

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).

Candace Rae Jackson-Akiwumi (née Candace Rae Jackson). I continue to use Candace Rae Jackson for the Virginia bar, the Illinois bar, and court admissions.

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

United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit

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.

Zuckerman Spaeder LLP  
1800 M Street Northwest, Suite 1000  
Washington, District of Columbia 20036

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

1979; Norfolk, Virginia

5. **Education**: List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

2002 – 2005, Yale Law School; J.D., 2005

2001, University of Namibia; no degree received (audited courses during post-graduate fellowship)

1996 – 2000, Princeton University; A.B. (with honors), 2000

1998, University of Cape Town; no degree received (college semester abroad)

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.

2020 – Present  
Zuckerman Spaeder LLP  
1800 M Street Northwest, Suite 1000  
Washington, District of Columbia 20036  
Partner

2010 – 2020  
Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois, Inc.  
55 East Monroe Street, Suite 2800  
Chicago, Illinois 60603  
Staff Attorney

2007 – 2010  
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP  
155 North Wacker Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Associate

2006 – 2007  
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit  
1000 East Main Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Law Clerk for the Honorable Roger L. Gregory

2005 – 2006  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois  
219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
Law Clerk for the Honorable David H. Coar

Fall 2004 Semester  
Yale Law School  
127 Wall Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06511  
Teaching Assistant for Professor and Dean Harold Koh

Fall 2004 Semester  
Yale University Resource Office on Disabilities (now Student Accessibility Services)  
35 Broadway, Room 222  
New Haven, Connecticut 06511  
Note-taker

Summer 2004  
Jenner & Block LLP  
1099 New York Avenue Northwest, Suite 900

Washington, District of Columbia 20001  
Summer Associate

Summer 2004  
O'Melveny & Myers LLP  
1625 Eye Street Northwest  
Washington, District of Columbia 20006  
Summer Associate

Spring 2004 Semester  
Yale Law School  
127 Wall Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06511  
Teaching Assistant for Professor Robert Harrison

Spring 2003 Semester  
Yale University Resource Office on Disabilities (now Student Accessibility Services)  
35 Broadway, Room 222  
New Haven, Connecticut 06511  
Note-taker

Summer 2002  
Oakmont Community Development Corporation  
7010-M Auburn Avenue  
Norfolk, Virginia 23513  
Summer Camp Director

2001 – 2002  
Chiang Mai University  
239 Huay Kaew Road  
Chiang Mai, Thailand 50200  
Lecturer, Department of English

Winter 2000 Semester  
Norfolk State University, Ethelyn R. Strong School of Social Work  
G.W.C. Brown Hall, Room 335  
Norfolk, Virginia 23504  
Research Assistant

Summer 2000  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP  
767 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10153  
Intern

Uncompensated Affiliations:

2012 – 2020  
Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter  
Post Office Box 1200  
Chicago, Illinois 60690  
Board Member

2010 – 2020  
Princeton Club of Chicago  
Post Office Box 350  
Kenilworth, Illinois 60043  
Vice President for Alumni Schools (2013 – 2017)  
Director (2010 – 2013; 2017 – 2020)

Fall 2018 Semester  
Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law  
375 East Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Adjunct Professor

2013 – 2015  
Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, Inc.  
321 South Plymouth Court, Suite 600  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
Board Member at Large

2014 – 2015  
Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago Scholarship Fund Board  
321 South Plymouth Court, Suite 600  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
Board Member

2009 – 2013  
Just The Beginning Foundation (now Just The Beginning - A Pipeline Organization)  
70 West Madison Street, Suite 2900  
Chicago, Illinois 60602  
Associate Board Member (2009 – 2010; 2011 – 2013)  
Associate Board Secretary (2010 – 2011)

Summer 2003  
U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California  
450 Golden Gate Avenue, 11th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94102  
Extern

Summer 2003



Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area  
131 Steuart Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, California 94105  
Law Clerk

Spring 2001  
Legal Assistance Centre  
4 Marlen Ngouabi Street  
Windhoek, Namibia  
Volunteer Intern

Fall 2000  
The Minerva Center for Human Rights  
Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Mount Scopus, Jerusalem, Israel 9190501  
Volunteer Intern

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 military. I was not required to register for the selective service.

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

Phenomenal Woman Award, Black Women's Expo (2019)

Leading with Virtue Award, Ladies of Virtue (2019)

IMPACT Leadership Development Fellow, Chicago Urban League and University of Chicago Booth Graduate School of Business (2016 – 2017)

Lawyers of Color Hot List Recognizing 100 Early-to-Mid-Career Attorneys in the Midwest Region (2013)

Dedicated Service Award, Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, Inc. (2013 and 2010)

Temple Bar Scholar, American Inns of Court (2007)

Yale Law School

*Yale Law Journal*, Volume 113 and 114 Senior Editor (2003 – 2005)

*Yale Law Journal*, Volume 114 Admissions Committee (2004)

Earl Warren Legal Scholar, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.  
(2002 – 2005)

Ambassadorial Scholar, Rotary Foundation (2000 – 2001)

Princeton University

Graduated with Honors (2000)

Norfleet-Simpson Book Prize, Program in African American Studies (2000)

Robert W. van de Velde Award for best performance in a Woodrow Wilson  
School Policy Junior Policy Task Force (1999)

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholar, Jackie Robinson Foundation (1996 – 2000)

Herbert Lehman Education Fund Scholar, NAACP Legal Defense and  
Educational Fund, Inc. (1996 – 2000)

National Achievement Scholar, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (1996)

Harry F. Byrd, Jr. Leadership Award (1995 – 1996)

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

American Bar Association

Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, Inc.

Member, Nominating Committee (2018)

Co-Director, BWLA Directors' Institute (2017 – 2018)

Chair, Government Services Committee (2015 – 2017)

Board Member at Large (2013 – 2015)

Board Member, Scholarship Fund (2014 – 2015)

Chair, Community Service Committee (2011 – 2013)

Member, Spring Fundraising Committee (2009)

Mock Trial Coach (2009, 2010, 2015)

Federal Bar Association

Board Member, Chicago Chapter (2012 – 2020)

Member, Chicago Chapter Annual Criminal Practice Program Planning  
Committee (2013 – 2020)

Chair, Chicago Chapter Legal Prep Charter Academy Partnership (2016 – 2020)

Member, Chicago Chapter Nominating Committee (2018 – 2019)

Mentor, Chicago Chapter Law Student Mentoring Program (2018)

National Association of Federal Defenders

Women's White Collar Defense Association

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.

Virginia, 2005  
Illinois, 2007  
District of Columbia (application pending)

There have been no lapses in membership. After five years of Active status in Virginia, I assumed Associate status from 2010 to 2020 because I had been living and practicing law in Illinois since 2007. I returned to Active status in Virginia in 2021.

- 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 Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2008  
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2008

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.

Chicago Coalition for Law-Related Education Volunteer Mock Trial Coach  
(2009, 2010, 2015)

Diasporal Rhythms (art collectors' organization) (2013 – 2020)

Edward J. Lewis II Lawyers in the Classroom Volunteer (2005 – 2006)

Election Protection Chicago Legal Committee (2008)

Ladies of Virtue (girls' mentoring organization) Annual Fundraiser Host  
Committee (2017, 2018)

Princeton Club of Chicago  
Director (2010 – 2013; 2017 – 2020)  
Co-Chair, Awards Committee (2018 – 2019)

50th Anniversary of Undergraduate Coeducation Committee (2019)  
Member, Princeton Prize in Race Relations Chicago Committee (2018)  
Vice President for Alumni Schools (2013 – 2017)  
Vice-Chair, City of Chicago Alumni Schools Committee (2010 – 2015)  
Co-Vice Chair, City of Chicago Alumni Schools Committee (2008 – 2009)  
Alumni Interviewer (2006 – 2020)

Princeton Club of Washington  
Alumni Interviewer (2020 – Present)

Princeton University Alumni Council  
Member, Nominations Committee (2020 – Present)  
Member, Committee on Regional Associations (2019 – 2020)  
Member, Princeton Schools Committee (2015 – 2018)

Princeton University Class of 2000 Millennial Lecture Series Committee (2010)

West Point Missionary Baptist Church  
Member, Legal Ministry (2013 – 2019)  
Writer, *The Point* (2013 – 2014)

Yale Law School Association of Illinois Steering Committee (2008 – 2020)

Yale Law School Class of 2005  
Fifteenth Reunion Social Chair (2020)  
Fifth Reunion Co-Chair (2010)

Yale Law School Executive Committee Term Member (2009 – 2012)

Yale Law Women Summer Alumni Mentor (2013 – 2015)

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

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

## 12. Published Writings and Public Statements:

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

*Fed. Crim. Prac. Ch. 3, Release & Det. Under the Bail Reform Act of 1984* (Ill. Inst. for Continuing Legal Educ. 2019 ed.). Copy supplied.

Statement on Humility as a Virtuous Characteristic, Ladies of Virtue, Oct. 11, 2019. Copy supplied.

Yale Law School Alumni Profile, 2017. Copy supplied.

With Carol A. Brook, *Fed. Crim. Prac. Ch. 3, Release & Det. Under the Bail Reform Act of 1984* (Ill. Inst. for Continuing Legal Educ. 2011 ed. Supp. 2014).

*Ferguson and the Feds: How the Federal Government Is a Part of the Problem and the Solution*, The Point Newsletter (West Point Missionary Baptist Church), Oct. – Dec. 2014, at 41–43. Copy supplied.

*Free Fall Fun: Open House Chicago and the Chicago Cultural Center*, The Point Newsletter (West Point Missionary Baptist Church), Oct. – Dec. 2014, at 51–52. Copy supplied.

*Reflections on the 60th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education*, The Point Newsletter (West Point Missionary Baptist Church), Third Quarter 2014. Copy supplied.

*Summer Festival Season is Here!*, The Point Newsletter (West Point Missionary Baptist Church), Summer 2014. Copy supplied.

*Culture Calendar*, The Point Newsletter (West Point Missionary Baptist Church), Apr. – June 2014, at 27–28. Copy supplied.

*Questions and Answers about Stand Your Ground Laws and Justice for Trayvon Martin After George Zimmerman's Trial*, The Point Newsletter (West Point Missionary Baptist Church), Jan. 2014. Copy supplied.

With Carol A. Brook, *Fed. Crim. Prac. Ch. 3, Release & Det. Under the Bail Reform Act of 1984* (Ill. Inst. for Continuing Legal Educ. 2011 ed.). Copy supplied.

*Temple Bar Scholarship Report*, American Inns of Court (2007). Copy supplied.

*Exhibit of African-American art features contemporary works*, Daily Princetonian, Feb. 24, 2000, at 8. Copy supplied.

*Checking Motives Before Giving Away To Homeless*, Daily Princetonian, Dec. 15, 1999, at 4. Copy supplied.

*Community-based learning*, Princeton Weekly Bulletin, May 3, 1999, at 8.

- 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.

I do not recall or have a record of any reports, memoranda or policy statements I prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which I was a member.

I understand that I am included as a “contributor” to a report entitled “Unequal Justice: Mobilizing the Private Bar to Fight Mass Incarceration,” available at <https://lawyerscommittee.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/0553.pdf>. My only involvement with that report was to attend, on behalf of the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois, Inc., a listening session conducted by the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law on May 7, 2014. I was not involved in researching or drafting the report.

- 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.

With Carol A. Brook, Letter to Clerk of Court Tom Bruton with the Federal Defender Program’s comments regarding the Court’s proposed amendment to Local Criminal Rule 32.1, Jan. 31, 2018. Copy Supplied.

Carol A. Brook, Daniel Hesler, Candace Jackson, Mary Judge, William Theis, Letter to Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer with the Federal Defender Program’s comments regarding possible amendment to Local Criminal Rule 32.1, May 13, 2013. Copy supplied.

- 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.

September 17, 2020: Guest Speaker, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law (Virtual Appearance). I spoke to Professor John F. Coyle's first-year Contracts class about my career as a federal public defender. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law is located at Van Hecke-Wettach Hall, 160 Ridge Road, CB #3380, Chapel Hill, NC 27599.

June 6, 2019: Faculty, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Defender Services Office, Training Division, Fundamentals of Federal Criminal Defense Seminar II (Baltimore, MD). PowerPoint presentation supplied.

April 27, 2019: Moderator, Coeducation Through the Decades, 50th Anniversary Celebration of Undergraduate Coeducation at Princeton, Princeton Club of Chicago (Chicago, Illinois). Notes supplied.

January 11, 2019: Faculty, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Defender Services Office, Training Division, Fundamentals of Federal Criminal Defense Seminar (Miami, FL). PowerPoint presentation supplied.

August 13 – 15, 2018: Faculty, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Defender Services Office, Training Division, Persuasive Writing Workshop (Los Angeles, CA). I co-led small group breakout sessions throughout a three-day workshop for criminal defense attorneys from around the country. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Defender Services Office, Training Division, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts is One Columbus Circle, Northeast, Suite 4-200, Washington, District of Columbia 20544.

May 29, 2018: Co-Host, "\$100,000 Pyramid for Trial Attorneys," Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter, Federal Criminal Practice Program (Chicago, Illinois). Notes supplied.

May 11, 2018: Panelist, 5th Annual "Building a Community of Legal Professionals: Professionalism in the Legal Workplace," Loyola University Chicago School of Law (Chicago, Illinois). I participated on a panel featuring the work of public interest and government attorneys. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Loyola University Chicago School of Law is 1 East Pearson Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

February 2, 2018: Moderator, "Lawyering in a Broken Justice System," 15th Annual Norman C. Amaker Public Interest and Social Justice Retreat, Loyola University Chicago School of Law (Chicago, Illinois). Notes supplied.

June 29, 2017: Panelist, "Supreme Court Watchers: An Annual Discussion of the Supreme Court Term," Yale Law School Association of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois). Notes supplied.

January 26, 2017: Moderator, "Careers in Federal Government: A Lunchtime Discussion," Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, Inc. (Chicago, Illinois). Notes supplied.

December 6, 2016: Co-Presenter, "Regional Associations + Alumni Schools Committees = A Dynamic (Alumni Community Building) Duo," Princeton University Committee on Regional Association & Princeton Schools Committee Joint Webinar (Webinar). Notes supplied.

April 13, 2016: Co-Host, "Evidence! A Game Show for Trial Attorneys," Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter, Federal Criminal Practice Program. Notes supplied.

August 6, 2015: Panelist, Jumpstart Federal Court Day, Just The Beginning Foundation (Chicago, Illinois). I participated with a judge and prosecutor on a panel for middle or high school students about careers at the federal courthouse. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Just The Beginning Foundation, now known as Just The Beginning - A Pipeline Organization, is 70 West Madison Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

April 21, 2015: Panelist, "Federal Bar Association, John Marshall Law School Division Kick-Off Event" (Chicago, Illinois). I participated on a panel reflecting on Federal Bar Association service. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association is Post Office Box 1200, Chicago, Illinois 60690.

February 6, 2015: Presenter, Annual Black History Month Courthouse Tour, Circuit Court of Cook County (Chicago, Illinois). I addressed elementary school students about the practice of law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Circuit Court of Cook County is Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

November 21, 2014: Panelist, "What the War on Drugs Has Wrought: Challenges to Racial Profiling in Stash House Cases, Strategies to Fight Against Mass Incarceration, Tips on Filing Clemency Petitions," 2014 Criminal Justice Act Annual Fall Criminal Defense Seminar. PowerPoint presentation supplied.

September 5, 2014: Panelist, "Federal Criminal Defense: Raising Creative Defenses in Phony Stash House Ripoff Cases and Analyzing Ways to Reduce Federal Drug Prison Sentences," National Lawyers Guild Annual Convention, (Chicago, Illinois). PowerPoint presentation supplied.



June 28, 2014: Panelist, Youth Legal Summit, West Point Missionary Baptist Church (Chicago, Illinois). I addressed parents about what to expect if their children have encounters with the criminal legal system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for West Point Missionary Baptist Church is 3566-72 South Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60653.

April 21, 2014: Speaker, Christ the King Career Day, Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School (Chicago, Illinois). I addressed elementary school students about the practice of law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School is 5088 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60644.

2014 [month and date unknown]: Speaker, KIPP Ascend Charter School Federal Criminal Court Day (Chicago, Illinois). I addressed elementary school students about the practice of law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for KIPP Ascend Charter School is 2007 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois 60608.

2013 – 2015 [months and dates unknown]: Panelist, Public Service Presentations for Princeton Project 55 Fellows/Princeton AlumniCorps Fellowships Chicago, Illinois). For three years in a row, I participated on a panel addressing post-college public interest fellows about federal legal practice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Princeton AlumniCorps is Princeton AlumniCorps, 12 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540.

April 14, 2012: Panelist, Saturday Morning Career Breakfast, Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, Inc. National Summit (Chicago, Illinois). I participated on a panel featuring attorneys with various career paths. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, Inc. is 321 South Plymouth Court, Suite 600 Chicago, Illinois 60604.

October 4, 2011: Moderator, "Sentencing Blagojevich," Yale Law School Association of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois). Outline supplied.

July 19, 2011: Panelist, "Life as a Criminal Law Attorney," Just The Beginning Foundation Middle School Law Camp (Chicago, Illinois). I addressed students about the practice of criminal law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Just The Beginning Foundation, now known as Just The Beginning - A Pipeline Organization, is 70 West Madison Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

January 26, 2011: Panelist, "Q&A with Lawyers from the Black Women Lawyers' Association," DePaul Black Law Students' Association (Chicago, Illinois). I spoke on a panel featuring attorneys with various career paths. I have

no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, Inc. is 321 South Plymouth Court, Suite 600 Chicago, Illinois 60604.

August 25, 2010: Panelist, "What Can You Do With a Law Degree?" Just The Beginning Foundation Middle School Law Camp (Chicago, Illinois). I addressed students about the practice of criminal law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Just The Beginning Foundation, now known as Just The Beginning - A Pipeline Organization, is 70 West Madison Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

April 21, 2009: Moderator, "Will Judicial Discretion Triumph? Reflections on the Supreme Court's Ongoing Federal Sentencing Revolution," Yale Law School Association of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois). Outline supplied.

June 5, 2001: Guest Speaker, Norfolk Rotary Club (Norfolk, Virginia). Speech supplied.

April 28, 2001: Guest Speaker, Rotary District 9350 Conference (Windhoek, Namibia). Speech supplied.

March 8, 2001: Guest Speaker, Windhoek Rotary Club (Windhoek, Namibia). Speech supplied.

December 27, 2000: Guest Speaker, Princess Anne Rotary Club (Virginia Beach, Virginia). Speech supplied.

December 2, 2000: Guest Speaker, Rotary Williamsburg Foundation Seminar (Williamsburg, Virginia). Speech supplied.

- e. List all interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these interviews and four (4) copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

Sarah Jarvis, *Former Federal Public Defender Joins Zuckerman Spaeder*, Law360, Dec. 1, 2020. Copy supplied.

Yale Law Women, Alumni Spotlight, June 26, 2014. Copy supplied.

*Alumni of the Fortnight*, Princeton-in-Asia, Mar. 22, 2006. Copy supplied.

*Candace Jackson: Experimenting with the Law*, Yale Law Report, Summer 2005, at 15. Copy supplied.

*Candace Jackson, a Jackie Robinson Scholar, Talks about Her Post-Graduate*

*Plans and about the Foundation That Made Her Education Possible*, The Early Show, CBS News, Mar. 13, 2000. Transcript supplied.

Lee Williams, *University, Town Officials Gauge Progress of Experiential Learning*, Daily Princetonian, Apr. 19, 1999, at 1. Copy supplied.

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

I have not held judicial office.

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

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

jury trials: \_\_\_\_\_%  
bench trials: \_\_\_\_\_% [total 100%]

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

civil proceedings: \_\_\_\_\_%  
criminal proceedings: \_\_\_\_\_% [total 100%]

- b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.
- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).
- d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.
- e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.
- f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

- g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.
  - h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.
  - i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.
14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

I have not served as a judge.

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

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

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

I have not held public office. Nor have I had unsuccessful candidacies for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed 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.

On one occasion in 2008, I volunteered at a phone bank for Barack Obama's campaign for President of the United States. My responsibility was to call voters. I did not have a title.

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 2005 to 2006, I clerked for the Honorable David H. Coar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

From 2006 to 2007, I clerked for the Honorable Roger L. Gregory of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

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

I have not practiced law alone.

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

2007 – 2010  
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Partner

- 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.

My law practice has involved a mix of civil and criminal, trial and appellate, and federal court and state court litigation.

After completing my federal district court and court of appeals clerkships, I joined Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP as a litigation associate in 2007. I engaged in complex civil litigation in both state and federal court, at the trial and appellate level. My billable matters involved contracts, tax, privacy, securities, and patent infringement. My pro bono matters involved adoption, civil rights, criminal law, tort law, and immigration at the trial and appellate level, in federal and state court, and before administrative bodies. I tried one jury trial in state court, for which I was my client's sole counsel at trial. I briefed and argued one appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

In 2010, I joined the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois, Inc., as a staff attorney. During my decade as a federal defender, I represented over 400 clients accused of federal crimes at every stage of the process, from investigation to trial and pre-trial proceedings, sentencing, and appeal, including petitions for writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court. In case types ranging from fraud to firearms, I successfully advised grand jury witness appearances, negotiated pleas, and achieved hundreds of mitigated sentences. I tried seven federal jury trials. I briefed and argued five more appeals in the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. In the hundreds of cases where my clients ultimately chose not to go trial or chose not to appeal their conviction or sentence, I nonetheless evaluated and advised on potential trial issues and potential appellate issues throughout the pre-trial, trial, and sentencing phases of the case. I drafted and argued a large number of substantive motions at the trial level including motions to dismiss and motions to suppress. I also litigated hundreds of contested hearings, ranging from bond hearings to revocation hearings, suppression hearings, and sentencing hearings. Additionally, in many of my cases I supervised teams that assisted me in investigating facts, developing

sentencing mitigation, and securing resources for clients with mental health, substance abuse, housing, and other needs.

In 2020, I joined Zuckerman Spaeder LLP as a partner. My practice has broadened again to include civil work, and I continue to represent clients needing criminal defense, chiefly in white collar matters. I have also added government and internal investigations to my caseload.

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

Since my return to private practice in November 2020, my clients have been individuals and organizations. I specialize in civil litigation, white collar criminal litigation, and government and internal investigations. I also assist with a monitorship. My cases involve business disputes, ethics, telecommunications, antitrust, state law tort claims, and a variety of federal tort, computer, and communications statutes. The matters are pending before state and federal courts and administrative agencies.

When I was a federal public defender from 2010 to 2020, my clients were individuals charged with, under investigation for, or approached as witnesses to federal crimes. I specialized in criminal law and procedure, the Fourth and Fifth Amendments, federal trial practice, and federal appellate practice. My cases involved a panoply of fraud, narcotics, firearms, bank robbery, sex offenses, immigration offenses, and computer crimes.

When I was in private practice from 2007 to 2010, my clients were companies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals. I specialized in complex civil litigation, including pleadings, motions practice, and discovery at the trial stage, and appeals. My cases involved contracts, tax, privacy, securities, and patent infringement. My pro bono docket was unspecialized: it involved adoption, civil rights, criminal, immigration, and tort matters at the trial and appellate level, in federal court and state court, and before administrative bodies.

- 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.

Since November 2020 when I returned to private practice, approximately 68% of my practice has involved litigation and approximately 32% has involved government investigations and monitorships. The proceedings are 85% civil and 15% criminal. I have not yet appeared in court.

From 2010 to 2020, the decade I was a federal public defender, 100% of my



practice involved criminal litigation. I appeared in court frequently.

From 2007 to 2010, when I was first in private practice, 100% of my practice involved litigation. The proceedings were 97.5% civil and 2.5% criminal. I appeared in court frequently.

i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. federal courts:          | 80% |
| 2. state courts of record:  | 17% |
| 3. other courts:            | 0%  |
| 4. administrative agencies: | 3%  |

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. civil proceedings:    | 34% |
| 2. criminal proceedings: | 66% |

- 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 eight cases to verdict: seven in federal court and one in state court. I was sole counsel in one of the eight cases, chief counsel in four cases, and co-counsel in three cases. I have also litigated hundreds of contested hearings in federal court. Additionally, I have briefed and argued six federal appeals.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

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| 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 argued before the Supreme Court of the United States, but I have filed petitions for a writ of certiorari in the following cases:

*United States v. Common*, No. 16-5850 (Sept. 1, 2016) (petition for certiorari). Copy supplied.

*United States v. Wade*, No. 14-8877 (Mar. 13, 2015) (petition for certiorari). Copy supplied.

17. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases



were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

- a. the date of representation;
  - b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
  - c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.
1. *United States v. Brown*, No. 12 CR 632-1, 2018 WL 1278577 (N.D. Ill. Mar. 12, 2018) (Castillo, J.)

From 2012 to 2018, I represented Mr. Brown, who was charged with, among other things, conspiracy to rob a fictitious drug stash house. In 2013, I and two attorneys in a related case began challenging the pattern of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives in bringing these cases largely against African-American and Latino defendants. The groundbreaking discovery litigation we initiated attracted the attention of the University of Chicago's Federal Criminal Justice Clinic. In 2014, the clinic joined the effort and spearheaded (1) the filing of a Motion to Dismiss for Racially Selective Law Enforcement in 12 pending cases on behalf of 43 defendants and (2) the retention of an expert statistician to support defendants' position and testify at an unprecedented nine-judge evidentiary hearing in 2017. In 2018, the district court denied defendants' Motion to Dismiss. Nonetheless, the course of events resulted in favorable plea offers to all defendants and my client was sentenced to time served. The litigation also resulted in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois no longer charging fictitious stash house cases.

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2. *United States v. Webster*, No. 13 CR 103-5, reported in:

*United States v. Paxton, et al.*, 2014 WL 3807965 (N.D. Ill. July 31, 2014)  
(Gettleman, J.)  
*United States v. Paxton, et al.*, 2015 WL 493958 (N.D. Ill. Feb. 3, 2015)  
(Gettleman, J.)  
*United States v. Paxton, et al.*, 848 F.3d 803 (7th Cir. 2017) (Posner, Ripple,  
Rovner, JJ.)  
*United States v. Paxton, et al.*, 2018 WL 4504160 (N.D. Ill. Sep. 20, 2018)  
(Gettleman, J.)

From 2013 to 2018, I represented Mr. Webster, who was charged with, among other things, conspiracy to rob a fictitious drug stash house. In addition to raising the challenge described in the case summary above (*United States v. Brown*), I along with two attorneys with related cases challenged the practice of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives of surreptitiously recording suspects in an enclosed police van after their arrest but failing to provide *Miranda* warnings. I filed a motion to suppress objecting to this practice on behalf of my client and his four co-defendants; conducted direct and cross examination at a suppression hearing that turned into multiple suppression hearings; filed a motion to reconsider when the district court granted our motion only in part (agreeing that the characteristics of the van supported a reasonable expectation of privacy in defendants' conversations); wrote and filed the appellee brief when the prosecution filed an interlocutory appeal (No. 14-2913); filed a cross-appeal (No. 15-1294); wrote and filed the cross-appellant brief; and argued the appeal before a panel of judges on the Seventh Circuit. The Seventh Circuit reversed the district court's decision granting in part the motion to suppress and denied Mr. Webster's cross-appeal as moot. In 2018, the district court sentenced my client to a time served sentence of six days in prison.

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3. *United States v. French*, No. 14 CR 318 (N.D. Ill.) (Feinerman, J.)

From 2014 to 2017, I represented Mr. French, who pled guilty to hacking, among other places, colleges, government agencies, and telecommunication companies. The case involved voluminous, technical discovery relating to computer fraud and the hacking world. I retained a cyber security expert to successfully challenge the prosecution's position that my client's hacking was especially complex or intricate and therefore warranted a sentencing guidelines enhancement. I hired a psychiatrist as part of a much larger mitigation presentation to advocate for a sentence far lower than the prosecution requested, and I was successful. The case also involved significant litigation during the pretrial release phase to (1) garner court orders for the U.S. Marshals to transport my indigent client between his home in the southeastern part of the United States and court in Chicago, and (2) advocate for the best outcome for my client when he violated the terms of his bond because of mental health and substance abuse issues.

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4. *United States v. Common*, No. 12 CR 893 (N.D. Ill.) (Gettleman, J.), reported in: *United States v. Common*, 818 F.3d 323 (7th Cir. 2016) (Flaum, Ripple, Peterson, JJ.), *cert. denied*, 137 S. Ct. 323 (2016)

From 2012 to 2016, I represented Mr. Common, who was charged with possessing a firearm as a felon and was subject to a 15-year-mandatory minimum sentence under the Armed Career Criminal Act. As lead counsel, along with my co-counsel, I completed the core trial tasks: investigating the case, developing trial strategy, preparing witnesses (this was a rare case where we had multiple defense witnesses), drafting motions in limine, conducting direct and cross examination of witnesses, and writing and delivering closing arguments. Mr. Common's case was unique in that we secured a hung jury not once, but twice. The third jury voted to convict. After the conviction, I prepared post-trial motions and, when the court denied those, I wrote the brief for the appellant (my client) and the reply brief and argued the case before a panel of judges on the Seventh Circuit (Appeal No. 14-3480). The Seventh Circuit affirmed the third jury's verdict and the trial decisions of the district court. Next, I filed a petition for certiorari to the Supreme Court (No. 16-5850), which was denied. As a final step to assist my client, I secured habeas counsel for him.

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5. *United States v. Garcia-Garcia*, 633 F.3d 608 (7th Cir. 2011) (Ripple, Rovner, St. Eve, JJ.)

From 2009 to 2011, I represented Mr. Garcia-Garcia on appeal. The Seventh Circuit appointed me to represent Mr. Garcia-Garcia after he was convicted of illegally re-entering the United States following deportation and transporting illegal aliens. Mr. Garcia-Garcia had pled guilty to the offenses and been sentenced, but had reserved the right to challenge the denial of his motion to suppress on appeal. I undertook the appointment on a pro bono basis while I was an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. The issue presented was whether the traffic stop that led to my client's arrest was supported by probable cause, a predicate question in determining whether the traffic stop violated my client's rights under the Fourth Amendment. The Seventh Circuit affirmed the judgment of the district court.

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6. *United States v. Diehl*, No. 12 CR 245 (N.D. Ill.) (Kendall, J.)

From 2012 to 2015, I represented Mr. Diehl, who pled guilty to the multiple types of fraud charged in a ten-count indictment: bank fraud, mail fraud, access device fraud, identity theft, and bankruptcy fraud. The breadth of the charges and the extensiveness of my client's criminal history made the case a challenge for sentencing advocacy. However, with the help of subpoena power and a certified public account expert I retained, I was able to mount arguments that the district court found meritorious, including an objection regarding the loss amount for my client's bankruptcy fraud

that lowered his sentencing guidelines. I also managed a team including a mitigation specialist and social work intern to help explain the dysfunction in my client's upbringing that contributed to his history of fraudulent behavior.

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7. *United States v. Biles*, No. 14 CR 343-1 (N.D. Ill.) (Ellis, J.)

From 2014 to 2018, I represented Mr. Biles, who was charged with selling firearms without a federal firearms dealer license. As lead counsel, along with my co-counsel, I completed the core trial tasks: investigating the case, developing trial strategy, preparing witnesses, drafting motions in limine, conducting direct and cross examination of witnesses, and writing and delivering closing arguments. The case required significant legwork outside of the courtroom, however, because my client suffered from end-stage renal disease and was on a three-to-five-year waitlist to receive a kidney transplant. A prison sentence would have caused him to have to start on the list over again. The case required navigating my client's medical universe and bringing these collateral consequences to light along with the other mitigation in the case in oral and written sentencing presentations to the court. The court delayed my client's sentencing and surrender dates, and imposed a below guidelines sentence, as a result.

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8. *United States v. Smart*, No. 13 CR 96 (N.D. Ill.) (Guzmán, J.), reported in: *United States v. Smart*, 603 F. App'x 500 (7th Cir. 2015) (Posner, Kanne, Sykes, JJ.)

From 2013 to 2017, I represented Mr. Smart, who pled guilty to possessing a firearm as a felon. After representing my client in the district court from his arrest through sentencing, I wrote the brief for the appellant (my client) and the reply brief and argued the case before a panel of judges on the Seventh Circuit (Appeal No. 14-3053). The issue presented was whether the district court committed procedural error in failing to address one of my client's principal sentencing arguments. The Seventh Circuit affirmed the judgment of the district court.

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9. *United States v. Wade*, No. 12 CR 442 (N.D. Ill.) (Norgle, J.), reported in: *United States v. Wade*, 579 F. App'x 520 (7th Cir. 2014) (Bauer, Posner, Tinder, JJ.), *cert. denied*, 135 S. Ct. 1874 (2015)

From 2012 to 2014, I represented Mr. Wade, who pled guilty to possessing with the intent to deliver a controlled substance. After representing my client in the district court from his arrest through sentencing, I wrote the brief for the appellant (my client) and the reply brief and argued the case before a panel of judges on the Seventh Circuit (Appeal No. 14-3053). The issue presented was whether the district court committed procedural error in failing to consider unwarranted sentencing disparities when it imposed an upward variance sentence for my client, whether the district court's sentence was substantively unreasonable, and whether the district court unreasonably relied on my client's juvenile criminal history in imposing sentence. After the Seventh Circuit affirmed the judgment of the district court, I filed a petition for writ of certiorari in the Supreme Court (Petition No. 14-8877) which was denied.

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10. *United States v. Baca-Baca*, No. 11 CR 364 (N.D. Ill.) (Norgle, J.), reported in: *United States v. Baca-Baca*, 519 F. App'x 933 (7th Cir. 2013) (Manion, Rovner, Wood, JJ.)

From 2011 to 2012, I represented Mr. Baca-Baca, who pled guilty to reentering the country without permission after having been previously deported. After representing my client in the district court from his writ into federal custody through sentencing, I wrote the brief for the appellant (my client) and the reply brief and argued the case before a panel of judges on the Seventh Circuit (Appeal No. 11-3470). The issue presented was whether the district court abused its discretion by stating that it could not consider my client's argument for rejecting 16-level upward adjustment under the illegal reentry sentencing guidelines and refused to impose a sentence below the guidelines range on that basis. The Seventh Circuit agreed with my position. Consequently, it vacated the judgment of the district court and remanded the case for resentencing. Upon resentencing, the district court sentenced my client to time served.

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

During my decade as a federal public defender, litigation that did not progress to trial but nonetheless involved substantial motions to dismiss or motions to suppress often required significant investment. For example, in *United States v. Crockett*, No. 17 CR 762 (N.D. Ill.) (Lee, J.), I represented a client charged with possessing a firearm as a felon. After investigating the case, I wrote a motion to suppress the firearm, arguing that it was obtained in violation of my client's Fourth Amendment rights. I also moved to suppress certain post-arrest statements, arguing that my client did not validly waive his *Miranda* rights before giving them. I conducted witness examinations at a two-day evidentiary hearing and delivered oral argument on the motion to suppress. In another case, *United*



*States v. Taylor*, No. 14 CR 680 (N.D. Ill.) (Bucklo, J.), the quickly changing state of the law in the courts on the question of whether certain prior felonies qualified as crimes of violence under the Armed Career Criminal Act required nimbleness during five years of litigation. I attempted to negotiate my client's guilty plea with the prosecution, filed a motion to dismiss when negotiations failed, advised my client to enter a conditional plea, successfully secured stays of the sentencing hearing pending developments in the Seventh Circuit and Supreme Court, filed extensive sentencing objections and arguments, and preserved multiple issues for appeal. Against this backdrop, I succeeded in the fifth year of the case in negotiating a new plea for my client that was as favorable as our initial plea request at the case's outset five years earlier.

As a federal public defender, cases where I was able to divert deserving clients from prosecution also qualified as significant. As one example, I successfully advocated for pretrial diversion for a retired scientist with no criminal history whose severe post-traumatic stress disorder led him to report a false bomb threat to a federal building when he was unusually nervous about his first-ever Internal Revenue Service audit. As another example, I successfully advocated for pretrial release and drug rehabilitation housing for a client with a history of severe drug dependence borne of trauma, sexual abuse, and poverty. I then secured her admission to our district court's alternatives-to-sentencing program. She successfully completed the program and, upon her graduation, earned dismissal of her drug case.

Teaching and training was another significant activity I undertook during my years as a defender. At the invitation of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Defender Services, Training Division, I began traveling to train federal defenders and private criminal defense practitioners around the country. In 2018, I served as faculty for a national seminar on persuasive writing. In 2019, I twice served as faculty for national seminars where I instructed attendees on plea negotiations, proffers, and cooperators. These trainings complemented the teaching I did in other contexts. For example, in 2015, I taught the Federal Defender Program's intensive Introduction to Federal Criminal Law course for summer interns. In 2018, I co-taught a seminar at Northwestern Law School. The last training I conducted as a defender was in 2019 before an audience of fellow public defenders and private criminal defense attorneys. I presented a primer on filing motions for compassionate release under the new First Step Act.

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.

I co-taught Advanced Legal Reasoning: Topics in Criminal Law at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law during Fall 2018. The seminar explored aspects of federal criminal law, such as conspiracy and related defenses, as a vehicle for strengthening students' analytical and legal writing skills. Syllabus supplied.



20. **Deferred Income/ Future Benefits:** List the sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock, options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services, firm memberships, former employers, clients or customers. Describe the arrangements you have made to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

I have no anticipated receipts, expected future benefits, or arrangements to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

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.

I have no plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment during service with the court if I am confirmed.

22. **Sources of Income:** List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

When my nomination is formally submitted to the Senate, I will file my Financial Disclosure Report and will supplement this Questionnaire with a copy of that Report.

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

If confirmed, I would scrupulously follow the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, the standards set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 455, and all other applicable principles governing recusal. I would do so in cases involving or affecting The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, where my husband is employed. I would do the same for any case arising out of the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois, Inc., on which I had previously worked. I am not aware of any other persons, parties, categories of litigation, and

financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest.

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

I would evaluate and resolve any potential conflicts of interest by applying the rules and standards set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 455 and the Code of Conduct for United States Judges. I would also consult relevant judicial decisions and opinions by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

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.

From 2010 until 2020, I was a federal public defender and, as such, 100% of my practice served the disadvantaged.

When I was in private practice before becoming a defender, approximately 30% of my time involved pro bono legal services. I represented families in adoption proceedings and a state prisoner with a health care lawsuit. I briefed and argued a criminal appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and secured early termination of federal supervised release for another defendant. I won protection under the Violence Against Women Act and lawful permanent residency for a woman and her two children. I represented an employment discrimination plaintiff in a successful Equal Employment Opportunity Commission mediation. I helped another claimant successfully settle her parental discrimination claims. As a final example, I won a jury verdict for the elderly victim of an automobile accident.

In my civic life as a lawyer, I have consistently served the disadvantaged. As some examples, I volunteered as a mock trial coach at public schools with underserved populations; spearheaded a bar association partnership with a high school in an underserved neighborhood; volunteered as a lawyer in underserved elementary school classrooms; helped plan a pop-up community legal clinic; served as administrator for a program designed to assist new, under-resourced law students; volunteered for a pipeline program for middle school and high school students interested in legal careers; and twice chaired a bar association's community service committee.

26. **Selection Process:**

- a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission

recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

On December 30, 2020, staff for Senator Dick Durbin contacted me regarding the vacancy on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. On January 11, 2021, officials from the incoming White House Counsel's Office contacted me and the following day, on January 12, 2021, inquired whether I was interested in being considered for nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Since that time, I have been in contact with officials from the White House Counsel's Office. On January 25, 2021, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. Since February 2, 2021, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On March 4, 2021, I met with President Biden and White House Counsel Dana Remus at the White House concerning the nomination. On March 30, 2021, the President announced his intent to nominate me.

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

No.