

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).

Bridget Meehan Brennan
Bridget Maeve Meehan
Bridget Meehan

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

United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio

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 for the Northern District of Ohio
801 West Superior Avenue, Suite 400
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

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

1974; Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

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.

1998 – 2000, Case Western Reserve University School of Law; J.D., 2000

1997 – 1998, Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law (no degree)

1993 – 1997, John Carroll University; 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.

2007 – present
United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Ohio
801 West Superior Avenue, Suite 400
Cleveland, Ohio 44113
Acting United States Attorney (2021 – present)
First Assistant United States Attorney (2018 – 2021)
Criminal Division, Chief (2017 – 2018)
Civil Rights Unit, Chief (2015 – 2017)
Principal District Ethics Advisor (2013 – 2018)
Deputy District Ethics Advisor (2010 – 2013)
Assistant U.S. Attorney (2007 – present)

2000 – 2007
Baker Hostetler LLP
127 Public Square
Key Tower
Cleveland, Ohio 44113
Litigation Associate

1998 – 1999
Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC
1375 East Ninth Street, Suite 1700
Cleveland, Ohio
Summer Associate/Winter Clerk

1997
ManorCare Health Services/Arden Courts
1125 Perry Highway
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237
Caregiver/Activity Planner for Alzheimer’s Patients

2004 – 2006
Youth Challenge
800 Sharon Drive, Suite A
Westlake, Ohio 44145
Trustee

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

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

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other

special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

Geauga County Bluecoats Recognition Award for law enforcement cooperation efforts (2018)

John Marshall Award for Participation in Litigation, United States Attorney General (2014)

Director's Awards/Recognitions, Federal Bureau of Investigation (2012, 2013, 2016)

Exceptional Service Award, National Association of Former United States Attorneys (2014)

Women in Law Making a Difference Award, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (2014)

Distinguished Service Award, Internal Revenue Service (2013)

Crain's Cleveland 40 Under 40 (2013)

Alpha Kappa Delta, International Honor Society of Sociology (1996)

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

American Bar Association (approximately 2000 – 2007)

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (approximately 2000 – 2007)

Ohio Bar Association (approximately 2000 – 2007)

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.

Ohio, 2000

There have been no lapses in membership.

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

United States Supreme Court, 2006
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2002
United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, 2001
United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 2017

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.

City Club of Cleveland, Guardians of Free Speech, Member (2018 – present)

Heroin and Opioid Task Force for the Northern District of Ohio (approximately 2016 – present)

Chairperson (2021 – present)

Kensington Green Homeowners' Association, Member (approximately 2009 – 2019)

Secretary (approximately 2015 – 2018)

Ruffing Montessori, Parent Association/Class Parent (approximately 2007 – 2009)

Stand Together Against Neighborhood Crime Everyday (STANCE)
(approximately 2016 – present)

Chairperson (2021 – present)

United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Advisory Group
(2017 – present)

Co-Chair, Criminal Rules Committee (2017 – present)

Youth Challenge, Board of Trustees (approximately 2004 – 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 listed organizations currently discriminates or formerly discriminated based on 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.

Thanks for the food drive success, The Carroll News, Letter to the Editor (Jan. 25, 1996). 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.

None.

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

None.

- 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.

The following list reflects my best effort to identify the public speaking events in which I have participated, based on a review of my records and publicly-available information. This list does not include brief meet-and-greets with clerks,

interns/externs, or students.

October 13, 2021: Introductory remarks, *Ethics and Professionalism CLE*, United States Attorney's Office, Cleveland, Ohio. Talking points supplied.

June 23, 2021: Co-speaker, *Best Practices in Court Operations and Security, A Project for Ukraine*, Cleveland Council on World Affairs, International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. Department of State, Cleveland, Ohio. A virtual meeting where the U.S. Attorney's Office and the U.S. Marshal's Service met with prosecutors and law enforcement from Ukraine to discuss, among other general topics, our security operations and logistics for defendant and witness transportation. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Cleveland Council on World Affairs is 812 Huron Road, East, Suite 620, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

June 4, 2021: Panelist, *Police Reform, Empowering Youth/Empowering Justice*, Cleveland, Ohio. I participated in a panel conversation addressing youth engagement in the reform process. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Empowering Youth/Empowering Justice is 2515 Jay Avenue, Suite 101, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

May 18, 2021: Speaker, *The Role of the U.S. Attorney's Office*, University School High School, U.S. Law & Society Club. I spoke about my career, the role of the U.S. Attorney's Office, and the Office's top priorities, which include national security, civil rights, public corruption, and drug trafficking organizations contributing to our District's heroin and opioid epidemic. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for University School is 2785 Som Center Road, Moreland Hills, Ohio 44022.

May 15, 2021: Speaker, *Community Dialogue/Building Bridges with the Latino Faith-Based Community*, Community of Faith Collaborative, Office of Bishop Omar Medina, Cleveland, Ohio. I discussed federal civil rights enforcement efforts, including disparate discipline in schools, and our District's litigation to ensure bilingual ballots in Cuyahoga and Lorain counties. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Community of Faith Collaborative's address is 3400 Archwood Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44109.

May 14, 2021: Speaker, *Addressing Violence Targeting the Asian-American and Pacific Islander Community*, United States Attorney's Office, Cleveland, Ohio. Talking points supplied.

May 12, 2021: Panelist, *Crisis Intervention & Officer Wellness, Consent Decree Conversations*, United Way of Cleveland & NAACP of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JF3wc0xrPQE>.

April 20, 2021: Speaker, *The Role of the U.S. Attorney's Office*, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, White Collar Crimes class. I spoke about my career, the role of the U.S. Attorney's Office, and the Office's top priorities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Case Western Reserve University School of Law is 11075 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

April 20, 2021: Public Announcement: National Crime Victims' Rights Week, United States Attorney's Office, Cleveland, Ohio. Video available at <https://www.facebook.com/253623581423005/videos/520845245744680>.

April 20, 2021: Speaker, community conversation with area pastors at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Along with the U.S. Marshal and FBI Special Agent in Charge, I spoke about the rise in firearms violence, violence reduction efforts, and federal civil rights violations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

April 14, 2021: I participated in a brown bag lunch with Judge J. Philip Calabrese's law clerks to discuss several topics, including the U.S. Attorney's Office's priorities, career paths for law school graduates, and my career path. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. This meeting was held in Judge Calabrese's courtroom, which is located at 801 West Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

April 8, 2021: Speaker, *Civil Rights Violations*, Richmond Heights Police Academy, Richmond Heights, Ohio. Handout supplied.

March 4, 2021: Participant, Cleveland Metropolitan School District seniors, working with the aid of local professionals, to identify areas of improvement in their schools and community, organize a student-led plan of action, and then present to School District representatives, peers, and local professionals. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The event was co-sponsored by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, located at 1111 Superior Avenue, East, Suite 1800, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, and the Rotary Club of Cleveland, located at 1122 Prospect Avenue, East, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

January 27, 2021: Panelist, *An Overview of the Cleveland Consent Decree*, *Cleveland Consent Decree Community Conversations*, United Way of Cleveland and N.A.A.C.P. of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0J2Xy2RON8>.

November 10, 2020: Panelist, *The Cleveland Consent Decree*, John M. Manos Inn of Court, Cleveland, Ohio. Talking points supplied.

November 10, 2020: Speaker, *Health Care Trends and the Importance of a Functioning Compliance Department*, MetroHealth Compliance Department, Cleveland, Ohio. Presentation supplied.

July 21, 2020: Panelist, *Asian Americans Targeted in the Time of Covid-19*, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Real Talk Series, Cleveland, Ohio. Video available at <https://www.facebook.com/202174439841713/videos/649156352474454>.

April 24, 2020: Panelist, *COVID-19 and the Federal Court Webinar*, Federal Bar Association, Cleveland, Ohio. I spoke about adjustments made in our Office to respond to the pandemic, including those made to facilitate virtual hearings and appearances. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Cleveland Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is P.O. Box 14760, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

March 31, 2020: Speaker, *The Role of the U.S. Attorney's Office*, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, White Collar Crimes class. I discussed my career and the role of the U.S. Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Case Western Reserve University School of Law is 11075 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

January 15, 2020: Panelist, *The growing risk of fentanyl and fentanyl analogues, a roundtable discussion*, United States Attorney's Office, Cleveland, Ohio. Press coverage supplied and video available at <https://news5cleveland.com/news/opioid-crisis/expiring-illegal-drug-regulation-has-law-enforcement-concerned> and <https://www.facebook.com/News5Cleveland/videos/watch-live-officials-discuss-expiration-of-regulation-on-fentanyl-analogues/519031078819089>.

December 11, 2019: Co-speaker: *The Opioid Epidemic in Northeast Ohio*, the Greater Cleveland Federal Executive Board, Cleveland, Ohio. I spoke generally about the fatal overdose numbers in our District, prosecutions of drug trafficking organizations, and the United States Attorney's Office's Heroin and Opioid Task Force. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Cleveland Federal Executive Board is 1240 East Ninth Street, Room 355, Cleveland, Ohio 44199.

December 6, 2019: Speaker, *The Role of the U.S. Attorney's Office*, Hawken High School, Immigration Class. I discussed my career and the role of the U.S. Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Hawken High School is 12465 County Line Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026.

November 1, 2019: Speaker, *Opening remarks*, White Collar Crime Conference, United States Attorney's Office, Cleveland, Ohio. I welcomed panelists and presenters to the conference and stressed the importance of continuing to prioritize these investigations and prosecutions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Attorney's Office is 801 West Superior Avenue, Suite 400, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

October 17, 2019: Moderator, *Domestic Violence Symposium: New Approaches and Remaining Challenges*. I moderated a conversation concerning temporary restraining orders and the connection to federal firearms prosecutions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. This event was sponsored by the United States Attorney's Office, 801 West Superior Avenue, Suite 400, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

August 23, 2019: Panelist, *Efforts to Protect the Privacy of Cooperation Agreements*, Federal Public Defender's Annual Conference, Cleveland, Ohio. This panel discussed the shared concerns for protecting the safety of cooperating witnesses. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Public Defender's Office is 1660 West Second Street, Suite 750, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

August 12, 2019: Co-speaker, *Promoting Cyber Security*, Cleveland Council on World Affairs, International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. Department of State, Cleveland, Ohio. This was a meeting with exchange participants interested in learning more about the Department's efforts to identify and prevent cyber security threats as well as prosecuting those engaged in these violations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Cleveland Council on World Affairs is 812 Huron Road, East, Suite 620, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

June 12, 2019: Panelist, *Forum on Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents*, Community Relations Service, Department of Justice, Toledo, Ohio. I spoke about the importance of community engagement and awareness in identifying hate incidents and reporting hate crimes. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the regional office of the Community Relations Service that sponsored this event is 211 West Fort Street, Suite 1404, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

June 12, 2019: Speaker, *Community Hate Crimes 101 Seminar*, Anti-Defamation League, Cleveland, Ohio. I spoke about federal civil rights violations, prosecutions in this District, and ongoing efforts to engage communities on this issue. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Cleveland Office of the Anti-Defamation League is 50 Public Square, Suite 1702, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

April 10, 2019: Speaker, *Federal Hate Crimes*, Sociology Department, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. Presentation supplied.

April 2, 2019: Speaker, *The Role of the U.S. Attorney's Office*, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, White Collar Crimes class. I discussed my career and the role of the U.S. Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Case Western Reserve University School of Law is 11075 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

January 29, 2019: Speaker, *Prosecuting Civil Rights Crimes and Related Violations*, part of a series of speakers at an event titled “Securing Places of Worship – An Inclusive Community Discussion for Members of All Faiths” sponsored by the ADL, Cleveland Jewish Federation and the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Cleveland, Ohio. Presentation and press coverage supplied.

December 7, 2018: Speaker, *The Role of the U.S. Attorney’s Office*, Hawken High School, Immigration Class. I discussed my career and the role of the U.S. Attorney’s Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Hawken High School is 12465 County Line Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026.

September 20, 2018: Speaker, *Law Enforcement Trends and Cooperation*, Geauga County Bluecoats, Cleveland, Ohio. Presentation supplied.

September 14, 2018: Speaker, *Opening remarks*, Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council Conference, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Cleveland, Ohio. I addressed the importance of continued cooperation in all efforts relating to our nation’s security. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the U.S. Attorney’s Office is 801 West Superior Avenue, Suite 400, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

September 6, 2018: Moderator, *Community Accomplishments, Opioids: A Crisis Still Facing Our Entire Community*, United States Attorney’s Office Heroin and Opioid Task Force Symposium, Cleveland, Ohio. I facilitated a conversation among medical professionals and law enforcement officials about various collaborative efforts that have proven to be successful in our communities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the U.S. Attorney’s Office is 801 West Superior Avenue, Suite 400, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, and the main address for the Cleveland Clinic is 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44195. Press coverage supplied.

August 27, 2018: Panelist, *Hate Crimes Discussion*, Matthew Shepard Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio. I spoke about federal enforcement of civil rights violations, the prioritization of hate crimes offenses, and the importance of outreach with the LGBTQ+ community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but prepared questions for the panelists are supplied. The address for the Matthew Shepard Foundation is 800 Eighteenth Street, Suite 301, Denver, Colorado 80202.

August 6, 2018: Co-speaker, *U.S. Justice System: Protecting Women and Children*, Cleveland Council on World Affairs, International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. Department of State, Cleveland, Ohio. This was a meeting with exchange participants interested in learning more about the Department’s efforts to prevent, identify, and prosecute human trafficking offenses. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Cleveland Council on World Affairs is 812 Huron Road, East, Suite 620, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

June 14, 2018: Panelist, *Tips from the Trial Masters in High Profile Cases*, 2018 Media & the Law Summit, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Cleveland, Ohio. The panel discussed the unique challenges of preparing and presenting a high-profile case with extensive media coverage as well as the role such attention can play in jury selection, motions *in limine*, etc. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association is 1375 East Ninth Street, Suite 2, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

April 10, 2018: Speaker, *The Role of the U.S. Attorney's Office*, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, White Collar Crimes class. I discussed my career and the role of the U.S. Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Case Western Reserve University School of Law is 11075 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

February 28, 2018: Speaker, *Federal Hate Crimes*, Sociology Department, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. Presentation supplied.

December 1, 2017: Speaker, *The Role of the U.S. Attorney's Office*, Hawken High School, Immigration class. I discussed my career and the role of the U.S. Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Hawken High School is 12465 County Line Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026.

November 29, 2017: Presenter, *Human Trafficking Investigations*, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Cleveland, Ohio. Presentation supplied.

June 29, 2017: Co-speaker, *Healing the Wounds of Trafficking*, Cleveland Council on World Affairs, International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. Department of State, Cleveland, Ohio. This was a meeting with exchange participants interested in learning more about the Department's efforts to prevent, identify, and prosecute human trafficking offenses, as well as the support law enforcement receives from social service organizations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Cleveland Council on World Affairs is 812 Huron Road, East, Suite 620, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

April 12, 2017: Panelist, *U.S. v. Mullet et al.*, John M. Manos Inn of Court, Cleveland, Ohio. Along with the presiding judge and two defense attorneys, I spoke about the prosecutorial challenges and appellate issues raised in this prosecution of 16 individuals for federal hate crimes, conspiracy, and obstruction of justice offenses. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the John M. Manos Inn of Court is 111 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

December 9, 2016: Panelist, *Federal Enforcement of White Collar Crimes*, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's White Collar Crimes Conference, Cleveland, Ohio. The panel discussed enforcement efforts regarding white collar federal offenses. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association is 1375 East Ninth Street, Suite 2, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

December 2, 2016: Speaker, *The Role of the U.S. Attorney's Office*, Hawken High School. I discussed my career and the role of the U.S. Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Hawken High School is 12465 County Line Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026.

October 20, 2016: Speaker, Interfaith Dinner, Islamic Society of Akron and Kent, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. I gave remarks about the Department's commitment to protecting every person's right to exercise their religion freely and peacefully. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Islamic Society of Akron and Kent is located at 152 East Steele Corners Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44224.

October 5, 2016: Co-speaker, *Human Trafficking/Federal Offenses, Case Study: U.S. v. Mack et al.*, Ohio Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference, Columbus, Ohio. Presentation supplied.

August 18, 2016: Speaker, *ACTeams/Human Trafficking*, Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations Managers' Conference, Columbus, Ohio. I presented briefly on our District's ACTeam, a Civil Rights Division-sponsored effort to improve coordination among the FBI, HSI, DOL and the U.S. Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the local DHS/HSI office is 8870 Dow Circle, Suite 200, Strongsville, Ohio 44186.

June 16, 2016: Co-speaker, *Combatting Trafficking in Persons*, Cleveland Council on World Affairs, International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. Department of State, Cleveland, Ohio. This was a meeting with exchange participants interested in learning more about the Department's efforts to prevent, identify, and prosecute human trafficking offenses. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Cleveland Council on World Affairs is 812 Huron Road, East, Suite 620, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

January 27, 2016: Co-presenter, *The First Amendment v. Violent Bigotry: Navigating the Lines Between Free Speech and Hate Crimes*, the Anti-Defamation League, Cleveland, Ohio. I spoke about federal criminal civil rights statutes and *U.S. v. Mullet et al.* I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Anti-Defamation League is 50 Public Square, Suite 1702, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

October 27 – 28, 2015: Speaker, *Prosecuting Human Trafficking Offenses*, Department of State's International Campaign to Address Human Trafficking, Taipei, Taiwan. I spoke about federal human trafficking violations, courtroom presentation strategies, and victim/witness concerns. I have no notes, transcript,

or recording. The address for the U.S. Department of State is 2201 C Street, Northwest, Washington, DC 20520.

September 24, 2015: Panelist, *Human Trafficking*, Cleveland Leadership Center & the City Club of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio. The panel discussed the increased threat of human trafficking in this District. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. This panel conversation was jointly sponsored by the Cleveland Leadership Center, which is located at One Cleveland Center, 1375 East Ninth Street, Suite 2430, Cleveland, Ohio, and the City Club, which is located at 850 Euclid Avenue, Second Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

May 14, 2015: Speaker, *Federal Enforcement Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking*, the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, Cleveland, Ohio. I spoke about human trafficking prosecutions in this District and the critical role non-government organizations and social service agencies play in the successful prosecution of these offenses. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking is 24600 Center Ridge Road, Suite 225, Cleveland, Ohio 44145.

May 8, 2015: Panelist, *Is the Cover-Up Worse Than the Crime? – Charging Obstruction Counts*, White Collar Crime Conference, United States Attorney's Office, Cleveland, Ohio. Presentation supplied.

December 19, 2014: Speaker, *Human Trafficking Investigations*, Update on Current Human Trafficking Legislation and Trends, Department of Children's Initiatives, Ohio Attorney General, Columbus, Ohio. Presentation supplied.

December 12, 2014: Panelist, *Federal Enforcement of White Collar Crimes*, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's White Collar Crimes Conference, Cleveland, Ohio. The panel discussed enforcement efforts in the area of white-collar federal offenses. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association is 1375 East Ninth Street, Suite 2, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

December 5, 2014: Speaker, *The Role of the U.S. Attorney's Office*, Hawken High School. I discussed my career and the role of the U.S. Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Hawken High School is 12465 County Line Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026.

July/August 2014: Speaker, series of Cleveland Division of Police roll calls regarding hate crimes, hate incidents, and collecting evidence of same. Materials supplied.

May 14, 2014: Presenter, *Hate Crimes*, Executive Committee for the Gay Games, The Cleveland Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio. I advised on federal civil rights violations and the coordinated plan between our office and the Cuyahoga County

Prosecutor's Office to provide materials and information to officers who could be called to respond to a hate crime/hate incident. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Cleveland Foundation is 1422 Euclid Avenue, Suite 1300, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

March 7, 2014: Speaker, *Federal Civil Rights Prosecutions*, ADL's Hate Crimes Task Force Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio. I spoke about our office's prosecutions in *U.S. v. Mullet* and *U.S. v. Linn* as well as the rise in violence associated with one's actual or perceived sexual orientation. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the ADL Regional Office that sponsored this event is 34 North Brentwood Boulevard, Suite 2, St. Louis, Missouri 63105.

September 5, 2013: Speaker, *Human Trafficking and the Law*, Ashtabula County Family and Children First Council, Ashtabula, Ohio. I presented on federal human trafficking laws. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Ashtabula County Family and Children First Council is 3914 C Court, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004.

December 14, 2012: Panelist, *Federal Enforcement of White Collar Crimes*, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's White Collar Crimes Conference, Cleveland, Ohio. The panel discussed enforcement efforts in the area of white-collar federal offenses. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association is 1375 East Ninth Street, Suite 2, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

December 4, 2012: Moderator, *The Critical Role of Social Service Agencies in Addressing Human Trafficking*, USAO-FBI Civil Rights Conference – The Cost of Human Trafficking. I facilitated a conversation among service providers to raise awareness about the critical role they play and the various services they can make available to trafficking survivors. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the U.S. Attorney's Office is 801 West Superior Avenue, Suite 400, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

November 27, 2012: Panelist, *U.S. v. Mullet et al.*, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio. I spoke to law students about the legal issues involved in this prosecution and evidentiary challenges that arose. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Case Western Reserve University School of Law is 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

May 17, 2012: Speaker, *Federal Civil Rights Violations*, FBI Citizens' Academy, Cleveland, Ohio. I provided an overview of federal civil rights offenses and enforcement efforts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the FBI-Cleveland is 1501 Lakeside Avenue, East, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

December 17, 2010: Panelist, *Federal Enforcement of White Collar Crimes*, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's White Collar Crimes Conference, Cleveland, Ohio. Talking points supplied.

October 22, 2010: Panelist, *Securities Fraud*, Ohio Division of Securities Conference, Columbus, Ohio. The panel addressed federal securities laws and regulations as well as the importance of coordinating with state and federal partners. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Ohio Division of Securities is 77 South High Street, Suite 22, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

September 18, 2009: Co-speaker, *Useful Strategies and Resources for Investigating Securities Fraud*, White Collar Crime Conference, United States Attorney's Office, Cleveland, Ohio. Presentation 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.

Sara Shookman, *MetroHealth says 'data security incident' impacted personal patient information; local pharmacies may have been exposed*, WKYC (June 11, 2021). Video available at <https://www.wkyc.com/article/news/health/metrohealth-capturerx-data-breach-security-incident-patient-information/95-c584a5d7-84fa-461b-a611-79ab108d7309>.

Rich Weiss, *Community members needed to join sixth Cleveland Consent Decree Community Conversation sponsored by NAACP- Cleveland Chapter and United Way of Greater Cleveland: 6:00 pm, June 09*, Neighborhood and Community Media Association of Greater Cleveland (June 3, 2021). Copy supplied.

Jane Kauffman, *Leaders react after man pleads guilty to hate crime involving Toledo-area synagogues*, Cleveland Jewish News (May 20, 2021). Copy supplied.

Tracy Carloss, *'About to be record-breaking' — Overdose deaths on the rise in Cuyahoga County this year*, WEWS (May 5, 2021). Video available at <https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/about-to-be-record-breaking-overdose-deaths-on-the-rise-in-cuyahoga-county-this-year>.

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Lori Steineck, *Federal animal cruelty law boasts stiffer penalty*, Canton Repository (Dec. 27, 2019). Copy supplied.

Tracy Carloss, *Feds bust drug ring that used domestic shipping to bring drugs from California to Cleveland*, WEWS (Aug. 20, 2019). Video available at <https://www.newschannel5.com/news/national/feds-bust-drug-ring-that-used-domestic-shipping-to-bring-drugs-from-california-to-ohio>.

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I participated in an interview with a student-journalist with the John Carroll University Alumni Magazine summarizing my educational and professional experiences. The written article was once available online; I did not maintain a copy. The article is no longer available, and John Carroll University has confirmed that they are unable to provide a copy. The interview and publication occurred in approximately 2015 or 2016.

Acting United States Attorney – Press Releases:

In an effort to keep the public informed about matters handled by the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio, the office routinely issues press releases and sometimes public statements. Below is a list of releases and statements issued thus far during my tenure as Acting United States Attorney.

Press release, "Former Cleveland VA Medical Center Supervisor Sentenced to 37 Months and Ordered to Pay More Than \$1.25 Million in Restitution for Theft and Kickback Scheme," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Oct. 14, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "U.S. Attorney's Office Commemorates Domestic Violence Awareness Month," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Oct. 13, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Chicago Woman Found Guilty of Possession with Intent to Distribute 4 Kilos of Cocaine," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Oct. 13, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Former Cleveland City Councilman Sentenced to 6 Years and Ordered to Pay \$746k in Restitution After Conviction of Federal Program Theft, Tax Violations, Witness Tampering and Falsifying Records," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Oct. 8, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Toledo Man Charged with Escape from Custody," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Oct. 7, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Four Charged with Making False Statement to Purchase Firearms at Licensed Youngstown Area Dealer," United States Attorney for the Northern

District of Ohio (Oct. 7, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Elyria Man Sentenced to Thirteen and a Half Years for Coordinating Armed Gas Station Robbery," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Oct. 7, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Cleveland Man Found Guilty of Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Drug Trafficking," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Oct. 7, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio Recognizes Community Policing Week," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Oct. 6, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Akron Man Charged with Escape from Northeast Ohio Correctional Center," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Oct. 1, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Akron Man Charged with Armed Robbery and Carjacking," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Oct. 1, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Cleveland Man Sentenced to 57 Months After Conviction of Felon in Possession of a Firearm," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Sept. 30, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Toledo Man Sentenced to 25 Years After Law Enforcement Officials Seized 8 Kilos of Heroin and Fentanyl from Residences," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Sept. 29, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Akron Career Criminal Sentenced to 15 Years After Convictions of Felon in Possession of Firearm and Possession of an Unregistered Shotgun," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Sept. 27, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Raymond L. Maze, 49, of Akron, Ohio was indicted by a federal Grand Jury in Cleveland in a two-count indictment," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Sept. 9, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Sean B. Finney, age 57, of New Franklin, Ohio, charged with two counts of Bank Robbery," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Aug. 31, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Strongsville Man Charged with Attempted Tax Evasion and Bankruptcy Fraud," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Aug. 26, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Seven Individuals Indicted for Fraudulently Obtaining Pandemic Unemployment Insurance Benefits," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Aug. 26, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Twelve Indicted on Drug Conspiracy, Money Laundering, and Firearms Violations," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Aug. 26, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Canton man Charged with Distribution of a Controlled Substance," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Aug. 24, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Canton Man Arrested on Firearm Violation," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Aug. 24, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Members of Canton, Ohio Gang Indicted on Racketeering and Drug Conspiracy Violations," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Aug. 24, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Cleveland City Councilman Convicted of Federal Program Theft, Tax Violations, Witness Tampering and Falsifying Records," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (July 30, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Two Florida Men Sentenced for Running Grandparent Scam in Northern Ohio," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (July 27, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Port Clinton Physician Convicted of Prescribing Controlled Substances Without Medical Necessity and Health Care Fraud," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (July 22, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Two Romanian Nationals Charged for Roles in an International Online Auction Fraud Scheme," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (July 20, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Northeast Ohio Priest Pleads Guilty to Charges of Sex Trafficking of a Minor, Sexual Exploitation of a Child and Possession of Child Pornography," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (July 16, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Chesterland Man Charged with COVID-19 Relief Fraud," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (July 16, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Kirtland Couple Sentenced to 18 Months for Bribing Former City of Cleveland Official and Tax Fraud," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (July 15, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Gates Mills Man Pleads Guilty to Role in Bookmaking Conspiracy," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (July 12, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Toledo Man Charged with Sinking Vessel and Disposing Garbage in the Maumee River," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (July 8, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Postal Employee Charged with Stealing More Than \$4,000 from Mail," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (June 21, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Wellington Man Sentenced to Nine Years for Transportation, Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (June 16, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Statement from Acting U.S. Attorney Bridget M. Brennan," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (June 16, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Cleveland Man Charged with Starting Fire in Restaurant During May 30 Demonstrations in Downtown Cleveland," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (June 11, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Cleveland Man Charged with Multiple Robberies throughout Cuyahoga County," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (June 11, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Toledo Man Charged with Sex Trafficking and Transportation of a Minor," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (June 11, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Career Criminal in Akron Sentenced to 20 Years for Firearms Offenses," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (June 11, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Man Indicted for Sending Threatening Text Message to Social Worker," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (June 8, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Latvian National Charged for Alleged Role in Transnational Cybercrime Organization," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (June 4, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Former Youngstown Area Physician Sentenced to 22 Years for Sex Trafficking Minors," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (June 3, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Lorain Man with History of Violence Sentenced to 15 Years After Conviction of Felon in Possession of Ammunition," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (June 3, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Former City of Cleveland Demolition Bureau Chief Sentenced to 21 Months for Bribery and Extortion," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (June 2, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Parma Man Charged with Stealing \$80,000 in Federal Income and Employment Assistance Benefits," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (June 1, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Eleven Additional Defendants Charged in Medicaid Fraud Scheme," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (May 28, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Four Charged in Conspiracy that Billed More Than \$20 Million in False Claims to Medicare," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (May 28, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Mahoning County Man Pleads Guilty to Using a Firearm to Threaten a Jewish Community Center in Youngstown," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (May 26, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "California Man Sentenced to Nine and a Half Years for Trafficking Fentanyl and Firearms Offenses," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (May 21, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Ohio Man Pleads Guilty to Providing Material Support to ISIS and Attempting to Commit an Attack at a Toledo-Area Synagogue," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (May 18, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Kent man charged with flying an airplane without a valid pilot certificate," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (May 18, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Six in Youngstown-Warren charged with Methamphetamine Drug Trafficking Conspiracy," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (May 17, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Cleveland man found guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (May 13, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Acting U.S. Attorney Bridget M. Brennan Recognizes National Police Week," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (May 10, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Jury convicts Warren man of drug trafficking and firearms offenses," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (May 10, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Cleveland man found guilty in plot to ambush and kidnap law enforcement officers," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (May 7, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Eight Indicted in Credit Card Fraud Scheme," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (May 5, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Six Charged with Fraudulently Seeking to Obtain \$9 Million in COVID-Relief Funding," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (May 4, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Correctional officer sentenced for sexual abuse of a ward, accepting bribes and smuggling contraband into the Northeast Ohio Correctional Center," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Apr. 29, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Home health aide sentenced to more than 5 years in prison for using her position to steal more than \$200k from disabled victim," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Apr. 28, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Toledo physician pleads guilty to sex trafficking charges," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Apr. 27, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Maple Heights man sentenced to 39 months for elder fraud scheme," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Apr. 27, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "DEA and U.S. Attorney's Office encourage participation in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Apr. 27, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Three charged with aiding and assisting in the preparation of a false tax return," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Apr. 19, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Sandusky physician charged with prescribing medically unnecessary controlled substances and health care fraud," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Apr. 16, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Two Maple Heights men charged with drug trafficking conspiracy," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Apr. 16, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Software developer charged with damaging the computer system of a Cleveland company," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Apr. 14, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Toledo man arrested and charged with selling fentanyl that caused two overdose deaths in Lucas County," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Apr. 6, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Two indicted in Northern District on child pornography charges," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Apr. 2, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Minnesota man charged with possession of fraudulent identification documents and counterfeit checks," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Apr. 2, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Westlake man sentenced to 13 years for possession with intent to distribute meth, cocaine, marijuana and firearms offenses," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Mar. 31, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Two Florida men plead guilty to running "Grandparent Scam" in Northern Ohio," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Mar. 29, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Registered sex offender sentenced to 35 years for sexual exploitation of children and receipt and distribution of visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Mar. 17, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Operators of dietary supplement company intend to plead guilty to failure to register a food manufacturing facility and refusal of an FDA inspection," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Mar. 15, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Tucson man arrested with 20 kilos of cocaine in vehicle charged," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Mar. 15, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Strongsville man accused of filing false tax returns," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Mar. 12, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Toledo man charged with using 'Black Lives Matter of Greater Atlanta' Facebook page to defraud donors," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Mar. 12, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Canton man sentenced to 8 years for distributing carfentanil and possession of firearms as a felon," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Mar. 11, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Lab analyst sentenced for falsifying test results," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Mar. 9, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Kirtland couple pleads guilty to bribery of former city of Cleveland demolition official," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Mar. 5, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Canton man sentenced to 22 and a half years for possession with intent to distribute 16 pounds of meth, marijuana, heroin, LSD and possession of a semi-automatic pistol," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Mar. 4, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Two men charged in a conspiracy to send drug-infused letters to inmates at a federal prison in South Carolina," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Feb. 25, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Parma Heights man charged with selling fentanyl that led to fatal overdose," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Feb. 24, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Cleveland City Council member arrested, charged with federal program theft," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Feb. 23, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Rogers man charged with illegal possession of 27 firearms, explosive device and bald eagle," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Feb. 19, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Youngstown man with prior drug trafficking convictions charged with possession with intent to distribute 2.8 kilos of fentanyl," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Feb. 19, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Cleveland man sentenced to 30 years for selling heroin fentanyl mixture that caused fatal overdose," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Feb. 12, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Cleveland man enters guilty plea to possession with intent to distribute 3 kilograms of cocaine," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Feb. 10, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Lima man sentenced to 12 years for selling substance that caused overdose," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Feb. 5, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Cuyahoga Falls man sentenced to six and a half years for receipt and distribution of child pornography," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Feb. 5, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Youngstown man charged with possession of explosive devices and illegal firearm," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Feb. 5, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Two Youngstown-area physicians indicted for health care fraud and kickback schemes; third charged by bill of information," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Feb. 5, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Pennsylvania man charged with forcibly assaulting federal law enforcement officers in Cleveland," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Jan. 29, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Two Kirtland men charged with trafficking meth and illegal possession of 16 AR-15 style rifles, sniper rifles, shotguns and handguns," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Jan. 29, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Eight charged with trafficking 10 kilos of cocaine and other drugs in Lorain, Elyria and Cleveland," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Jan. 29, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Two Akron-area men charged with intent to distribute approximately 10,000 THC vape cartridges and psilocin in Northern Ohio," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Jan. 26, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Strasburg woman sentenced to 24 months imprisonment after embezzling more than \$400k from former employer," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Jan. 22, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Michigan man charged with possession with intent to distribute more than 1,000 THC vape cartridges," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Jan. 21, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Statement from Acting U.S. Attorney Bridget M. Brennan on the fatal shooting of Toledo Police Officer Brandon Stalker," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Jan. 19, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

Press release, "Federal court restrains Toledo pharmacy and two pharmacists from dispensing opioids or other controlled substances," United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (Jan. 15, 2021) (reprinted in multiple outlets). Copy supplied.

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

I have not held judicial office.

- a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment? _____
- i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:
- jury trials: _____ %
bench trials: _____ % [total 100%]
- ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:
- civil proceedings: _____ %
criminal proceedings: _____ % [total 100%]
- b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.
- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a

capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).

- d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the 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.

None.

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

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 did not serve as a judicial law clerk.

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

I have never been a solo practitioner.

- 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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Assistant U.S. Attorney (2007 – 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 never served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

b. Describe:

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

In 2000, I joined Baker Hostetler LLP as a litigation associate in its Cleveland office. I focused on complex commercial litigation, defending individuals and corporations in criminal matters, and First Amendment litigation. I participated in matters in both state and federal court, with my first trial being a civil matter in state court. My work consisted of legal research and writing; drafting pleadings and briefs; preparing and producing discovery; taking and defending depositions; preparing preliminary injunction pleadings; representing clients in settlement conferences and mediations; advising clients on criminal matters; and representing clients testifying in criminal trials and during proffer meetings with federal prosecutors.

In 2007, I joined the United States Attorney's Office in the Northern District of Ohio. I was initially assigned to the General Crimes Unit where my caseload consisted of firearms violations, drug offenses, and supervised release violation hearings.

In approximately 2010, I was assigned to the White Collar Crimes Unit, where my caseload included complex fraud matters, Ponzi schemes, and securities fraud prosecutions. One of the matters to which I was assigned

as lead counsel involved an intricate securities fraud scheme where the defendant falsely represented to investors that his sophisticated short sale method in the futures market would guarantee large rates of return, but instead resulted in more than \$30 million in losses and the misappropriation of investors' funds.

From 2012 until 2015, I was assigned to the National Security, Organized Crime, and Human Rights Unit, where my caseload involved all of those matters, with a particular emphasis on organized crime and civil rights offenses. It was during this time period that I worked closely with federal agents to investigate and prosecute those responsible for the collapse of the St. Paul Croatian Federal Credit Union, identified by the National Credit Union Administration as the largest credit union failure in United States history. I served as lead counsel on most of these prosecutions, with two matters proceeding trial. Additionally, I served as lead counsel in *United States v. Mullet et al.*, the first prosecution in the country addressing religiously-motivated violence under the Hate Crime Prevention Act. This matter resolved after a multi-week trial and two instances of appellate review. I also served as lead counsel in *United States v. Mack et al.*, which resulted in the nation's first reported appellate decision recognizing that forced opioid withdrawal meets the statutory definition of coercion.

In 2015, I was promoted to Chief of the District's first Civil Rights Unit. I supervised a criminal Assistant U.S. Attorney, two civil Assistant U.S. Attorneys, and an investigator while maintain my own caseload, which included hate crimes, police misconduct, human trafficking, as well as white collar matters, namely bank fraud, bribery, money laundering, and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations. In particular, I served as lead counsel in *United States v. Purnell*, which was the District's first prosecution of a customer under the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015.

In 2017, I became the Chief of the Criminal Division where I supervised approximately 70 Assistant U.S. Attorneys in all areas of federal criminal prosecutions and appeals. My caseload was reduced to account for my additional supervisory responsibilities, but I maintained a criminal case load of civil rights and money laundering matters.

In 2018, I was promoted to First Assistant U.S. Attorney, which provided an opportunity to return to a caseload and supervisory responsibilities for both criminal and civil matters. The two primary criminal matters to which I was assigned, both as co-counsel, were *United States v. Aiad-Toss* and *United States v. McWilliams*. Mr. Aiad-Toss, a physician at the time of his offenses, plead guilty to juvenile sex trafficking and child exploitation offenses involving six minor victims. This prosecution was

the District's largest juvenile sex trafficking prosecution in terms of the number of victims. Mr. McWilliams, a priest at the time of his conduct, plead guilty to juvenile sex trafficking and child exploitation offenses involving five minor victims. With respect to civil matters, I am assigned to the Cleveland Division of Police Consent Decree litigation, and I have been engaged in, among other matters of civil litigation, utilizing (a) the injunctive relief provided by the Controlled Substances Act to prohibit the ongoing distribution and prescription of controlled substances alleged to be medically unnecessary for patient care, and (b) the Fair Housing Act to address sexual harassment in housing.

In January 2021, I became the Acting United States Attorney for the District, which involves practicing in much the same manner as I did while First Assistant U.S. Attorney.

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

While at Baker Hostetler, my typical clients were businesses although individual representations, particularly in criminal defense matters, occurred throughout my tenure. A pro bono representation undertaken while at Baker Hostetler involved plaintiff-side civil litigation.

At the United States Attorney's Office, I have represented the interests of the United States in civil and criminal matters.

- 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.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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

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

I have tried a total of 15 cases to final decision. I was co-counsel in my first trial, which was a civil jury trial in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. The other 14 trials have been criminal jury trials in the Northern District of Ohio. I was sole counsel in one trial, lead counsel in eight trials, and co-counsel in the five remaining trials.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
 - 1. jury: 100%
 - 2. non-jury: 0%

- 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 practiced before the Supreme Court of the United States.

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

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

- 1. *United States v. Aiad-Toss*, 4:19CR521 (N.D. Ohio 2021), *appeal filed*, Case No. 21-3548 (6th Cir. 2021)

After receiving information that Mr. Aiad-Toss was engaged in commercial sex with minors, a search warrant was executed for various devices that confirmed Mr. Aiad-Toss's enticement, harboring, transporting, patronizing, and soliciting of minor females for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex. Mr. Aiad-Toss had been a physician in the Youngstown, Ohio, area until the charges were filed and he surrendered his medical license. The investigation further revealed that he enticed another minor victim to produce sexually explicit images of herself, which were then sent to Mr. Aiad-Toss via Snapchat. This matter resolved by way of a plea agreement. Mr. Aiad-Toss was sentenced to 264 months of incarceration and a life term of supervised release. I was co-counsel for the government.

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2. *United States v. Linn*, 3:12CR495 (N.D. Ohio 2013)

This matter was a civil rights prosecution for destruction of religious property, arson and possession of a firearm in connection with a crime of violence. After breaking into the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo, the Toledo area's largest mosque, and walking its halls with a firearm drawn and visible on security footage, Mr. Linn doused the prayer room rug with gasoline and set the room on fire. Mr. Linn caused more than \$1 million in damages that took more than approximately one year to repair. The case was prosecuted in 2012 to 2013 and resolved by way of a binding plea agreement. Mr. Linn was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 20 years. I served as lead counsel for the government.

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3. *United States v. Mullet et al.*, 5:11CR594 (N.D. Ohio 2013); 868 F. Supp. 2d 618 (N.D. Ohio 2012) (Polster, J.), *vacated in part sub nom. United States v. Miller*, 2014 WL 4211198 (6th Cir. Aug. 27, 2014)

I was lead counsel in this 16-defendant, multi-week jury trial which resulted in guilty verdicts for all defendants for conspiracy and hate crimes violations. Certain defendants were also convicted of obstruction of justice and making false statements to federal law enforcement. The main defendant, Mr. Mullet, Sr., was also convicted of providing materially false information to the FBI. Known as the "Amish Beard Cutting Case," this was the first instance where the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes

Prevention Act was used to address religiously-motivated violence. The violence in this case resulted in lacerations, cuts, abrasions, or bruising, as well as the forcible removal of the victims' hair on account of the victims not practicing the Amish faith in a manner consistent with defendants' beliefs and preferences. While the hate crimes convictions were vacated on direct appeal in light of the Supreme Court decision in *Burrage v. United States*, every defendant remained convicted of conspiracy and, for those defendants so convicted, of obstruction and false statements. After the appeal, sentences ranging from time served to 129 months' imprisonment were imposed on the defendants. This was the USAO's largest trial in terms of number of defendants tried at one time. The crimes occurred in 2011, with trial held in 2013, an initial appeal in 2014, and a sentencing appeal in 2015. I served as lead counsel for the United States Attorney's Office at all stages.

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4. *United States v. Mack et al.*, 1:13CR278 (N.D. Ohio 2013), *aff'd*, 808 F.3d 1074 (6th Cir. 2015)

This sex trafficking prosecution involved allegations of force, threats of force and coercion in order to compel three adult women and one juvenile to engage in commercial sex. The coercive aspects of the defendants' conduct involved intentionally withholding heroin from the victims to ensure their compliance and engagement in commercial sex acts. The lead defendant, Mr. Mack, was convicted by a jury of forcing all four women to engage in commercial sex, narcotics trafficking, obstruction of justice, and witness tampering. On appeal, the Sixth Circuit upheld the convictions and, in the first reported opinion by a court of appeals on the issue of opioid withdrawal as a means of coercion, recognized the painful and debilitating effects of heroin withdrawal as sufficient to satisfy the statutory element of coercion, which necessitates proof of serious bodily harm, for purpose of compelling an individual to engage in commercial sex. This matter was initiated in 2013, tried to a jury in 2014, and affirmed on appeal in 2015. Mr. Mack was sentenced to life and his co-defendant received a 30-month term of imprisonment. I served as lead counsel for the government at all District Court proceedings.

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5. *United States v. Nikolovski et al.*, 1:11CR008 (N.D. Ohio 2012), *aff'd in part, vacated in part*, 565 F. App'x 397 (6th Cir. Apr. 30, 2014)

This indictment marked the USAO's first charges related to the collapse of the St. Paul Croatian federal credit union, which was recognized by the National Credit Union Administration as the largest credit union failure in U.S. history. The first named defendant, Mr. Nikolovski, misrepresented business interests and engaged straw borrowers to obtain loans and funnel credit union monies to him. Through that scheme, Mr. Nikolovski stole more than \$1 million and transferred approximately \$850,000 to an account in Macedonia under his control. The USAO successfully petitioned the Macedonian government to freeze the account and subject the account to a repatriation order. The second named defendant was Mr. Raguz, the Chief Operating Officer of the credit union, who exploited this position to receive bribes in exchange for perpetuating a massive fraud scheme that resulted in more than approximately \$70 million in losses. The investigation and prosecution began in 2010 and resolved with all defendants pleading guilty. They received sentences ranging from one day to 168 months' imprisonment. I was co-counsel for the government.

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6. *United States v. Zai et al.*, 1:12CR071 (N.D. Ohio 2013)

Mr. Zai, with two charged co-conspirators, engaged in a massive fraud and bribery scheme that included the use of shell companies, nominees, and defunct or fictitious business to obtain more than \$16.7 million in loan proceeds from the St. Paul Croatian Federal Credit Union. A portion of these loan proceeds were then used as seed money to create the Cleveland International Fund (CIF), an organization that utilized the EB-5 program to facilitate U.S.-based development projects in exchange for \$500,000 and future citizenship status. Because the seed money used to create CIF was fraudulently obtained, the program's proceeds, which was income received separately from the investor contributions, were subject to a complex and years-long forfeiture order. Mr. Zai was also convicted in this matter for a separate fraud scheme that resulted in approximately \$2 million in losses to another financial institution. My prosecution of this matter began in 2012 and resolved in 2013 after all defendants pleaded guilty. They received sentences ranging from one day to 87 months' imprisonment. I served as lead counsel.

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7. *United States v. Selgjekaj et al.*, 1:13CR009 (N.D. Ohio 2015), *aff'd*, Case No. 15-4425 (6th Cir. Feb. 7, 2017)

As the largest beneficiary of proceeds fraudulently obtained from the St. Paul Croatian Federal Credit Union prosecutions, Mr. Selgjekaj created shell companies, utilized defunct or fictitious company names, forged documents and bribed Mr. Raguz to receive more than approximately \$20 million in fraudulent proceeds. At trial, it was established that approximately \$2.5 million of these proceeds were obtained by Mr. Selgjekaj while he was incarcerated in federal prison on unrelated charges. Mr. Selgjekaj was convicted on multiple counts of fraud, bribery and money laundering after a multi-week trial. He was sentenced to 300 months' imprisonment; his co-defendants were each sentenced to one day of incarceration. I served as lead counsel for the government.

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8. *United States v. Vujovic*, 1:12CR552 (N.D. Ohio 2014), *aff'd*, 635 F. App'x 265 (6th Cir. Dec. 23, 2015)

This was the prosecution of another individual who defrauded the St. Paul Croatian Federal Credit Union and paid bribes to the credit union's Chief Operating Officer. At trial, the defendant was found guilty on all counts, which included financial institution fraud, bribery and money laundering. Mr. Vujovic was sentenced to a 109-month term of incarceration. I served as lead counsel for the government at all stages.

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9. *United States v. Villalba*, 1:10CR113 (N.D. Ohio 2010)

Mr. Villalba marketed a sophisticated short sale scheme in the futures market that represented the use of investing tools designed to limit the significant risks typically associated with the futures market. In truth, this strategy was not employed, his investments involved significant risk, and his conduct resulted in losses exceeding \$30 million. The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a term of 105 months' imprisonment. I served as lead counsel for the government.

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10. *Bonutti v. Gruttadauria et al.*, 1:02CV1018 (N.D. Ohio 2008), 340 F.3d 386 (6th Cir. 2003)

After Mr. Gruttadauria's massive investment scheme fell apart, several investors, including Dr. Bonutti, who had remained loyal clients during Mr. Gruttadauria's transitions from Cowen & Co., to S.G. Cowen, and ultimately Lehman Brothers, sued the companies for fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, promissory estoppel, negligent misrepresentation, breach of contract, conversion, negligent hiring, negligent supervision, negligence, and violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. I represented Dr. Bonutti in this matter and, to that end, drafted responses to dispositive motions, participated in settlement conferences, was second-chair in an evidentiary hearing addressing the enforceability of an arbitration provision, and was lead counsel in numerous depositions. This matter was litigated for several years and resulted in two instances of appellate review. The parties ultimately resolved litigation by way of confidential settlement agreements.

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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.)

During my career, I have handled both criminal and civil matters. While at Baker Hostetler, the civil matters included First Amendment defense matters, complex commercial disputes, class actions, and ERISA litigation. I also represented individuals and corporations in criminal matters.

Since joining the Department of Justice, I have been assigned to or supervised every manner of criminal prosecution, with particular emphasis on civil rights and complex fraud matters. In 2015, I was promoted to Chief of the Civil Rights Unit, a supervisory position for this newly formed unit. I continued to handle criminal civil rights matters, but also supervised a criminal Assistant U.S. Attorney, two civil Assistant U.S. Attorneys, and an investigator. I also focused extensively on outreach and education throughout the District on civil rights and human trafficking matters. Under my supervision, we prosecuted human trafficking matters, including the District's largest labor trafficking matter involving young boys unlawfully brought to the country for the purpose of working on an egg farm in Marion, Ohio; commenced Americans with Disabilities Act and Fair Housing Act compliance litigation; finalized the settlement agreement with the Cleveland Division of Police after a pattern and practice investigation; and initiated a discriminatory discipline investigation relating to the Toledo Public Schools. The settlement agreement with the Toledo Public Schools was announced while I served as the First Assistant U.S. Attorney.

From 2017 to 2018, I served as Chief of the Criminal Division where I supervised approximately 70 Assistant U.S. Attorneys in all areas of federal criminal prosecutions and appeals. Criminal Division employees are assigned to offices in Cleveland, Akron, Toledo, and Youngstown. While the Criminal Division Chief, I maintained a small caseload, but primarily prioritized mentoring and training of new Assistant U.S. Attorneys, improved coordination with staff, uniform standards and policies throughout the District, and continued community engagement and outreach.

In 2018, I was promoted to First Assistant U.S. Attorney, which continued until becoming the Acting U.S. Attorney in early 2021. In these roles, I supervised approximately 200 employees assigned to the Administrative, Civil, or Criminal Divisions throughout the District's four offices. With respect to Civil Division matters, I have been actively engaged in False Claims Act investigations, claims, and resolutions; Social Security matters; Covid-related litigation involving the Bureau of Prisons; and medical malpractice claims. With respect to Criminal Division matters, I have focused

primarily on the rise in violent crime throughout the District; cyber fraud investigations, including an indictment charging a transnational, cybercriminal organization with creating and deploying a computer banking trojan and ransomware suite of malware known as "Trickbot;" and national security matters, including bringing material support charges against a Toledo area man for attempting to support ISIS, a foreign terrorist organization, by further attempting to commit civil rights offenses aimed at targeting the Toledo Jewish Community and killing a rabbi.

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.

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).

See attached Financial Disclosure Report.

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest**:

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

If confirmed, I would strictly follow the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, the Ohio Rules of Professional Responsibility, and all other applicable rules and ethical canons governing recusal.

I would recuse myself from cases involving or affecting the law firm of Baker Hostetler, where my husband is an attorney. I would also recuse myself from any matters opened in the United States Attorney's Office before my departure from the office.

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

I would evaluate and resolve any potential conflicts of interest by applying the rules and standards in 28 U.S.C. § 455, the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, the Published Advisory Opinions issued by the Committee on Codes of Conduct, and any relevant judicial opinions and decisions that address what constitutes a conflict or the appearance of a conflict. I would also consult with other Judges and the Clerk's Office for the Northern District of Ohio.

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

While at Baker Hostetler, associates and partners were encouraged to participate in pro bono matters. To that end, I participated in a plaintiff-side civil rights matter in which we successfully vacated a murder conviction based on the coerced confession of a minor.

At the United States Attorney's Office, I have encouraged pro bono activities and obtained necessary Department approvals to facilitate the Office's jointly-sponsored legal advice clinics with Legal Aid in Toledo and Cleveland. I also participated in a Legal Aid-sponsored brief advice clinic at La Sagrada Familia Church in Cleveland, Ohio. I continue to seek opportunities for engagement with Legal Aid to ensure access to justice throughout our communities, with such engagements and legal advice clinics expected to resume in 2022.

26. **Selection Process:**

- a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from

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In February 2021, after three District Judges announced their intention to assume senior status, Senators Brown and Portman issued a public announcement seeking applicants to fill these roles. In March 2021, I submitted my application to their Bipartisan Commission. In May 2021, I interviewed with the 20-member commission, which then recommended me for further consideration. On June 4, 2021, I interviewed with members of Senator Brown's staff, which was then followed by separate interviews with Senator Portman and Senator Brown on June 7 and June 23, respectively. On July 13, 2021, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. Since then, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On September 30, 2021, my nomination was submitted to the Senate.

- 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.