

**UNITED STATES SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-JUDICIAL NOMINEES**

**PUBLIC**

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

Pamela Jo Bondi

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

Attorney General of the United States

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.

Current Office Address:  
1455 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 225  
Washington DC 20004

Residence: Tampa, Florida

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

1965, Tampa, Florida

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.

Stetson University College of Law, 1988-1990, J.D. received 1990

St. Edmund Hall College, the University of Oxford, summer 1989 (no degree conferred)

University of Florida, 1986-1987, B.A. received 1987

University of South Florida, 1983-1986

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  
SOMA Global  
1646 West Snow Avenue  
Tampa, Florida 33606  
Advisory Board Member  
Paid Position

2021 – Present  
America First Policy Institute  
1635 Rogers Road  
Fort Worth, Texas 76107  
Chair, Center for Litigation  
Chair, AFPI-Florida  
Co-Chair, Center for Law and Justice  
Paid Position

2021 – Present  
Panza, Mauer, & Maynard  
2400 East Commercial Boulevard, No. 905,  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308  
Of Counsel  
Paid Position

2021 – 2023 (active involvement ceased in 2022)  
Make America Great Again Action, Inc.  
138 Conant Street, Suite 401  
Beverly, Massachusetts 01915  
Board Member  
Unpaid

2021 – 2023  
Make America Great Again Policies, Inc.  
138 Conant Street, Suite 401  
Beverly, Massachusetts 01915  
Board Member  
Paid Position (2021 – 2022)  
Unpaid (2023)

2021 – 2022  
CGI Merchant Group  
3480 Main Highway, 2nd Floor  
Miami, Florida 33133  
Consultant

2021 – 2022

Make America Great Again, Again! Inc.  
138 Conant Street, Suite 401  
Beverly, Massachusetts 01915  
Board Member  
Paid Position

2020 – Present

January 2019 – November 2019  
Ballard Partners  
601 13th St, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
Partner  
Paid Position

November 2019 – March 2020

The White House  
Office of White House Counsel  
Special Advisor to President Trump  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500  
Paid Position

2011 – 2019

Office of the Attorney General  
State of Florida  
PL-01, The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050  
Attorney General  
Paid Position

2009 – 2010

Republican Candidate for Attorney General  
State of Florida  
Not Paid

1991 – 2009

Office of the State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit  
419 North Pierce Street  
Tampa, Florida 33602  
Assistant State Attorney  
Paid Position

1990

Office of the State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit  
419 North Pierce Street

Tampa, Florida 33602  
Intern  
Unpaid Position

1989 – 1990  
Lazarra, Caskey, and Paul, P.A.  
Firm no longer extant  
Law clerk  
Paid Position

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 have not served in the U.S. Military. I was not required to register for selective service.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

*Awards*

Stetson University College of Law's Ben C. Willard Award for Humanitarian Achievement (2019)

Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association Furtherance of Justice Award (2018)

Drug Free America Lifetime Achievement Award (2018)

Gold Shield Foundation Phil McNiff Lifetime of Service Award (2017)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Award for Excellence in Fighting Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (2017)

Florida Sheriffs Association Friend of the Sheriff Award (2017)

Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida Distinguished Alumni Award (2017)

Selah Freedom Champion Defender Award for Fighting Sex Trafficking (2016)

Statesman of the Year – Republican Party of Palm Beach County (2015)

Florida Board of Medicine Chairman's Recognition Award (2015)

Bay Area Chiefs of Police Public Officer of the Year (2015)

The Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement Award (2015)

Award from Florida Network of Youth and Family Services (2015)

Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association Furtherance of Justice Award (2014)

Hillsborough County Medical Association Frederick A. Reddy, M.D., Memorial Award (2014)

Monique Burr Foundation Champion of Child Safety Award (2014)

Florida Bar Board of Governors President's Award of Merit (2013)

Miami Dade County League of Cities "Crime Fighters" Award (2013)

Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida Champion of Independent Education in Florida (2013)

Taxpayer Advocate of the Year (2013)

President's Award from the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association (2013)

Valrico-Fishhawk Chamber of Commerce Honorary Membership Award (2013)

National Association of Attorneys General President's Award (2012)

Florida Board of Medicine Chairman's Recognition Award (2012)

Delta Delta Delta Women of Achievement (2012)

Bealls Public Servant of the Year (2012)

Stetson University College of Law Distinguished Alumna Award (2011)

National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators Leadership Award (2011)

Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida's Distinguished Alumni Award (2011)

Lawyers of Distinction Award from the Tampa Bay Review (2011)

Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award (2011)

National Association of Attorneys General Presidential Award (2011)

*Honors*

Inducted into Florida Chamber of Commerce's Women's Hall of Fame (2018)

Tampa FBI Women's History Month (2016)

Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men & Boys Recognition for Commitment and Dedication (2015)

National Honorary Chair (2015)

University of Florida Blue Key Honor Society Honorary Member (2013)

Katherine Fernandez-Rundle "Crime Fighters" Award (2013)

University of Florida Levin College of Law: Honorary Law (2013)

Stetson University College of Law Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws (2013)

Florida Police Chiefs Association Recognition for Reducing Prescription Drug Abuse (2012)

Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida Champion of Independent Education in Florida Award (2013)

Honorary Deputy, Pecos County, Texas (1998)

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.

Hillsborough County Bar Association, 1991 – approximately 2009

Herbert Goldberg Inn of Court, approximately 1995 – approximately 2009

Florida Bar, 1991 – Present

I served as Vice-Chair of the Grievance Committee in the late-1990s. I do not have records for my exact dates of service.

I served as a member of the DUI Manslaughter Committee. I do not have records for my exact dates of service.

Republican Attorneys General Association, 2011 – 2019

Executive Committee Chair, 2014 – 2015

National Association of Attorneys General, 2011 – 2019

Co-Chair, Substance Abuse Committee, 2012 –2018

Co-Chair, Criminal Law Committee, 2013 –2016

Member, Financial Services and Consumer Protection Enforcement, Education, and Training Committee, 2012 – 2013

Southern Region Chair, Executive Committee, 2011 – 2012  
Presidential Appointee, Executive Committee, 2013 – 2014; 2015 – 2016

Conference of Western Attorneys General (now the Attorney General Alliance), approximately 2011 – 2018.

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.

Florida, 1991

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

Supreme Court of Florida, 1991

U.S. Supreme Court, 2012

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.

Junior League of Tampa (1994 (approximate) – 2018)

Member, Public Affairs Committee (1996 – 2002)

Member, Public Relations Committee (2002 – 2007)

University of Florida Gators Club (1992 (approximate) – 1995)

Special Olympics Florida (2010 – 2018)

Member, Board of Directors (2010 – 2018)

Board member, The Spring of Tampa Bay (2010 – 2013)

University of Florida Alumni Board (2012 – 2014; 2015 – 2016)

Stovall House (2019 – Present)

The Kennedy Center (2020 – Present)

Board of Trustees (2020 – Present)

b. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11.a 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.

While membership in the Junior League of Tampa (as in other chapters) is historically limited to women I do not believe this limitation can fairly be described as invidious discrimination for which a change in policy or practices is necessary.

All others organizations listed above do not currently discriminate and, insofar as I am aware, did not formerly (during my membership or prior) discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

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

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

*See Appendix 12.a.*

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.

*See Appendix 12.a.*

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.

*See Appendix 12.d.*

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.

*See Appendix 12.e.*

f. If applicable, list all published judicial opinions that you have written, including concurrences and dissents. Supply the citations for all published judicial opinions to the Committee.

I have not served as a judge.

13. **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.

From 1991 to 2009, I served as an Assistant State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. I was appointed to this position by Bill James, the State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.

From 2011 to 2019, I served two terms as the elected Attorney General for the State of Florida.

From November 2019 to March 2020, I served as Special Advisor to the President of the United States. I was appointed to this position by President Donald Trump.

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.

Beginning with my own election campaign in 2010 for Florida Attorney General I have played various roles in local, state, and federal elections. I have, as set forth in response to Question 12.d. above, served as a surrogate on behalf of presidential candidates Mitt Romney, Jeb Bush, and Donald Trump. As set forth in greater detail below, I have also issued endorsements of candidates and have spoken in support of

candidates for other offices during my own election campaigns.

Additionally, and consistent with many elected officials, I have assisted other candidates with fundraising by serving as a member, often in an honorary role, of fundraising committees or otherwise lent my name to support fundraising appeals. I do not have a list of the candidates in which I served in this capacity.

Based on my personal recollection and through a search of publicly available databases, I have listed below campaigns, other than my own, for which I have provided services.

Mitt Romney (candidate for President – 2012)  
Jeb Bush (candidate for President – 2016, candidate for Governor)  
Donald Trump (candidate for President – 2016, 2020, 2024)  
Bill James (Hillsborough County State Attorney)  
Harry Lee Coe (Hillsborough County State Attorney)  
Mark Ober (Hillsborough County State Attorney)  
Susie Lopez (Hillsborough County State Attorney)  
Cal Henderson (Hillsborough County Sheriff)  
David Gee (Hillsborough County Sheriff)  
Chad Cronister (Hillsborough County Sheriff)  
Lisa McClean (Hillsborough County Public Defender)  
Laurel Lee (member of Congress)  
Ashley Moody (Florida Attorney General)  
Sam Brown (Candidate for U.S. Senate)  
Dave McCormick (Senator-elect)  
Emoree Gainey (Alachua County Sheriff)  
Rick Scott (Governor and U.S. Senator)  
Marco Rubio (U.S. Senator)  
Charlie Crist (Candidate for Governor)  
Ron DeSantis (Candidate for Governor)  
Doug Belden (Hillsborough County tax collector)  
Nancy Milan (Hillsborough County tax collector)  
Adam Putnam (Candidate for Governor)

In addition to this list, I have endorsed many candidates for positions as judges, clerks, and other offices in Hillsborough County. I have also supported candidates for numerous state and local races across the state of Florida. Finally, at the federal level I have supported Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and Attorneys General.

I have served in a leadership capacity in the following committees:

Justice for All, PAC  
Make America Great Again Action, Inc  
Make America Great Again, Again Inc

MAGA Again Policies, Inc.

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

a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:

i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

I have not served as a law clerk.

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

I have not practiced alone.

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

1991 – 2009

Office of the State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit  
419 N. Pierce Street  
Tampa, Florida 33602  
Assistant State Attorney

2011 – 2019

Office of the Attorney General  
State of Florida  
PL-01, The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050  
Attorney General

November 2019 – March 2020

The White House  
Office of White House Counsel  
Special Advisor to President Trump  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

2021 – Present

Panza, Mauer, & Maynard  
2400 East Commercial Boulevard, No. 905,  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308  
Of Counsel

2021 – Present  
America First Policy Institute  
1635 Rogers Rd  
Fort Worth, Texas 76107  
Chair, Center for Litigation  
Co-Chair, Center for Law and Justice

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 in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

v. Whether you have held any judicial office, including positions as an administrative law judge, on any U.S. federal, state, tribal, or local court and if so, please provide the name of the court, the jurisdiction of that court, whether the position was appointed or elected, and the dates of your service.

I have not held judicial office.

b. Describe:

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

From 1991 to 2009, I served as Assistant State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida. In that capacity I prosecuted criminal violations of state law that occurred in the Circuit, which encompasses all of Hillsborough County, including the incorporated cities of Tampa, Temple Terrace, and Plant City.

From 2011 to 2019, I served Attorney General for the State of Florida. In that role I served as the chief legal officer for the State of Florida and as a member of the Florida Cabinet. I carried out responsibilities set forth by the Florida Constitution and by statute.

From 2019 to 2020, I served as a Special Advisor to President Donald Trump in connection with his impeachment trial in the United States Senate.

From 2021 to present, I have served as of counsel at Panza, Maurer & Maynard where I handle litigation, corporate and regulatory issues.

From 2021 to present, I have served as Chair of the Center for Litigation, Chair of AFPI Florida, and Co-Chair of the Center for Law and Justice of the America First Policy Institute.

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

As Assistant State Attorney and Attorney General for Florida, my client was the State of Florida.

In private practice my clients have been a variety of individuals and corporate clients with respect to criminal and civil matters.

c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

As Assistant State Attorney, all of my practice was in litigation and I appeared in court regularly and often daily.

As Florida Attorney General, I oversaw several departments that focused on criminal and civil litigation. I exercised management responsibility for civil and criminal litigation in which the State, and in certain circumstances its agencies, was a party but I did not personally litigate matters and I did not appear in court.

At Panza, Mauer, & Maynard, I represent corporate clients in civil litigation matters. I have not appeared in court.

As Special Counsel to the President, I served as a member of the President's impeachment team and presented portions of the President's defense in the United States Senate.

As Chair of the Center for Litigation and Co-Chair of the Center for Law and Justice of the America First Policy Institute, I have, among other things, overseen the preparation of litigation in which the Institute participated as a party, represented clients, or as an amicus. I have not, however, appeared in court on behalf of the Institute.

i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. federal courts: less than 5%
2. state courts of record: greater than 95%
3. other courts: less than 1%
4. administrative agencies: less than 1%

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. civil proceedings: less than 5%
2. criminal proceedings: greater than 95%

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.

During my service as an Assistant State Attorney, I appeared in court on an almost daily basis. I do not have records from which I could derive an exact number but I would estimate I tried to verdict hundreds of criminal cases and at least 1,000 non-jury trials. I handled the disposition of thousands of cases. I did so as sole counsel, lead counsel, and co-counsel.

Of the thousands of trials, hundreds were jury trials and the remaining are non-jury trials.

I also appeared as counsel in a small number of civil matters, I would estimate fewer than five civil matters.

I have not tried cases in any other capacity.

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.

Brief for Three Former Senior Military Officers and Executive Branch Officials as Amici Curiae Supporting Petitioner, *Trump v. United States*, No. 23-939, 2024 WL 1256194. Copy supplied.

Brief of America First Policy Institute as Amicus Curiae in Support of Petitioners, *Ohio Adjutant General's Dept. v. Fed. Labor Relations Auth.*, No. 21-1454, 2022 WL 17077525. Copy supplied.

Brief for the America First Policy Institute as Amicus Curiae in Support of Petitioner, *Kennedy v. Bremerton Sch. Dist.*, No. 21-418, 2022 WL 685814.

I have not participated in oral argument before the Court.

15. **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. *State of Florida v. Adam Davis and Valessa Robinson*, Hillsborough Cnty. No. 98-CF-11873 (Holloway, J.).

I prosecuted Valessa Robinson and Adam Davis for the murder of Robinson's mother. Valessa was a 15-year-old who had a history of running away and was proving rebellious and difficult for her single mother, Vickie Robinson. She began dating Adam Davis, five years her senior, who her mother did not approve. During the course of this nine-month relationship, Robinson and Davis decided to kill her mother. Late one evening they, along with an accomplice, planned to inject her mother with enough heroin to kill her. When the three were unable to procure the heroin, they obtained a syringe and planned to inject her with bleach and an air bubble to kill her. Davis ultimately grabbed Vickie assisted by Valessa who held her mother down while David retrieved the syringe. Davis injected her with the bleach. As they realized the bleach was not killing Vickie, Davis used a knife to stab Vickie to death. Ultimately, the trio concealed the body in a garbage can in a wooded area. The three took her car and credit cards and used them to spend several days getting tattoos and renting hotel rooms. Police later arrested the trio in Texas. Davis was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder, grand theft, and grand theft of an automobile. After his conviction, a jury voted to recommend the death penalty and the Court agreed. Davis' conviction was upheld on direct appeal to the Florida Supreme Court, 859 So.2d 465 (Fla. 2003). His sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment. Robinson was also convicted and sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment.

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2. *State of Florida v. Lolita Barthel*, Hillsborough Cnty. No. 95-CF-11398 (Padgett, J.).

Lolita Barthel and her co-defendants were driving around the City of Temple Terrace, Florida when they came upon Richard Menendez, the victim, unloading his car after a business trip. Barthel ordered the car to stop and approached Mr. Menendez. She and her co-defendants

took Mr. Menendez inside his home and began to search for valuables to steal. During this time Ms. Barthel held Mr. Menendez at gunpoint as he laid on the floor and eventually shot and killed him at point blank range. The group fled with several items including Mr. Menendez's credit cards which they used at a local mall. Barthel was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder, burglary of a conveyance, organized fraud, burglary of a dwelling, battery with a deadly weapon, and robbery with a firearm. She was sentenced to life in prison. Her conviction was affirmed on appeal, 711 So.2d 533 (Fla. 2d Dist. App. 1998).

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3. *State of Florida v. Javon Saffold*, Hillsborough Cnty. No. 94-CF-14014 (Fleischer, J.).

Saffold was a 14-year-old with a significant criminal history. He and his co-defendants were driving in the Tampa area searching for cars to steal. While at a local mall, they spotted a van that belonged to a state social worker who was in the mall securing a job for a foster child he oversaw. As they stole the van, the victim saw them and ran outside in an attempt to stop the van. The van (with Saffold driving) pulled onto the roadway and began to flee. The victim ran to the side of the roadway and stood there waving his arms trying to get them to stop. Saffold steered the vehicle into the path of the victim, striking and killing him. Saffold sped away from the scene but was later apprehended. Saffold was convicted at a jury trial of First-Degree Felony Murder and sentenced to life in prison. The conviction was affirmed on appeal, 681 So.2d 285 (Fla. 2d Dist. App. 1996). This case was, among others, important in bringing about legislative action to begin to address significant weaknesses in the juvenile justice system.

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4. *State of Florida v. Jimmy Walker*, Hillsborough Cnty. No. 94-CF-1450 (Fleischer, J.).

Jimmy Walker and a small crew of associates traveled to an area of Hillsborough County, east of downtown Tampa, looking for businesses to burglarize or rob. Having already committed well in excess of a dozen armed robberies, they came upon a small family-owned grocery. This small grocery was in the middle of a family neighborhood and was owned by a Vietnamese gentleman, Mr. Nguyen, and his family who came to the United States after the fall of Saigon. Walker and his associates entered the business intending to rob the store. Mr. Nguyen became suspicious as they milled about. When Walker pulled out his gun, Mr. Nguyen also reached for a firearm he kept for protection. A gunfight ensued and Mr. Nguyen was struck in the leg. As the robbers fled the store, Walker stopped behind the injured, and now unarmed, Mr. Nguyen and shot him in the head. After a jury trial Walker was convicted and sentenced to life in prison. I also prosecuted a number of the armed robberies Walker committed prior to committing this murder.

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Temple Terrace, Florida 33637-0907  
(813) 558-1600

5. *State of Florida v. Matthew Durrell*, Hillsborough Cnty. No. 95-CF-11065 (Fleischer, J.)

When he was 18, Matthew Durrell went out one evening to a party with three of his friends. At the party Durrell drank liquor and smoked marijuana. After leaving the party he drove into a tree, killing all three of his passengers. After the arrest, Durrell secured bail pending trial. I learned that Durrell was, despite the conditions of his bail, still consuming alcohol at parties. I located a video from the local public access channel that showed Durrell at a party drinking alcohol and in a highly intoxicated state. I moved to revoke his bond. Durrell eventually entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

After he was released from prison, Durrell reached out to me. We discussed his rehabilitation during his time in prison and after his release. Together, Durrell and I prepared and hosted a series of presentations to students at high schools about the dangers of underage drinking and impaired driving. I continue to keep in touch with Durrell to this day. He is a successful business owner with a beautiful daughter.

Counsel for the Defendant

Russell Peaveyhouse  
Deceased.

6. *State of Florida v. Richard Margarejo*, Hillsborough Cnty. Case No. 97-CF-1329  
(Fleischer, J.)

Richard Margarejo's family had a history of being local leaders of a large national gang. He and some other gang members decided to commit a "drug rip off" of a local hydro-marijuana grower and dealer. They went to his home, forced their way in with firearms and began to rob the victim. As the robbery took place, Margarejo ordered the victim's hand and feet bound with duct tape. The victim was left on the floor face down with his hands bound behind his back. The victim was found almost a week later dead in the same position.

During the trial a witness was threatened and beaten. My co-counsel and I were also threatened during recesses in the hallway by a person wearing gang colors and suspicious calls were placed to our office beepers. There were also reports of gang members driving by our homes. As a result, we were both assigned security details and given permission to carry a firearm at all times including in the courtrooms. Margarejo was ultimately convicted of First-Degree Murder and sentenced to life in prison. His conviction was affirmed on appeal, 743 So. 2d 1089 (Fla. 2d Dist. App. 1999).

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7. *State of Florida v. Henry Dickens*, Bay County No. 06-4016 CFM (Overstreet, J.)

This case was a special prosecutorial executive assignment by Governor Jeb Bush in Panama City, Florida. Martin Lee Anderson was a 14-year-old boy who was incarcerated at a boot camp for youthful offenders operated by the local sheriff. During his first day at the camp, Anderson was subjected to exercises that he ultimately could not perform. The guards at the camp forced him to continue the exercises by applying force. They held him up by his arms, utilized forced take downs and pressure point applications. During this attack, Anderson became unresponsive and the guards used ammonia salts to try and revive him. He did not respond and was placed on life support until the next day when his parents ordered him to be removed from life, and he died. Ultimately the seven guards and a nurse who was present at the scene were charged with Aggravated Manslaughter.

A “battle of experts” ensued between medical examiners. Some claimed the child died from complications related to sickle cell anemia, and others opined that the child died from the applied force, but primarily from the use of ammonia that caused the child to asphyxiate. Several physicians were called to testify with differing opinions and provided differing findings. With such conflict among the experts as to the cause of death, the jury found the defendants not guilty. The effects of the case, however, continued to be felt even after the verdict, given the strong emotions stirred and calls for change that ensued.

The case drew significant attention from advocates for children and civil rights leaders in state and national media. A Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner, who was the former sheriff of the county, resigned under pressure, and a medical examiner was fired. Ultimately the Department of Juvenile Justice ordered youth detention facilities to cease the use of force and five juvenile boot camps in Florida were closed. This case led to the end of the military style boot camps for children in Florida.

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8. *State of Florida v. William K. Taylor*, Hillsborough Cnty. No. 01-CF-8692 (Fleischer, J.)

William Taylor met the victim, Sandra Kushmer, and her brother at a bar. He had previously known the victim from school. At the bar, Taylor noticed that Ms. Kushmer's brother was spending money on expensive drinks and left large tips, so he decided to rob them. After the group went to the victim's mother's house, Taylor attacked them. He struck Ms. Kushmer in the head with his shotgun and then shot and killed her. He also nearly beat her brother to death, leaving him with brain damage. Ultimately captured in Tennessee, he was brought back to Florida to face charges of Murder in the First Degree, Attempted Murder in the First Degree, Robbery and Armed Burglary. He was convicted by a jury on all counts.

Taylor had committed prior crimes of violence in Delaware and had also assaulted and burglarized a woman he worked with in Nevada. Following his conviction, the jury heard evidence of his prior crimes in the penalty phase and unanimously recommended a sentence of death. The Court then sentenced him to death.

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9. *State of Florida v. Melvin D. Givens*, Hillsborough Cnty. No. 01-CF-10621 (Fuente, J.)

The victim, Danielle Cipriani, was a news director for the local NBC affiliate in Tampa, Florida. Her colleagues from her station found her in her home, where she lived alone, after she failed to appear at work. She had been stabbed dozens of times. Melvin Givens confessed to killing the victim, but the defense argued his diagnoses as a paranoid schizophrenic, his years of drug abuse, the fact he was off his medication at the time, and that he heard imaginary voices negated the required criminal intent. However, my co-counsel and I presented evidence demonstrating the steps he took both before and after the murder to plan and cover up the evidence, suggesting his ability to determine right from wrong. A jury convicted Givens of First-Degree Murder and Armed Burglary. He was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences.

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10. *State of Florida v. Christopher Burton*, Hillsborough Cnty. No. 94-CF-010478  
(Padgett, J.)

In 1994 and 1995, I tried Christopher Burton for the murder of 17-year-old Jerome Berry. The murder was over a gold chain. Burton shot Berry after robbing him of the jewelry. It took a jury less than an hour to find Burton guilty of first-degree murder and armed robbery. Burton was sentenced to life in prison. This was not Burton's first robbery or shooting. Weeks before he killed Berry, Burton had attempted to rob and also shot another man. I also prosecuted that case. Burton was found guilty of aggravated battery and attempted robbery

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16. **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.)

*Domestic Violence Prosecutions*

As a misdemeanor Assistant State Attorney, I spent many months prosecuting domestic violence cases. Although many cases went to trial, many others did not because victims were unable to break the cycle of domestic violence and would often recant or decline to cooperate. These victims would often return to their abuser and suffer more and sometimes greater abuse. This was a formative experience in my career as a prosecutor and helped me understand the need for greater assistance and counseling to victims.

*Service as the Florida Attorney General*

For eight years I had the privilege of serving as the Attorney General of Florida. During that time, I served as Chief Legal Officer for the State and oversaw an office consisting of more than 1,200 employees including attorneys and support staff. I also worked closely with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The accomplishments listed below are due in large part to the hard work and dedication of these attorneys, law enforcement officers, and support staff and personnel I was honored to work with.

**Fighting drug abuse in Florida and nationwide.**

On entering office, I promised to make fighting the scourge of drug addiction and abuse—particularly from prescription drugs—a top priority. My office filed comprehensive litigation against some of the nation’s largest opioid manufacturers and distributors in the country for playing a role in the national opioid crisis. I also worked closely with state lawmakers to pass a ban on Fentanyl trafficking. I led efforts calling for state legislation to prevent opioid addiction by limiting initial prescriptions for opioid-based medications and I fought to establish and fund the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program database and to allow interstate PDMP data sharing to help stop doctor shopping nationwide. Prior to the passage of

this legislation, 90 of the top 100 oxycodone purchasing physicians in the nation were located in Florida. After passage, *none* of the top dispensing physicians resided in Florida.

At a national level, I co-authored the national report on combating the national opioid crisis as a member of the President’s Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis and co-chaired the National Association of Attorneys General Substance Abuse Committee.

During my tenure as Attorney General, I also saw—and acted on—the rise of synthetic drugs including “bath salts,” synthetic marijuana, and other similar products. Using the power of my office to ban products on a short-term basis, I acted to outlaw these products and worked with the Florida legislature to make these bans permanent. I also led public awareness campaigns on the dangers of synthetic drugs particularly for children.

### **Human Trafficking**

As Attorney General, I pledged to make Florida a zero-tolerance state for human traffickers. I worked to pass comprehensive legislation to combine Florida’s existing human trafficking statutes with an increase in penalties against human traffickers. I also founded and chaired the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking to identify counseling and resources for trafficking survivors. I hosted the annual Human Trafficking Summit to bring together stakeholders to share strategies for fighting human trafficking and protect survivors. I launched YouCanStopHT.com to educate the public about how to spot and report human trafficking. Finally, I led the statewide awareness campaign From Instant Message to Instant Nightmare to educate parents about protecting children from sex traffickers.

### **Rape Kit Testing**

In 2015, a survey conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement determined that more than 13,000 sexual assault kits held by various law enforcement offices across the State had not been tested. As Attorney General I helped lead the campaign to secure funding from the State to eliminate this backlog. I also worked with federal and other partners to secure grants from other sources to supplement state funding. In 2019, it was announced the backlog had been eliminated and hopefully provided peace and justice to many rape victims.

### **The National Mortgage Settlement**

In February 2012, 49 states, the District of Columbia, and the federal government entered into the National Mortgage Settlement with the five largest mortgage servicers. At its core, the settlement relates to inappropriate practices by the services in foreclosure and bankruptcy proceedings.

This settlement was the largest consumer financial protection settlement in U.S. history and included the payment of approximately \$50 billion by the servicers including relief to homeowners and payments to the settling parties. Florida’s share of the settlement was approximately \$8 billion, including assistance and relief for troubled Florida homeowners,

payments to Florida borrowers who already lost their homes, and payment to the State to help fund housing-related and foreclosure prevention programs within the state and provide for civil penalties. As Attorney General for a state with a large number of affected homeowners, I took a leading role in negotiating the settlement and securing favorable terms for the state and federal parties.

### *Lobbying Activities*

As a partner at Ballard Partners, I do not engage in the practice of law. I am a registered lobbyist. I was a FARA-registered lobbyist on behalf of the Embassy of the State of Qatar in 2019 and again (after returning to Ballard) in 2020. I have also provided lobbying services on behalf of Major County Sheriffs of America Alden Torch Financial, LLC, American Kitchen Cabinet Alliance, Balsam Brands, Inc., Bankers Financial Corporation, Carnival North America LLC, Fidelity National Financial, Inc., Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Sheriffs Risk Management Fund, General Motors LLC, KGL Investment Company KSCC, Lender's Consulting Group, LLC, Major League Baseball, NES Health, Pulte Capital Partners, LLC, U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking, IGT Global Solutions, Pulaski Law Firm, PLLC, Uber Technologies, Inc., Amazon.com, American Road & Transportation Builders Association, Anderson Kill P.C., Kreindler & Kreindler LLP, Children's Hospital Association, Detroit International Bridge Company, Inc., Republic Services Procurement, Inc., The Geo Group, Inc., Varian Medical Systems, and Lathrop Gage LLP.

17. **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.

I have not taught any courses.

18. **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.

DJT Stock (ticker: DJT): Approximately 75,000 shares exercisable at market price.

DJT Warrants (ticker: DJTWW): 31,250 warrants exercisable at market price.

State of Florida Retirement Pension Plan (26 years combined service): Estimated as of Dec. 16, 2024 at approximately \$75,000 per year for life.

Consulting fees for professional services rendered to the Ballard Group (due Jan. 2025): \$21,500.



Fees for legal services rendered to Panza, Mauer, & Maynard (due Jan. 2025): \$31,500.

SOMA Global Board of Director fees (due Jan. 2025): \$48,000.

CGI Merchant Group consulting fees (due 2025): \$1,037,000.

Fees for professional services to American First Policy Institute (due Jan. 2025): \$21,000.

19. **Outside Commitments During Service:** Do you have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during your service? If so, explain.

None.

20. **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).

A copy of the financial disclosure report will be delivered to the Senate Judiciary Committee after my formal nomination.

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

Please see attached Statement of Net Worth.

22. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, affiliations, pending and categories of litigation, financial arrangements or other factors 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.

As Chair of the Center for Litigation and Co-Chair, Center for Law and Justice of the America First Policy Institute, I have provided legal services on behalf of clients as parties and as amici curiae in cases and other legal matters where the United States, its agencies, and officers are, or were, also parties. Some of these cases and matters are ongoing. In the event I am confirmed, I will consult with the appropriate Department of Justice ethics officials and act consistent with governing regulations with regard to these cases and legal matters.

In addition, my brother, Brad Bondi, is a practicing attorney with Paul Hastings, LLP. I am not aware of any cases that would currently present potential conflicts of interest. However, in the event of a potential conflict of interest, I will consult with the

appropriate Department of Justice ethics officials and act consistent with governing regulations.

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

In the event of a potential conflict of interest, I will consult with the appropriate Department of Justice ethics officials and act consistent with governing regulations.

23. **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 work load, 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. If you are not an attorney, please use this opportunity to report significant charitable and volunteer work you may have done.

For much of my career I have been an Assistant State Attorney or Florida Attorney General. In both roles, my availability to engage in pro bono legal work was limited by my representation of the State of Florida and its agencies as a client. While Florida Attorney General I prioritized opportunities for the Office to serve the disadvantaged and the vulnerable including victims of crime and their families and victims of fraudulent or inappropriate business practices. As explained in more depth above in response to Question 16, I prioritized the victims of human trafficking, those suffering from drug addiction including newborns, and those unfairly treated by inaccurate and sloppy practices by the Nation's largest mortgage services.

In addition to legal services, I have also dedicated time to charitable and volunteer work in my community and in the State of Florida. My passion has been assisting animal rescue shelters, including various Humane Societies throughout Florida and Big Dog Ranch Rescue. My efforts focused on assisting shelters' animal rescue initiatives, advocacy, and animal protections. The work of the groups has led to the growth of rescue facilities, allowing higher animal intake, lower kill rates, and better care. The work has also increased the enforcement of animal rights, and the shelter and adoption of thousands of animals. I have also been blessed to use my public position to advocate for animal adoption. I regularly brought dogs in need of adoption to meetings of the Florida Cabinet. I am proud that as a result, more than 70 dogs I brought to Cabinet meetings were successfully placed with new homes.