

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).

Sparkle Leah Sooknanan  
Sparkle Leah Alexander

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

United States District Judge for the District of Columbia

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 Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20530

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

1983; Trinidad and Tobago

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.

2006 – 2010, Brooklyn Law School; J.D. (*summa cum laude*), 2010

2002 – 2003, Hofstra University; M.B.A., 2003

2000 – 2002, Saint Francis College; B.S. (*summa cum laude*), 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.

2023 – present

United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20530  
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

2021 – 2023  
United States Department of Justice, Associate Attorney General's Office  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20530  
Deputy Associate Attorney General

2014 – 2021  
Jones Day  
51 Louisiana Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20001  
Partner (2020 – 2021)  
Associate (2014 – 2019)

2013 – 2014  
Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street, Northeast  
Washington, DC 20543  
Law Clerk to the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor

2012 – 2013  
United States Department of Justice, Civil Division  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20530  
Attorney, Appellate Staff

2011 – 2012  
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
157 Church Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510  
Law Clerk to the Honorable Guido Calabresi

2010 – 2011  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201  
Law Clerk to the Honorable Eric N. Vitaliano

2009 – 2010  
Brooklyn Law School  
250 Joralemon Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11201  
Research Assistant to Professor Dana Brakman Reiser

Summer 2009  
Davis Polk & Wardwell  
450 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10017  
Summer Associate

2004 – 2009  
HIP Health Plan of New York (now EmblemHealth)  
55 Water Street  
New York, New York 10041  
Manager (2005 – 2009)  
Data Analyst (temp employed by Lloyd Staffing) (2004 – 2005)

Other affiliations (uncompensated)

2020 – 2021  
Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs  
700 14th Street, Northwest, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20005  
Board Member

2020 – 2021  
Youth Represent  
11 Park Place, Suite 1512  
New York, New York 10007  
Board Member

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.

National Law Journal, D.C. Rising Star “40 Under 40” Award (2020)

D.C. Courts’ Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, High Honors (2015 – 2020)

Brooklyn Law School Rising Star Award (2015)

Brooklyn Law School

Graduated *summa cum laude* (2010)  
Executive Articles Editor, Brooklyn Law Review (2008 – 2009)  
President, Moot Court Honor Society (2009 – 2010)  
Faculty Prize (highest honor awarded at faculty's discretion) (2010)  
Best Brief, New York City Bar National Moot Court Competition (selected from 180 entries) (2008 – 2009)  
Professor Samuel Hoffman Memorial Prize (excellence in the study of corporate law) (2010)  
American Bankruptcy Law Journal Student Prize (excellence in the study of bankruptcy law) (2010)  
Henrietta and Stuard Hirschman Memorial Prize (excellence in the study of property law) (2010)  
Alexander and Emily Mehr Memorial Prize (excellence in oral advocacy) (2010)  
Second Scholarship Prize (general excellence of scholarship) (2010)  
Moot Court Honor Society Award (2010)  
Dean's List (2006 – 2010)  
Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) Excellence for the Future Awards in Legal Writing I, Legal Writing II, Civil Procedure I, Corporations, Debtor & Creditor Rights, Property, Professional Responsibility, and Broker-Dealer Regulation (2006 – 2010)

Saint Francis College

Graduated *summa cum laude* (2002)  
Alpha Kappa Psi Scholarship Award (highest cumulative average in the Business Division) (2002)  
Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award (top graduating senior) (2002)  
Brother Edmund Holmes OSF '28 Endowed Scholarship (outstanding academic performance) (2000 – 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.

Edward Coke Appellate Inn of Court (2020 – present)

Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, Board Member (2020 – 2021)

Youth Represent, Board Member (2020 – 2021)

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, 2011

New Jersey (inactive), 2011  
District of Columbia, 2015

There have been no lapses in membership. My New Jersey bar membership is inactive because I chose to resign without prejudice in 2012 because I no longer intended to practice in New Jersey. Finding no disciplinary or criminal proceedings pending against me, the New Jersey Supreme Court granted that resignation application in 2013.

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

Supreme Court of the United States, 2014  
United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, 2012  
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2012  
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2013  
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2012  
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2015  
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2015  
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2012  
United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 2012  
United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, 2012  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 2011  
United States Court of Federal Claims, 2016

My admission to the Second Circuit became inactive in 2023 per normal expiration under Second Circuit Rules, at a time when I did not have any active cases before the court. My admission to the Fifth Circuit became inactive in 2017 per normal expiration under Fifth Circuit Rules, at a time when I did not have any active cases before the court. There have been no other 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.

Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association

- b. The American Bar Association's Commentary to its Code of Judicial Conduct states that it is inappropriate for a judge to hold membership in any organization

that invidiously discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion, or national origin. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

To the best of my knowledge, the organization listed above does not currently discriminate nor did it formerly discriminate 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.

*The Rule 2019 Battle: When Hedge Funds Collide with the Bankruptcy Code*, 73 Brook. L. Rev. 1411 (Summer 2008)

- 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.

March 29, 2021: Panelist, St. Francis College Career Spotlight: Women in Law, virtual event. Notes supplied.

February 24, 2021: Discussion with students in the Bellarmine Law Society at Boston College, virtual event. I discussed my career path and answered questions from students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Bellarmine Law Society is 2 Fiske Court, Pennington, New Jersey 08534.

November 25, 2020: Discussion with students at American University Washington College of Law about appellate advocacy, virtual event. I spoke with students in an Appellate Advocacy course. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the law school is 4300 Nebraska Avenue Northwest, Washington, DC 20016

April 6, 2019: Panelist, Clerkship Panel, Jones Day Diversity Conference, New York, New York. The panel members gave clerkship advice to diverse 1L law students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Jones Day is 250 Vesey Street, New York, New York 10281.

November 7, 2018: Discussion with students at American University Washington College of Law about appellate advocacy, Washington, DC. I spoke with students in an Appellate Advocacy course. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the law school is 4300 Nebraska Avenue, Northwest, Washington, DC 20016.

October 24, 2018: Panelist, Judicial Clerkship Panel, Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC. Notes supplied.

March 24, 2018: Panelist, Clerkship Panel, Jones Day Diversity Conference, New York, New York. The panel members gave clerkship advice to diverse 1L law students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Jones Day is 250 Vesey Street, New York, New York 10281.

April 1, 2017: Panelist, Clerkship Panel, Jones Day Diversity Conference, New York, New York. The panel members gave clerkship advice to diverse 1L law students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Jones Day is 250 Vesey Street, New York, New York 10281.

February 2, 2017: Discussion with Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor at St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, New York. Notes and press coverage supplied.

April 2, 2016: Panelist, Clerkship Panel, Jones Day Diversity Conference, New York, New York. The panel members gave clerkship advice to diverse 1L law

students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Jones Day is 250 Vesey Street, New York, New York 10281.

January 30, 2015: Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association, Annual Alumni Luncheon, New York, New York. I gave brief remarks after receiving an award. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association is 250 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201.

- 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.

*The National Law Journal: DC Rising Stars* (Aug. 3, 2020). Copy supplied.

*The Bermudian Weddings: Beach Bliss. A Little Rain Never Dampened the Spirit of Sparkle and Ryan's Beautiful Beach Destination Wedding* (Fall/Winter 2017). Copy supplied.

*BLS LawNotes: Sparkle Sooknanan '10 to Clerk for Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor* (Spring 2013). Copy supplied.

*Trinidad & Tobago Guardian: Sparkle shines with Sotomayor* (Mar. 2, 2013). 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.

I have not held any membership or office in any political party or election committee. In 2016, I did volunteer election day voter protection work for the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign.

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

- a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:
  - i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

From 2010 to 2011, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Eric N. Vitaliano on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

From 2011 to 2012, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Guido Calabresi on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

From 2013 to 2014, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor on the Supreme Court of the United States.

- 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;

2012 – 2013

United States Department of Justice, Civil Division  
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Attorney, Appellate Staff

2014 – 2021

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51 Louisiana Avenue, Northwest  
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Partner (2020 – 2021)  
Associate (2014 – 2019)

2021 – 2023

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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest  
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Deputy Associate Attorney General

2023 – present

United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division  
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Washington, DC 20530  
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

- 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.

After completing my clerkships at the Eastern District of New York in 2011 and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in

2012, I joined the Justice Department through its Honors Program as an appellate attorney in the Civil Division. There, I served as lead counsel in appellate matters, including statutory and agency review cases. I drafted appellate briefs, presented oral argument before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, prepared recommendations to the Solicitor General regarding whether to seek further review of decisions adverse to the government, and prepared a draft amicus brief for the Office of the Solicitor General.

During my time at the Justice Department, I was hired to clerk on the United States Supreme Court for Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

After completing my clerkship with Justice Sotomayor in 2014, I joined the Issues and Appeals practice at Jones Day in Washington, DC. I spent more than six years at the firm representing clients in complex, multi-faceted federal district court and appellate litigation. I became a Partner at the end of 2019. At the firm, I managed trial litigation in federal district court, including managing large case teams, overseeing the drafting of complaints and dispositive motions, managing discovery and other fact development, negotiating discovery disputes, working with experts, preparing for depositions, participating in trial preparations, participating in mediation, and negotiating settlements. I crafted briefs in trial and appellate courts involving a host of substantive areas, including constitutional law, complex statutory questions, government regulation, bankruptcy, immigration, criminal defense, privilege, and others. I argued cases before the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Sixth, and Seventh Circuits, as well as federal district courts in DC and Massachusetts, and the Court of Federal Claims. I also mentored junior lawyers and managed client relationships.

In 2021, I joined the Office of the Associate Attorney General at the Justice Department. In that role, I assisted the Associate Attorney General with supervision of the Justice Department's Civil Division, Civil Rights Division, Office on Violence Against Women, and Foreign Claims Settlement Commission. In that role, although decision-making authority rested with Department leadership, I was responsible for the day-to-day review of the litigation matters of the Civil Division and Civil Rights Division. These matters covered a wide range of substantive legal issues, including questions of constitutional and administrative law, voting rights, criminal civil rights, fair housing, disability rights, employment, immigration, torts, consumer protection, and others. For the most significant cases, this work included providing counsel on difficult litigation strategy questions and reviewing and editing briefs and other filings. I worked closely with attorneys across the Justice Department, as well as attorneys and others at several federal agencies.

In the Fall of 2023, I moved to the Civil Rights Division to serve as the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, the second-highest leadership position in the Division. In this role, I have worked with the Assistant Attorney General to manage the Division's vast litigation docket across its 11 sections: Appellate, Criminal, Disability Rights, Educational Opportunities, Employment Litigation, Federal Coordination and Compliance, Housing and Civil Enforcement, Immigrant and Employee Rights, Policy and Strategy, Special Litigation, and Voting. I am also integrally involved in the Division's regulatory and policy work.

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

In private practice, most of my clients were companies, nonprofit organizations, or individual pro bono clients. My practice was largely that of a generalist in complex litigation matters. As a lawyer at the Department of Justice, my clients have been the United States and federal government agencies.

- 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.

My work in private practice was almost exclusively in litigation, and I appeared in court occasionally. My work at the Department of Justice is also almost exclusively in litigation, although I do not appear in court at all. In my career, I have argued four appeals before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Sixth, Seventh, and Ninth Circuits, as well as several cases before federal district courts in DC and Massachusetts, and the Court of Federal Claims.

- 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:	75%
2. criminal proceedings:	25%

- 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.

None of my cases have proceeded to trial, but I have extensive district court

experience managing complex litigation. I have managed matters through long periods of discovery, including managing large document productions, drafting and responding to discovery requests, negotiating discovery disputes with opposing counsel, arguing dispositive motions and contested discovery matters, preparing for and defending depositions, working with experts, drafting jury instructions, and preparing for evidentiary hearings and trial.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
  - 1. jury: \_\_\_\_\_%
  - 2. non-jury: \_\_\_\_\_%

- 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.

*Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico v. Andalusian Global Designated Activity Company, et al.*, No. 18-1389 (2019) (opposition to petition for certiorari). Copy supplied.

*Negron v. United States*, No. 16-999 (2017) (petition for certiorari). Copy supplied.

*Arzoumanian et al. v. Munchener Ruckversicherungs-Gesellschaft Aktiengesellschaft AG*, No. 12-9 (2012) (amicus curiae brief for the United States). Copy supplied.

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. *The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico et al. v. Andalusian Global Designated Activity Company et al.*, No. 19-00366 (D.P.R.); *The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico et al. v. Glendon Opportunities Fund, L.P.*, No. 19-00367 (D.P.R.) (consolidated for discovery and briefing) (Swain,

J., Dein, M.J.)

From 2019 to 2021, I managed a case team through adversary proceedings initiated by the Puerto Rico pension system against our investor clients related to the scope of their security interests in bonds issued by Puerto Rico's pension system. These actions, which were filed in ongoing restructuring proceedings for the pension system, sought declaratory judgments regarding whether certain assets (including certain employer contributions, cash and investments held by the pension system, certain accounts receivable, and certain loans) were subject to our clients' liens. I led our team through extensive discovery proceedings, which included managing large document productions, drafting and responding to discovery requests, preparing our clients for depositions, and working with our experts. I reviewed and edited several motions to compel discovery, appeared before the magistrate judge to argue contested discovery motions on questions of attorney-client privilege and other issues, and ultimately supervised the drafting of our summary judgment briefs. I closely supervised several junior associates throughout this litigation. These matters were resolved in a global settlement in 2021 after I left the firm to return to government service.

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2. *Payne et al. v. City of Charlottesville*, No. CL17000145-00 (Va. Cir.) (Moore, J.), *rev'd and vac'd*, *City of Charlottesville et al. v. Payne et al.*, 299 Va. 515, 520, No. 200790 (Va. Supreme Court) (Goodwyn, J.)

From 2018 to 2020, I represented members of the Charlottesville City Council who were sued in their personal capacities for voting to remove the Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson statues in Charlottesville, Virginia. The plaintiffs invoked Virginia laws that they claimed protected the statues as war memorials and entitled them to recover damages and significant attorneys' fees from the City Councilors. As a senior member of the trial team, I helped develop legal arguments and case strategy, and I reviewed and edited briefs. Before the trial court, we filed briefs on several legal issues. We argued that the City Councilors were entitled to common law and statutory immunity for their votes; that the Lee and Jackson statues were not protected by the Virginia law invoked by the plaintiffs; and that the monuments themselves violated the Equal Protection Clause. We ultimately obtained summary judgment for our clients on statutory immunity grounds because their challenged votes were legislative in nature and constituted neither gross negligence nor an unlawful appropriation of funds. That ruling resulted in a complete dismissal of the

claims against the City Councilors and meant that they could not be held personally liable for their votes. Although we succeeded in obtaining the dismissal of all claims against our clients, the court ultimately enjoined the City from removing the monuments and ordered it to pay substantial attorneys' fees. The Virginia Supreme Court granted discretionary review of that decision. Since our clients had obtained dismissed in the trial court, we filed an amicus brief in the Virginia Supreme Court raising two arguments: that the monuments were not protected by the Virginia law in question and reading it otherwise would raise serious constitutional questions given the equal protection guarantee. The Virginia Supreme Court ultimately reversed the trial court, agreeing that the Virginia law does not apply to the statues.

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3. *Fin. Oversight & Mgmt. Bd. v. Altair Global Credit Opportunities Fund (A), LLC (In re Fin. Oversight & Mgmt. Bd.)*, 590 B.R. 577 (Swain, J., Dein, M.J.), *rev'd in part*, *Altair Global Credit Opportunities Fund (A), LLC v. P.R. AAA Portfolio Bond Fund, Inc. (In re Fin. Oversight & Mgmt. Bd.)*, 914 F.3d 694 (1st Cir. 2019) (Lynch, Stahl, Kayatta, JJ.), *cert. denied*, *Fin. Oversight & Mgmt. Bd. for P.R. v. Andalusian Global Designated Activity Co.*, 140 S. Ct. 47, No. 18-1389

From 2017 to 2019, I led our team through proceedings before the district court, First Circuit, and United States Supreme Court related to the perfection of our clients' security interests in bonds issued by Puerto Rico's pension system. After discovery and briefing, the district court granted partial summary judgment in favor of the pension system, finding that my clients' security interests were unperfected; that under Puerto Rico law, a judgment creditor could have obtained a lien against the pension system's assets as of the commencement of its Title III case; and that § 544(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 544(a), applies to invalidate our client's unperfected liens. I took steps to enable an immediate appeal of this adverse ruling, successfully obtained an expedited briefing schedule from the First Circuit, worked to consolidate six separate appeals, and oversaw the drafting of a complex appellate brief. The First Circuit ruled in our clients' favor, reversing the district court's order, which had left our clients' security interests unperfected and avoided under the Bankruptcy Code. The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico filed a certiorari petition in the Supreme Court. I served as lead counsel through those proceedings as we opposed the petition. The Supreme Court denied opposing counsel's petition in 2019.

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4. *United States v. Mosquera-Murillo et al.*, No. 13-cr-00134 (D.D.C.) (Howell, J.), *rev'd in part*, *United States v. Mosquera-Murillo et al.*, 902 F.3d 285 (D.C. Cir. 2018) (Srinivasan, Millett, Sentelle, JJ.)

From 2015 to 2019, I worked with the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Columbia to represent an indigent defendant charged with a drug conspiracy under the Maritime Drug Law Enforcement Act and extradited to the United States from Colombia. Along with co-counsel at the firm and the Federal Public Defender's office, I represented Mr. Chang-Rendon throughout extensive pretrial proceedings—including managing considerable discovery from the government, conducting fact investigations, interviewing government cooperators, preparing jury instructions and a pretrial statement, engaging in plea discussions with the government, working on sentencing filings, co-authoring pretrial briefs and motions, arguing motions before the district court, and otherwise regularly appearing on behalf of our client in pretrial proceedings. Ultimately, on the eve of trial, our client accepted a plea deal with a 10-year sentence, with an agreement that he could pursue a limited appeal on a sentencing issue. On appeal to the D.C. Circuit, we argued that (1) the district court lacked subject-matter jurisdiction over the prosecutions of my client and his co-defendants because they were not on board the Colombian vessel when it was intercepted, and (2) the offense of conviction was covered by the so-called safety-valve provision, 18 U.S.C. § 3553(f), which exempts covered offenses from mandatory-minimum sentences such as the 10-year sentence imposed by the district court. We prevailed on the safety-valve provision question, but our client's sentence remained the same.

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5. *United States v. Dunlap*, No. 2017 CF2 001208 (D.C. Superior Court) (Leibovitz, J.)

From 2017 to 2018, I represented an indigent defendant who faced multiple felony charges (including rioting and inciting a riot) in DC Superior Court after having protested peacefully during the 2017 inauguration. There were more than 200 defendants charged, nearly all of whom were represented by separate counsel, which made the case procedurally complex. The case raised several important issues, including the interpretation of various provisions of the DC Riot Act. The defendants were grouped for trial. Although our client was not in the first group of defendants tried, our team played a key role in drafting motions and shaping jury instructions for an early trial of other defendants. The jury acquitted the first defendants tried, and the government ultimately filed a motion dismissing all the charges against my client and the other defendants.

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6. *Altair Global Credit Opportunities Fund (A), LLC v. Garcia-Padilla et al.*, No. 16-cv-02696 (Besosa, J.), *vacated*, *Peaje Invs. LLC v. Garcia-Padilla*, 845 F.3d 505 (1st Cir. 2017) (Howard, Thompson, Kayatta, JJ.)

In this matter litigated from 2016 to 2017, I sought relief on behalf of a group of investors in bonds issued by Puerto Rico's pension system to obtain "adequate protection" of their property interests under certain provisions of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act ("PROMESA"). In proceedings before the district court, I drafted the briefs and worked with other attorneys to prepare for an evidentiary hearing. The district court ruled against our clients before the scheduled hearing. On appeal, the First Circuit ordered expedited briefing and argument. The court considered (1) whether actions that impair or remove a secured creditor's collateral is "cause" for lifting a temporary stay of debt-related litigation imposed under PROMESA, and (2) if so, whether the district court committed reversible error by failing to conduct a hearing on whether the creditors were inadequately protected. Over the course of a month, I researched and drafted two appellate briefs and presented oral argument to the Court of Appeals. I was the only associate to present oral argument, arguing against partners, including seasoned Supreme Court advocates from other major law firms. I ultimately secured a significant victory for our clients, and the First Circuit remanded the case to the district court to conduct an evidentiary hearing. On remand, we were able to reach a stipulation that provided payments to my clients.

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7. *Perras v. H&R Block et al.*, No. 16-2572 (8th Cir.)

From 2016 to 2017, I represented H&R Block in a lawsuit challenging a compliance fee charged by H&R Block as part of tax preparation services. The plaintiff alleged that H&R Block's nondisclosure that a portion of the compliance fee resulted in a profit was unlawful under the California Unfair Competition Law, the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act, and the common law. In proceedings before the district court, I consulted with the trial team on legal arguments, leading to a grant of summary judgment in H&R Block's favor. On appeal, I co-authored the appellate brief arguing, among other things, that the plaintiff's claims failed because he did not rely on any misrepresentation or omission by H&R Block, and because H&R Block did not have a duty to disclose the alleged profit. A global settlement with the plaintiff resolved the matter before the court heard argument.

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8. *Flores v. United States*, 653 F. App'x 472 (7th Cir. 2016) (Kanne, Sykes, Hamilton, JJ.)

From 2015 to 2016, I represented an indigent defendant after accepting a pro bono appointment from the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. The court had issued a certificate of appealability in connection with the defendant's habeas appeal brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to determine whether his guilty plea was voluntary. I drafted the appellate brief and presented oral argument on behalf of the defendant in the Seventh Circuit, arguing that the defendant's plea was involuntary because the record evidence demonstrated that his lawyer pressured him to plead guilty. The court found that the defendant's plea was voluntary, and thus his appeal waiver in his guilty plea precluded the motion brought under § 2255.

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9. *Life Care Ctr. of Bardstown v. Sec'y of United States HHS*, 535 F. App'x 468 (6th Cir. 2013) (Batchelder, C.J., Guy, Moore, JJ.)

From 2012 to 2013, I represented the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services in a challenge to the Secretary's determination that petitioner, which operated a skilled nursing facility, was not in "substantial compliance" with governing regulations, and that the noncompliance placed the health and safety of petitioner's residents in immediate jeopardy. Under those regulations, participants in the Medicare program, administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, are required to be in "substantial compliance" with certain minimum standards of care for skilled nursing facilities. The facility appealed the non-compliance finding and the imposition of associated civil monetary penalties. I drafted the appellate brief, arguing that the record evidence demonstrated that the facility fell dramatically short of Medicare governing standards of care. The Sixth Circuit agreed, affirming the Secretary's decision.

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10. *Dichter-Mad Family Partners, LLP, et al. v. United States of America*, 709 F.3d 749, No. 11-55577 (9th Cir.) (Reinhardt, Wardlaw, Paez, JJ.)

In 2013, I argued this matter on behalf of the United States. Plaintiffs, who were investors in Bernard Madoff's Ponzi scheme, brought a Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA") action against the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the United States, arguing that the SEC's negligent acts and omissions led to their losses from their investments with Madoff. My co-counsel handled briefing, and I argued the case before the Ninth Circuit. The court held in the government's favor, concluding that the district court lacked jurisdiction to entertain the claims because they fell within the "discretionary function" exception to the United States' waiver of sovereign immunity in the FTCA.

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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.)

In private practice, the overwhelming majority of my work was in litigation. As Deputy Associate Attorney General in the Office of the Associate Attorney General at the United States Department of Justice, my practice consisted of assisting the Associate Attorney General with supervision of the Justice Department's Civil Division, Civil Rights Division, Office on Violence Against Women, and Foreign Claims Settlement Commission. In addition to review of litigation from the Department's litigating components, I worked on regulatory and policy matters. In my current role as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division, I am working closely with the Assistant Attorney General to manage litigation, regulatory, and policy matters.

I have not performed any lobbying activities, and I am not and have never been 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.

In the Spring of 2015, I assisted Professor Donald Ayer with the Supreme Court Seminar at Georgetown University Law Center. I assisted Professor Ayer throughout the semester

and co-taught two classes with another colleague. The course focused on litigation in the Supreme Court. I am unable to locate a syllabus for the course.

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.

I am vested in the Jones Day Defined Benefit Plan and will receive \$7,980 per year beginning the month following my 65th birthday. I stopped accruing benefits upon my withdrawal from the partnership in 2021.

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.

If confirmed, I would recuse myself from cases involving the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, where my husband is employed. Potential conflicts of interest could also be presented in matters being litigated before me by lawyers from my former employer, Jones Day, or my current employer, the United States Department of Justice. 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 of the Judicial Conference of the United States, and any relevant judicial decisions and opinions that address what constitutes a conflict or the appearance of a conflict. I would also consult with ethics counsel or an ethics officer if one is available to the court, as well as with colleagues on the bench, as needed and appropriate.

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

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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 demonstrated a commitment to serving the disadvantaged and engaging in other forms of public service. Since January 2021, I have served at the United States Department of Justice, where I work to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution and uphold the rule of law. In private practice, a significant portion of my practice—more than 3,000 hours over the course of six years—was devoted to pro bono work. I was named to the District of Columbia Courts’ Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll with High Honors every year while in private practice. My work included representing members of the Charlottesville City Council who were sued in their personal capacity for voting to remove the Lee and Jackson statues in Charlottesville, Virginia; a criminal defense matter with the Federal Defenders Office to represent a defendant charged with a drug conspiracy under the Maritime Drug Law Enforcement Act; pro bono appellate assignments in the United States Courts of Appeals for the Sixth and Seventh Circuits; a criminal defense matter in D.C. Superior Court representing a defendant who faced multiple felony charges (including rioting and inciting a riot) after having protested peacefully; immigration matters as part of the firm’s Laredo Project, which provides pro bono legal representation to individuals in immigration detention; and work with the Children’s Law Center in connection with a guardian ad litem appointment. I also participated in moot courts for my colleagues in several pro bono appeals. In 2020, I joined the Boards of Directors of two public interest organizations: The Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs and Youth Represent. (I

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26. **Selection Process:**

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

In September 2023, I submitted an application to the District of Columbia Federal Law Enforcement Nominating Commission. I interviewed with the Commission and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton in October 2023. On January 2, 2024, I was contacted by the White House Counsel's Office about moving forward with vetting for this position. Since then, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On February 21, 2024, the President announced his intent to nominate me.

- b. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a judicial nominee discussed with you any currently pending or specific case, legal issue or question in a manner that could reasonably be interpreted as seeking any express or implied assurances concerning your position on such case, issue, or question? If so, explain fully.

No.