

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).

Jonathan James Canada Grey

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

United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan

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 District Court  
Theodore Levin United States Courthouse  
231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Room 635  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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

1982; Poplarville, Mississippi

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.

2004 – 2007, Georgetown University Law Center; J.D., 2007

2000 – 2004, Morehouse College; B.S. (*cum laude*), 2004

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

2021 – present  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of Michigan  
Theodore Levin United States Courthouse

231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Room 635  
Detroit, Michigan 48226  
United States Magistrate Judge

2016 – 2021  
United States Attorney's Office  
Southern District of Ohio  
303 Marconi Boulevard, Suite 200  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
Assistant United States Attorney

2012 – 2016  
United States Attorney's Office  
Eastern District of Michigan  
211 West Fort Street, Suite 2001  
Detroit, Michigan 48226  
Assistant United States Attorney

2011 – 2012; 2007 – 2009; Summer 2006  
Seyfarth Shaw LLP  
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 8000  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Associate (2011 – 2012; 2007 – 2009)  
Summer Associate

2010 – 2011  
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit  
Theodore Levin United States Courthouse  
231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Room 240  
Detroit, Michigan 48226  
Law Clerk to the Honorable Damon J. Keith (deceased)

2009 – 2010  
United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia  
C.B. King United States Courthouse  
201 West Broad Street  
Albany, Georgia 31701  
Law Clerk to the Honorable W. Louis Sands

2004 – 2007  
Barbri, Incorporated  
12222 Merit Drive, Suite 1340  
Dallas, Texas 75251  
Campus Representative (Georgetown Law)

2005 – 2006

Jones Walker LLP  
445 North Boulevard, Suite 800  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802  
Winter Clerk (2005 – 2006)  
Summer Clerk (2005)

2004 – 2006  
Georgetown University Law Center  
600 New Jersey Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20001  
Audio Visual Department Work-Study Student Employee

Summer 2005  
Circuit Court of Cook County  
Richard J. Daley Center  
50 West Washington Street, Room 1906  
Chicago, Illinois 60602  
Judicial Intern for the Honorable Nancy J. Katz (Retired)

Summer 2004  
West Teleservices, Incorporated (defunct)  
7850 Anselmo Lane  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810  
Inbound Call Center Representative

Teaching Affiliation

Summer 2019, Summer 2018  
The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law  
American Language and Law Program for Prospective LL.M. Students  
55 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43210  
Criminal Law Instructor to Foreign Attorneys

Other Affiliations (uncompensated)

2022 – present  
Urban League of Detroit and Southeast Michigan  
208 Mack Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan 48201  
Executive Board Member

2020 – 2021  
Legal Aid Society of Columbus  
1108 City Park Avenue, Suite 100  
Columbus, Ohio 43206  
Board Member

2008 – 2009  
Inner City Teaching Corps  
150 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2100  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
Associate 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 registered with the selective service upon turning 18.

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.

40 Under 40 Honoree, Michigan Chronicle (2022)

United States Attorney's Office Awards for Outstanding Performance  
Cash Awards (2020, two Awards in 2019, 2018, 2017)  
Time Off Awards (two Awards in 2020, 2019, 2017, 2015)

Franklin County Children Services Simba Mentoring Program, Mentor of the Year  
(2019)

Georgetown University Law Center, Keller Family Foundation Scholarship (2004 –  
2007)

International Chamber of Commerce, Mediation Competition Quarterfinalist, Paris,  
France (2007)

Morehouse College

*Cum Laude* (2004)

Phi Beta Kappa

C.M. and Y.E. Yang Award for Achievement in Chemistry Department (2004)

Dean's List (2000 – 2004)

Ronald E. McNair National Aeronautics and Space Administration Scholar (2000  
– 2004)

National Achievement Scholarship Program, Texaco Foundation Scholarship (2000 –  
2004)

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 2007 – 2008)

Black Law Students Association, Georgetown University Law Center (2004 – 2007)  
Historian (2004 – 2005)  
Parliamentarian (2005 – 2006)

Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic (approximately 2007 – 2009)

Chicago Committee – Advancing Minority Attorneys (approximately 2007 – 2011)

Chicago Bar Association (approximately 2007 – 2012)

Cook County Bar Association (approximately 2007 – 2012)  
Cook County Bar Association Foundation Board Member (2008 – 2009)

Federal Bar Association (2012 – present)  
National Law Clerk Committee Member (2020 – present)  
Columbus Chapter Executive Board Member (2020 – 2021)  
Columbus Chapter Membership Chair (2020 – 2021)  
Eastern District of Michigan Chapter Diversity Committee Member (2013 – 2016;  
2022 – present)

Federal Magistrate Judges Association (2021 – present)

Illinois State Bar Association (2007 – present)

John Mercer Langston Bar Association (2016 – 2021)

Just The Beginning, Incorporated (2010 – present)

National Bar Association (2007 – 2009; 2016 – 2017)

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law 1L Mentoring Program (2019 – 2021)

Wolverine Bar Association (2012 – present)

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

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

Michigan, 2022  
Illinois, 2007

There have been no lapses in membership.

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

United States Supreme Court, 2012

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2011

United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, 2009

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

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, 2012

United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, 2016

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.

Alternatives for Girls (2010 – 2011)

Mentor (2010 – 2011)

Companies that Care, Mentor (2007 – 2010)

Explorer Scouts, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan Post, Volunteer (2012 – 2014)

Franklin County Children Services Simba Mentoring Program (2018 – 2022)

Frederick Douglass High School, Mentor (2014 – 2015)

Georgetown University Law Center Admissions Interviewer (2011 – present)

McKinley Senior High School (2010 – present)

Alumni Association, Life Member

Class of 2000 Reunion Planning Committee (2010 – present)

Minority Legal Education Resources, now known as MLER, Incorporated (2007 – 2012)

Illinois Bar Exam Tutor (2008 – 2009, 2012)

Morehouse College Alumni Association (2010 – present)  
Columbus, Ohio Chapter Member (2016 – 2021)  
Detroit, Michigan Chapter Member (2010 – present)  
Recording Secretary and Elections Coordinator (2013 – 2016)

Urban League of Detroit and Southeast Michigan (2022 – present)  
Executive Board Member (2022 – present)

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

To the best of my knowledge, none of the organizations that I have been a member of currently discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin. It is my understanding that Georgetown University Law Center formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, and religion, including the exclusion of minorities and the imposition of quotas broadly limiting admission of individuals in particular groups.

**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.

With Sang-yul Lee and Steven J. Pearlman, *The Illinois Whistleblower Act's Impact on Common Law Claims*, 97 ILL. B. J. 90 (2009). 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.

I have searched my files and electronic databases in an effort to identify all events responsive to this question. I have located the events below, but it is possible that there are a few that I have no record of and thus was not able to identify.

October 13, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Court's address is 231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

October 3, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Court's address is 231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

September 8, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Court's address is 231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

August 25, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Court's address is 231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

June 30, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

The Court's address is 231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

June 14, 2022: Panelist, Magistrate Judge Duties Discussion with Court Summer Interns, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. I discussed my education, background, the magistrate judge selection process, and my duties as a magistrate judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Court's address is 231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

June 9, 2022: Presiding Judge, Two Naturalization Ceremonies, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Court's address is 231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

June 1, 2022: Panelist, "Imposter Syndrome Virtual Panel Discussion," Just The Beginning, Incorporated and the Federal Bar Association Eastern District of Michigan Chapter, virtual event. Video available at <https://vimeo.com/733049581>.

May 26, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Court's address is 231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

May 23, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Court's address is 231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

May 12, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service is 11411 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48214.

April 21, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service is 11411 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48214.

March 30, 2022: Speaker, Judicial Clerkship course, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Detroit, Michigan. I discussed the work involved in a judicial clerkship, how to be a successful law clerk, and my background. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Detroit Mercy School of

Law is 651 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

March 25, 2022: Panelist, Criminal Procedure course, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan. I discussed the duties of a federal magistrate judge, including presiding over detention hearings and search warrant requests, my legal background, and my past practice as a federal prosecutor. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Michigan Law School is 625 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109.

March 21, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service is 11411 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48214.

February 24, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service is 11411 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48214.

February 15, 2022: Speaker, Damon J. Keith 34th Annual (Virtual) Soul Food Luncheon, Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan. I discussed my background and Judge Keith's legacy, his repeated promotion of open access to the courts, and his perspective on community engagement. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Press coverage supplied. The address for the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne State University Law School is 471 West Palmer Street, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

January 13, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service is 11411 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48214.

December 20, 2021: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service is 11411 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48214.

November 29, 2021: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service is 11411 East



Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48214.

November 8, 2021: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, Detroit, Michigan. I swore in new citizens to the United States of America. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service is 11411 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48214.

November 1, 2021: Speaker, *History of Injustice* course, Ohio University, virtual event. I answered students' questions about constitutional rights, policing, federal criminal law, and judicial duties. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Ohio University is 1 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

June 2021 (specific date unknown): Panelist, Law Day, Federal Bar Association Eastern District of Michigan Chapter, Detroit, Michigan, virtual event. I discussed the process of becoming a federal magistrate judge and what magistrate judges do. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association Eastern District of Michigan Chapter is P.O. Box 5249, Northville, Michigan 48167.

April 17, 2021: Moot Court Guest Judge, Appellate Advocacy course, Seton Hall University Law School, New Jersey, virtual event. I judged a moot court class and provided feedback to law school students on effective appellate advocacy. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Seton Hall University Law School is One Newark Center, 1109 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

April 8, 2021: Speaker, *Intersections of Race, Justice, and Sport-Celebrity Culture in the O.J. Simpson Murder Trial* course, Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio, virtual event. I provided insight into personal observations at the time of the Simpson murder trial and discussed the workings of trials. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Otterbein University is 1 South Grove Street, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

January 28, 2021: Speaker, P.U.R.P.O.S.E. (People Using Raw Potential, Optimizing Student Excellence) After-School Program, Thomas Worthington High School, Worthington, Ohio. I discussed how to become an attorney, what it meant to be a federal prosecutor, and the importance of setting goals and analyzing consequences prior to making decisions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Thomas Worthington High School is 300 West Granville Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

November 2, 2020: Speaker, *History of Injustice* course, Ohio University, virtual event. I answered students' questions about constitutional rights, policing, and federal criminal law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Ohio University is 1 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

October 23, 2020: Panelist, Race, Justice, and the Legal System Seminar, Ohio Women's Bar Association, virtual event. I answered moderators' questions about the legal system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Ohio Women's Bar Association is 7946 Clys Road, Suite A, Centerville, Ohio 45459.

December 5, 2019: Speaker, P.U.R.P.O.S.E. (People Using Raw Potential, Optimizing Student Excellence) After-School Program, Thomas Worthington High School, Worthington, Ohio. I discussed how to become an attorney, what it meant to be a federal prosecutor, and the importance of setting goals and analyzing consequences prior to making decisions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Thomas Worthington High School is 300 West Granville Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

November 16, 2019: Speaker, Domestic Violence Community Seminar, Center for Individual and Family Counseling, Incorporated, Southfield, Michigan. I discussed strategies for maintaining healthy relationships and supportive services for individuals in abusive relationships and signs of a healthy relationship. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Center for Individual and Family Counseling is 30555 Southfield Road, Southfield, Michigan 48076.

October 30, 2019: Speaker, *History of Injustice* course, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. I answered students' questions about constitutional rights, policing, and federal criminal law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Ohio University is 1 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

Summer 2019 (exact date unknown): Instructor, *Criminal Law* course, American Language and Law Program, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus, Ohio. My one-day course focused on unique aspects of American criminal law, particularly application of criminal statutes, jury trials, and sentencing. The students were foreign attorneys and potential Masters of Laws (LL.M.) recipients. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law is 55 West 12th Avenue, Drinko Hall Columbus, Ohio 43210.

November 28, 2018: Speaker, P.U.R.P.O.S.E. (People Using Raw Potential, Optimizing Student Excellence) After-School Program, Thomas Worthington High School, Worthington, Ohio. I discussed how to become an attorney, what it meant to be a federal prosecutor, and the importance of setting goals and analyzing consequences prior to making decisions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Thomas Worthington High School is 300 West Granville Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

November 14, 2018: Speaker, *History of Injustice* course, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. I appeared alongside a defense attorney and answered students'



questions about constitutional rights, policing, and federal criminal law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Press coverage supplied. The address for Ohio University is 1 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

Summer 2018 (exact date unknown): Instructor, *Criminal Law* course, American Language and Law Program, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus, Ohio. My one-day course focused on unique aspects of American criminal law, particularly application of criminal statutes, jury trials, and sentencing. The students were foreign attorneys and potential Masters of Laws (LL.M.) recipients. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law is 55 West 12th Avenue, Drinko Hall Columbus, Ohio 43210.

May 2018 (specific date unknown): Speaker, P.U.R.P.O.S.E. (People Using Raw Potential, Optimizing Student Excellence) After-School Program, Thomas Worthington High School, Worthington, Ohio. I discussed academic achievement, the process of applying to college, securing funding to attend college, making sound choices, and the law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Thomas Worthington High School is 300 West Granville Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

April 3, 2018: Speaker, *Black Men and Masculinities* course, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. I answered students' questions about identity, masculinity, black men in society, and professional development. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Ohio University is 1 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

April 3, 2018: Speaker, *History of Injustice* course, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. I appeared alongside a defense attorney and answered students' questions about constitutional rights, policing, and federal criminal law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for Ohio University is 1 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

February 23, 2018: Keynote Speaker, Black Essence Ball, Ohio University Black Student Union, Athens, Ohio. I discussed utilizing Black History to fuel success and achievement and highlighted historical figures including Robert Smalls and John Mercer Langston, and current Ohio University students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Ohio University is Athens, Ohio 45701.

November 8, 2017: Speaker, *History of Injustice* course, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. I appeared alongside a defense attorney and answered students' questions about constitutional rights, policing, and federal criminal law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Ohio University is 1 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

October 27, 2017: Panelist, "Walk With Me: The Trials of Judge Damon J.

Keith,” Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan. Alongside two other law clerks of Judge Damon J. Keith, I discussed a film about Judge Keith’s life and work at a celebration of Judge Keith’s fifty years of service as a federal judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Wayne State University Law School is 471 West Palmer Street, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

June 23, 2017: Workshop Leader, Reclaiming Identity Workshop, Connecting Kids Inside Out Take ’Em Fishing Program, United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, Gloucester, Ohio. I led a workshop on self-esteem, community engagement, and healthy transitions to adulthood. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service State Office is 200 North High Street, Room 522, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

October 19, 2016: Speaker, *History of Injustice* course, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. I appeared alongside a defense attorney and answered students’ questions about constitutional rights, policing, and federal criminal law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Ohio University is 1 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701.

2012 – 2016 (specific dates unknown): Speaker, Project Sentry programs, United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Michigan. Alongside a Michigan State Trooper and a Detroit Police Department Officer, I participated in United States Department of Justice anti-violence presentations at public elementary, middle, and high schools in Detroit, Michigan. I engaged in dozens of conversations with hundreds of students, which included topics of diversity, engaging with law enforcement officers, navigating household challenges, resolving conflict, and explaining pathways to college and law school. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Michigan is 211 West Fort Street, Suite 2001, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

November 14, 2015: Panelist, Law School Exam Preparation Workshop, Wolverine Bar Association, Detroit, Michigan. I discussed tips for successfully taking law school exams, including time management, how to identify legal issues, how to conduct legal analysis, and exam writing format for law school students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Wolverine Bar Association is 535 Griswold Street, Suite 111-531, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

January 24, 2015: Speaker, “The Interview Before the Interview” and “Meeting the Eyeball Test,” Wolverine Bar Association, Detroit, Michigan. I provided detailed instruction for law students on how to physically prepare for interviews with law firms and companies regarding business attire, etiquette, and application materials (cover letter, resume, writing sample), and I also provided interview tips and participated in mock interviews with students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Wolverine Bar

Association is 535 Griswold Street, Suite 111-531, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

February 22, 2014: Keynote Speaker, Black History Month Program, Metropolitan Elks Lodge 962, Highland Park, Michigan. Handout supplied.

January 25, 2014: Speaker, "The Interview Before the Interview" and "Meeting the Eyeball Test," Wolverine Bar Association, Detroit, Michigan. I was one of two speakers who provided detailed instruction for law students on how to physically prepare for interviews with law firms and companies regarding business attire, etiquette, and application materials (cover letter, resume, writing sample), and I also provided interview tips and participated in mock interviews with students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Wolverine Bar Association is 535 Griswold Street, Suite 111-531, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

January 18, 2014: Speaker, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Program, Morehouse College Alumni Association Detroit Chapter, Detroit, Michigan. To the best of my recollection, I discussed the importance of community service as a method to honor Dr. King's legacy. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Morehouse College Alumni Association Detroit Chapter is 18701 Grand River Avenue, Suite 237, Detroit, Michigan 48223.

November 7, 2013: Panelist, Federal Bar Association/University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Detroit, Michigan. I spoke to law students about navigating law school exams and the bar exam and provided specific tips for success. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association Eastern District of Michigan Chapter is P.O. Box 5249, Northville, Michigan 48167.

July 13, 2013: Speaker, New Student Orientation Program, Detroit Chapters of Morehouse College Alumni Association and Spelman College Alumnae Association, Detroit, Michigan. I spoke to incoming freshmen about the history of Morehouse College, transitioning from high school to college, forming successful study habits, balancing social activities and academics, healthy relationship practices, and overcoming financial and household challenges. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address for the Morehouse College Alumni Association Detroit Chapter is 18701 Grand River Avenue, Suite 237, Detroit, Michigan 48223. The address for the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College Detroit Chapter is 25147 Stonycroft Drive, Southfield, Michigan 48033.

April 12, 2013: Speaker, Osborn High School, Detroit, Michigan. I discussed my background, path to the law, and practice as a federal prosecutor with Mr. Richard Diggs' class, and answered students' questions about college and the law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Osborn High School is 11600 East Seven Mile Road, Detroit, Michigan 48205.

March 13, 2013: Panelist, Federal Practitioners Panel, "Behind the Scenes" Day at the Federal Courthouse, Federal Bar Association Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. I discussed civil and criminal practice of Assistant United States Attorneys. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48226. The address for the Federal Bar Association Eastern District of Michigan Chapter is P.O. Box 5249, Northville, Michigan 48167.

January 26, 2013: Speaker, "The Interview Before the Interview," Wolverine Bar Association, Detroit, Michigan. I was one of two speakers who provided detailed instruction for law students on preparing application materials for summer employment (cover letter, resume, and writing samples). I also participated in mock interviews with students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Wolverine Bar Association is 535 Griswold Street, Suite 111-531, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

January 12, 2013: Speaker, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Program, Morehouse College Alumni Association Detroit Chapter, Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. I discussed the posthumous honoree for the event, Morehouse alumnus Arthur Johnson, Ph.D., and his life and work, and introduced speakers Steve Palackdharry, Chacona Johnson, and Judge Damon J. Keith. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Morehouse College Alumni Association Detroit Chapter is 18701 Grand River Avenue, Suite 237, Detroit, Michigan 48223.

July 2012 (specific date unknown): Mock Trial Witness and Coach, Just the Beginning, Incorporated Summer Legal Institute, Chicago, Illinois. I served as a coach for high school students learning the elements of a criminal trial. I also served as a witness during the mock trial. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Just the Beginning, Incorporated is 70 West Madison Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

February 23, 2012: Speaker, Black History Month Program, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Chicago, Illinois. I introduced the keynote speaker and the firm's community award recipient. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Seyfarth Shaw LLP is 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 8000, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

From 2007 to 2009 and 2011 to 2012, I spoke to public high school students on multiple occasions at different schools in Chicago and its suburbs about employment discrimination laws, attending college, and setting and achieving goals. I sometimes spoke in coordination with Seyfarth Shaw LLP and one of its major clients, Allstate Corporation. At other occasions I spoke in my own capacity. I have no record of the specific dates of those events, and I do not have any notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Seyfarth Shaw LLP is 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 8000, Chicago, Illinois 60606. The address for Allstate Corporation is 400 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, Illinois 60015.

November 21, 2008: Speaker, Waukegan High School, Waukegan, Illinois. I discussed how employment discrimination laws protect individuals in a presentation to high school students in conjunction with Seyfarth Shaw LLP and Allstate Corporation. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Waukegan High School is 2325 Brookside Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois 60085.

October 1, 2008: Co-Presenter, “The Most Common Mistakes Your Supervisors Make—and How You Can Get Them to Stop,” Business & Learning Resources 2008 Illinois Employment Law Conference, Chicago, Illinois. Alongside two other attorneys from Seyfarth Shaw LLP, I identified common mistakes supervisors make and provided strategies to stop supervisors from making those mistakes. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Business & Learning Resources is 5511 Virginia Way, Suite 150, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

February 2008 (specific date unknown): Speaker, NewRoot Learning Institute (formerly known as Umoja Corporation) Community Connections Event, Manley Career Academy High School, Chicago, Illinois. I spoke to high school freshmen about educational and professional achievement and led them in a community-relevant literacy interaction. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for NewRoot Learning Institute is 910 West Van Buren Street, Suite 710, Chicago, Illinois 60607.

- 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.

*Daytime Columbus Show: Don't Let Excuses Stop You From Being a Mentor*, NBC4 WCMH-TV (June 26, 2019). Video available at <https://www.nbc4i.com/daytime-columbus/dont-let-excuses-stop-you-from-being-a-mentor>.

Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Civil Rights Champion Uses Law to Fight Racism* (Feb. 1, 2018). Video available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6moBGLiLp\\_M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6moBGLiLp_M).

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.

Since 2021, I have served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. I was appointed to that position by the district judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. The jurisdiction of United States Magistrate Judges is defined by 28 U.S.C. § 636.



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

I have not presided over any trials.

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

jury trials: 0%  
bench trials: 0% [total 100%]

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

civil proceedings: 0%  
criminal proceedings: 0% [total 100%]

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

*Hale v. United States*, No. 4:22-CV-10300, 2022 WL 4482080 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 27, 2022), *R & R adopted* (E.D. Mich. Oct. 13, 2022)

*Abcumby v. Michigan Dep't of Corr.*, No. 2:21-CV-11281, 2022 WL 4459889 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 7, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 4456239 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 23, 2022)

*Sedore v. Wyckoff*, No. 2:21-CV-12935, 2022 WL 4594034 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 2, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 4591642 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 29, 2022)

*United States v. Lewis*, No. 2:17-MC-50514, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 165965 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 26, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 165932 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 14, 2022)

*Cladera v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 2:21-CV-11684, 2022 WL 6581089 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 9, 2022), *R & R adopted in part and rejected in part*, 2022 WL 4553064 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 29, 2022)

*Chamblis v. Kijakazi*, No. 1:20-CV-12984, 2022 WL 3655326 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 8, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 3648170 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 24, 2022)

*Butler v. Papendick*, No. 2:20-CV-11100, 2022 WL 6568191 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 8, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 4594594 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 30, 2022)

*Partee v. Trowbridge*, No. 2:20-CV-12586, 2022 WL 6581114 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 3, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 4299357 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 19, 2022)

*Shelton v. Oaks*, No. 2:21-CV-11614, 2022 WL 6584563 (E.D. Mich. July 30, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 4117023 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 9, 2022)

*Brown v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 2:21-CV-12025, 2022 WL 3695485 (E.D. Mich. July 27, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 3686425 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 24, 2022)

*Fenner v. Kijakazi*, No. 2:21-CV-10180, 2022 WL 3269959 (E.D. Mich. July 25, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 3229938 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 10, 2022)

*Pudney v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 21-CV-10648, 2022 WL 3269957 (E.D. Mich. July 22, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 3229941 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 10, 2022)

*Harp v. Austin*, No. 2:21-CV-12446, 2022 WL 3365844 (E.D. Mich. July 19, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 3362505 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 15, 2022)

*Seymore v. Ferguson*, No. 4:20-CV-13269, 2022 WL 6601306 (E.D. Mich. July 5, 2022), *R & R adopted in part and rejected in part*, 2022 WL 4594591 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 30, 2022)

*Washington v. AT&T Umbrella Benefit Plan No. 3*, No. 2:21-CV-11397, 2022 WL 4826575 (E.D. Mich. June 28, 2022), *R & R adopted in part and rejected in part*, 2022 WL 4553059 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 29, 2022)

*Halvorsen v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 21-CV-10951, 2022 WL 2232490 (E.D. Mich. June 2, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 2230662 (E.D. Mich. June 21, 2022)

*Rogers v. Bush*, No. 20-CV-11627, 2022 WL 2793593 (E.D. Mich. May 11, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 2791316 (E.D. Mich. July 15, 2022)

*Allstate Ins. Co. v. 411 Help, LLC*, No. 2:20-CV-12939, 2022 WL 3337138 (E.D. Mich. Apr. 29, 2022), *R & R adopted in part and rejected in part*, 2022 WL 4594593 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 29, 2022)

*Lindsey v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 4:21-CV-10590, 2022 WL 1397196 (E.D. Mich. Apr. 11, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 1377783 (E.D. Mich. May 3, 2022)

*Dobronski v. Royal Neighbors of Am.*, No. 22-10009, 2022 WL 1234088 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 31, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 1227960 (E.D. Mich. Apr. 26, 2022)

*Whorton v. Dinsa*, No. 2:21-CV-11722, 2022 WL 1216306 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 28, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 1213109 (E.D. Mich. Apr. 25, 2022)

*Gavrilovic v. T-Mobile USA, Inc.*, No. 21-12709, 2022 WL 1086136 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 25, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 1085674 (E.D. Mich. Apr. 11, 2022)

*Smith v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 2:21-CV-10093, 2022 WL 1052427 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 4, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 965022 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 30, 2022)

*Huizar v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 21-CV-10859, 2022 WL 2531754 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 4, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 2531754 (E.D. Mich. July 7, 2022)

*Bear v. Credit Acceptance Corp.*, No. 5:21-CV-12353, 2022 WL 2405215 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 3, 2022)

*Harp v. Austin*, No. 2:21-CV-12446, 2022 WL 956328 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 1, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 957546 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 29, 2022)

*Louden v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 5:21-CV-10027, 2022 WL 1436226 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 25, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 1426981 (E.D. Mich. May 5, 2022)

*Thompson v. Wal-Mart Stores E., LP*, No. 2:21-CV-10168, 2022 WL 704938 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 18, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 697781 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 8, 2022)

*Gabriel v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 2:21-CV-10529, 2022 WL 1482013 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 1, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 1481847 (E.D. Mich. May 9, 2022)

*Harp v. Austin*, No. 2:21-CV-12446, 2022 WL 604169 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 31, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 600955 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 28, 2022)

*Garrison v. Corbin*, No. 2:21-CV-11857, 2022 WL 509341 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 27, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 507433 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 18, 2022)

*Mahar v. Comm'r of IRS*, No. 2:21-CV-11694, 2022 WL 2405489 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 20, 2022)

*Coates v. Castilla*, No. 2:20-CV-11101, 2022 WL 2162926 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 20, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 2161484 (E.D. Mich. June 15, 2022)

*Clark v. Owens*, No. 2:21-CV-10631, 2021 WL 7448515 (E.D. Mich. Dec. 14, 2021), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 565587 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 24, 2022)

*Mahar v. Comm'r of IRS*, No. 2:21-CV-11694, 2021 WL 9003587 (E.D. Mich.



Dec. 13, 2021)

*Clark v. Owens*, No. 2:21-CV-10631, 2021 WL 5817898 (E.D. Mich. Nov. 10, 2021), *R & R adopted*, 2021 WL 5798034 (E.D. Mich. Dec. 7, 2021)

*King v. Advanced Corr. Healthcare, Inc.*, No. 2:21-CV-11369, 2021 WL 5315403 (E.D. Mich. Oct. 26, 2021), *R & R adopted*, 2021 WL 5304005 (E.D. Mich. Nov. 15, 2021)

*Morris v. Sewell*, No. 2:20-CV-13240, 2021 WL 5411956 (E.D. Mich. Oct. 26, 2021), *R & R adopted*, 2021 WL 5396102 (E.D. Mich. Nov. 18, 2021)

*Al -Dolemy v. Kato*, No. 2:21-CV-10809, 2021 WL 6493857 (E.D. Mich. Oct. 26, 2021), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 125025 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 12, 2022)

*Wright v. DeJoy*, No. 4:21-CV-10871, 2021 WL 5858578 (E.D. Mich. Oct. 6, 2021), *R & R adopted*, 2021 WL 5847406 (E.D. Mich. Dec. 9, 2021)

- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).

1. *Thompson v. Wal-Mart Stores E., LP*, No. 2:21-CV-10168, 2022 WL 704938 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 18, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 697781 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 8, 2022)

This is a negligence case where the plaintiff alleged a Wal-Mart employee pushed carts into the plaintiff's back. After removal from state court to federal court, I ordered the parties to address whether diversity jurisdiction existed. Having found diversity jurisdiction existed, I ruled on a subsequent defense motion to dismiss for failure to prosecute and failure to obey a discovery order. In a report and recommendation, I recommended granting the motion to dismiss for failure to prosecute and failure to obey a discovery order. United States District Judge George Caram Steeh adopted my report and recommendation and dismissed the case with prejudice.

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2. *Gabriel v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 2:21-CV-10529, 2022 WL 1482013 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 1, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 1481847 (E.D. Mich. May 9, 2022)

This was a Social Security Act case in which I reviewed an administrative law judge's decision denying the plaintiff's application for disability insurance benefits. Both parties filed motions for summary judgment. The plaintiff argued that the ALJ had not supported their decision regarding the plaintiff's residual function capacity with substantial evidence. The Commissioner of the Social Security Administration argued that the ALJ appropriately weighed the medical evidence as to the plaintiff's residual function capacity. In a report and recommendation, I determined that the plaintiff's motion should be granted, that the Commissioner's motion should be denied, and that the case be remanded for further proceedings. Neither party opposed my decision, which was then adopted by United States District Judge Victoria A. Roberts.

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3. *Chamblis v. Kijakazi*, No. 1:20-CV-12984, 2022 WL 3655326 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 8, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 3648170 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 24, 2022)

This was a Social Security Act case in which I reviewed an administrative law judge's decision denying the plaintiff's application for disability insurance benefits. Both parties filed motions for summary judgment. The plaintiff contended that the Social Security Appeals Council failed to provide due process, the ALJ erred in assessing the severity of plaintiff's traumatic brain injury, additional medical evidence existed which was not presented to the ALJ, and the ALJ erred in failing to order and conduct additional medical examinations. In a report and recommendation, I found that the plaintiff's arguments lacked merit and recommended that the court grant the defendant's motion for summary judgment. United States District Judge Thomas Ludington adopted my report and recommendation and entered judgment for the defendant.

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4. *Gavrilovic v. T-Mobile USA, Inc.*, No. 21-12709, 2022 WL 1086136 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 25, 2022), *R & R adopted*, No. 21-CV-12709, 2022 WL 1085674 (E.D. Mich. Apr. 11, 2022)

This case involved a motion to compel arbitration and dismiss the case, or in the alternative, stay the proceedings until the completion of private arbitration. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant, his cellphone service carrier, had caused him a loss of \$1.16 million in cryptocurrency due to an employee's negligence. The plaintiff asserted claims of negligence and violations of the Federal Communications Act. The defendant moved to compel arbitration. This case involved the arbitration agreements of the defendant and a different cellphone carrier with which the defendant's parent company had merged. After a hearing, I

determined that the motion to compel arbitration should be granted, and my report and recommendation was adopted by Judge Nancy G. Edmunds. Judge Edmunds entered judgment for the defendant.

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5. *K Squared Constr. Inc. v. Slate Asset Mgmt. L.P.*, No. 2:20-CV-10854 (E.D. Mich. Apr. 14, 2022)

This was a breach of contract action. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant did not fully pay for the work of the plaintiff's general commercial contractor on several developments in different states. The case involved disputed oral agreements and subcontracts, as well as complicated calculations. I led the parties in an extensive settlement conference that resulted in a negotiated settlement.

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6. *Dobronski v. Royal Neighbors of Am.*, No. 22-CV-10009, 2022 WL 1234088 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 31, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 1227960 (E.D. Mich. Apr. 26, 2022)

The plaintiff asserted violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, the Michigan Home Solicitation Sales Act, and the Michigan Telephone Companies as Common Carriers Act. After being referred all pretrial matters, I issued several orders for case management, including an order directing the plaintiff to establish personal jurisdiction. The plaintiff moved to remand the case for failure to comply with the rule of unanimity under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(2)(A), which the defendants opposed. After a hearing, I determined that the motion to remand should be denied, and my decision was adopted. This case is pending.

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7. *Bear v. Credit Acceptance Corp.*, No. 5:21-CV-12353, 2022 WL 2405215

(E.D. Mich. Mar. 3, 2022)

This case involved a motion to compel arbitration and dismiss the case, or in the alternative, to stay all proceedings until the completion of private arbitration. The plaintiffs had signed a retail installment contract with one of the defendants, which allowed a right to reject arbitration via written notice signed by the buyers. The plaintiffs' counsel sent a written rejection notice on his clients' behalf. The defendants moved to compel arbitration, arguing that the notice was invalid because the contract language required the buyers to sign the notice. After a hearing, I determined that the notice was invalid. In a report and recommendation, I recommended that the defendant's motion to compel arbitration be granted. This case is pending.

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8. *United States v. Thomas*, No. 2:22-CR-20365, Dkt. 11 (E.D. Mich. July 13, 2022), *aff'd*, 2022 WL 3044632 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 2, 2022). Decision supplied.

The government charged Mr. Thomas with conducting a straw purchase of a firearm for his friend, who allegedly utilized the firearm to murder a police officer. The government moved to detain Mr. Thomas pending trial, which he opposed. After a lengthy detention hearing, I ordered detention pending trial. The defendant moved to revoke my order and sought review before United States District Judge Gershwin A. Drain. Judge Drain denied the motion and affirmed my decision.

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9. *Shelton v. Oaks*, No. 2:21-CV-11614, 2022 WL 6584563 (E.D. Mich. July 30, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 4117023 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 9, 2022)

This case involves an incarcerated person with spina bifida who alleges that prison guards and officials failed for more than a year to provide him with necessary leg braces, causing physical pain. Defendants filed a motion for summary judgment and contended that the plaintiff failed to exhaust administrative remedies. In a report and recommendation, I recommended that the Court deny the defendants' motion and find that exhaustion occurred as to one defendant and prison officials overlooked defects in the plaintiff's grievances as to the remaining defendants, so exhaustion could not be asserted. Judge George Caram Steeh adopted my report and recommendation.

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10. *Abcumby v. Michigan Dep't of Corr.*, No. 2:21-CV-11281, 2022 WL 4459889 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 7, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 4456239 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 23, 2022)

This case involves an incarcerated person who alleges that a guard violated her constitutional rights by strip searching her in a shower area exposed to passersby. Defendants filed a motion to dismiss and a motion for summary judgment. In a report and recommendation, I found that while the plaintiff failed to sufficiently allege facts to establish named prison officials' supervisory liability, she sufficiently alleged facts which could establish cruel and unusual punishment. I recommended that the Court grant in part and deny in part the defendants' motions. Chief Judge Sean F. Cox adopted my report and recommendation.

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- d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.

1. *Thompson v. Wal-Mart Stores E., LP*, No. 2:21-CV-10168, 2022 WL 704938 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 18, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 697781 (E.D. Mich.



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2. *Gabriel v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 2:21-CV-10529, 2022 WL 1482013 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 1, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 1481847 (E.D. Mich. May 9, 2022)

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3. *Fenner v. Kijakazi*, No. 2:21-CV-10180, 2022 WL 3269959 (E.D. Mich. July 25, 2022), *R & R adopted*, 2022 WL 3229938 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 10, 2022)

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10. *Al-Dolemy v. Kato*, No. 2:21-CV-10809, Dkt. 127 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 29, 2022). Decision supplied.

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- e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.

I have searched electronic databases to determine whether certiorari was requested or granted in any of my cases. I did not find any 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.

To the best of my knowledge, none of the final orders or reports and recommendations I authored in civil cases have been reversed. Four reports and recommendations I authored in civil cases have been adopted in part and rejected in part, as follows:

*Cladera v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 2:21-CV-11684, 2022 WL 6581089 (E.D. Mich. Aug. 9, 2022), *R & R adopted in part and rejected in part*, 2022 WL 4553064 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 29, 2022). In this social security disability benefits case, I found that the Administrative Law Judge failed to explain the lack of incorporation of balance and noise restrictions in a residual function capacity, but that it was harmless error. I recommended granting the defendant's motion for summary judgment. The plaintiff lodged two objections to my report and recommendation, and Judge Terrence G. Berg overruled one objection and sustained one objection and accepted in part and rejected in part the report and recommendation.

*Seymore v. Ferguson*, No. 4:20-CV-13269, 2022 WL 6601306 (E.D. Mich. July 5, 2022), *R & R adopted in part and rejected in part*, 2022 WL 4594591 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 30, 2022). This is a civil case in which an incarcerated person alleged that his First Amendment rights were violated after he received a verbal warning that his visit would be terminated after he complained about the cold temperature in the visiting room. Allegedly, the plaintiff also suffered retaliation after an attorney visit was delayed an hour and forty-five minutes. I recommended granting the defendants' motion to dismiss the First Amendment retaliation claims and state law annoying, harassing, assaulting, or disturbing an inmate claim. Judge Shalina D. Kumar adopted my report and recommendation as to the state law claim and rejected my report and recommendation as to the First Amendment retaliation claims.

*Washington v. AT&T Umbrella Benefit Plan No. 3*, No. 2:21-CV-11397, 2022 WL 4826575 (E.D. Mich. June 28, 2022), *R & R adopted in part and rejected in*

*part*, 2022 WL 4553059 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 29, 2022). This is an ERISA case in which an individual alleged that her employer's disability benefit plan erroneously denied short-term benefits for three different time periods, amounting to three claims. Cross-motions for summary judgment ensued. In my report and recommendation, I recommended granting in part and denying in part each party's motion and remanding two of the claims for review by the plan and approving denial of one of the claims by the plan. Judge Terrence G. Berg adopted my report and recommendation in part and remanded one claim while entering summary judgment for the plan on one claim.

*Allstate Ins. Co. v. 411 Help, LLC*, No. 2:20-CV-12939, 2022 WL 3337138 (E.D. Mich. Apr. 29, 2022), *R & R adopted in part and rejected in part*, 2022 WL 4594593 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 29, 2022). This is a civil case in which several medical providers filed a counter-complaint against several insurance companies, seeking to collect no-fault insurance benefits due for services provided to the defendants' policyholders. The counter-plaintiffs filed a motion for leave to amend their counter-complaint to add a Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) claim, two 42 U.S.C. § 1981 claims, and a Michigan Unfair Trade Practices Act (MUPTA) claim. In their proposed counter-complaint, the counter-plaintiffs allege that the insurance companies engaged in an unlawful pattern of automatically denying their claims, discriminated against the counter-plaintiffs and policyholders on the basis of race, and violated MUPTA. In my report and recommendation, I recommended that the motion be granted as to the RICO and MUPTA claims and denied as to the § 1981 claims. Judge Linda V. Parker adopted my report and recommendation as to the MUPTA and § 1981 claims and rejected my report and recommendation as to the RICO claims.

District judges revoked my custodial orders in four criminal cases, as follows:

*United States v. Edmunds*, No. 2:21-MJ-30505, Dkt. 12 (E.D. Mich. Nov. 15, 2021). Copy supplied. This case involved a defendant charged with theft or embezzlement of union funds, among other charges. The government moved for detention pending trial, which the defense opposed. After a hearing, I ordered the defendant's release on bond and set various conditions of release to ensure the safety of the community and the defendant's appearance in court. Several months later, the defendant moved to modify and loosen the conditions of bond, and Chief District Judge Sean F. Cox reversed my order and ordered the defendant to be detained. *United States v. Edmunds*, No. 21-CR-20721, 2022 WL 738734 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 11, 2022).

*United States v. Durfield*, No. 21-MJ-30566, Dkt. 9 (E.D. Mich. Dec. 2, 2021). Copy supplied. The government moved to revoke bond for drug use. Following a hearing, I denied the government's motion and found that appropriate conditions of release existed, including daily drug testing on weekdays, which allowed the defendant to continue to work at her new job and support her minor child in cancer treatment. The government appealed to the Eastern District of Tennessee,

where the case was pending, and United States District Judge Thomas A. Varlan stayed my order of release and ordered that the defendant be detained pending a hearing on the government's request. *United States v. Durfield*, No. 19-CR-00187, Dkt. 228 (E.D. Tenn. Dec. 6, 2021). Copy supplied. Ultimately, the defendant waived her right to the hearing and United States Magistrate Judge Bruce Guyton revoked the release order and ordered detention. *United States v. Durfield*, No. 19-CR-00187, Dkt. 255 (E.D. Tenn. Jan. 12, 2022). Copy supplied.

*United States v. Andino*, No. 2:22-CR-20090, Dkt. 10 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 9, 2022). Copy supplied. After the government requested detention in this illegal reentry case, I ordered the government to establish, prior to a detention hearing, its basis for requesting detention. Ultimately, I held a detention hearing and ordered the defendant's detention pending trial. The defense appealed and moved for immediate release, which the government opposed. United States District Judge Denise Page Hood agreed with my decision to require the government to establish a basis to hold a detention hearing but reversed my detention order. *United States v. Andino*, No. 22-CR-20090, Dkt. 30 (E.D. Mich. May 3, 2022). Copy supplied. Judge Hood found that the government did not meet its burden under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(2)(A), which required the government to show a "serious risk of flight" before a detention hearing may be set, and found that conditions of bond existed to assure the defendant's appearance at court proceedings.

*United States v. Dabney*, No. 22-MJ-30063 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 11, 2022). The government moved to detain a defendant pending trial in a drug distribution case. Mr. Dabney contested detention. After argument, I issued an order to release the defendant on bond, having agreed with the Pretrial Services Agency that conditions of bond existed that could assure the safety of the community and the defendant's appearance in court. The government appealed to the District of North Dakota, where this case is pending, and Chief Judge Peter D. Welte granted the government's motion to revoke the release order, noting that the decision was a close call. *United States v. Dabney*, No. 3:21-CR-36-3, 2022 WL 844419 (D.N.D. Mar. 22, 2022).

- 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.

As a magistrate judge, the majority of my decisions are unpublished opinions although some may be reported by Westlaw/Lexis. All my opinions and orders are filed with our court's electronic case filing system.

- h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

I have not written any significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues.



- i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.

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

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

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

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, where I serve as a magistrate judge, has a system that flags newly assigned cases based on recusal criteria identified by each judge. This system permits judges to identify potential conflicts *ex ante*, and then decide whether to recuse *sua sponte* in a newly assigned case. I also review and follow the guidance in the Code of Conduct for United States Judges in determining whether recusal is appropriate. In addition, as a federal magistrate judge, I have sought to comply with 28 U.S.C. § 455, disqualifying myself in specific circumstances commanded by the statute and in any case where my impartiality might reasonably be questioned.

No litigant or party has ever requested that I recuse myself due to an asserted conflict of interest. I have recused myself *sua sponte* in one case and returned the case to the Clerk's Office for reassignment. I can provide additional details to the Committee upon request.

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

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

elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

I have not held public office other than judicial office.

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

In 2008, I was a field volunteer in Indiana for then-Senator Barack Obama the weekend prior to the November 2008 election.

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 2009 to 2010, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable W. Louis Sands of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. From 2010 to 2011, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Damon J. Keith, Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

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

I have never practiced law alone.

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

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator.

b. Describe:

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

Since 2021, I have served as a magistrate judge on the federal district court in Detroit, Michigan. Immediately prior to this current service, I served as an Assistant United States Attorney for more than nine years in Columbus, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan. I became an Assistant United States Attorney in 2012. I practiced civil and criminal law in a variety of areas, including firearms offenses, asset forfeiture, international and domestic narcotics trafficking, money laundering, fraud, and other areas. For approximately three years, I served as the Coordinator of the Project Safe Neighborhoods program where I oversaw the intake of firearms cases. I instituted the Southern District of Ohio's practice of prosecuting individuals who illegally possessed firearms after having been convicted of domestic violence offenses.

I served as an associate in a law firm on two different occasions, after graduation from 2007 to 2008, and after clerking in 2011, primarily practicing labor and employment law in federal, state, and local courts, as well as administrative agencies. I also counseled entities regarding supplier diversity designations. I conducted workplace investigations, trained managers on best employment practices, and counseled small businesses regarding diverse business designations or internal workplace issues (primarily regarding discrimination claims). My pro bono clients were prisoners alleging deprivations of their rights.

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

As a prosecutor, I represented the United States and advocated for victims and fair sentences for defendants. In private practice as a law firm

associate, I represented small to large employers and individuals in general civil litigation, labor and employment law, and ERISA litigation.

- 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.

Prior to my appointment as a federal magistrate judge, I regularly appeared in federal court in the Southern District of Ohio as an Assistant United States Attorney between 2016 and 2021. I regularly appeared in federal court in the Eastern District of Michigan between 2012 and 2016. In private practice, between 2007 and 2009 and 2011 and 2012, I occasionally appeared in federal court in the Northern District of Illinois and Illinois state courts and administrative agencies.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. civil proceedings:	50%
2. criminal proceedings:	50%

- 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 four cases to verdict. I served as lead counsel in three of these cases, while I acted as associate counsel in another. I also authored written briefs in four cases at the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

- 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. Doyle*, Case No. 16-CR-145 (S.D. Ohio Sept. 27, 2016) (Sargus, J.), *aff'd*, 720 F. App'x 271 (6th Cir. 2018) (Suhrheinrich, Griffin, Thapar, JJ.), 2019 WL 6351255 (S.D. Ohio Nov. 27, 2019) (Vascura, Mag. J.), *R & R adopted*, 2020 WL 415895 (S.D. Ohio Jan. 27, 2020) (Sargus, J.), 2021 WL 4306101 (S.D. Ohio Sept. 22, 2021) (Vascura, Mag. J.), *R & R adopted*, 2021 WL 5810545 (S.D. Ohio Dec. 7, 2021) (Sargus, J.)

I served as lead counsel at trial, sole counsel on appeal, and lead counsel in habeas proceedings in this illegal firearms possession case from 2016 to 2021. A jury convicted Mr. Doyle, a documented sex offender, of being a felon in possession of a firearm after a woman's testimony established that he threatened her with a firearm. I prepared the reluctant witness, a woman with solicitation convictions who was fearful of the defendant and expressed extreme hesitancy in testifying one hour before trial began. I wrote sentencing memoranda and argued at sentencing with co-counsel. Mr. Doyle received a prison sentence of 100 months. The Sixth Circuit affirmed. I wrote the government's brief. During subsequent habeas proceedings, Magistrate Judge Chelsey M. Vascura recommended the dismissal of all claims except for ineffective assistance of counsel. Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr. accepted and adopted Magistrate Judge Vascura's recommendation. Magistrate Judge Vascura held an evidentiary hearing on the remaining claim in August 2021, where Mr. Doyle represented himself with standby counsel present. Magistrate Judge Vascura recommended denial of all requested relief. Judge Sargus again accepted and adopted Magistrate Judge Vascura's recommendation.

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2. *United States v. Draper*, No. 2:19-CR-125 (S.D. Ohio 2019) (Morrison, J.), *aff'd*, 2021 WL 2948857 (6th Cir. July 14, 2021) (Sutton, C.J., Cole, Readler, JJ.)

I served as lead counsel on all proceedings and supervised co-counsel in her first federal trial in this illegal firearm possession case, part of the anti-domestic violence initiative I started in the Southern District of Ohio. I represented the United States in this case from 2018 to 2021, through the initial investigation, a suppression hearing, contested evidentiary hearings, trial, sentencing, and appeal. I co-wrote briefs and co-presented oral arguments on two motions to suppress, two motions to dismiss, and two motions in limine. I argued in opposition to a motion to dismiss the jury venire. Mr. Draper, a serial



abuser of intimate partners and convicted arsonist, tried to frame his girlfriend after she attempted to end their relationship. Mr. Draper alleged that she shot at him and burned his vehicle. Thorough investigation established his fabrications and officers discovered a loaded firearm in his nightstand. I coordinated victim support services to assist Mr. Draper's girlfriend. We defeated multiple evidentiary and dispositive motions filed by Mr. Draper, including a motion to suppress. A jury convicted Mr. Draper of possessing a firearm following conviction of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. Mr. Draper received a prison sentence of 27 months. On appeal, I wrote the government's brief, and the conviction was affirmed.

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3. *United States v. Golon-Valenzuela*, No. 2:18-CR-195 (S.D. Ohio); *United States v. Ramos Chirino*, No. 2:17-CR-207 (S.D. Ohio)

I began working as co-counsel in this multi-defendant, multiple case matter, in 2017, but became lead counsel in October 2019 after my co-counsel became United States Attorney and withdrew from the case. I continued to serve as lead counsel through August 2021. In a prosecution of first impression in the Southern District of Ohio, we initiated, and I maintained and oversaw, this case and other related cases which involved an international narcotic trafficking conspiracy spanning from Colombia through Central America, Mexico, and the United States wherein small vessels were used to smuggle and attempt to smuggle thousands of kilograms of cocaine into the United States. I coordinated the extradition of Mr. Golon-Valenzuela from Panama to the United States and supervised the investigation which resulted in his guilty plea. Mr. Golon-Valenzuela participated in the conspiracy and paid to ship cocaine from Colombia destined for the United States. Seized cocaine shipments included 880 kilograms of cocaine near the Guatemala/Mexico border, 720 kilograms of cocaine near the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, and 34 kilograms of cocaine in Guatemala. I led teams of agents in Ohio, Central America, and Colombia, and marshaled evidence from multiple countries. I consulted Interpol and the Department of State to secure publication of international arrest warrants, marshal evidence from

foreign countries, and extradite multiple defendants. I negotiated several guilty pleas. United States District Judge James L. Graham presided over the cases. Prison sentences ranged from 60 to 140 months.

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4. *United States v. Brooks*, No. 2:17-CR-54 (S.D. Ohio)

From 2016 through 2020, I served as sole counsel in this 13-defendant conspiracy case involving bank fraud conspiracy and possession of stolen mail. I wrote four motions to revoke bond and presented argument at four separate hearings on the motions. United States postal carriers illegally used and shared postal keys with non-employees in a sophisticated scheme to steal thousands of checks and money orders from blue postal service mailboxes throughout metropolitan Columbus and illegally cash the items via the use of third-party checking accounts. Each defendant ultimately entered a plea of guilty and received sentences which included restitution orders. I also oversaw three separate spinoff investigations which together resulted in the recovery of hundreds of thousands of dollars of stolen checks and money orders. I marshaled the services of an experienced victim-witness coordinator to answer anxious calls from, and provide information to, hundreds of individuals and businesses about missing bill payments, birthday gifts, and numerous other monetary concerns. I advised the United States Postal System on the adoption of investigatory and practical methods to forestall similar offenses. I wrote 13 sentencing memoranda and presented argument at 13 separate sentencing hearings. Sentences ranged from probation to 42 months of imprisonment. United States District Judge James L. Graham presided over the case.

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5. *United States v. Smoot*, No. 2:19-CR-020 (S.D. Ohio)

From 2018 to 2021, I served as lead counsel in this illegal firearms possession case that was continued at the defendant's request on the day of trial. Mr. Smoot possessed a firearm following conviction of a felony during a shootout in a public park where 5- and 10-year-old girls were shot. Despite the presence of hundreds of potential witnesses, few

provided information to law enforcement officers. The investigation tied Mr. Smoot (via DNA evidence) to a firearm recovered from a parked vehicle after the shooting. I argued at three detention hearings and wrote responses to five motions for release from custody. I argued at a suppression hearing and wrote the response to the motion to suppress. I responded to three motions in limine and presented argument on two of the motions. I trained a Special Assistant United States Attorney in what would have been his first trial. After the continuance, Mr. Smoot ultimately pled guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. Mr. Smoot received a prison sentence of 41 months. United States District Judge Sarah D. Morrison presided over this matter.

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6. *United States v. Holter*, No. 2:17-CR-74 (S.D. Ohio)

From 2016 to 2017, I served as sole criminal counsel in this case. I led the investigation which established that Ms. Holter, a bank employee, was the sole individual present in the bank before it opened on dozens of occasions where she was seen on surveillance removing the cash cassette from the ATM and then replacing it. Audits showed significant sums of currency missing from the ATMs. Nevertheless, Ms. Holter vigorously denied guilt for several months, even after she admitted to having possessed \$81,360 in \$20 bills. She contended that she discovered the money in a bag at the end of her driveway. The investigation I led also established that Ms. Holter had paid off her mortgage at the time of the thefts and that she lied about having a lucrative puppy selling business which she claimed established a financial alibi. Ultimately, Ms. Holter admitted to embezzlement/theft by a bank employee and that her crime involved \$318,400. I engaged co-counsel from the civil financial litigation unit to ensure that Ms. Holter's



sentence included full restitution. I wrote the sentencing memorandum and argued at the sentencing hearing. Ms. Holter received a sentence of 6 months of home confinement followed by a prison term of 12 months. United States District Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr. presided over the case.

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7. *United States v. McCauley*, No. 2:17-CR-90 (S.D. Ohio.)

From 2016 to 2021, I served as sole counsel in this conspiracy case which involved identity theft and wire fraud. I led the prosecution of Mr. McCauley and four other individuals, which established that they operated an identity theft ring and utilized fraudulent identification documents to open lines of credit and purchase high-end electronic and telecommunications equipment and clothing. The criminal conduct spanned multiple states in the Midwest. All five defendants entered pleas of guilty. I wrote all sentencing memoranda and argued at all five sentencing hearings. I also worked to ensure that the foot-soldiers who carried out Mr. McCauley's scheme received necessary treatment for their narcotics addictions in and out of prison, as their addictions had contributed to their criminal involvement. Sentences ranged from probation to 60 months in prison. United States District Judge Michael H. Watson presided over these proceedings.

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8. *United States v. Imes*, No. 2:18-CR-111 (S.D. Ohio); *United States v. Imes*, No. 2:19-CR-60 (S.D. Ohio); *United States v. Johnson*, No. 2:19-CR-210 (S.D. Ohio); *United States v. Silva*, No. 2:19-CR-91 (S.D. Ohio)

From 2018 to 2021, I served as co-counsel in this multi-defendant series of chop shop conspiracy cases which involved the theft of heavy-duty trucks, trailers, and sale of stolen auto parts throughout the Midwest. Several small vehicle-sales businesses in metropolitan Columbus, Ohio reportedly suffered so many repeated losses that they were near closure due to Mr. Imes' and his co-conspirators' crimes. Each defendant entered pleas of guilty and Mr. Imes stated that he earned approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 per week during his criminal enterprise. During the case, Mr. Imes absconded from bond with his wife's aid. I successfully briefed a motion to revoke Mr. Imes' bond and appeared for argument

which did not occur as Mr. Imes absconded. I co-led the investigation that successfully apprehended him and secured guilty pleas from him and his co-conspirators. I ensured that restitution orders were obtained. I argued at three sentencing hearings and wrote the corresponding sentencing memoranda. Sentences ranged from probation to 120 months in prison. United States District Judge James L. Graham presided over these matters.

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9. *United States v. Wilder*, No. 2:18-CR-10 (S.D. Ohio); *United States v. Chester*, No. 2:18-CR-11 (S.D. Ohio); *United States v. Flood*, No. 2:18-CR-12 (S.D. Ohio)

From 2017 through 2020, I solely prosecuted these companion cases involving a public standoff between alleged gang-members who wielded assault rifles and numerous firearms in a busy apartment complex occupied by several children. Previously, each of the three defendants had been convicted of felonies and therefore could not legally possess firearms. I argued at a detention hearing and subsequently successfully briefed and argued a motion to revoke an order of bond for one of the defendants who posed a great risk of harm to the community. Ultimately, each defendant admitted guilt. Sentences ranged from 33 to 51 months in prison. United States District Judges James L. Graham and Edmund A. Sargus, Jr. presided over these matters.

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10. *United States v. Zigmond*, No. 2:15-CR-20283 (E.D. Mich.)

From 2012 through 2016, I initiated and ultimately co-led the investigation and prosecution of Dr. Zigmond and nine other individuals. We oversaw a team of financial and narcotics agents and, after two wiretaps, discovered that Zigmond, a chiropractor, had conspired with at least two medical doctors, and others, to distribute 6,000 fraudulent prescriptions of oxycodone. I reviewed and approved nine search and seizure warrants that resulted in the capture of more than \$2 million in cash proceeds, and multiple

firearms, and ammunition. I helped write and secure an indictment and two superseding indictments before a grand jury. I also assisted in planning undercover agent maneuvers that resulted in the acquisition of useful evidence. I wrote briefs regarding bond and source of collateral motions, and argued at a bond hearing. After I left the office, co-counsel successfully secured guilty pleas from all ten defendants as a result of my investigation, prosecution, and efforts to have the lead defendant, Zigmond, accept responsibility for his wide-ranging crimes. Under my leadership, in September 2015, Dr. Zigmond began to detail his and co-conspirators' crimes to federal law enforcement officers in proffer sessions I organized. Sentences ranged from 12 to 180 months in prison. United States District Judge George Caram Steeh presided over this matter.

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

As a prosecutor and litigator, in addition to trials, I handled hundreds of cases at every stage of civil and criminal litigation from inception to post-judgment. I briefed and argued dozens of civil and criminal dispositive and non-dispositive motions including motions to dismiss, suppress, compel, quash, and obtain summary judgment. I took multiple depositions and engaged in extensive discovery practice. I led substantial investigations, which included extensive interviews of civilian and incarcerated witnesses, factfinding, and recommendations, including in cases spanning multiple states and countries. I also was involved in multiple complex matters, including but not limited to criminal civil rights investigations and wide-ranging fraud and assaultive criminal investigations. From 2016 to 2021, I managed a revolving criminal caseload of approximately 50 criminal cases. I led the Southern District of Ohio's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative in Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton to decrease federal gun crimes, implement anti-violence initiatives, and support community organizations. Prior to instituting a federal, county, and city anti-domestic violence initiative to remove firearms from individuals who illegally possessed firearms after harming intimate partners, I consulted with community organizations that specialize in supportive services for domestic violence survivors and anti-domestic violence legal experts.

I have supported community organizations, including End the Violence, an initiative founded by a formerly incarcerated individual that provides safe spaces for kids to enjoy sports and games and gives advice to help them avoid criminal involvement. It also provides counseling and job referrals for youth and young adults to obtain gainful employment. I have sought to demystify the legal system for teenagers and adults by participating in talks explaining the jury system and unique procedures in federal court. As a member of the Federal Bar Association's National Law Clerk Committee, over the past year, I have assisted in planning and executing a series of webinars to expand the range of individuals who consider pursuing a federal clerkship. The webinars feature federal judges and practitioners describing and explaining the processes to apply for and

secure a clerkship. Hundreds of individuals have attended the webinars.

Additionally, as a magistrate judge I preside over naturalization ceremonies nearly each month, swearing in new citizens. I speak with our court's interns about the work that federal magistrate judges do and discuss my path to law school and past legal practice.

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.

The only cases that might be likely to present potential conflicts of interest would be those involving litigants or witnesses with whom I interacted in my capacity as an Assistant United States Attorney. In such cases, I would review and follow the guidance in the Code of Conduct for United States Judges in determining whether recusal is appropriate, as well as complying with 28 U.S.C. § 455 by disqualifying myself in specific circumstances commanded by the statute and in any case where my impartiality might reasonably be questioned. If I determined that recusal was required, I would return the case to the Clerk's Office for reassignment to another judge.

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

If confirmed as a district judge, I would continue to resolve any potential conflict of interest by adhering to Canon 3 of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, and any and all other laws, rules, and practices governing such circumstances. I will also utilize the same internal system that my district uses to screen cases for potential recusal.

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.

As a magistrate judge, although I am not permitted to represent clients in any capacity, I routinely contribute my time to demystifying the federal courts for law students, youth, and the public. I frequently promote diversity in the legal profession in conjunction with court initiatives and bar associations and have sought to diversify the ranks of federal law clerks for several years and I continue to do so.

In private practice, I engaged in pro bono work by conducting client intake at Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic, where I explained the work of the clinic and the parameters of representation and documented potential clients' cases and background. As a law firm associate, I also represented incarcerated individuals who challenged their conditions of confinement. For example, in *Taylor v. Monahan*, No.1:04-cv-06814 (N.D. Ill.), I assisted in representing two individuals who alleged that they suffered racially discriminatory discipline for behavioral infractions while incarcerated. I helped negotiate settlement agreements for both of my clients. I also tutored four separate classes in bar exam preparation and 99% of my students passed the bar exam on their first attempt. Nearly all students were first generation college graduates.

In addition, I have served as a mentor for more than 15 years to economically disadvantaged youth and continue to do so.

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.

There is a selection committee in the Eastern District of Michigan which reviews applicants for federal district court positions, interviews applicants, and recommends potential nominees to Michigan's Senators.

On March 8, 2022, I applied for consideration for the vacancy in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. On April 13, 2022, I interviewed with the judicial selection committee established by Senator Debbie Stabenow and Senator Gary Peters. On May 26, 2022, officials from the White House Counsel's Office informed me that Senators Stabenow and Peters recommended me for potential nomination and invited me to interview. On May 31, 2022, I interviewed with officials from the White House Counsel's Office. Since June 11, 2022, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On September 6, 2022, 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.