015: Panelist, “Jury Instructions, Motions in Limine, and Protecting the Record,” Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter, Memphis, Tennessee. Slides supplied.

October 17, 2014: Moderator, Annual Seminar, Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter, Memphis, Tennessee. I moderated a panel discussion of appellate judges on practice tips. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter is P.O. Box 172345, Memphis, Tennessee 38119.

April 18, 2014: Panelist, 50th Anniversary of *Gideon* and the Criminal Justice Act, Office of the Federal Defender and the Federal Bar Association, Memphis, Tennessee. Program and transcript supplied.

March 20, 2014: Moderator, “Top-Notch Arguments: Advice from Supreme Court Advocates” CLE Seminar, Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South

Chapter, Memphis, Tennessee. I moderated a panel discussion of two advocates who discussed their experiences arguing before the Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter is P.O. Box 172345, Memphis, Tennessee 38119.

November 19, 2013: Speaker, "Recent Developments in Federal Criminal Law," United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee. Slides and handout supplied.

October 29, 2013: Guest speaker, Externship Class, University of Memphis Law School, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke to the law school's externship class about the litigation leading up to *United States v. Castleman*, 572 U.S. 157 (2014). I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the law school is 1 North Front Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

June 2, 2013: Remarks, Diaconate Meeting, Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee. I gave a personal statement at the meeting of church deacons. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Idlewild Presbyterian Church is 1750 Union Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38104.

April 13, 2013: Remarks, Reunion Concert, Virginia Gentlemen, Charlottesville, Virginia. I spoke for a few minutes during the reunion concert for the singing group I was in during college, discussing the travels and activities of our group during the mid-1990s. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Virginia Gentlemen is 112 Old Cabell Hall, P.O. Box 400176, Charlottesville, Virginia, 22904.

November 8, 2012: Remarks, Leadership Forum, Memphis Bar Association, Memphis, Tennessee. I spoke to attorneys participating in the MBA's Leadership Forum about the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Federal Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Memphis Bar Association is 145 Court Avenue, Suite 301, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

February 26, 2012: Remarks, "Minute for Mission," Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Remarks as prepared for delivery supplied.

October 20, 2010: Moderator, Annual Seminar, Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter, Memphis, Tennessee. I moderated a panel discussion on recent developments in Sixth Circuit caselaw. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter is P.O. Box 172345, Memphis, Tennessee 38119.

July 29, 2010: Speaker, Tips for Effective Brief-Writing, Federal Bar Association Memphis/Mid-South Chapter, Memphis, Tennessee. Slides supplied.

May 9, 2010: Speaker, Sunday School Class, Germantown United Methodist Church, Germantown, Tennessee. I spoke to my parents' Sunday School class about motherhood and music. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Germantown United Methodist Church is 2331 South Germantown Road, Germantown, Tennessee 38138.

November 18, 2009: Speaker, "Tips on Effective Brief-Writing," United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee. Slides supplied.

May 10, 2008: Speaker, Developments in Federal Criminal Law, Memphis Bar Association Bench Bar Conference, Destin, Florida. Slides supplied.

March 1, 2008: Speaker, Mid-South Leadership Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee. I gave a presentation on leadership ethics to a conference of high school students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Memphis is 3720 Alumni Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38111.

Approximately 2007 (specific date unknown): Speaker, Sunday School Class, Germantown United Methodist Church, Germantown, Tennessee. I spoke to my parents' Sunday School class about being a lawyer for the federal government. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Germantown United Methodist Church is 2331 South Germantown Road, Germantown, Tennessee 38138.

January 31, 2001: Speaker, "The Role of the United States in the United Nations," Yale University International Security Studies Colloquium in International History and Security, New Haven, Connecticut. I spoke to a group of students and professors about my work in the International Organizations Bureau of the State Department. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Colloquium is 46 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut 06511.

October 25, 1996: Remarks, First-Year Dinner, Jefferson Scholars Program, Charlottesville, Virginia. I provided remarks at a dinner honoring the first-year class of the Jefferson Scholars Program at the University of Virginia. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Jefferson Scholars Foundation is 112 Clarke Court, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

June 3, 1993: Speaker, Graduation Ceremony, White Station High School, Memphis, Tennessee. Copy supplied.

March 19, 1993: Speaker, Academic Decathlon Competition, Location unknown. Copy supplied.

January 24, 1993: Speaker, Youth Sunday Service, Germantown United

Methodist Church, Germantown, Tennessee. Copy supplied.

April 4, 1992: Speaker, Oration Contest, The Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Copy supplied.

- 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 four (4) copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

As United States Attorney, I have participated in multiple interviews and press conferences. In addition, the office has released many press releases during my tenure. Due to volume, a list of press releases is supplied in an appendix. I have done my best to identify all interviews given, including through a review of my personal files, and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following. While I understand that interviews given while in high school are not responsive to this request, I am including such interviews that were listed in a prior Senate Judiciary Committee Questionnaire.

John Best, *Interview on The Voice of Memphis Shelby County Schools*, FM 88.5 WQOX, March 18, 2024. Recording available at <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/7Ge5rfVdKBcmmMLd/?mibextid=WC7FNe>.

Chip Washington, Interview on *Real Talk Memphis*, WYXR 91.7, March 4, 2024. Recording available at <https://wyxr.org/real-talk-memphis>.

Statement for Black History Month, February 5, 2024. Recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6WG11wg6gg>.

Public service announcement on National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, January 29, 2024. Recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFZaxMKx414>.

*Behind the Headlines*, WKNO-FM, January 25, 2024. Video recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1dkIkleYGo> and audio recording (with additional questions and answers) available at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/behind-the-headlines-podcast/id1476417643?i=1000643844518>.

Sydney Hawkins, *Federal Prosecutors Share Efforts to Indict Criminals Amid Ongoing Crime in Memphis Area*, WMC-TV Memphis, December 13, 2023. Copy supplied and recording available at <https://www.actionnews5.com/2023/12/14/federal-prosecutors-share-efforts-indict-criminals-amid-ongoing-crime-memphis-area>.

Press conference regarding announcement of Department of Justice violent crime reduction initiative in Memphis, November 28, 2023. Recordings available at <https://www.localmemphis.com/article/news/crime/doj-expansion-violent-crime-initiative-memphis/522-d8888aa2-be55-4544-89df-0c1e2f2d815b> and <https://www.actionnews5.com/2023/11/28/doj-launch-violent-crime-initiative-memphis>.

Press conference regarding ATF-led joint crime reduction effort in Memphis, October 20, 2023. Recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkrEJeS4cY8>.

Press conference regarding civil rights charges against former Memphis Police Officers, September 12, 2023. Recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QNRnZKPq5I&t=3s>.

William Northcutt, *U.S. Attorney Ritz Talks Violent Crimes and Drugs with Law Enforcement and Community Leaders*, Dyersburg State Gazette, August 24, 2023. Copy supplied and recording of interview available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXbFDFHJEyk>.

Bill Taylor, Interview on 100 Jack FM, Dyersburg, Tennessee, August 24, 2023. No transcript or recording available.

Press conference regarding the opening of a civil pattern-or-practice investigation into the Memphis Police Department, July 27, 2023. Remarks supplied and recording available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2zTcH8cc\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2zTcH8cc_c).

Press conference regarding machine gun conversion devices, July 17, 2023. Press coverage supplied. Recordings available at <https://www.actionnews5.com/2023/07/17/us-attorneys-office-other-law-enforcement-cracking-down-glock-switch-crimes> and <https://www.wbbjtv.com/2023/07/17/glock-switch-demo-hosted-by-atf>.

Bria Bolden, *U.S. Attorney's Office Launches Civil Rights Unit for Western District of Tennessee*, WMC-TV Memphis, July 13, 2023. Copy supplied and recording available at <https://www.actionnews5.com/2023/07/10/us-attorneys-office-launches-civil-rights-unit-western-district-tennessee>.

Zaria Oates, *U.S. Attorney's Office Launches New Organized Unit to Combat Hate Crimes in West Tennessee*, WATN-TV ABC 24 Memphis, July 12, 2023. Copy supplied. Recording available at <https://www.localmemphis.com/article/news/community/federal-organized-crime-unit-to-combat-hate-crimes-naacp/522-83cbbded-1b4f-4ace-946a-d5c633f2b421>.

Chip Washington, Interview on *Real Talk Memphis*, WYXR 91.7, June 19, 2023.



Recording available at <https://wyr.org/real-talk-memphis>.

Press conference regarding prosecutions for machine gun conversion devices and public service announcement about conversion devices, May 22, 2023.

Recording available at <https://www.localmemphis.com/article/news/crime/us-attorney-west-tennessee-announces-crackdown-gun-switches-memphis/522-105762a2-186e-4995-9d89-c02bd7c28f2c>. Public service announcement available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KG3pgcLbcCs>.

Ryan Hodges, *U.S. Attorney Ritz Discusses Role, Talks Issues Across West Tennessee*, WBBJ-TV Jackson, April 11, 2023. Copy supplied.

Lakiya Scott, *U.S. Attorney Ritz Sworn-in Amid Deadly Police Investigations, Pattern-or-Practice Request*, WHBQ-TV Fox13 Memphis, February 18, 2023.

Copy supplied and recording available at [https://www.fox13memphis.com/news/u-s-attorney-ritz-sworn-in-amid-deadly-police-investigations-pattern-or-practice-request/article\\_766e4c88-afa7-11ed-96a5-ff85114383f2.html](https://www.fox13memphis.com/news/u-s-attorney-ritz-sworn-in-amid-deadly-police-investigations-pattern-or-practice-request/article_766e4c88-afa7-11ed-96a5-ff85114383f2.html).

Press statement regarding civil rights investigation into the death of Tyre Nichols, January 25, 2023. Copy supplied and recording available at

<https://www.actionnews5.com/2023/01/25/live-us-attorney-holds-press-conference-concerning-tyre-nichols-case>.

Dakarai Turner, *Gun Crimes, Drugs, Top Priorities for Western Tennessee's Top Federal Cop*, WHBQ-TV Fox13 Memphis, January 9, 2023. Copy supplied and recording available at [https://www.fox13memphis.com/news/watch-us-attorney-speaks-out-on-taking-down-drug-pushers/video\\_2f3d1959-e9bd-577c-bddf-4b79ee6a99e3.html](https://www.fox13memphis.com/news/watch-us-attorney-speaks-out-on-taking-down-drug-pushers/video_2f3d1959-e9bd-577c-bddf-4b79ee6a99e3.html).

Don Wade, *Kevin Ritz: Eagle Scout, Rock Band Lead Singer and Now United States Attorney*, DAILY MEMPHIAN, January 2, 2023. Copy supplied.

*Best of the Bar: Meet the Finalists in the Public Service Attorney Category*, MEMPHIS BUSINESS JOURNAL, April 8, 2020. Copy supplied.

Julia McDonald, *Midtown Neighbors Find Community Through GiVE 365*, choose901.com, November 4, 2015. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *Can Griz dig way out of 3-0 deficit?*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, May 27, 2013. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *CA Playoffs Panel: What Adjustments Must Griz Make?*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, May 21, 2013. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *Playoffs Panel: CA Reporters, Fans Make Their Western*

*Conference Finals Predictions*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, May 19, 2013. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *CA Playoffs Panel / What's the One Thing That's Made Grizzlies a Postseason Success?*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, May 17, 2013. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *Playoffs Panel / Exactly How Important Is the Grizzlies' Playoff Experience?*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, May 15, 2013. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *CA Playoffs Panel / How Much Does Absence of Thunder's Westbrook Matter?*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, May 13, 2013. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *CA Playoffs Panel / What Did We Learn in the First Two Games?*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, May 9, 2013. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *Playoffs Panel: What About Lionel Hollins' Lineups?*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, May 6, 2013. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *Without Westbrook, Thunder Not as Intimidating*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, May 5, 2013. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *Playoffs Panel: How Did a 0-2 Hole Turn Into a 3-2 Lead?*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, May 2, 2013. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *Playoffs Panel: What Did Game 3 Prove?*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, April 27, 2013. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *CA Playoffs Panel: Was Game 2 Encouraging, or Are the Clippers Just Too Good?*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, April 23, 2013. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *Playoffs Panel: What We Learned from Game 1, What It Means for Rest of Series*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, April 22, 2013. Copy supplied.

Kyle Veazey, *Playoffs Panel: CA Reporters, Fans Make Their Griz-Clippers Predictions*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, April 19, 2013. Copy supplied.

Lauren Squires, *World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest*, WMC-TV News, May 18, 2013. This was a short segment on the Memphis in May World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest, and I was briefly interviewed about my barbecue team's participation. I am unable to locate a copy or transcript of the segment.

*Top 40 Under 40*, MEMPHIS BUSINESS JOURNAL, November 4-11, 2011. Copy supplied.

Ursula Madden, *Taking Back Our Neighborhoods: Leadership Academy*, WMC-

TV News, March 4, 2009. Transcript supplied.

Lane Gardner Camp, *Ritz Returns to Memphis as Summer Associate, Clerk*, THE MEMPHIS DAILY NEWS, June 10, 2004. Copy supplied.

*Four in the Class of 2004*, University of Virginia School of Law website, May 2004. Copy supplied.

*Prominent Civil Rights Lawyer Elaine R. Jones '70 to Give Commencement Address*, University of Virginia School of Law website, November 14, 2003. Copy supplied.

Laurie Ripper, *Ritter Scholars Honored*, VIRGINIA LAW WEEKLY, September 5, 2003. Copy supplied.

Penny Chang, *The Dillard Scholars*, UVALAWYER, Fall 2001. Copy supplied.

Leah Friedman, *Requests for Lawn Residency Rise by 30*, CAVALIER DAILY, January 21, 1997. Copy supplied.

Elizabeth Bluemink, *Proposal Calls for End of Priority Registration for Echols, Athletes*, UNIVERSITY JOURNAL, September 12, 1996. Copy supplied.

Leah Friedman, *Doo Wop Ditty; A Cappella Groups at the University of Virginia Lend Their Voices to Keeping Alive a Long Tradition*, THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT, May 3, 1996. Copy supplied.

Mandy Biles, *Ritz, Jaeger, Wu Lose Runoff Appeal*, CAVALIER DAILY, March 4, 1996. Copy supplied.

Mandy Biles, *Council to Hold Run-off Hearings*, CAVALIER DAILY, March 1, 1996. Copy supplied.

Joann Kelly, *Council Plans Four Run-offs*, CAVALIER DAILY, February 29, 1996. Copy supplied.

*Fourth-Year President Candidate Profiles*, UNIVERSITY JOURNAL, February 26, 1996. Copy supplied.

*Fourth-Year President Candidate Profiles*, CAVALIER DAILY, February 21, 1996. Copy supplied.

Dwayne Alicie, *Despite Change, Lawn Keeps Traditional Look*, CAVALIER DAILY, February 20, 1996. Copy supplied.

Jarett Epstein, *Snafu Causes Increase in Election Spending Limit*, UNIVERSITY

JOURNAL, February 20, 1996. Copy supplied.

Stephanie Delong, *A Capella Groups Sing for Student Pleasure*, CAVALIER DAILY, September 12, 1995. Copy supplied.

Ron Maxey, *Graduates to Join Intellectuals*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, June 3, 1993. Copy supplied.

Chris Herrington, *Student Body Elects Leaders for 1992-93*, THE SCROLL (high school newspaper), April 1992. Copy supplied.

Ron Maxey, *Principal Helps Transform Area School*, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, June 21, 1990. 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:
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|---------------|---------------------|
| 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 names and contact information for the attorneys who played 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.

Since 2022, I have served as United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. I was appointed by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and confirmed by the Senate.

I have not run for public office.

- 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.

None.

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;

I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Julia S. Gibbons of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit from 2004 to 2005.

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

I have not practiced 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;

Summer 2004  
Burch, Porter & Johnson  
130 North Court Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
Summer Associate

2008 – 2016  
University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law

1 North Front Street  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
Adjunct Professor

2005 – present  
United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Tennessee  
167 North Main Street, Suite 800  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
Assistant United States Attorney (2005 – 2010)  
Criminal Appellate Chief (2010 – 2018)  
Special Counsel to the United States Attorney (2011 – 2022)  
Appellate Chief (2018 – 2022)  
United States Attorney (2022 – present)

- 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 2004 to 2005, I served as a judicial law clerk to a federal appellate judge, researching and drafting memoranda and opinions.

From 2005 to 2010, I was an Assistant United States Attorney assigned to the narcotics unit. I handled cases involving narcotics, firearms, robbery, carjacking, and other offenses. I worked on all stages of these cases, including investigations, grand jury, pre-trial proceedings, trials, pleas, sentencings, and appeals.

In 2010, I was appointed Criminal Appellate Chief, and in 2018 I took over responsibility for civil appeals as well. Also, in 2011 I was named Special Counsel to the United States Attorney. As Appellate Chief and Special Counsel I served as the office’s lead appellate litigator and a member of the senior management team, advising the United States Attorney and Assistant U.S. Attorneys on legal, strategic, and administrative matters. I directly supervised and managed one other attorney. Most of the cases I handled or managed were direct appeals or post-conviction matters stemming from criminal prosecutions.

In September 2022, I became the United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. In that role, I serve as the chief federal law

enforcement officer for the 22 counties of the district. I oversee an office of approximately 47 attorneys and 40 support staff in two offices who engage in defensive and affirmative civil work, appellate work, and criminal work.

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

After a one-year clerkship from 2004 to 2005, I have continuously served in the United States Attorney's Office. Accordingly, my only client has been the United States of America.

- 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.

All of my practice has been in litigation. Between August 2005, when I became an Assistant United States Attorney, and December 2010, when I became Criminal Appellate Chief, I appeared in federal district court frequently. After becoming Criminal Appellate Chief in December 2010, I appeared much less frequently in district court. I have conducted 37 oral arguments in the federal courts of appeals (36 in the Sixth Circuit and one in the Third Circuit). The civil percentage listed below includes my work on post-conviction and habeas matters filed by federal prisoners.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. federal courts:	100%
2. state courts of record:	0%
3. other courts:	0%
4. administrative agencies:	0%

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. civil proceedings:	25%
2. criminal proceedings:	75%

- 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.

To the best of my recollection, I have tried eleven criminal cases to verdict. Of those, I was sole counsel in seven cases, chief counsel in three cases, and associate counsel in one case.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:

1. jury:	91%
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2. non-jury:

9%

- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply four (4) 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 not argued orally before the Supreme Court. Nor have I filed any briefs in the Supreme Court. During the litigation of *United States v. Castleman*, 572 U.S. 157 (2014), I worked closely with the Assistant to the Solicitor General who handled the briefing and argued the case. I reviewed draft briefs and participated in moot courts for the argument. Because of the extent of my participation in the case, the Solicitor General's Office invited me to sit at counsel table during the argument.

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; and
- c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

1. *Gatewood v. United States*, 979 F.3d 391 (6th Cir. 2020), *cert. denied*, 141 S. Ct. 2798 (2021)

In 1995, Gatewood kidnapped two women from the parking lot of a Memphis restaurant. He forced the women at gunpoint to drive to Arkansas, where he robbed them. Two nights later, Gatewood committed an armed robbery of a Memphis motel. In 1997, a federal jury convicted Gatewood on two counts of kidnapping and one count of robbery affecting interstate commerce. The district court imposed a life sentence under the three-strikes statute, as Gatewood had four prior robbery convictions.

Years later, Gatewood filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, arguing his three-strikes sentencing enhancement was invalid under *Johnson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015). The district court denied the motion as untimely. I wrote the government's response to Gatewood's § 2255 motion in the district court. I also handled the briefing and oral argument for the appeal from that order. The Sixth Circuit affirmed in a

published decision, holding that Gatewood had procedurally defaulted his claim, and he could not show cause for that default.

Dates of representation: 2019 – 2020

Judges

Judges Richard F. Suhrheinrich, Joan L. Larsen, Chad A. Readler (U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit)

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2. *United States v. Ward*, 957 F.3d 691 (6th Cir. 2020)

In 2017, Ward committed two shootings and tried to rob a pharmacy. He was convicted of federal firearm and robbery crimes. On appeal, he argued that the indictment and jury instructions did not comply with *Rehaif v. United States*, 139 S. Ct. 2191 (2019), which holds that to prove illegal possession of a firearm, the government must establish the defendant knew he had the relevant status when he possessed a firearm. Ward also challenged the sufficiency of the evidence against him. I handled the government's briefing before the Sixth Circuit. The court affirmed in a published opinion, finding no reversible error in the indictment or jury instructions, and that there was enough evidence to convict. The case was one of the first Sixth Circuit cases to interpret and apply *Rehaif*.

Dates of representation: 2019 – 2020

Judges

Judges Danny J. Boggs, Richard Allen Griffin, Chad A. Readler

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3. *Banks v. United States*, 773 F. App'x 814 (6th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 140 S. Ct. 408 (2019)

In November 1991, after a long criminal history characterized by violent acts, Banks embarked upon what the Sixth Circuit later called a "vicious crime spree." For months,

he committed numerous armed robberies, shooting many of his victims. Police officers eventually arrested Banks after they found him with a loaded gun. A federal grand jury charged Banks with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. In October 1995, a federal jury found Banks guilty. The district court imposed a sentencing enhancement under the Armed Career Criminal Act (ACCA) and sentenced Banks to life. The Sixth Circuit affirmed.

Years later, Banks filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, seeking to have his sentence reduced. I handled the government's briefing before the district court, which denied Banks's motion. I also handled the briefing on appeal. The Sixth Circuit affirmed the denial of post-conviction relief, holding that Banks's prior conviction for assault with intent to commit first-degree murder was a violent felony under the ACCA. After the Sixth Circuit's opinion, I responded to another post-conviction motion filed by Banks.

Dates of representation: 2016 – 2022

#### Judges

Judges Karen Nelson Moore, Jeffrey S. Sutton, Eric E. Murphy (U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit)

Judge Samuel H. Mays, Jr. (U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee)

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4. *Turner v. United States*, 885 F.3d 949 (6th Cir. 2018) (en banc), *cert. denied*, 139 S. Ct. 2740 (2019)

In 2007, Turner committed four armed robberies in and around Memphis. He was initially charged in state court, but our office advised Turner's attorney that the United States would be bringing federal charges. Turner declined a pre-indictment federal plea offer; he was charged federally; and he eventually agreed to a less favorable plea arrangement.

Turner filed a post-conviction motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, arguing his attorney provided ineffective assistance of counsel. The district court denied the motion, because when the parties negotiated the pre-federal-indictment plea offer Turner's Sixth Amendment right to counsel had not attached for the federal case. Turner appealed, and I reviewed and edited the government's Sixth Circuit brief. The initial panel affirmed. Turner asked for rehearing en banc. Together with co-counsel, I drafted the response to the en banc petition, which the Sixth Circuit granted.

I served as lead counsel for the government in the en banc proceedings, which involved briefing and oral argument before the 16-member Sixth Circuit. The court ruled in our favor, applying the Supreme Court's bright-line rule that the Sixth Amendment right of counsel does not attach until the initiation of formal judicial proceedings. The court also applied the dual-sovereignty rule to reject Turner's argument that his state charges triggered the right to counsel for his subsequent federal charges. The Supreme Court denied certiorari.

Dates of representation: 2015 – 2018

Judges

Judges R. Guy Cole, Jr.; Alice M. Batchelder; Karen Nelson Moore; Eric L. Clay; Julia S. Gibbons; John M. Rogers; Jeffrey S. Sutton; Deborah L. Cook; David W. McKeague; Richard Allen Griffin; Raymond M. Kethledge; Helene N. White; Jane Branstetter Stranch; Bernice B. Donald; Amul R. Thapar; John K. Bush

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5. *Bruce v. Warden Lewisburg USP*, 868 F.3d 170 (3d Cir. 2017)

On January 15, 1991, Bruce and his brothers went to a mussel shell camp in West Tennessee belonging to Vine. They shot Vine and his fiancée in the head, poured gasoline on the bodies, burned down the premises, and stole a truck full of mussel shells. Our office charged the Bruces with several crimes, including murdering the two victims to keep them from reporting federal crimes to law enforcement. A jury convicted the defendants, and Bruce was sentenced to life plus ten years in prison.

Fifteen years later, in 2011, the Supreme Court re-interpreted the law governing the witness-murder statute, increasing the burden on the government in such prosecutions. Bruce, citing the new case, filed a habeas motion in his district of confinement (the Middle District of Pennsylvania), arguing he was actually innocent of his murder convictions. The district court denied the claim.

I handled the government's briefing and oral argument for the appeal from that order. The Third Circuit affirmed in a published decision, holding that based on the trial record, any reasonable juror would have convicted Bruce even under the new, tougher standard. I have also responded to many additional post-conviction motions filed by Bruce and his co-defendants.

Dates of Representation: 2016 – 2017

Judges

Judges D. Michael Fisher, Thomas I. Vanaskie, Cheryl Ann Krause

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6. *United States v. Luck*, 852 F.3d 615 (6th Cir. 2017)

A jury found Luck guilty of distributing and possessing child pornography. Luck appealed, and I handled the appellate briefing and oral argument. The Sixth Circuit affirmed, issuing several holdings. First, Luck was not in custody when he made statements to FBI agents, and those statements were made voluntarily. Second, *Old Chief v. United States*, 519 U.S. 172 (1997), did not require the government to stipulate to the child-pornographic nature of the images recovered from Luck's computers. Third, the district court properly excluded evidence of Luck's prior medical history and learning disability. Finally, the district court exercised sound discretion when it prohibited Luck's father from taking the stand simply to invoke his Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination.

Dates of Representation: 2016 – 2017

Judges

Judges Eric L. Clay, Jeffrey S. Sutton, Richard Allen Griffin

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7. *United States v. Castleman*, 695 F.3d 582 (6th Cir. 2012), *rev'd and remanded*, 572 U.S. 157 (2014)

Federal law makes it a crime for a person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence to possess a firearm. The United States charged Castleman with this crime, but the district court dismissed the indictment, finding that Castleman's prior Tennessee domestic assault conviction did not meet the statutory requirements for the firearm prohibition.

Our office appealed, at which point I became involved with the case. I reviewed and edited the government's initial brief to the Sixth Circuit, and then I wrote our reply brief. In a split decision, the Sixth Circuit affirmed. After obtaining authorization from the Solicitor General to seek rehearing en banc, I wrote our en banc petition. The Sixth Circuit denied the petition, but I then obtained approval from the Solicitor General to seek a writ of certiorari from the Supreme Court.

The Court granted the government's cert petition, and I worked closely with the Assistant to the Solicitor General who handled the briefing and argued the case. I reviewed draft briefs and participated in moot courts for the argument. Because of the extent of my participation in the case, the Solicitor General's Office invited me to sit at counsel table during the argument. The unanimous Supreme Court sided with the government, holding that Castleman's prior domestic assault conviction meant he could not possess a firearm. On remand, Castleman pleaded guilty.

Dates of representation: 2011 – 2014

Judges

Justices John G. Roberts, Jr.; Antonin Scalia; Anthony Kennedy; Clarence Thomas; Ruth Bader Ginsburg; Stephen G. Breyer; Samuel A. Alito, Jr.; Sonia Sotomayor; Elena Kagan (U.S. Supreme Court)

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8. *United States v. Figueredo-Diaz and Morales-Loya*, 718 F.3d 568 (6th Cir. 2013)

Two men conspired to transport more than a ton of marijuana from Texas to Tennessee. Our office charged them with drug crimes, and I handled the initial district court proceedings. The defendants filed a suppression motion, which the district court granted. I successfully sought approval to appeal from the Solicitor General's Office. On appeal, I wrote the appellant brief and reply brief, and I handled the oral argument. The Sixth Circuit reversed, holding that the district court should not have suppressed the evidence.

Dates of representation: 2009 – 2013

Judges

Judges Richard Allen Griffin; David W. McKeague; Susan J. Dlott (S.D. Ohio, sitting by designation) (U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit)  
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9. *United States v. Chandler and Benton*, No. 09-cr-20518 (W.D. Tenn.), *aff'd*, *United States v. Chandler*, 486 F. App'x 525 (6th Cir. 2012)

In November 2009, Chandler and Benton carjacked a woman at gunpoint and forced her into the backseat. The two men then drove to a fast-food restaurant and robbed it at gunpoint, forcing several store employees into the restaurant's walk-in refrigerator. Benton pleaded guilty to various federal crimes and was sentenced to 25 years in prison. Chandler was convicted at trial of carjacking, robbery, and firearm counts associated with those crimes. He was sentenced to 46 years in prison. The Sixth Circuit affirmed on direct appeal, and the district court and Sixth Circuit rejected all of Chandler's post-conviction motions. I handled the government's case from the beginning. I secured an indictment from the grand jury, tried the case in the district court, and handled all subsequent appeals and post-conviction matters.

Dates of representation: 2009 – 2022

#### Judges

Judges Boyce F. Martin, Jr.; Ronald Lee Gilman; Helene N. White (U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit)

Judge Bernice B. Donald (U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee)

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#### 10. *United States v. McCaster*, 333 F. App'x 970 (6th Cir. 2009)

McCaster and an accomplice robbed a Memphis jewelry store in 2006. McCaster attacked the only employee working that day, handcuffed her hands behind her back, and tied her ankles with duct tape. He took the woman to the back of the store and beat her repeatedly with a gun. After taking more than \$30,000 of jewelry, McCaster left the woman and her two-year-old son—who witnessed the attack—in the back room. An FBI task force used fingerprint and other evidence to solve the crime.

Our office charged McCaster with robbery and firearm crimes. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 24 and a half years in prison. The Sixth Circuit affirmed. I handled the government's case from the beginning. I secured an indictment from the grand jury, negotiated the plea, and handled the appeal.



Dates of representation: 2006 – 2009

Judges

Judges Alan E. Norris, Alice M. Batchelder, Raymond M. Kethledge (U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit)

Judge Samuel H. Mays, Jr. (U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee)

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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.)

My career has been devoted to public service as a federal prosecutor. I have handled criminal cases through the entire lifecycle of each matter, from investigation to post-conviction motions.

As United States Attorney, I am the chief federal law enforcement officer for the district, and I oversee an office of approximately 47 attorneys engaged in criminal, civil, and appellate work on behalf of the United States. Accordingly, I regularly confer with office leadership regarding litigating positions in criminal and civil matters. In addition to my supervisory duties, I regularly meet with and convene our law enforcement and community partners to discuss violent crime reduction efforts and other district priorities. I have also worked collaboratively with other United States Attorneys as a member of various subcommittees of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee.

Before becoming United States Attorney, I served as Appellate Chief for almost 12 years. As Appellate Chief, I managed appellate and post-conviction litigation for the office. Personally, I have written more than 200 briefs and argued 37 federal appeals (36 in the Sixth Circuit and one in the Third Circuit). I reviewed and edited thousands of additional briefs and responses filed in the court of appeals and the district court. And I successfully litigated a number of affirmative appeals to vindicate the government's position in the wake of adverse district court rulings. Many of the appeals I have litigated resulted in precedential opinions.

Additionally, I managed our office's response to the post-2015 surge in federal post-

conviction litigation. This involved shaping our litigating positions and writing sample briefs for other attorneys to use. I also ensured that our office took positions that were consistent with Department guidance and the positions taken by other United States Attorney's Offices. I twice served on the Appellate Chiefs Working Group, which advises Department leadership on developing legal issues.

Outside of the United States Attorney's Office, I have sought to contribute to the legal profession in Memphis and Tennessee through activities such as teaching at the law school, serving as a Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility Hearing Committee member, and taking on leadership roles in the Federal Bar Association and Tennessee Bar Association. I also served for many years on the Sixth Circuit Criminal Pattern Jury Instruction Committee.

I have not 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.

Legal Methods, University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, 2008 – 2016. For eight academic years, I taught the legal research and writing class for a small section of first-year law students. A representative syllabus is supplied.

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 Court 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.

I currently serve as United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. Accordingly, I will recuse myself from all matters that arose, were filed, and/or were pending during my term as United States Attorney, as well as any matter for which I represented the United States as an Assistant United States Attorney or any other matter that poses a conflict due to the USAO-WDTN's involvement. If confirmed, I will recuse myself from any case in which I or an immediate family member has a financial interest or where I have a significantly close relationship (family, business, or social) with a party, counsel, or witness.

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

I will comply with the Code of Conduct for United States Judges and applicable statutes, including 28 U.S.C. § 455. I will also be guided by Sixth Circuit precedent, procedures, and policies.

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.

My legal career has been fully devoted to public service. As an Assistant United States Attorney and United States Attorney, I have engaged with the community in multiple ways. This has included participating in community anti-crime programs, intervention and prevention initiatives, and efforts to facilitate reentry for those returning to the community from prison. I have also volunteered with various groups in my personal capacity, including volunteering since 2018 at a women's homeless shelter via an outreach program run by my church.

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 mid-August 2023, I spoke with Congressman Steve Cohen regarding a vacancy on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. On September 11, 2023, I submitted application materials to the offices of Senators Marsha Blackburn and Bill Hagerty. On October 19, 2023, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. On October 24 and November 29, 2023, I participated in interviews with a panel of staff members for Senators Blackburn and Hagerty. On December 22, 2023, I was contacted by an attorney from the White House Counsel's Office, who informed me that I would be moving forward in the selection process. Since December 22, 2023, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On March 12, 2024, I met with Senator Blackburn. On March 20, 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.