

UNITED STATES SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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

Meredith Anne Vacca

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

United States District Judge for the Western District of New York

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.

Hall of Justice  
Monroe County Court  
99 Exchange Boulevard  
Rochester, New York 14614

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

1980; Busan, South Korea

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.

2002 – 2005, University at Buffalo School of Law; J.D., 2005

1998 – 2002, Colgate University; B.A., 2002

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.

2021 – present  
Monroe County Court  
99 Exchange Boulevard  
Rochester, New York 14614

Judge

2007 – 2020

Monroe County District Attorney's Office  
47 South Fitzhugh Street  
Rochester, New York 14614  
Assistant District Attorney

2005 – 2007

Hamberger & Weiss LLP  
(Rochester office 2006 – 2007)  
One South Washington Street, Suite 500  
Rochester, New York 14614  
(Buffalo office 2005 – 2006)  
700 Main Place Tower  
Buffalo, New York 14202  
Associate Attorney

\*Law clerk until New York State Bar Admission in January 2006

2003 – 2005 (excluding summers)

New York State Attorney General's Office  
350 Main Street, Suite 300a  
Buffalo, New York 14202  
Law School Intern

Summer 2004

United States Attorney's Office, Western District of New York  
138 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14202  
Law School Intern

Summer 2003

United States District Court, Western District of New York  
100 State Street, Suite 127  
Rochester, New York 14614  
Law School Intern for Hon. Charles Siragusa

Summer 2002

Vector Marketing Corporation  
1260 Scottsville Road  
Henrietta, New York 14624  
Cutco Salesperson

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

selective service.

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

Asian Pacific Islander American Association Honoree (2023)

Buffalo Public Interest Law Fellowship Award (2004)

Colgate University, Honors Program and graduated *cum laude* (2002)

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.

Advisory Group for the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission (2021 – 2022)

Asian American Judges Association of New York, Board Member and Co-Chair of Programming Committee (2021 – present)

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Committee, Chair (2022 – present)

Bridge to Justice with the Rochester City School District (2021)

Greater Rochester Association of Women Attorneys (2006 – 2007)

Judicial Observation Project with the United Christian Ministry of Western New York, Participant (2021 – 2022)

Monroe County Bar Association (2006 – 2007)

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (2002 – 2024)

National Association of Women Judges (2021 – 2023)

New York State Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics (2023 – present)

New York State Bar Association (2006 – 2007)

New York State County Court Judges Association (2021 – present)

University of Rochester Virtual Mentor Program, Mentor (2021)

Vertus High School Judicial Internship Program, Founder/Mentor (2022 – present)

Wellness Committee - Seventh Judicial District, Co-Chair (2022 – present)

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.

New York, 2006

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.

None.

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.

Baby Safe Sleep Coalition (2019 – 2020)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Rochester, Volunteer Mentor (2006)

Rochester Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative Participatory Budgeting Program, Volunteer Budget Delegate (2019)

Roberts Wesleyan Mentorship Program, Volunteer Mentor (2019)

Seton BLAST Committee, Co-Chair (2023)

Seton Yearbook Committee (2021 – present)

YWCA Rochester and Monroe County Empowering Women Luncheon Committee (2006)

- 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, none of the organizations listed above currently discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin, either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

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

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

Flyers created for distribution for New York State Supreme Court campaign and Monroe County Court campaign, May 2019 to November 2019 and December 2019 to November 2020. Copies supplied.

*Prosecutor Meredith Vacca responds*, City Newspaper, October 9, 2019. Copy supplied.

With Leah Szumach, *Foreword*, 23 BUFFALO PUBLIC INTEREST LAW JOURNAL 1, (2004). 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.

*State of the Association 2024*, Asian American Judges Association of New York (May 2024). While I am a board member of the association, I had no role in drafting the report. Copy supplied.

*You don't look like a judge: the evolving composition of the NYS judiciary from the AAPI perspective*, Asian American Judges Association of New York (May 2024). As a board member, I contributed to the drafting of this publication. Copy supplied.

*Asian American Judges Association celebrates the historic appointment of Judge Krisna (Kris) Singh as Administrative Judge of the Fourth Judicial District*, Asian American Judges Association of New York (December 2023). While I am a board member of the association, I had no role in drafting the press release. Copy supplied.

*Cost of discretion: Flawed research aimed at intimidating judges*, Asian American Judges Association (July 13, 2023). While I am a member of the association, I had no role in drafting the statement. Copy supplied.

*State of the Association 2023*, Asian American Judges Association of New York (May 2023). While I am a board member of the association, I had no role in drafting the report. Copy supplied.

*AAJNY voices importance of an inclusive and fair selection process for any COA association judge vacancy*, Asian American Judges Association of New York (March 30, 2023). As a board member of the association, I contributed to the drafting of the press release. Copy supplied.

*Asian American Judges Association celebrates the historic appointment of Justice Lillian Wan to the Appellate Division, Second Department*, Asian American Judges Association of New York (May 2022). While I am a board member of the association, I had no role in drafting the press release. Copy supplied.

Letter to the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission, Advisory Group for the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission (November 30, 2021). Copy supplied.

- 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.

New York State Commission on Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Compensation Public Hearing, October 13, 2023. While I am a member of the board of the Asian American Judges Association of New York, I had no role in preparing testimony for this hearing. Video available at <http://cmi.nycourts.gov/vod/WowzaPlayer/commission/20231013-NYSCommissionHearing>.

Chief Judge's Public Hearing on Civil Legal Services, September 19, 2022. Video available at <https://youtube/tLJwxZ5e2CI>.

Commission to Reimagine the Future of New York's Courts Public Hearing, June 7, 2022. As a member of the board of the Asian American Judges Association of New York, I contributed to the drafting of testimony given on behalf of the association. Video available at

<https://wowza.nycourts.gov/vod/WowzaPlayer.php?source=oca&video=Pandemic%20Practices%20WorkGR%20Part1.mp4>.

- 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.

December 20, 2023: Speaker, Hon. Constance Patterson's swearing-in ceremony for Rochester City Court Judge, Rochester, New York. Speech supplied.

November 20, 2023: Co-speaker, The Flower City School No. 54, Just Law, Rochester, New York. I spoke to middle school students about the criminal justice system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Rochester City School District is 131 West Broad Street, Rochester, New York 14614.

August 8, 2023: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, Monroe County Clerk's Office, Rochester, New York. Speech supplied.

May 25, 2023: Organizer/Speaker, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month event, Seventh Judicial District, Rochester, New York. Speech/outline supplied.

May 9, 2023: Speaker, Webster School District – AAPI Heritage Month, Willink Middle School, Webster School District, Webster, New York. Video available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GToXRGe3F8w>.

May 6, 2023: Panelist, "Overcoming Barriers", Upstate Asian American Pacific Islander Summit, Macedon, New York. I spoke about being the first Asian American judge in Rochester and the various challenges I faced. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address for the Office of New York State Senator Jeremy Cooney is 280 East Broad Street, Suite 110, Rochester, New York 14604.

May 1, 2023: Speaker, criminal justice class at Wayne Senior High School, Ontario Center, New York. I spoke generally about the criminal justice system and my role within the courts. The address for Wayne Senior High School is 6200 Ontario Center Road, Ontario Center, New York 14520.

April 24, 2023: Panelist, "Ensuring a Pipeline of Diversity on the Judiciary Outside of New York City," Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission, Buffalo, New York. Outline supplied.

February 14, 2023: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, Monroe County Clerk's Office, Rochester, New York. Speech supplied.

December 9, 2022: Co-speaker, School of the Arts, Just Law program, Rochester, New York. I spoke to middle school students about the criminal justice system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Rochester City School District is 131 West Broad Street, Rochester, New York 14614.

November 30, 2022: Moderator, "Life on the Bench: Perspectives from the Appellate Division," Asian American Judges Association of New York, Rochester, New York. Notes supplied.

October 24, 2022: Speaker, Rochester Institute of Technology Pre-Law Society, Henrietta, New York. I spoke to students about what I do as a judge and careers in the criminal justice system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Rochester Institute of Technology is One Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, New York 14623.

August 10, 2022: Speaker, "New York State Courts," Office of Adult and Career Education Services for the Rochester City School District, Rochester, New York, event held virtually. PowerPoint supplied.

May 20, 2022: Speaker, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Event, Seventh Judicial District Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Committee, Rochester, New York. Notes supplied, and video for which I had a brief speaking part available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ro436y-oSE>.

April 12, 2022: Panelist, "Virtual Hearings and the Digital Divide," New York Statewide Civil Legal Aid Technology Conference, Permanent Commission on Access to Justice, event held virtually. Video available at <https://cmi.nycourts.gov/vod/wowzaplayer/oca/20220412-2A-RemoteAppearanceDigitalDivide>.

February 15, 2022: Co-speaker, The Flower City School No. 54, Just Law program, Rochester, New York. I spoke to middle school students about the criminal justice system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Rochester City School District is 131 West Broad Street, Rochester, New York 14614.

June 16, 2021: Panelist, Bridge to Justice Program: Joshua McFadden Roundtable Agenda, Rochester City School District, Rochester, New York. I spoke to students about the criminal justice system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Rochester City School District is 131 West Broad Street, Rochester, New York 14614.



May 5, 2021: Panelist, "A Dialogue on Race and Cultural Sensitivity," Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission, New York, New York. Notes supplied.

December 22, 2020: Speaker, Swearing in Ceremony for Hon. Meredith A. Vacca, Rochester, New York. Speech supplied.

November 3, 2020: Speaker, Election Day results, Monroe County Democratic Committee, Rochester, New York. I spoke briefly to the local media about election results and thanked family and friends. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Monroe County Democratic Committee is 1150 University Avenue, Rochester, New York 14607.

November 1, 2020: Speaker, "Make your Voice Heard and Vote for County Court Judge," Video created for Campaign for Monroe County Court. Video available at <https://fb.watch/rIO57rgWZY>.

October 23, 2020: Speaker, "Vote 2020!", Video created for Campaign for Monroe County Court. Video available at <https://fb.watch/rINX-5qEJG>.

October 20, 2020: Speaker, "Meredith Vacca for County Court Judge," Video created for Campaign for Monroe County Court. Video available at <https://fb.watch/rIO94knA69>.

October 16, 2020: Speaker, "Meet the Candidates for Monroe County Court Judge," Greece Regional Chamber of Commerce, virtual event. Video available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_PrBNQOAYmQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_PrBNQOAYmQ).

October 14, 2020: Speaker, "ROC Future Leaders Candidate Virtual Forum," ROC Future Leaders, Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, virtual event. Video available at <https://fb.watch/rIPaqo1JOM>.

October 10, 2020: Speaker, "Meet the Candidates," Pittsford Democratic Committee/Monroe County Democratic Committee, Pittsford, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for Monroe County Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Monroe County Democratic Committee is 1150 University Avenue, Rochester, New York 14607.

October 8, 2020: Panelist, "Virtual Judicial Candidate's Luncheon," Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys, Rochester, New York. I spoke at this virtual event about my candidacy for Monroe County Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys is P.O. Box 14002, Rochester, New York 14614.

October 7, 2020: Speaker, "Vote Meredith Vacca on November 3rd," Video commercial created for Campaign for Monroe County Court. Video available at <https://fb.watch/rIOfrjjOb>.

September 29, 2020: Speaker, "Listen to why experienced courtroom advocates and victims' families Vote Vacca." Video available at <https://fb.watch/rITsrcXA-e>.

September 27, 2020: Speaker, "Rally with the Candidates," Penfield Democratic Committee/Monroe County Democratic Committee, Penfield, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for Monroe County Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Monroe County Democratic Committee is 1150 University Avenue, Rochester, New York 14607.

September 15, 2020: Speaker, "Meredith Vacca gives our most vulnerable community members a voice." Video available at <https://fb.watch/rITKwJ6t9T>.

June 14, 2020: Speaker, "Vote Vacca for County Court Judge." Video available at <https://fb.watch/rITNkdPLFd>.

February 28, 2020: Panelist, "Cool Women/Hot Jobs," Young Women's College Prep Charter School, Rochester, New York. I talked to students about my career path and what I do as a judge, and answered questions about the criminal justice system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Young Women's College Prep Charter School is 133 Hoover Drive, Rochester, New York 14615.

December 2019 – February 2020 (specific dates unknown): Candidate/Speaker, Monroe County Democratic Designation Meetings for County Court, Monroe County Democratic Committee, Rochester, New York. I spoke at all of the designation meetings in Monroe County for the Democratic Committees about my candidacy for County Court. Standard speech supplied.

November 1, 2019: Speaker, "Justice for All!" Video commercial created for Campaign for New York State Supreme Court. Video available at <https://fb.watch/rITUFZ2Cps>.

October 19, 2019: Speaker, Candidate Forum, Muslim Civic Engagement Committee, Islamic Center of Rochester, Rochester, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Islamic Center of Rochester is 727 Westfall Road, Rochester, New York 14620.

October 17, 2019: Speaker, Candidate Forum, Roc/ACTS (Rochester Alliance of Communities Transforming Society), Rochester, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Roc/ACTS is 121 North Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, New York 14614.

October 13, 2019: Speaker, "Wayne Day of Democratic Action", Wayne County Democrats, Macedon, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Wayne County Democrats is 2873 Route 21, Palmyra, New York 14533.

October 8, 2019: Speaker, "Meet the Candidates," Irondequoit Chamber of Commerce, Irondequoit, New York. Video available at <http://fb.watch/rIR7rxhcaq>.

October 8, 2019: Speaker, Candidate Forum, Hamlin Democratic Committee/Monroe County Democratic Committee, Hamlin, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Monroe County Democratic Committee is 1150 University Avenue, Rochester, New York 14607.

October 4, 2019: Speaker, Nazareth Hall Elementary School, Rochester, New York. I spoke to elementary students about the criminal justice system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Nazareth Hall is 311 Flower City Park, Rochester, New York 14615.

October 4, 2019: Speaker, Legacy Park Crescent, Rochester, New York. I spoke about my job and the criminal justice system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Legacy Park Crescent is 1000 Providence Circle, Rochester, New York 14614.

October 3, 2019: Panelist, Candidate Forum, Greater Rochester Association of Women Attorneys, Rochester, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Greater Rochester Association of Women Attorneys is P.O. Box 14002, Rochester, New York 14614.

September 29, 2019: Speaker, "Date with Democracy," Pittsford Democratic Committee/Monroe County Democratic Committee, Pittsford, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Monroe County Democratic Committee is 1150 University Avenue, Rochester, New York 14615.

September 29, 2019: Speaker, "Michael Quill for Mayor Fundraiser," Cayuga County Democratic Committee, Auburn, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Cayuga County Democratic Committee is 99 Genesee Street, Auburn, New York 13021.

September 25, 2019: Speaker, Candidate Forum, LGBTQ Caucus and Out Alliance, Rochester, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State

Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for LGBTQ Caucus and Out Alliance is 50 Prince Street, Rochester, New York 14607.

September 24, 2019: Speaker, "Forum for the Future," Indivisible Rochester, Rochester, New York. I spoke about my candidacy and experience for New York State Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript or recording. There is no physical address for Indivisible Rochester.

September 11, 2019: Speaker, "Pints & Politics," Westside Democrats/Monroe County Democratic Committee. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Monroe County Democratic Committee is 1150 University Avenue, Rochester, New York 14615.

September 5, 2019: Speaker, Legacy at Erie Station, Henrietta, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Legacy at Erie Station is 1545 Erie Station Road, Henrietta, New York 14467.

August 8, 2019: Speaker, Nomination Acceptance Speech for New York State Supreme Court, Democratic Committee Judicial Convention, Monroe County Democratic Committee, Rochester, New York. Video available at <https://www.facebook.com/MeredithVaccaforCountyCourt/videos/507296800021291>.

July 27, 2019: Speaker, Candidate Forum, Keeler Park Apartments, Rochester, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Keeler Park Apartments is 501 Seneca Manor Drive, Rochester, New York 14621.

July 18, 2019: Speaker, East Side Democratic Committee Meeting, East Side Democratic Committee/Monroe County Democratic Committee. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Monroe County Democratic Committee is 1150 University Avenue, Rochester, New York 14615.

July 18, 2019: Speaker, Gates Democratic Committee Meeting, Gates Democratic Committee/Monroe County Democratic Committee, Gates, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Monroe County Democratic Committee is 1150 University Avenue, Rochester, New York 14615.

July 5, 2019: Speaker, Brighton Democratic Committee Meeting, Brighton Democratic Committee/Monroe County Democratic Committee, Brighton, New York. I spoke about my candidacy for New York State Supreme Court. I have no

notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Monroe County Democratic Committee is 1150 University Avenue, Rochester, New York 14615.

May 2019 (specific date unknown): Speaker, University of Rochester Medical School, Rochester, New York. I spoke about the prosecution of child physical and sexual abuse cases and medical professionals' involvement in child abuse cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Rochester Medical School is 601 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York 14642.

June 2018 (specific date unknown): Speaker, "Child Sex Trafficking Awareness and Response Training," National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Henrietta, New York. I spoke about child sex trafficking laws. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is 265 Lake Avenue, Rochester, New York 14608.

September 2017 (specific date unknown): Speaker, Western New York Coalition Office of Victim Services and Bivona Child Advocacy Center, Rochester, New York. I spoke about the prosecution of child physical and sexual abuse cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Western New York Coalition Office of Victim Services is 80 Swan Street, Albany, New York 12210. The address for Bivona Child Advocacy Center is One Mount Hope, Rochester, New York 14620.

September 2016 (specific date unknown): Speaker, Rochester Police Department In-Service Training/new recruits, Rochester Police Department, Rochester, New York. I spoke about the prosecution of child physical and sexual abuse cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Rochester Police Department is 185 Exchange Boulevard, Rochester, New York 14614.

May 2016 (specific date unknown): Speaker, Pediatric Grand Rounds, Strong Memorial Hospital and Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, New York. I spoke about the prosecution of child physical and sexual abuse cases and medical professionals' involvement in child abuse cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Strong Memorial Hospital is 601 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York 14642. The address for Rochester General Hospital is 425 Portland Avenue, Rochester, NY 14621.

February 2014 (specific date unknown): Speaker, Investigator Training, Rochester Police Department, Henrietta, New York. I spoke about the prosecution of child physical and sexual abuse cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Rochester Police Department is 185 Exchange Boulevard, Rochester, New York 14614.

- 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.

Gary Craig, *Meet candidates running for Monroe County judge*, Democrat & Chronicle (October 24, 2020). Copy supplied.

*Connections: Candidates for Monroe County Court with Evan Dawson*, Connections with Evan Dawson WXXI, Rochester, New York (October 23, 2020). Recording available at <http://www.wxxinews.org/connections/2020-10-23/connections-candidates-for-monroe-county-court-judge>.

*Rise Up Recovery Radio Show with Jake Bishop* (October 12, 2020). I am unable to obtain a transcript or recording.

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *Logan Nedo Pleads Guilty to Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree and Sexual Abuse in the First Degree* (October 7, 2020). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

*Candidates Corner with Pat Ford*, Libertarian Party (August 7, 2020). Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sf7UKUBb4rY>.

Will Cleveland, *Greece woman gets 25 years in porn case; companion was sentenced earlier for activity involving ten-year-old*, Democrat & Chronicle (December 21, 2019). Copy supplied.

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *Bonnie Hughes Sentenced to 18 Years for Sexually Abusing a Child* (December 19, 2019). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

Gary Craig, *Three Candidates in the Mix for two NYS Supreme Court judgeships*, Democrat & Chronicle (November 3, 2019). Copy supplied.

Will Cleveland, *Greece man sentenced for sexually abusing ten year old girl*, Democrat & Chronicle (November 2, 2019). Copy supplied.

*Connections: Candidates for State Supreme Court Justice*, Connections with Evan Dawson WXXI, Rochester, New York (October 29, 2019). Recording available at <https://www.wxxinews.org/connections/2019-10-29/connections-candidates-for-state-supreme-court-justice>.

*Guest: Meredith Vacca for Supreme Court*, Radio Free New York, Lima, New York (October 25, 2019). Recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFUQQCmqZGs>.

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *Jennifer Hodge pleads guilty to strangulation second* (October 16, 2019). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

Gary Craig, *Uncertain future follows acquittal; Kali Watkins: it was a complete nightmare*, Democrat & Chronicle (September 14, 2019). Copy supplied.

Gary Craig and Victoria E. Freile, *Jury acquits former Webster coach*, Democrat & Chronicle (August 27, 2019). Copy supplied.

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *Robert Norry Sentenced to Maximum on Murder in the Second Degree* (May 30, 2019). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *Robert Norry Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree* (April 29, 2019). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *Truyen Dam Convicted of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child* (February 8, 2019). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

Sarah Taddeo and Meaghan M. McDermott, *Ex-coach in Webster charged with rape; Watkins accused in case involving girl under 15*, Democrat & Chronicle (January 31, 2019). Copy supplied.

Joint Press Conference, Webster Police Department, Webster Central School District and the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *People v. Watkins* (January 30, 2019). Partial video available at <https://x.com/WendyWrightTV/status/1090659837556547585>.

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *Ray Jones III Sentenced to 35 Years to Life for Ongoing Sexual Abuse of a Child* (January 24, 2019). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

Will Cleveland, *Rochester man given 20 years for child sex abuse; victim's resolve lauded*, Democrat & Chronicle (July 14, 2017). Copy supplied.

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *Domingo Ventura Sentenced to Twenty Years for Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child* (July 13, 2017). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *Jennifer Pryor Sentenced for Conviction of Manslaughter in the First Degree* (May 25, 2017). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *Jennifer Pryor Found Guilty of Manslaughter in the First Degree* (March 31, 2017). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *William Keller Convicted of Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the Second Degree* (February 6, 2017). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

Will Cleveland, *Man Accused of Sending Porn to Teen*, Democrat & Chronicle (July 16, 2016). Copy supplied.

Jon Hand, *Not guilty plea in death of newborn*, Democrat & Chronicle (March 26, 2016). Copy supplied.

Will Cleveland, *Former Pastor convicted of Attempted Rape*, Democrat & Chronicle (February 11, 2016). Copy supplied.

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *Nikey Hall Sentenced on Assault of his 1 Year Old Daughter* (October 7, 2015). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *Nikey Hall Convicted of Assault in the First Degree for the Brutal Assault of his 1 Year Old Daughter* (September 4, 2015). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

*CRIME: Gates man accused of child rape, pornography: two child victims came forward says a Monroe Prosecutor*, Daily Messenger (June 26, 2015). Copy supplied.

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *People v. David Lewis*. (June 3, 2015). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

*After Midnight*, Dateline, NBC (January 4, 2015). Video available at <https://www.nbcnews.com/dateline/video/full-episode--after-midnight-481877059918>.

Victoria E. Freile, *Man admits to rape, to be sentenced in December*, Democrat & Chronicle (November 3, 2014). Copy supplied.

Meaghan McDermott, *Voicemails OK'd in Whittemore trial*, Democrat & Chronicle (May 13, 2014). Copy supplied.

Press Release, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, *Judge Moran: Luis Pabon Guilty of Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child* (January 13, 2014). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).



Gary McLendon, *Webster man sentenced for sexually abusing two girls*, Democrat & Chronicle (January 7, 2014). Copy supplied.

Robert E. Kessler, *LI man indicted over sex video of boy, 13*, Newsday (January 17, 2013). Copy supplied.

*Greece day-care provider to be sentenced in June for injuring baby*, Democrat & Chronicle (April 11, 2012). Copy supplied.

Brian Sharp, *Jury acquits former parking chief*, Democrat & Chronicle (March 26, 2009). 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 was elected as a judge in Monroe County Court in November 2020. My term started on January 1, 2021. On the Monroe County Court, I preside over criminal felony level offenses within the Monroe County jurisdiction at the trial level. I preside over bench and jury trials, suppression hearings, make decisions regarding bail, review search warrants, review and rule on motions, conduct extensive legal research on many different issues, hold attorney conferences to assist in facilitating dispositions, empanel grand juries, and many other responsibilities. As a County Court Judge, I also have appellate jurisdiction over town, village, and city court decisions. In this capacity, I handle local court appeals that involve both criminal and civil matters. I also preside over retention hearings (quasi-criminal/quasi-civil proceedings) where I make decisions as to whether a defendant should remain in the custody of the New York State Office of Mental Health within the specified psychiatric center.

From April 2021 to August 2022, in addition to my County Court responsibilities, I presided over the Monroe County Special COVID Intervention Part (SCIP). This court consisted of landlord/tenant matters filed within Monroe County Village and Town Courts (excluding the City of Rochester).

On January 1, 2023, I was appointed an Acting Supreme Court Justice by the Chief Administrative Judge of New York State. This role is in addition to my County Court responsibilities. As an Acting Supreme Court Justice, I preside over civil matters including uncontested matrimonial cases and consumer credit default judgment proceedings.

On January 1, 2023, I was also appointed an Acting Youth Part/Family Court Judge. This role is in addition to my County Court and Acting Supreme Court responsibilities. I handle criminal felony matters involving juvenile and adolescent offenders generally 15 to 17 years old.

On January 1, 2024, I was appointed Supervising Judge of the Town and Village Courts of the Seventh Judicial District. In this capacity, I supervise town and village justices within our district and handle various administrative matters.

- a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment?

I have presided over 21 felony trials that have gone to verdict.

- i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	86%
bench trials:	14%

- ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings:	0%
criminal proceedings:	100%

- b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.

I have not written any published opinions.

- 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).

1. *People v. Dozier*, Indictment 2022/72814 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2022). Decisions supplied.

The defendant was charged with one count of murder in the first degree, one count of murder in the second degree, two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, and other related charges for the hired killing of the victim by gunshot. I denied the defendant's motion to dismiss or reduce the indictment based on the grand jury minutes. After a hearing, I denied the defendant's motion to suppress evidence. Based on the People's offer, the defendant pled guilty to manslaughter in the first degree. I sentenced the defendant to 22 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus five years post-release supervision.

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2. *People v. Cypressi*, Indictment 2022/72636 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2022).  
Decisions supplied.

The defendant was charged with three counts of attempted rape in the first degree, three counts of sexual abuse in the first degree, one count of rape in the first degree and one count of attempted predatory sexual assault for the sexual assault of multiple female adults. I denied the defendant's motion to dismiss or reduce the indictment based on the grand jury minutes. After a hearing, I denied the defendant's motion to suppress evidence. Based on the People's offer, the defendant pled guilty to one count of rape in the first degree and one count of sexual abuse in the first degree. I sentenced the defendant to 18 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 15 years post-release supervision.

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3. *People v. Smith*, Indictment 2022/71575 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2022). Decisions supplied.

The defendant was charged with one count of murder in the second degree and two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree for the killing of the victim during an alleged robbery. I denied the defendant's motion to dismiss or reduce the indictment based on the grand jury minutes. After the hearing, I granted in part the defendant's motion to suppress statements based on

a violation of the defendant's asserted right to remain silent. After a jury trial, the defendant was found guilty of all counts of the Indictment. I sentenced the defendant to 23 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections with the remaining sentences to run concurrently.

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4. *People v. Jones*, Indictment 2022/71248 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2022)

This case was transferred to me prior to trial, after motions and hearing decisions had been made by the preceding judge. I did not issue any written decisions in this case. The defendant was charged with one count of attempted aggravated murder of a police officer, one count of attempted aggravated assault of a police officer and two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree. This case involved a shootout at a restaurant between the defendant and police. The defendant claimed that the shooting was accidental and that he was under the influence of drugs. After a jury trial, the defendant was found guilty of all counts of the indictment. The defendant has not been sentenced yet, and the case has been adjourned for a persistent felony offender hearing.

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5. *People v. Williams*, Indictment 2022/71341 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2022).  
Decisions supplied.

The defendant was charged with one count of attempted aggravated murder of a police officer, one count of menacing a police officer and two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree for shooting a gun at a police officer during a foot chase. The defendant claimed that he dropped the gun while running, and it accidentally fired. I denied the defendant's motion to dismiss or reduce the indictment based on the grand jury minutes. I denied the defendant's motion to suppress evidence after a hearing. After a jury trial, the defendant was found guilty of one count of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree and acquitted on the remaining counts. I sentenced the defendant to nine years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus five years post-release supervision.

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6. *People v. Griffin*, Indictment 2022/71056 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2022). Decisions supplied.

The defendant was charged with two counts of murder in the second degree, two counts of robbery in the first degree, two counts of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree and one count of manslaughter in the first degree for the shooting death of the victim during a robbery. I denied the defendant's motion to dismiss or reduce the indictment based on the grand jury minutes. After the hearing, I denied the defendant's motion to suppress evidence. After a jury trial, the defendant was acquitted of one count of murder in the second degree and found guilty of all remaining counts. I sentenced the defendant to 25 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections plus five years post-release supervision on the murder conviction with all other sentences running concurrently.

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7. *People v. Brown and Brown*, Indictment 2021/70443 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2021). Decisions supplied.

The defendants were both charged with the shooting and stabbing murder of the victim in addition to weapon possession charges. I denied the defendants' motion to dismiss or reduce the indictment based on the grand jury minutes. I denied R. Brown's motion to suppress statements after a hearing. I granted in part D. Brown's motion to suppress statements after a hearing based upon a violation of the defendant's asserted right to counsel. Based on the People's offer, R. Brown pled guilty to manslaughter in the first degree. I sentenced him to 20 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Based on the People's offer, defendant D. Brown pled guilty to manslaughter in the first degree. I sentenced him to 19 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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8. *People v. Watkins*, Indictment 2021/0526 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2021), *aff'd as modified*, 204 N.Y.S3d 851 (2024). Decisions supplied.

The defendant was charged with rape in the first degree and other related charges for the sexual abuse of a child. I denied the defendant's motion to dismiss or reduce the indictment based upon the grand jury minutes. I also denied the defendant's motion to suppress the identification of the defendant after a hearing finding that the identification procedure was confirmatory. After a jury trial, the defendant was found guilty of one count of sexual abuse in the first degree and one count of criminal sexual act in the first degree. I sentenced the defendant to seven years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus seven years post-release supervision on the sexual abuse in the first degree conviction and 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 20 years post-release supervision consecutive on the criminal sexual act in the first degree conviction. The judgment was appealed, and the Appellate Division affirmed my denial of the defendant's speedy trial motion and affirmed the conviction finding that the verdict was not against the weight of the evidence. The Appellate Division modified the sentences to run concurrently.

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9. *People v. Long*, Indictment 2021/0460 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2021). Decisions supplied.

The defendant was charged with one count of murder in the second degree for the stabbing death of the victim. The defendant pursued a psychiatric defense and both parties obtained psychiatric reports from their respective experts. I denied the defendant's motion to dismiss or reduce the indictment based on the grand jury minutes. After a hearing, I denied the defendant's motion to suppress evidence. Based on the People's offer, the defendant pled guilty to manslaughter first

degree. The defendant has not been sentenced yet. There is a pending hearing regarding the defendant's motion seeking a reduction in sentence pursuant to the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act.

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10. *People v. Holt and Scott*, Indictment 2020/0155 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2020).  
Decisions supplied.

This case was transferred to me when I took the bench in January 2021. Upon transfer, both defendants were out of custody after posting bail set by the preceding judge. Holt was charged with murder in the second degree for the shooting death of the victim. Scott was charged with murder in the second degree by accomplice liability for driving Holt to and from the scene. I presided over the suppression hearing on both cases and denied the defendants' motions in their entirety. I issued a decision denying the defendants' motion to dismiss or reduce the indictments based on the grand jury minutes. I remanded Holt to the custody of the sheriff based on the People's bail application after he was charged with a misdemeanor while out of custody. The cases were severed for trial. Holt was found guilty of murder in the second degree after a jury trial. I sentenced him to 25 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections. Scott was found guilty of murder in the second degree after a jury trial. I sentenced him to 21 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

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- 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.
1. *People v. Dozier*, Indictment 2022/72814 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2022). Decisions previously supplied in response to Question 13c.

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3. *People v. Andrews*, Indictment 2022/72193 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2022).  
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7. *People v. Brown and Brown*, Indictment 2021/70443 (Monroe Cnty. Ct.  
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- e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.

Based upon a review of my records and legal databases, I have had no 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.

*People v. Welch*, Indictment 0613/2021. The defendant was charged with one count of manslaughter in the first degree for the stabbing death of the victim. The defendant claimed self-defense. At arraignment on the indictment, I ordered from

the bench that bail be set at \$50,000 cash/\$100,00 insurance company bond/\$200,000 partially secured surety bond with a 10 percent deposit. The defendant petitioned for a writ of habeas corpus. The New York State Supreme Court justice ordered from the bench that the defendant be downgraded to release under supervision with electronic monitoring

*People v. Watkins*, Indictment 2021/0526 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2021), *aff'd as modified*, 204 N.Y.S3d 851 (2024). After a jury trial, the defendant was found guilty of one count of sexual abuse in the first degree and one count of criminal sexual act in the first degree. I sentenced the defendant to seven years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus seven years post-release supervision on the sexual abuse in the first degree conviction and 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 20 years post-release supervision, to run consecutively, on the criminal sexual act in the first degree conviction. The Appellate Division affirmed my decision that the People's certificate of compliance was proper and statement of readiness valid and found that the guilty verdict was not against the weight of the evidence. However, the Appellate Division modified the sentence as a matter of discretion by directing the sentences run concurrently and not consecutively.

- 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.

All of my opinions are unpublished. They are filed with the Monroe County Clerk's Office and accessible in person at the clerk's office.

- 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 have not issued any significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues.

- 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.

I have not sat by designation on any federal court of appeals.

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:

- 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.

In general, when I am assigned a case, I determine the names of the assigned attorneys, the charges and applicable dates. If I determine there is a conflict, then I notify the Monroe County Clerk's Office of my recusal and the case is reassigned to another judge. Up until November 14, 2023, there was no automatic reassignment by the clerk's office if a conflict existed. It was up to me to determine the conflict and notify the clerk's office of my recusal. As of November 14, 2023, the clerk's office automatically re-assigns a case if my father represents the defendant.

Specifically, I recuse on all matters where my father or uncle, both criminal defense lawyers, represent the defendant or have represented the defendant in the past and that specific matter is at issue. I also recuse on all matters where my law clerk, who previously worked as a Monroe County Assistant District Attorney, previously prosecuted, as well as on any case where her spouse, currently a Monroe County Assistant District Attorney, is the prosecutor.

Prior to taking the bench, I was a Monroe County Assistant District Attorney for 13 years. For most of that time, I worked in the bureau presently called the Special Victims Trial Division. Any case that is assigned to me as a judge that came out of that bureau during my employment in that bureau, I recuse myself sua sponte. I recuse myself on those cases whether I personally handled the matter or whether a former colleague did. Before I took the bench I sought advice from the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics, did my own research and worked with the Administrative Judge at the time, to confirm the ethical considerations and rules as I transitioned from the District Attorney's Office to County Court.

I recused in the following matters because a family member represented a party:

*People v. Mitchell*, Docket Number 21010486 (recusal date February 11, 2021)  
*People v. Moss*, CR# 21-032493 (recusal date March 17, 2021)  
*People v. Williams*, Indictment 2008/0446 (recusal date May 24, 2021)  
*People v. Prather*, Indictment 2021-7210 (recusal date June 3, 2021)  
*People v. Mack*, Indictment 2008-0921B (recusal date July 13, 2021)  
*People v. Varner*, CR# 20- 01275 (recusal date July 22, 2021)

*People v. Brown*, Indictment 2021/70752 (recusal date December 27, 2021)  
*People v. Barry*, CR# 20-234907 (recusal date January 6, 2022)  
*People v. Sinclair*, Indictment 2022/70956 (recusal date May 12, 2022)  
*People v. Parker*, Indictment 2013/0550 (recusal date June 8, 2022)  
*People v. Newton*, Indictment 2014/6338 (recusal date September 16, 2022)  
*People v. Shepard*, Indictment 2021/71058 (recusal date October 13, 2022)  
*People v. Clark and Mobley*, Indictment 2023/73648 (recusal date October 10, 2023)  
*People v. Shepard*, Indictment 2021/71058 (recusal date October 13, 2022)  
*People v. Brooks*, Indictment 2023/70214 (recusal date February 1, 2023)  
*People v. Benjamin, Campbell, Daniels and Smith*, Indictment 2023/70699 (recusal date February 28, 2023)  
*People v. Olavarria*, CR#23-301537 (recusal date February 8, 2024)

I recused in the following matters because I had extrajudicial knowledge of the case from my time as an Assistant District Attorney:

*People v. Ali*, Indictment 2016/3420 (recusal date January 26, 2021)  
*People v. Gasserlick*, Indictment 2021/0021 (recusal date January 29, 2021)  
*People v. Sattora*, CR# 19-835352 (recusal date February 1, 2021)  
*People v. Gross*, Indictment 2021/0032 (recusal date February 1, 2021)  
*People v. Horn*, SCI 2017/3340 (recusal date June 23, 2021)  
*People v. Heckman*, SCI 2015/3514 (recusal date June 23, 2021)  
*People v. Micciche*, Indictment 2014/0995 (recusal date June 28, 2021)  
*People v. Taouzinet*, SCI 2016/3407 (recusal date June 30, 2021)  
*People v. McNair*, Indictment 2021/0359 (recusal date July 8, 2021)  
*People v. Bundy*, CR# 06686-20 (recusal date July 28, 2021)  
*People v. Nguyen*, SCI 2019/3099 (recusal date August 2, 2021)  
*People v. Rodriguez-Roldan*, Indictment 2015/3042A (recusal date September 10, 2021)  
*People v. Reid*, Indictment 2019/0481 (recusal date September 10, 2021)  
*People v. Christian*, Indictment 2020/0031 (recusal date September 22, 2021)  
*People v. Shank*, CCF-2014018843 (recusal date October 6, 2021)  
*People v. Brennan*, CCS-2013-6977 (recusal date October 6, 2021)  
*People v. Seacat*, Indictment 2019/3202 (recusal date January 7, 2022)  
*People v. Pineda*, CR# 20-016037 (recusal date January 18, 2022)  
*People v. Heffernan*, Indictment 2016/3954 (recusal date January 21, 2022)  
*Matter of Dondorfer*, Carry #2021/2453 (recusal date March 21, 2022)  
*People v. Gaines*, Indictment 2014/3231, (recusal date April 11, 2023)  
*People v. Perkins*, Indictment 2015/0148 (recusal date April 28, 2022)  
*People v. Hendricks*, Indictment 2017/0783 (recusal date May 4, 2022)  
*People v. Blessing*, Indictment 2018/3251 (recusal date May 6, 2022)  
*People v. Hoffman*, Indictment 2009/0451 (recusal date May 18, 2022)  
*People v. Haynes*, CR#23-02236(recusal date July 6, 2023)  
*People v. Presha*, Indictment 2022/71556 (recusal date July 19, 2022)  
*People v. Scala*, Indictment 2019/0733 (recusal date July 28, 2022)  
*Matter of Jefferson*, Carry # 2021/2339 (recusal date August 12, 2022)  
*People v. Bibbins*, Indictment 2016/1176 (recusal date September 3, 2022)



*People v. Colon*, Indictment 2017/2510 (recusal date October 16, 2023)  
*People v. Powell*, Indictment 2015/70017 (recusal date October 28, 2022)  
*People v. McCloud*, SMZ-70616-24 (recusal date March 25, 2024)

I recused in the following matters because my law clerk had extrajudicial knowledge of the case from their time as an Assistant District Attorney or my law clerk's husband represented a party:

*People v. Ramos*, Indictment 2021/3076 (recusal date May 13, 2021)  
*People v. Hess*, Indictment 2021/0263 (recusal date June 1, 2021)  
*People v. Thomas*, SCI 2021/3140 (recusal date June 1, 2021)  
*People v. Brumfield*, Indictment 2018/6477 (recusal date March 17, 2022)  
*People v. Walls*, Indictment 2023/70025 (recusal date January 13, 2023)  
*People v. Murray*, Indictment 2018/0340 (recusal date February 27, 2023)  
*People v. Smith*, Indictment 2018/0054 (recusal date July 11, 2023)  
*People v. Olavarria*, CR# 23-301537 (February 8, 2024)

I recused on the following matter to avoid any potential appearance of impropriety since I worked on a daily basis with the complainant:

*People v. Hamilton*, Indictment 2023/73914 (recusal date October 31, 2023)

I recused on the following matter to avoid any potential appearance of impropriety since the complainant is a close friend of the family:

*People v. McCray*, CR# 2021/03788 (recusal date December 13, 2023)

My recusal was requested in the following case:

*People v. Scott*, Indictment 2020/7230. The defendant's attorney requested that I recuse myself from this case, contending that I had a conflict due to my prior employment at the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, the same office prosecuting this case. Because I had no involvement in this case while at the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, I had no knowledge of this case at the time, and the case was handled by an Assistant District Attorney in a different bureau who I did not supervise in any way, I determined, based on my research on the applicable ethical rules and law, and my communications with the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics, that this was not a conflict requiring 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.

I have not held any public office other than my current judicial office. I unsuccessfully ran for New York State Supreme Court in the seventh judicial district in 2019.

- 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.

I have never participated in a political campaign, other than my own.

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 have never served as a law clerk to a judge.

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

I have never practiced law alone.

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

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(Rochester office 2006 – 2007)

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Associate Attorney

\*Law clerk until New York State Bar Admission in January 2006

2007 – 2020

Monroe County District Attorney's Office  
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Assistant District Attorney

- 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 never 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.

After I graduated law school, I worked at Hamberger & Weiss LLP from 2005 to 2007 in workers' compensation insurance defense. After my admission to the bar in January 2006, I worked as an Associate Attorney. I started in the Buffalo office, where I routinely appeared at administrative hearings and conducted depositions of medical doctors. In 2006, I transferred to the Rochester Office where I engaged in similar work.

In 2007, I became an Assistant District Attorney at the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. During my 13 years at the District Attorney's Office, I handled thousands of criminal cases of varying levels and charges. I started out in the Monroe County Town and Village Courts (assigned to Webster, Perinton, Fairport and Rush) handling misdemeanor, violation and traffic offenses. I appeared at suppression hearings, misdemeanor bench trials, and jury trials, and engaged in motion practice. In 2009, I was assigned to the Integrated Domestic Violence Court. There, I handled felony and misdemeanor offenses that were domestic in nature. I continued doing suppression hearings, motion practice, bench and jury trials and, additionally, grand jury presentations. In 2010, I spent a few months in the Felony DWI Bureau. Later that year I went to the Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Bureau where I prosecuted felony-level offenses involving domestic violence and child physical and sexual abuse cases. I continued doing motion practice, suppression hearings, bench and jury trials, and grand jury presentations. In 2012, I shifted my work to handling primarily child physical and sexual abuse cases, domestic homicides and child fatalities. In total, I tried more than 30 felony cases, the majority of them violent felonies.

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

At Hamberger & Weiss, our clients were employers.

As an Assistant District Attorney, our office represented the People of the State of New York. During my time there, I specialized in the prosecution of crimes against children. I also handled many domestic violence cases.

- 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. In my first two years at Hamberger & Weiss, I appeared before administrative law judges on a daily basis. During my 13 years as an Assistant District Attorney, I was in court on a daily basis.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- |                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1. federal courts:          | 0%  |
| 2. state courts of record:  | 95% |
| 3. other courts:            | 0%  |
| 4. administrative agencies: | 5%  |

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- |                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. civil proceedings:    | 15% |
| 2. criminal proceedings: | 85% |

- 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.

As an Assistant District Attorney, I tried more than 30 felony cases in Monroe County Court and Supreme Court. I was chief counsel on the majority of those and assisted on three jury trials. In local courts, I also handled more than 30 misdemeanor trials, mainly bench trials.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:

- |              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| 1. jury:     | 85% |
| 2. non-jury: | 15% |

- 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 did not practice before the United States Supreme Court.

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. *People v. Norry*, Indictment 2018/0603 (N.Y.S. Sup. Ct. 2018)

I was the lead prosecutor on this case and handled all aspects of litigation including grand jury presentation, motions, hearing, trial, and sentencing. The defendant was charged with intentionally killing his girlfriend by stabbing her numerous times. The defendant was convicted of murder in the second degree after a jury trial. The defendant was sentenced to 25 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

Date of representation: 2018 – 2019

Presiding Judge

Hon. Victoria Argento  
New York State Supreme Court

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2. *People v. Jones*, Indictment 2018/0494 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2018)

I was the sole prosecutor on this case and handled all aspects of litigation including grand jury presentation, motions, hearing, trial, and sentencing. The defendant was charged with sexually abusing a child over nine years. The defendant was convicted of predatory

sexual assault against a child, criminal sexual act in the third degree, rape in the third degree, sexual abuse in the third degree, use of a child in a sexual performance, promoting a sexual performance by a child, and endangering the welfare of a child after a jury trial. The defendant was sentenced to 35 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

Date of representation: 2017 – 2018

Presiding Judge

Hon. Sam L. Valleriani  
Monroe County Court  
(currently New York State Supreme Court)

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3. *People v. Pryor*, Indictment 2016/0317 (N.Y.S. Sup. Ct. 2016), *aff'd*, 204 A.D.3d 1507 (2022), *leave to appeal denied*, 38 N.Y.3d 1135 (2022)

I was the lead prosecutor on this case and handled all aspects of litigation including grand jury presentation, motions, hearing, trial, and sentencing. The defendant was charged with killing her boyfriend. The defendant claimed self-defense. The defendant was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree after a jury trial. The defendant was sentenced to 14 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus five years post-release supervision. The Appellate Division affirmed the judgment, and the Court of Appeals denied leave to appeal. I had no involvement in any post-conviction proceedings.

Date of representation: 2016 – 2017

Presiding Judge

Hon. Francis Affronti (retired)  
New York State Supreme Court

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4. *People v. Isidore*, Indictment 2015/0478 (N.Y.S. Sup. Ct. 2015), *aff'd*, 170 A.D.3d 1637 (2019), *leave to appeal denied*, 34 N.Y.3d 933 (2019)

I was the sole prosecutor on this case and handled all aspects of litigation including grand jury presentation, motions, hearing, trial, and sentencing. The defendant was charged with the sexual assault of a child on two occasions. The defendant was convicted after a jury trial of two counts of attempted predatory sexual assault against a child. The defendant was sentenced to seven years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections on each count. The Appellate Division affirmed the judgment and the Court of Appeals denied leave to appeal. I had no involvement in any post-conviction proceedings.

Date of representation: 2015 – 2016

Presiding Judge

Hon. Alex Renzi  
New York State Supreme Court

Attorney for defendant

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5. *People v. Hall*, Indictment 2015/0171 (N.Y.S. Sup. Ct. 2015), *aff'd*, 182 A.D.3d 1023 (2020), *leave to appeal denied*, 35 N.Y.3d 1045 (2020)

I was the sole prosecutor on this case and handled all aspects of litigation including grand jury presentation, motions, hearing, trial, and sentencing. The defendant was charged with physically assaulting his one-year-old daughter by blunt force trauma to the head with a mental state of depraved indifference. The victim suffered serious and permanent injury to her brain. The defendant was convicted of assault in the first degree after a jury trial. The defendant was sentenced to 25 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus five years post-release supervision. The Appellate Division affirmed, and the Court of Appeals denied leave to appeal. I had no involvement in any post-conviction proceedings.

Date of representation: 2015

Presiding Judge

Hon. Alex Renzi  
New York State Supreme Court

Attorney for defendant

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6. *People v. Youngblood*, Indictment 2014/1195 (Monroe Cnty. Ct. 2014), *aff'd as modified*, 202 A.D.3d 1435 (2022), *leave to appeal denied*, 38 N.Y.3d 1036 (2022)

I assisted with the prosecution of this case and was involved in the jury trial and sentencing. Following a shootout with police officers, the defendant was charged with three counts of attempted aggravated murder of a police officer. The defendant was convicted of all three counts of attempted aggravated murder of a police officer after a jury trial. The defendant was sentenced to 40 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections on each count to run consecutively. The Appellate Division modified the sentences as a matter of discretion to run concurrently and affirmed the judgment as modified, finding that the verdict was not against the weight of the evidence. The Court of Appeals denied leave to appeal. I had no involvement in the post-conviction proceedings.

Date of representation: 2015

Presiding Judge

Hon. James Piampiano (retired)  
Monroe County Court

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7. *People v. Lewis*, Indictment 2014/0860 (N.Y.S. Sup. Ct. 2014), *aff'd*, 192 A.D.3d 1532 (2021), *leave to appeal denied*, 37 N.Y.3d 993 (2021)



I was the sole prosecutor on this case and handled all aspects of litigation including grand jury presentation, motions, hearing, trial, and sentencing. The defendant was charged with attempting to forcibly engage in oral sexual conduct with a child. The defendant was convicted of attempted criminal sexual act in the first degree, attempted sexual abuse in the first degree, attempted criminal sexual act in the third degree, coercion in the first degree, endangering the welfare of a child, and unlawfully dealing with a child in the first degree after a jury trial. The defendant was sentenced to 15 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 20 years post-release supervision. The judgment was affirmed by the Appellate Division, and the Court of Appeals denied leave to appeal. I had no involvement in any post-conviction proceedings.

Date of representation: 2014 – 2015

Presiding Judge

Hon. Alex Renzi  
New York State Supreme Court

Attorney for defendant

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8. *People v. Whittemore*, Indictment 2012/0792 (N.Y.S. Sup. Ct. 2012), *aff'd*, 185 A.D.3d 1528 (2020), *leave to appeal denied*, 36 N.Y.3d 977 (2020)

I assisted the District Attorney with the prosecution of this case and was involved with all aspects of litigation including grand jury presentation, motions, hearing, trial, and sentencing. The defendant was charged with intentionally killing his girlfriend. The jury rejected the defendant's affirmative defense of extreme emotional disturbance and convicted him of murder in the second degree after a jury trial. The defendant was sentenced to 25 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections. The judgment was affirmed by the Appellate Division, and the Court of Appeals denied leave to appeal. I had no involvement in any post-conviction proceedings.

Date of representation: 2012 – 2014

Presiding Judge

Hon. Daniel Doyle  
New York State Supreme Court

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9. *People v. Mirabella*, Indictment 2013/0170 (N.Y.S. Sup. Ct. 2013), *aff'd*, 126 A.D.3d 1367 (2015), *pet. for reh'g denied*, 138 A.D.3d 1513 (2016), *rev'd and remitted*, 187 A.D.3d 1589 (2020)

I was the sole prosecutor on this case and handled all aspects of litigation including grand jury presentation, motions, hearing, trial, and sentencing. The defendant was charged with sexually abusing two children. The defendant was convicted of criminal sexual act in the first degree, two counts of sexual abuse in the first degree, and two counts of sexual abuse in the third degree after a jury trial. The defendant was sentenced to 12 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 10 years post-release supervision on the top count of criminal sexual act in the first degree. All sentences ran concurrently. The case was appealed to the Appellate Division and affirmed. Motion for re-argument was denied in a decision by the Appellate Division. The defendant then moved to vacate judgment pursuant to CPL 440.10, claiming ineffective assistance of counsel. That motion was denied without a hearing in New York State Supreme Court. The Appellate Division reversed the lower court's decision on the 440 motion and remitted the matter for a hearing regarding the ineffective assistance of counsel claim. The hearing was conducted in New York State Supreme Court and the motion was denied. I had no involvement in any post-conviction proceedings.

Date of representation: 2013 – 2014

Presiding Judge

Hon. Thomas Moran  
New York State Supreme Court

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10. *People v. Ludwig*, Indictment 2010/0932 (N.Y.S. Sup. Ct. 2010), *aff'd*, 104 A.D.3d 1162 (2013), *aff'd*, 24 N.Y.3d 221 (2014)

I was the sole prosecutor on this case and handled all aspects of litigation including grand jury presentation, motions, hearing, trial, and sentencing. The defendant was charged with one count of predatory sexual assault against a child for engaging in a course of sexual abuse of a child over approximately a two-year period. The defendant was convicted of the sole count after a jury trial and was sentenced to 16 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections. The case was appealed to the Appellate Division which affirmed, and the Court of Appeals granted permission to appeal and also affirmed. I had no involvement in any post-conviction proceedings.

Date of representation: 2010 – 2011

Presiding Judge

Hon. James Piampiano (retired)  
Monroe County Court

Attorney for defendant

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18. **Legal Activities:** Describe the most significant legal activities you have pursued, including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not involve litigation. Describe fully the nature of your participation in these activities. List any client(s) or organization(s) for whom you performed lobbying activities and describe the lobbying activities you performed on behalf of such client(s) or organizations(s). (Note: As to any facts requested in this question, please omit any information protected by the attorney-client privilege.)

As a County Court Judge, I have instructed colleagues at the New York State Judicial Institute on a variety of criminal law subjects. In 2023, I was appointed to the New York State Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics. In this capacity, I work with other judges in the state on ethical inquiries. I have also taken on administrative responsibilities as the Supervising Judge of the Town and Village Courts within my district.

As an Assistant District Attorney in the Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Bureau, I met with countless victims of child abuse. I went through training for the forensic interview of children and other education regarding child abuse cases. I worked closely with our local child advocacy center, Child Protective Services, pediatric medical professionals and counselors specializing in helping children heal from past trauma.

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

19. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution

at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide four (4) copies to the committee.

None.

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.

My father and uncle are both criminal defense attorneys who practice in federal court. If any case they are involved in is assigned to me, I will recuse myself.

Additionally, if any matter is assigned to me that relates to a case I previously handled as an Assistant District Attorney, I will recuse myself.

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

If confirmed, I would evaluate any potential conflict of interest by applying 28 U.S.C. § 455, the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and any other relevant rules, laws, or ethical canons.

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.

Throughout my career, I have been dedicated to serving the public and, particularly, our disadvantaged populations. As the first Asian American judge in Rochester, it is important to me to speak to people in underrepresented populations to help ensure that they meet judges from a diversity of backgrounds. I regularly volunteer to speak to Rochester City School students and teach them about our criminal justice system. Most of these students come from low-income neighborhoods. As a co-chair on the Wellness Committee in our district, I help organize a food drive for our courthouse twice a year. I also helped organize a holiday donation project within our courthouse for families in need.

In 2022, I started an internship with an all-boys high school in the City of Rochester. I bring them to court, introduce them to other attorneys and judges, teach them about the law, and hold a mock trial at the end of their internship.

As an Assistant District Attorney, I worked with and advocated for many disadvantaged families. Outside of the office, I was a member of the Baby Safe Sleep Coalition. In addition to educating mothers about safe sleep, we provided free cribs, crib sheets, and baby sleep sacks for disadvantaged mothers. We met on a monthly basis and volunteered at various events in the city. I also volunteered for the Rochester Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative Participatory Budgeting Program. This program focused on creating programs for low-income people in the City of Rochester. I previously volunteered for the YWCA that gives support to women in need, often struggling mothers. I also volunteered for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Rochester where I mentored teenagers living in low-income areas.

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.

On February 22, 2023, I learned about the upcoming vacancy on the United States District Court for the Western District of New York. On March 8, 2023, I submitted my application to the office of Senator Chuck Schumer. On April 27, 2023, I interviewed with Senator Schumer's screening committee. On April 2, 2024, I met with Senator Schumer. Later that day, I was notified that I had been recommended to the White House as a potential candidate. On April 3, 2024, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. Since that date, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On May 8, 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.