

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).

Ruth Bermudez Montenegro
Ruth Parra Bermudez

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

United States District Judge for the Southern District of California

3. **Address**: List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state where you currently reside.

United States District Court
Southern District of California
2003 West Adams Avenue, Suite 220
El Centro, California 92243

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

1967; Brawley, California

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.

1989 – 1992, UCLA School of Law; J.D., 1992

1987 – 1989, Clarion University of Pennsylvania; B.A. (*summa cum laude*), 1989

1985 – 1987, Imperial Valley College; A.A. (honors), 1987

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.

2018 – present
United States District Court
Southern District of California
2003 West Adams Avenue
El Centro, California 92243
United States Magistrate Judge

2015 – 2018, 2012 – 2013
State of California
939 West Main Street
El Centro, California 92243
Superior Court Judge, County of Imperial

2013 – 2015
Superior Court of California, County of Imperial
1625 West Main Street
El Centro, California 92243
Family Support Commissioner (Child Support Commissioner)

2011 – 2012
Office of County Counsel, County of Imperial
940 West Main Street, Suite 205
El Centro, California 92243
Assistant County Counsel

2002 – 2011
El Centro Elementary School District
1256 Broadway
El Centro, California 92243
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Administrative Services/Counsel

2000 – 2002
Imperial Community College District
380 East Aten Road
Imperial, California 92251
Director of Human Resources/Counsel

2000
Office of County Counsel, County of Imperial
940 West Main Street, Suite 205
El Centro, California 92243
Deputy County Counsel IV

1993 – 2000, Summer 1992
Horton, Knox, Carter & Foote, LLP
895 Broadway

El Centro, California 92243
Associate Attorney (1993 – 2000)
Law Clerk (March 1993 – June 1993, Summer 1992)

Spring 1992
United States Attorney's Office, Civil Division
Central District of California
Federal Building, 300 North Los Angeles Street, Suite 7516
Los Angeles, California 90012
Extern

Summer 1991, Summer 1990
Imperial County District Attorney's Office
939 Main Street
El Centro, California 92243
Certified Law Student (Summer 1991)
Law Clerk (Summer 1990)

Summer 1989
Imperial Community College District
380 East Aten Road
Imperial, California 92243
Counselor, Bridge to Independent Living Skills Program

Other Affiliations (Uncompensated):

1995 – present
El Centro Education Foundation
351 Ross Avenue
El Centro, California 92243
Board Member (1995 – present); President (1997 – 1999; 2007 – 2018)

2016 – 2018
California Bar Foundation (now known as ChangeLawyers)
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, California 92243
Board Member

2006 – 2016
MANA de Imperial Valley
P.O. Box 2945
El Centro, California 92244
Board Member (2006 – 2016); President (2007 – 2010)

2003 – 2011
Imperial County Schools Voluntary Employee Benefits Association

9855 Scranton Road, Suite 100
San Diego, California 92121
Board Member (2003 – 2011); Chairperson (2004; 2006)

1997 – 2000
El Centro Rotary Club
P.O. Box 696
El Centro, California 92243
Board Member

Approximately 1999 – 2000
Superior Court of California, County of Imperial
939 Main Street
El Centro, California 92243
Volunteer Judge Pro Tem

1997 – 1998
Imperial Valley College Foundation
380 East Aten Road
Imperial, California 92243
Board Member

1996 – 1998
El Centro Chamber of Commerce
1095 South Fourth Street
El Centro, California 92243
Board Member

1994 – 1996
Imperial County Bar Association
(This organization no longer exists)
Last known address:
527 South Fourth Street
El Centro, California 92243
Board Member (1994 – 1996); President (1995 – 1996)

1993 – 1995
Imperial County Child Abuse Prevention Council
563 West Main Street
El Centro, California 92243
Board Member

1990 – 1991
Associated Students UCLA
308 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, California 90095

Board Member (1990 – 1991); Co-Chairperson (1991)

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

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

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

Clarion University of Pennsylvania Distinguished Alumni Award (2020)

40th Senate District “Women of the Year” Award (2020)

MANA de Imperial Valley Legacy Award (2019)

El Centro Soroptimist Club Ruby Award (2019)

Imperial Valley Community Foundation Distinguished Philanthropist Award (2017)

Imperial County Sure Helpline Crisis Center Iron Woman Award—Inspirational Community Leader (2015)

City of El Centro Mardi Gras Queen (2014)

80th Assembly District “Woman of the Year” Award (2012)

Latina Lawyers Bar Association Honoree (2012)

El Centro Soroptimist Club Ruby Award (2010)

Imperial Valley College Athletic Department Honoree (2003)

MANA de Imperial Valley Las Primeras Award (2002)

UCLA School of Law

Irwin E. Brill and Ruth Brill Law Scholarship (1992)

Honorable William L. Murray Law Scholarship (1991 – 1992)

Chicano-Latino Law Review, Associate Editor (1991 – 1992)

UCLA Board of Visitors (1991)

UCLA Graduate Students Association, President (elected) (1990 – 1991)

UCLA School of Law Fellowship (1989 – 1990)

National Hispanic Scholarship (1989)

Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Summa Cum Laude (1989)

Dean James D. Moore Leadership Scholarship (1989)

Pennsylvania Board of Governors Scholarship (1987 – 1989)

Dean's List (1987 – 1989)

National Hispanic Scholarship (1987; 1988)

Political Science Departmental Award (1987 – 1988)

Imperial Valley College

Honors graduate (1987)

Scholar-Athlete of the Year (1987)

American Association of University Women Scholar (1987)

American Legion Award (1987)

First Team, Pacific Coast All-Conference Women's Tennis Team (1987)

Miss Sophomore of the Year (1987)

Women's Tennis Team, Most Valuable Player (1986; 1987)

National Hispanic Scholar (1986)

Miss Freshman of the Year (1986)

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 Health Lawyers Association

California Bar Foundation (now known as ChangeLawyers)

Board of Directors (2016 – 2018)

Scholarships Committee Chairperson (2018)

Scholarship Committee (2016 – 2018)

Personnel Committee (2018; 2016)

Governance Committee (2017)

Board Nominations & Development Committee (2016)

California Council of School Attorneys

California Judges Association

California Latino Judges Association

Federal Magistrate Judges Association

Diversity Committee (2019 – present)

Diversity Award Committee

Co-Chair (2019 – present)

Civics Education and Outreach Committee (2020 – present)

Civics Outreach Group 1 Committee

Co-Leader (2021)

Hispanic National Bar Association

Imperial County Bar Association

President (1995 – 1996)

Board of Directors (1994 – 1996)

Imperial County Lawyers Association, Honorary Member

Imperial County Legal Professionals Association

Latina Lawyers Bar Association (Los Angeles)

Lawyers Club of San Diego

National Association of School Attorneys

National Association of Women Judges

Fairness and Access Committee (2015)

International Outreach-Mexican Judges Committee (2015)

Judicial Independence Committee (2015)

San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association

United States District Court, Southern District of California

Strategic Committee on Resumption of Regular Court Proceedings (2020 – present)

Criminal Justice Act Committee (2019 – present)

Magistrate Judge Court Committee (2020 – present)

Building Security Committee (El Centro Courthouse)

Co-Chair (2019 – present)

Social Committee (El Centro Courthouse)

Co-Chair (2019 – present)

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

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

California, 1993

There have been no lapses in membership. As an active member of the judiciary, I am currently on inactive status.

- 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 District Court for the Southern District of California, 1993

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.

Brawley K-12 Civic Learning Initiative
Community Partner (2012 – present)

Calexico Women's Improvement Club (2012 – present)
Monthly Luncheon Meeting Chairperson (May 2015)

California Civic Learning Partnership of San Diego
Imperial County Representative (2012 – present)

Central Union High School Legal Careers and Law Enforcement Academy
Steering Committee Member (1995)

County of Imperial Interview Panel (1995 – 2011)

El Centro Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors (1996 – 1998)
Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Committee (1996 – 1997)
Power Lunch Volunteer (2005)

El Centro Education Foundation
Board of Directors (1995 – present)
President (1997 – 1999; 2007 – 2018)
Vice President (2003 – 2006)
Scholarships Committee Chairperson (approximately 2000 – present)

El Centro Rotary Club (1994 – 2003; 2013 – present)
Board Member (1997 – 2000)

Imperial County Child Abuse Prevention Council
Board of Directors (1993 – 1995)

Imperial County Schools Voluntary Employee Benefits Association
Board of Directors (2003 – 2011)
Chairperson (2004; 2006)
Vice Chairperson (2005)
Technical/Wellness Committee (2007; 2008; 2010 – 2011)

Imperial Valley College Foundation
Board of Directors (1997 – 1998)

Imperial Valley Tennis Association
Volunteer Youth Coach (1993 – 1998)

MANA de Imperial Valley
Secretary (2015 – 2016)
Board of Directors (2006 – 2015)
Community Services/Events Director (2013 – 2014)
Immediate Past President (2011 – 2012)
President (2007 – 2010)
Vice President (2006)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
Finance Council Member (1996 – 1998)

Southwest Academy of the Visual and Performing Arts Booster Club
Parent Volunteer (2013 – 2016)

Southwest High School Booster Club
Parent Volunteer (2012 – 2016)

Sunflower Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization
Parent Volunteer (2003 – 2010)

Wilson Jr. High Orchestra Booster Club
Parent Volunteer (2010 – 2012)

- 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.

Rotary International is a community service organization. To the best of my knowledge, Rotary International does not currently discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin, either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. It is my understanding that approximately seven years before I became a member of the El Centro Rotary Club, Rotary International excluded women from membership. However, in 1987, the United States Supreme Court required Rotary Clubs to open membership to women. Rotary International's exclusionary policy had been eliminated prior to my becoming a member of the El Centro Rotary Club.

To the best of my knowledge, none of the other 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.

I have searched my files, databases, and the Internet for responsive publications. It is possible that I may have omitted one or more writings inadvertently.

FMJA Diversity & Civic Outreach Spotlight, FMJA BULLETIN, Mar. 2021. Copy supplied.

Steve Breen, *Steve Breen's Cartoon Caption Contest for Jan. 15, 2021*, SAN DIEGO UNION TRIB., Jan. 15, 2021. Copy supplied.

From January to June 2014, I published several campaign advertisements and produced campaign materials while running for election for Superior Court Judge. Copies of 2014 campaign material and advertisements supplied.

Election 2014 Superior Court Judge, Seat 3, IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS, May 31, 2014. Copy supplied.

Statement: Ruth B. Montenegro, Superior Court Commissioner, Superior Court Judge Seat 3, IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS, May 29, 2014. Copy supplied.

Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, Statement of Candidate for Superior Court Judge, Seat No. 4, IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS, May 15, 2012. Copy supplied.

From January to June 2012, I published several campaign advertisements and

produced campaign materials while running for election for Superior Court Judge. Copies of 2012 campaign material and advertisements supplied.

From 2011 to 2012 when I served as Assistant Superintendent of the El Centro Elementary School District, I instituted and edited an employee newsletter regarding new hires, retirements, and District news. I have no records relating to these communications. I contacted the District and was informed it did not maintain digital or hard copies.

From 2007 to 2010, as President of MANA de Imperial Valley, I wrote the following President's Messages which appeared in event programs for the Las Primeras Awards Gala & Scholarship Fundraiser.

October 22, 2010 MANA Las Primeras Awards Gala & Scholarship Fundraiser event program. Copy supplied.

October 23, 2009 MANA Las Primeras Awards Gala & Scholarship Fundraiser event program. Copy supplied.

October 25, 2008 MANA Las Primeras Awards Gala & Scholarship Fundraiser event program. Copy supplied.

October 26, 2007 MANA Las Primeras Awards Gala & Scholarship Fundraiser event program. Copy supplied.

From 1993 to 2000 when I worked at a private law firm, I drafted client communications regarding legislative updates and human resources management issues that was distributed solely to our educational entity clients. I have no records relating to these client communications.

From 1997 to 1999, as President of the El Centro Education Foundation, I wrote various President's Messages which appeared in event programs for theatre productions sponsored by the Foundation. I do not have a record of all theatre productions where event programs were produced. Copy of the November 23, 1997 Southwest Performing Arts Theatre event program supplied.

GSA Unites Graduate Students from Diverse Backgrounds, UCLA DAILY BRUIN, Oct. 10, 1990. Copy supplied.

With Steve Cindrich, *Letter to the Editor*, CLARION CALL, May 4, 1989. Copy supplied.

Senate Speaks . . ., CLARION CALL, Mar. 3, 1988. Copy supplied.

Kent O'Neil, *Let's Get Out and Vote! Student Senate Elections*, CLARION CALL, Nov. 5, 1987. Copy supplied.

- b. Supply four (4) copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

I have searched my files and electronic databases in an effort to locate all reports, memoranda, and policy statements responsive to this question. I have located the materials listed below, but it is possible that there are a few that I have been unable to identify.

2015 – 2016 California Bar Foundation (now Change Lawyers) Impact Report. While my name is listed in the report because of my position as a member of the Board of Directors, I did not have a role in drafting, reviewing, or approving it. Copy supplied.

The following MANA de Imperial Valley Newsletters identify me as a member of the Board of Directors. I did not have a role in drafting, reviewing, or approving the newsletter.

MANA de Imperial Valley Newsletter (Nov. 2015). Copy supplied.

MANA de Imperial Valley Newsletter (July 2015). Copy supplied.

MANA de Imperial Valley Newsletter (Apr. 2015). Copy supplied.

MANA de Imperial Valley Newsletter (Feb. 2015). Copy supplied.

MANA de Imperial Valley Newsletter (Nov. 2014). Copy supplied.

MANA de Imperial Valley Newsletter (Summer 2014). Copy supplied.

MANA de Imperial Valley Newsletter (Mar. 2014). Copy supplied.

The following El Centro Elementary School District Sunflower Elementary School Accountability Report Cards identify me as a member of the District Administration in my capacity as Assistant Superintendent of the El Centro Elementary School District. I did not author or approve the publication of the report cards.

El Centro Elementary School District Sunflower Elementary School 2008 – 2009 School Accountability Report Card (Jan. 2010). Copy supplied.

El Centro Elementary School District Sunflower Elementary School 2007 – 2008 School Accountability Report Card (Nov. 2008). Copy supplied.

As a member of the El Centro Rotary Club, I recall drafting approximately four weekly bulletins (newsletters) sometime between 1994 and 2000. The newsletters summarized the weekly meetings including the guests present, guest speaker and topic, members who were recognized for receiving awards and promotions, and members “fined” for purchasing vehicles, taking vacations, etc., as part of the club’s fundraising efforts. At that time, the newsletter was disseminated to members by mail. I am unable to locate copies of the newsletters.

- 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.

As Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Administrative Services for the El Centro Elementary School District from 2002 to 2011, I attended all meetings (both open and closed) of the Board of Trustees. These meetings are open to the public and meeting minutes are publicly available upon request. The following El Centro Elementary School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes identify me as speaking at the meetings. Additionally, the following press coverage is supplied.

El Centro Elementary School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes (Nov. 4, 2008). Copy supplied.

El Centro Elementary School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes (Sept. 9, 2008). Copy supplied.

El Centro Elementary School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes (Dec. 17, 2007). Copy supplied.

El Centro Elementary School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes (Sept. 12, 2006). Copy supplied.

El Centro Elementary School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes (Nov. 8, 2005). Copy supplied.

El Centro Elementary School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes (June 28, 2005). Copy supplied.

El Centro Elementary School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes (Jan. 13, 2004). Copy supplied.

El Centro Elementary School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes (Jan. 14, 2003). Copy supplied.

El Centro Elementary School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes (Sept. 10, 2002). Copy supplied.

Eric Galvan, *Internet Exclusive: Ballington, Imagine Charter Schools Given Extensions*, IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS, Mar. 12, 2008. Copy supplied.

Heather Bremner, *Layoffs in E.C. Total 19 Teachers*, IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS, May 9, 2003. Copy supplied.

While serving as a member of the Imperial Valley College Insurance Committee from 2000 to 2002 in my capacity as Director of Human Resources for the Imperial Community College District, we discussed issues relating to the Imperial Valley College's self-insurance plan and provided recommendations to the institution regarding the self-insurance plan. These meetings are open to the public and meeting minutes are publicly available. The following Imperial Valley College Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes identify me as present at the meetings, where I participated in committee discussions and/or made recommendations.

Imperial Valley College Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes (May 23, 2002). Copy supplied.

Imperial Valley College Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes (May 16, 2002). Copy supplied.

Imperial Valley College Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes (Apr. 16, 2002). Copy supplied.

Imperial Valley College Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes (Feb. 27, 2002). Copy supplied.

Imperial Valley College Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes (Mar. 28, 2001). Copy supplied.

Imperial Valley College Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes (Jan. 24, 2001). Copy supplied.

Imperial Valley College Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes (Sept. 27, 2000). Copy supplied.

Imperial Valley College Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes (Aug. 23, 2000). Copy supplied.

Imperial Valley College Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes (July 19, 2000).
Copy supplied.

As Director of Human Resources for the Imperial Community College District from 2000 to 2002, I attended all meetings (both open and closed) of the Board of Trustees. Meetings are open to the public and meeting minutes are publicly available. The following Imperial Community College District Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes identify me as speaking at the meetings.

Imperial Valley College District Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes (Dec. 12, 2001). Copy supplied.

Imperial Valley College District Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes (Dec. 13, 2000). 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.

The following is a list of speaking engagements of which I have a record. To create this list, I searched my personal files, appointment books, and the Internet. I have, however, spoken frequently over the years, and did not retain a record of many of those appearances. Notwithstanding my best efforts to create a list responding to this question that is as complete as possible, there may be other presentations I have given that I have been unable to identify or recall. In particular, except as listed below I am unable to recall specific instances of events sponsored by the City of El Centro Parks and Recreation Department (e.g., Youth Attaining Leadership Skills (YALS) Cook-Off Competition, Annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Mardi Gras King and Queen Coronation, and Mardi Gras Parade), of annual Senior Awards Ceremonies of the Central Union High School District, and of various guest speaking engagements at Imperial Valley College, San Diego State-Imperial Valley, and various local school districts.

October 8, 2021: Honoree/Speaker, Clarion University Alumni Association 2021 Distinguished Awards, Clarion University, Clarion, Pennsylvania. Speech and press coverage supplied.

September 22, 2021: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. Speech supplied.

August 25, 2021: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on September 22, 2021.

August 11, 2021: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on September 22, 2021.

July 20, 2021: Speaker/Panelist/Mentor, 2021 Imperial County Superior Court Virtual Judicial Externship Program with United States District Court Observation (virtual). I gave an overview of the federal court system, participated in a question and answer session with students regarding my career, and provided advice for federal clerkships. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Imperial County Superior Court is 939 West Main Street, El Centro, California 92243.

June 28, 2021: Guest Speaker/Panelist, Conversation with Federal Magistrate Judge Interns, Federal Magistrate Judges Association (virtual). I participated in a question and answer session with law student summer interns regarding my career, advice for federal clerkships, and other life advice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Magistrate Judges Association is P.O. Box 249, Stanardsville, Virginia 22973.

February 25, 2021: Guest Speaker, Mock Trial Drive-Thru Awards Ceremony, Imperial County Office of Education, El Centro, California. I gave congratulatory remarks to all participating team members. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Imperial County Office of Education is 1398 Sperber Road, El Centro, California 92243.

February 3, 2021: Presiding Judge, Imperial County Mock Trial Competition, Imperial County Office of Education (virtual). I presided as judge over a mock trial competition. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage supplied. The address for the Imperial County Office of Education is 1398 Sperber Road, El Centro, California 92243.

January 21, 2021: Speaker, Passing of the Gavel Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California (virtual). Video supplied.

January 12, 2021: Speaker, Criminal Justice Act New Attorney Training, United States District Court for the Southern District of California (virtual). Notes supplied.

2012 – present: Facilitator/Speaker, Courthouse Tours and Court Observation, Imperial County Superior Court and United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. Since 2012, I welcome students from

the community (K-12, home school, community college, and university) to visit the Imperial County Superior Courthouse and the El Centro United States Courthouse for tours, court observations, and question and answer sessions. I do not have records of the month, day, and year for each visit except as otherwise noted. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Imperial County Superior Court is 939 West Main Street, El Centro, California 92243. The address for the United States District Court for the Southern District of California is 220 West Adams Avenue, El Centro, California 92243.

December 17, 2020: Guest Speaker, Virtual Career Day 2020, Barbara Worth Jr. High School (virtual). Video recording supplied.

December 10, 2020: Judicial Officer, Oath of Office Administrations for El Centro City Councilwomen Martha Cardenas Singh and Sylvia Marroquin (virtual). I administered the oath of office and congratulated the newly-elected public officials. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the El Centro City Hall is 1275 Main Street, El Centro, California 92243.

November 18, 2020: Speaker, Two-Part Civics Education Outreach with Central Union High School, United States District Court Southern District of California (virtual). PowerPoint supplied.

October 21, 2020: Judicial Speaker, Brown Bag with United States Magistrate Judge Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, Imperial County Lawyers Association (virtual). Notes supplied.

September 21, 2020: Guest Speaker, San Diego State University-Imperial Valley Criminal Justice and Psychology Class, United States District Court for the Southern District of California (virtual). I gave an overview of the federal court system and participated in a question and answer session with students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States District Court for the Southern District of California is 220 West Adams Avenue, El Centro, California 92243.

June 24, 2020: Presiding Judge, Drive-Thru Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. Speech and press coverage supplied.

March 13, 2020: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. Speech supplied.

February 21, 2020: Keynote Speaker, Mock Trial Awards Banquet, Imperial County Office of Education, Imperial, California. Speech supplied.

February 14, 2020: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

February 12, 2020: Presiding Judge, Imperial County Mock Trial Competition, Imperial County Office of Education, El Centro, California. I presided as judge over a mock trial competition. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but social media coverage is supplied. The address for the Imperial County Office of Education is 1398 Sperber Road, El Centro, California 92243.

January 17, 2020: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

December 20, 2019: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

November 16, 2019: Keynote Speaker, Women's Empowerment Conference, MANA de Imperial Valley, Imperial, California. Speech supplied.

November 15, 2019: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

October 18, 2019: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

October 18, 2019: Honoree/Speaker, 2019 MANA Legacy Award and 2019 Las Primeras Event, MANA de Imperial Valley, Holtville, California. Speech supplied.

October 9, 2019: Guest Speaker, San Diego State University-Imperial Valley Administration of Justice Class, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. After a courthouse tour and court observation, I participated in a question and answer session with students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States District Court for the Southern District of California is 220 West Adams Avenue, El Centro, California 92243.

October 2, 2019: Guest Speaker, Central Union High School Law Enforcement Academy, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. After a courthouse tour and court observation, I participated in a question and answer session with students. I have no notes, transcript, or

recording. The address for the United States District Court for the Southern District of California is 220 West Adams Avenue, El Centro, California 92243.

September 25, 2019: Speaker, Judicial Mixer and Membership Drive, Imperial County Lawyers Association, El Centro, California. I gave welcoming remarks and briefly spoke on the importance of maintaining an active legal bar association in Imperial County. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Imperial County Lawyers Association is 1430 Broadway, El Centro, California 92243.

September 20, 2019: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

September 10, 2019: Judicial Speaker, Fifteenth Annual Judith N. Keep Federal Civil Practice Seminar, San Diego Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, San Diego, California. Notes supplied.

September 7, 2019: Keynote Speaker, Imperial Valley College Associated Students Leadership Institute, Imperial Valley College, Big Bear, California. I participated in a retreat with community college students and spoke about leadership, setting career goals, and pursuing higher education. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Imperial Valley Community College is 380 East Aten Road, Imperial, California 92251.

August 16, 2019: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

July 19, 2019: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

June 26, 2019: Speaker, El Centro United States Courthouse Tour, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I spoke to members of MANA de Imperial Valley about the history of El Centro Courthouse and the federal judicial system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for MANA de Imperial Valley is P.O. Box 2945, El Centro, California 92244.

June 21, 2019: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

May 17, 2019: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

May 16, 2019: Commencement Speaker, San Diego State University-Imperial Valley, Calexico, California. Speech and press coverage supplied.

April 19, 2019: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

April 2, 2019: Judicial Speaker, Brown Bag with the Honorable Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, San Diego Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, San Diego, California. Notes supplied.

March 21, 2019: Guest Presenter/Facilitator, Fourth Amendment Student Civil Discourse Presentation and Reality Check Quiz with Central Union High School Students, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. Notes supplied and press coverage is supplied in response to Question 12e.

March 21, 2019: Honoree/Speaker, 2019 Ruby Awards and Second Annual Wine, Women, and Dessert, Soroptimist International of El Centro, El Centro, California. Speech and press coverage supplied.

March 15, 2019: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

March 14, 2019: Speaker, El Centro Rotary Club Monthly Meeting, El Centro, California. As chair of the Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest, I introduced the high school students who participated in the competition. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the El Centro Rotary Club is P.O. Box 1696, El Centro, California 92244.

February 15, 2019: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

January 18, 2019: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

January 11, 2019: Guest Speaker, Enrobing Ceremony of Superior Court Judge Monica Lepe-Negrete, Imperial County Superior Court, El Centro, California. Speech and press coverage supplied.

January 7, 2019 (approximately): Guest Speaker, California State University, Fullerton, Criminal Justice Class, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. After a courthouse tour and court observation, I participated in a question and answer session with students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the United States District Court for the Southern District of California is 220 West Adams Avenue, El Centro, California 92243.

January 7, 2019: Judicial Officer, Oath of Office Administrations for District 1 Supervisor Jesus Eduardo Escobar, District 5 Supervisor Raymond R. Castillo, Auditor-Controller Josue "Josh" Mercado, Assessor Robert Menvielle, Clerk/Recorder Chuck Storey, District Attorney Gilbert G. Otero, Superintendent of Schools Jonathan "Todd" Finnell, Sheriff Raymond Loera, and Treasurer-Tax Collector Karen Vogel, Imperial County Board of Supervisors Chambers, El Centro, California. I administered the oath of office and congratulated the newly-elected public officials. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Imperial County Administration Center is 940 West Main Street, Suite 211, El Centro, California 92243.

January 4, 2019: Speaker, Installation Ceremony of United States Magistrate Judge Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. Speech and press coverage supplied.

December 21, 2018: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

December 14, 2018: Guest Speaker, Enrobing Ceremony of Superior Court Judge Eran M. Bermudez, Imperial County Superior Court, El Centro, California. Speech and press coverage supplied.

December 11, 2018: Judicial Officer, Oath of Office Administrations for Brawley Elementary School Board Members Gilbert Rebollar and Armando Padilla, Brawley, California. I administered the oath of office and congratulated the newly-elected public officials. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Brawley Elementary School District is 261 D Street, Brawley, California 92227.

November 16, 2018: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

October 12, 2018: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, El Centro, California. I used the same speech that was provided for the ceremony on March 13, 2020.

August 15, 2018: Speaker, Swearing-In Ceremony of United States Magistrate Judge Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, San Diego, California. I provided a greeting and thanked family, friends, and supporters. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States District Court for the Southern District of California is 333 West Broadway, San Diego, California 92101.

August 9, 2018: Speaker, Imperial County Superior Court Summer Fellows Academy Ceremony, Imperial County Superior Court, El Centro, California. I congratulated students on completion of their fellowship. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Imperial County Superior Court is 939 West Main Street, El Centro, California 92243.

November 30, 2017: Speaker, El Centro Rotary Club Monthly Meeting, El Centro, California. I introduced the Rotary Club guest speaker, John Mitosinka, Southwest High School football team's coach. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the El Centro Rotary Club is P.O. Box 1696, El Centro, California 92244.

August 17, 2017: Keynote Speaker, Women's Equality Day, United States Customs and Border Protections-El Centro Sector, El Centro, California. Speech supplied.

June 12, 2017: Keynote Speaker, MANA de Imperial Valley Scholarship Ceremony, MANA de Imperial Valley, El Centro, California. I spoke about the importance of education. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for MANA de Imperial Valley is P.O. Box 2945, El Centro, California 92244.

February 3, 2017: Guest Speaker, Enrobing Ceremony of Superior Court Judge Marco D. Nunez, Imperial County Superior Court, El Centro, California. Speech and press coverage supplied.

December 9, 2016: Judicial Officer, Oath of Office Administrations for Board of Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District, Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District Office, Calexico, California. I administered the oath of office and congratulated the newly-elected public officials. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District Office is 601 Heber Avenue, Calexico, California 92231.

December 9, 2016: Judicial Officer, Oath of Office Administrations for Imperial Irrigation District Board of Directors Erik Ortego and Bruce Kuhn, William R. Condit Auditorium, El Centro, California. Press coverage supplied and video available at https://imperialid.granicus.com/player/clip/190?view_id=9&redirect=true.

November 7, 2016: Speaker, Third Annual Brawley K-12 Civic Learning Initiative Awards Ceremony, Brawley Union High School, Brawley, California. I gave congratulatory remarks to students for their civics projects. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Brawley Union High School is 480 North Imperial Avenue, Brawley, California 92227.

November 5, 2016: Keynote Speaker, 16th Annual Imperial County Migrant Parent Education Conference, Imperial County Office of Education, Calexico, California. I spoke with parents regarding the importance of their children continuing their education and the importance of parental involvement. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied in response to Question 12e. The address for the Imperial County Office of Education is 1398 Sperber Road, El Centro, California 92243.

September 28, 2016: Co-Presenter with the Honorable Diane Altamirano, Brawley K-12 Civic Learning Initiative, Brawley Union High School, Brawley, California. We prepared students to attend the California Supreme Court special oral argument session held in San Diego. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Brawley Union High School is 480 North Imperial Avenue, Brawley, California 92227.

April 20, 2016: Panelist, Latinas in the Legal Profession, Latina Lawyers Bar Association, Los Angeles, California. I spoke about my career path and participated in a question and answer session. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Latina Lawyers Bar Association is P.O. Box 86488, Los Angeles, California 90086.

March 5, 2016: Guest Speaker, AVID Parent Night, Central Union High School District, El Centro, California. I spoke with parents regarding the importance of their children's education, setting goals, and parental involvement. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Central Union High School is 1001 West Brighton Avenue, El Centro, California 92243.

December 9, 2015: Judicial Officer, Oath of Office Administrations for Brawley Elementary School District Board of Trustees Cesar Guzman, Esther Sanchez-Banda, and Kathy Prior, Brawley Elementary School District, Brawley, California. I administered the oath of office and congratulated the newly-elected public officials. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Brawley Elementary School District is 261 D Street, Brawley, California 92227.

November 9, 2015: Speaker, Second Annual Brawley K-12 Civic Learning Initiative Awards Ceremony, Brawley Union High School, Brawley, California. I gave congratulatory remarks to students for their civics projects. I have no notes,

transcript, or recording. The address for the Brawley Union High School is 480 North Imperial Avenue, Brawley, California 92227.

September 17, 2015: Keynote Speaker, Constitution Day, Seeley Union School District, Seeley, California. I spoke to elementary school students regarding the United States Constitution and the importance of being a good citizen. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Seeley Union School District is 1812 West Rio Vista Street, Seeley, California 92273.

February 6, 2015: Master of Ceremonies, Installation of Officers Banquet, Hidalgo Society, Inc., Brawley, California. Speech supplied.

February 3, 2015: Speaker, City of El Centro Parks and Recreation Department Mardi Gras King and Queen Coronation, El Centro, California. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgqDUdleSmY>.

January 2, 2015: Speaker, Imperial County Superior Court Swearing-In Ceremony for Superior Court Judge Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, Imperial County Superior Court, El Centro, California. I provided a greeting and thanked family and friends for supporting my election to the Superior Court bench. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied in response to Question 12e. The address for the Imperial County Superior Court is 939 West Main Street, El Centro, California 92243.

November 17, 2014: Speaker, Inaugural Brawley K-12 Civic Learning Initiative Awards Ceremony, Brawley Union High School, Brawley, California. I gave congratulatory remarks to students for their civics projects. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Brawley Union High School is 480 North Imperial Avenue, Brawley, California 92227.

November 15, 2014: Speaker, MANA de Imperial Valley 2014 Young Latina Leadership Conference, Imperial Valley College, Imperial, California. I spoke about my career, the importance of mentorship, and participated in a question and answer session with students. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address for MANA de Imperial Valley is P.O. Box 2945, El Centro, California 92244.

October 16, 2014: Keynote Speaker, Hispanic Heritage Month, United States Customs and Border Protections-El Centro Sector, El Centro, California. The speech was on Hispanic heritage and pride and role models in our community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Customs and Border Protection-El Centro Sector is 221 West Aten Road, Imperial, California 92251.

July 29, 2014 (approximately): Judge/Speaker, City of El Centro Parks and Recreation Department Youth Attaining Leadership Skills (YALS) Cook-Off

Competition, City of El Centro Community Center, El Centro, California. I judged the competition and provided remarks in accordance with the program agenda. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the City of El Centro Parks and Recreation Department is 375 South 1st Street, El Centro, California 92243.

January 2014 – June 2014: I gave numerous campaign speeches and participated in candidate forums while running for election as an Imperial County Superior Court Judge. I spoke at various civic, political, professional organizations, and campaign events. I also appeared at candidate forums. After searching my files and the Internet, I have listed the specific dates (and corresponding sponsoring organization, if any) of particular speaking engagements below. However, I almost certainly spoke to the following groups as well, though I am unable to identify the particular dates on which I did so: Calexico Club de los Amigos, Calexico Senior Citizens Clubs, Heber Seniors Club, El Centro Senior Citizens Club, Korean War Veterans (Imperial Valley), California United Homecare Workers Union, Local 4034, and the El Centro Kiwanis Club. I also attended meetings of the El Centro Police Officers Association, California Correctional Peace Officers Association, Brawley Public Safety Employee Association, and Imperial County Sherriff's Association to request endorsement and met with representatives of the Border Patrol Council Local 2554 to request endorsement. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings of these events except as set forth below. In addition, during my 2014 election campaign, I produced campaign materials. Copies of 2014 campaign material and campaign statements published in the Imperial Valley Press on May 15, 2014, May 29, 2014, and May 31, 2014, supplied in response to Question 12a. I recorded radio advertisement spots broadcast over local radio stations in English and Spanish. Recordings of five radio advertisements which aired in approximately May 2014 are supplied. I do not have copies of other recordings. I contacted media outlets and attempted to obtain recordings or transcripts of other advertisements and no information is available for production except as otherwise noted. After searching my files and the Internet, I have listed below all of the events that I have been able to locate:

June 27, 2014: Speaker, Campaign Volunteer/Supporter Appreciation Party, Imperial, California. I thanked all my volunteers and friends for their support during the campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Montenegro for Judge 2014 sponsored the event.

May 30, 2014: Speaker, Campaign Fundraiser, El Centro, California. I spoke with campaign donors and thanked them for supporting my election campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The event was organized by private sponsors at 2299 West Adams, El Centro, California 92243.

May 15, 2014: Speaker, Campaign Meet and Great, Calexico, California. I spoke with guests about my candidacy and thanked them for supporting

my election campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The event was organized by private sponsors at a private residence.

April 22, 2014: Participant, Candidates' Forum, Regional Governmental Affairs Committee of the Brawley Chamber of Commerce and the El Centro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, Brawley, California. Video available at https://www.ivpressonline.com/news/elections/video-imperial-county-superior-court-judge-seat-3-candidate-forum/youtube_13c86660-caa8-11e3-aa21-0017a43b2370.html.

April 17, 2014: Speaker, Campaign Meet and Greet, Brawley, California. I spoke with campaign donors and thanked them for supporting my election campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The event was organized by private sponsors and held at Stockmen's Club of Imperial Valley, 275 Marjorie Avenue, Brawley, California 92227.

April 10, 2014: Speaker, Campaign Meet and Greet, San Diego, California. I spoke with campaign donors and thanked them for supporting my election campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The event was organized by private sponsors and held at Casey, Gerry, Schenk, Francavilla, Blatt & Penfield, LLP, 110 Laurel Street, San Diego, California 92101.

April 3, 2014: Speaker, Campaign Meet and Greet, El Centro, California. I spoke with guests about my candidacy and thanked them for supporting my election campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The event was organized by private sponsors at a private residence.

March 26, 2014: Speaker, Imperial County Probation Corrections and Peace Officers Association, El Centro, California. I spoke to members about my candidacy and requested endorsement. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. I am unable to locate an address for the Imperial County Probation Corrections and Peace Officers Association.

March 25, 2014: Participant, Candidate's Forum, NAACP of Imperial Valley and the Imperial Valley Social Justice Committee, El Centro, California. I spoke to members of the public about my candidacy and asked for their vote in the June election. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. NAACP of Imperial Valley is no longer active. The address for the Imperial Valley Social Justice Committee is P.O. Box 2552, El Centro, California 9244.

March 20, 2014: Participant, Candidate's Forum, Hidalgo Society, Inc., Brawley, California. Video available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1_8r9H42M0.

March 14, 2014: Speaker, Campaign Meet and Greet, El Centro, California. I spoke with guests about my candidacy and thanked them for supporting my election campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The event was organized by private sponsors at a private residence.

March 10, 2014: Speaker, San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, El Centro, California. I spoke to members about my candidacy and requested endorsement. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council is 3737 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, California 92108.

February 19, 2014: Speaker, Imperial County Bar Association, El Centro, California. I spoke to members about my candidacy and requested endorsement. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Imperial County Bar Association is no longer in existence. The last known address is 527 South Fourth Street, El Centro, California 92243.

April 29, 2014: Facilitator/Speaker, Hedrick Elementary School Imperial County Courthouse Field Trip, Imperial County Superior Court, El Centro, California. I greeted students on their field trip and spoke about our judicial system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Imperial County Superior Court is 939 Main Street, El Centro, California 92243.

March 20, 2014: Guest Speaker, National Women's History Month, Calexico Chamber of Commerce, Calexico, California. I spoke about women's history and role models in our community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Calexico Chamber of Commerce is 1100 Imperial Avenue, Calexico, California 92231.

January 17, 2014: Honoree/Speaker, City of El Centro Parks and Recreation Department Mardi Gras King and Queen Coronation, El Centro, California. Video available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Rrp5biNfes.

December 18, 2013: Keynote Speaker, Alternative Education Student Awards Ceremony, Imperial County Office of Education, El Centro, California. I gave congratulatory remarks to award recipients and spoke about the importance of continuing their education. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Imperial County Office of Education is 1398 Sperber Road, El Centro, California 92243.

December 11, 2013: Judicial Officer, Oath of Office Administrations for Brawley Union High School District Board of Trustees Gabriel Contreras and Ralph Fernandez, Brawley Union High School District, Brawley, California. I administered the oath of office and congratulated the newly-elected public officials. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied.

The address for the Brawley Union High School District is 480 North Imperial Avenue, Brawley, California 92227.

December 5, 2013: Speaker, El Centro Rotary Club Monthly Meeting, El Centro, California. I introduced the Honorable Christopher J. Plourd, Imperial County Superior Court Judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the El Centro Rotary Club is P.O. Box 1696, El Centro, California 92244.

November 7, 2013: Guest Speaker, California Civic Learning of Distinction Award Ceremony, Brawley Union High School, Brawley, California. I gave congratulatory remarks to civics award recipients. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Brawley Union High School is 480 North Imperial Avenue, Brawley, California 92227.

October 12, 2013: Guest Presenter, California Court Interpreters Association Conference, California Court Interpreters Association, San Diego, California. I spoke about the timing and sequence of a child support action, followed by a question and answer session. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the California Court Interpreters Association is 1005 State Street, El Centro, California 92243.

September 20, 2013: Moderator, Healthcare Town Hall – Understanding the Affordable Care Act, Co-sponsored by the California United Homecare Workers, Local 4034, Imperial County Medical Society, Institute for Socio-Economic Justice & Progressive Community Development, and Imperial County Supervisor John Renison, Holtville, California. I moderated a presentation on The Affordable Care Act. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the United Homecare Workers, Local 4034, is 2484 Natomas Park Drive, Sacramento, California 95833.

August 1, 2013: Judge/Speaker, City of El Centro Parks and Recreation Department Youth Attaining Leadership Skills (YALS) Cook-Off Competition, City of El Centro Community Center, El Centro, California. I judged the competition and provided remarks in accordance with the program agenda. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied in response to Question 12e. The address for the City of El Centro Parks and Recreation Department is 375 South 1st Street, El Centro, California 92243.

June 18, 2013: Speaker, MANA de Imperial Valley Scholarship Awards Ceremony, MANA de Imperial Valley, El Centro, California. I spoke about the importance of students continuing their education. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for MANA de Imperial Valley is P.O. Box 2945, El Centro, California 92244.

June 12, 2013: Facilitator/Speaker, Brawley Union High School Civics Education Program with Imperial County Courthouse Tour and Court Observation, Brawley Union High School, Brawley, California. I coordinated a bilingual civics class visit to the Imperial County Superior Courthouse for a tour and court observation. After the tour and court observation, I participated in a question and answer session. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Brawley Union High School is 480 North Imperial Avenue, Brawley, California 92227.

May 19, 2013: Keynote Speaker, The Extraordinary Accomplishments of Women, Valley Women Magazine, Imperial, California. I spoke about setting career goals, mentorships, and role models in our community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Valley Women Magazine is 205 North 8th Street, El Centro, California 92243.

May 12, 2013: Speaker, Civic Learning Award of Distinction Ceremony, Brawley Union High School and California Civic Learning Partnership, Brawley, California. Speech supplied.

April 15, 2013: Guest Speaker, Civic Learning Award of Distinction Ceremony, Brawley Union High School, Brawley, California. I gave congratulatory remarks to students for their civics projects. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Brawley Union High School is 480 North Imperial Avenue, Brawley, California 92227.

January 26, 2013: Keynote Speaker, 2013 Imperial County Migrant Student Speech and Debate Awards Ceremony, Southwest High School, El Centro, California. I gave congratulatory remarks to speech and debate award recipients, and spoke about the importance of education, setting career goals, and mentorship. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Imperial County Office of Education is 1398 Sperber Road, El Centro, California 92243.

January 3, 2013: Judicial Officer, Oath of Office Administrations for Superior Court Judges Christopher Plourd and Diana Altamirano, Imperial County Superior Court, El Centro, California. I administered the oath of office and congratulated the newly-elected public officials. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Imperial County Superior Court is 939 West Main Street, El Centro, California 92243.

October 25, 2012: Speaker, Imperial County Legal Professionals Association Annual Day in Court, El Centro, California. I spoke with parents and children who visited my courtroom about our judicial system, the Imperial County Superior Court, and participated in a question and answer session with members of the public. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Imperial County Legal Professionals Association is P.O. Box 2334, El Centro, California 92244.

January 2012 – June 2012: I gave numerous campaign speeches before civic clubs, other organizations, and campaign events while running to retain my position as an Imperial County Superior Court Judge. After searching my files and the Internet, I have listed the specific dates (and corresponding sponsoring organization, if any) of particular speaking opportunities below. However, I almost certainly spoke to the following groups as well, even though I am unable to identify the particular dates on which I did so: Calexico Club de los Amigos, Calexico Senior Citizens Club, and Heber Seniors Club. I also attended meetings of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council and Imperial County Sheriffs Association to request endorsement and met with representatives of the Border Patrol Council Local 2554 to request endorsement. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings of these events. In addition, during my 2012 election campaign, I produced campaign materials. Copies of the 2012 campaign material and a campaign statement published in the Imperial Valley Press on May 15, 2012 supplied in response to Question 12a. I recorded radio advertisement spots broadcast over local radio in English and Spanish. Recordings of two 2012 radio advertisements supplied. I do not have copies of other recordings. I contacted media outlets and attempted to obtain recordings or transcripts of other advertisements and no information is available for production except as otherwise noted. I also recorded a television commercial for my 2012 election campaign but am unable to locate the recorded advertisement. After searching my files and the Internet, I have listed below all of the events that I have been able to locate:

June 3, 2012: Speaker, Club de los Amigos, Meet the Candidates, Calexico, California. I spoke to members of the public who attended the event and asked them to support my retention in the June election. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. I am unable to locate an address for Club de los Amigos.

May 11, 2012: Speaker, Campaign Fundraiser, El Centro, California. I spoke with campaign donors and thanked them for supporting my retention campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The event was organized by private sponsors at a private residence.

April 30, 2012: Speaker, Campaign Meet and Greet, Calexico, California. I spoke with guests about my candidacy and thanked them for supporting my retention campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The event was organized by a private sponsor and was held at the Calexico Women's Improvement Club Building, 320 Heber Avenue, Calexico, California 92233.

April 17, 2012: Speaker, Campaign Meet and Greet, Calipatria, California. I spoke with guests about my candidacy and thanked them for supporting my retention campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or

recording. The event was organized by a private sponsor and was held at 159 West Main Street, Suite D, Calipatria, California 92233.

April 15, 2012: Speaker, Campaign Meet and Great, El Centro, California. I spoke with guests about my candidacy and thanked them for supporting my retention campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The event was organized by private sponsors at a private residence.

April 1, 2012: Speaker, Campaign Meet and Greet, Holtville, California. I spoke with guests about my candidacy and thanked them for supporting my retention campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The event was organized by a private sponsor and was also sponsored by the Committee to Elect Ruth Bermudez Montenegro for Superior Court Judge, Seat #4.

February 24, 2012: Speaker, Campaign Fundraiser, El Centro, California. I spoke with campaign donors and thanked them for supporting my retention campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The event was organized by a private sponsor at a private residence and also sponsored by the Committee to Elect Ruth Bermudez Montenegro for Superior Court Judge, Seat #4.

March 23, 2012: Speaker, Enrobing Ceremony of Superior Court Judge Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, Imperial County Superior Court, El Centro, California. I provided a greeting and thanked family and friends for supporting me in my appointment as a Superior Court Judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Imperial County Superior Court is 939 West Main Street, El Centro, California 92243.

March 5, 2012: Speaker, Imperial County Superior Court Swearing-In Ceremony of Superior Court Judge Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, Imperial County Superior Court, El Centro, California. I provided a greeting and thanked family and friends. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Imperial County Superior Court is 939 West Main Street, El Centro, California 92243.

October 22, 2010: Master of Ceremonies, MANA de Imperial Valley Gala and Scholarship Fundraiser, MANA de Imperial Valley, El Centro, California. I provided welcoming remarks and introduced speakers and honorees. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but event program supplied in response to Question 12a. The address for MANA de Imperial Valley is P.O. Box 2945, El Centro, California 92244.

March 23, 2010: Honoree/Speaker, 2010 Ruby Awards Dinner, Soroptimist International of El Centro, El Centro, California. I thanked the organization for supporting programs that improve the lives of women and girls. I have no notes,

transcript, or recording. The address of the Soroptimist International of El Centro is P.O. Box 23, El Centro, California 92244.

October 23, 2009: Master of Ceremonies, MANA de Imperial Valley Gala and Scholarship Fundraiser, MANA de Imperial Valley, El Centro, California. I provided welcoming remarks and introduced speakers and honorees. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but event program supplied in response to Question 12a. The address for MANA de Imperial Valley is P.O. Box 2945, El Centro, California 92244.

October 6, 2009: Speaker, 20th Annual Las Primeras Awards Gala, MANA, Washington, District of Columbia. On behalf of MANA de Imperial Valley, I thanked MANA for selecting our chapter for the Evangeline Elizondo Chapter of the Year and briefly spoke about the work of our chapter in the community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for MANA is 1001 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest, Suite 730, Washington, District of Columbia 20036.

October 25, 2008: Master of Ceremonies, MANA de Imperial Valley Gala and Scholarship Fundraiser, MANA de Imperial Valley, El Centro, California. I provided welcoming remarks and introduced speakers and honorees. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but event program supplied in response to Question 12a. The address for MANA de Imperial Valley is P.O. Box 2945, El Centro, California 92244.

September 4, 2008: Speaker, 2008 Las Primeras Pre-Gala Media Mixer, MANA de Imperial Valley, El Centro, California. I announced the 2008 Las Primeras honorees. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for MANA de Imperial Valley is P.O. Box 2945, El Centro, California 92244.

March 1, 2008: Guest Speaker, First Annual Centennial Women's Leadership Celebration, City of Calexico, Calexico, California. I spoke about women's leadership. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the City of Calexico is 608 Heber Avenue, Calexico, California 92231.

October 26, 2007: Master of Ceremonies, MANA de Imperial Valley Gala and Scholarship Fundraiser, MANA de Imperial Valley, Holtville, California. I provided welcoming remarks and introduced speakers and honorees. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but event program supplied in response to Question 12a. The address for MANA de Imperial Valley is P.O. Box 2945, El Centro, California 92244.

March 22, 2007: Guest Speaker, Parent Institute for Quality Education Graduation Ceremony, Wilson Junior High School, El Centro, California. I spoke about the importance of education and setting goals. I have no notes, transcript,

or recording. The address of Wilson Junior High School is 600 South Wilson Street, El Centro, California 92243.

January 26, 2007: Speaker/Host, MANA de Imperial Valley Membership Drive, MANA de Imperial Valley, El Centro, California. I welcomed potential new members at a mixer and briefly discussed the mission of MANA and how the local organization works in the community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for MANA de Imperial Valley is P.O. Box 2945, El Centro, California 92244.

March 31, 2006: Guest Speaker, Sunflower Elementary School Career Day, Sunflower Elementary School, El Centro, California. I discussed my career path and the importance of education and setting career goals. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Sunflower Elementary School is 2450 Main Street, El Centro, California 92243.

October 28, 2004: Speaker, Kennedy Middle School Career Day, Kennedy Middle School, El Centro, California. I discussed my career path and the importance of education and setting career goals. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address for Kennedy Middle School is 900 North Sixth Street, El Centro, California 92243.

December 9, 2003: Guest Speaker, Parent Institute for Quality Education Graduation Ceremony, Kennedy Middle School, El Centro, California. Speech supplied.

April 15, 2003 (approximately): Guest Reader/Speaker, Reading is Fundamental, Desert Garden Elementary, El Centro, California. I read and discussed a book with students and spoke about the importance of reading. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address of Desert Garden Elementary is 1900 South 6th Street, El Centro, California 92243.

October 18, 2002: Honoree/Speaker, 2002 Las Primeras Awards Gala, MANA de Imperial Valley, Holtville, California. Speech supplied.

October 14, 1999: Speaker, Third Annual Membership Luncheon, Imperial Valley College Foundation, Imperial, California. I spoke about the importance of education and leadership. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Imperial Valley College Foundation is 380 East Aten Road, Imperial, California 92251.

May 6, 1997: Speaker, Transfer Center Recognition Program, Imperial Valley College, Imperial, California. Speech supplied.

March 24, 1995: Speaker, Installation of Board of Directors and President, Imperial County Bar Association, Brawley, California. I was installed as

president of the bar association and gave an installation speech. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The Imperial County Bar Association is no longer in existence. A new bar organization, the Imperial County Lawyers Association, was formed in 2019. The address for the Imperial County Lawyers Association is 1430 Broadway, El Centro, California 92243.

April 16, 1994: Keynote Speaker, Adelante, Mujer Hispana, Hispanic Female Multigenerational Conference, co-sponsored by the Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program, Hidalgo Society, Inc., and MANA de Imperial Valley, Imperial, California. The speech was on the importance of education, goal setting, and mentorship and was directed towards female high school and college students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program is 687 West State Street, El Centro, California 92243. The address for the Hidalgo Society, Inc. is 410 Cesar Chavez Street, Brawley, California 92227. The address for MANA de Imperial Valley is P.O. Box 2945, El Centro, California 92244.

1990 – 1991: Speaker, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. As UCLA Graduate Students Association (GSA) President, I spoke at campus events regarding the work of the GSA. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage of one such event is supplied in response to Question 12e. The address for ASUCLA Graduate Students Association is Student Activities Center, 220 Westwood Plaza, Suite B-11, Los Angeles, California 90095.

1989 (approximately): Speaker, Clarion Women's Consortium, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, Pennsylvania. While a student at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, I served as a panel member for the Women's Consortium, a university television production. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Clarion University of Pennsylvania is 840 Wood Street, Clarion, Pennsylvania 16214.

1989 (approximately): Newscaster, WCCB Radio, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, Pennsylvania. While a student at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, I served as a newscaster for WCCB Radio, a student-run radio station. I read stories from the Associated Press wire regarding national and international news. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Clarion University of Pennsylvania is 840 Wood Street, Clarion, Pennsylvania 16214.

1988 – 1989 (approximately): Speaker, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, Pennsylvania. While a student at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, I presented a research paper and served as a panel member at the Western Pennsylvania Political Science Conference held in Edinboro University in Edinboro, Pennsylvania. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address

for Clarion University of Pennsylvania is 840 Wood Street, Clarion, Pennsylvania 16214.

1988 (approximately): Speaker, Clarion University Student Senate, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, Pennsylvania. As Appropriations Committee Chairperson, I reported to the student senate regarding student activity funding requests. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for Clarion University of Pennsylvania is 840 Wood Street, Clarion, Pennsylvania 16214.

- 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.

I searched the Internet and my files in an effort to find all interviews responsive to this question to the best of my ability and recollection. Below are the events I was able to locate:

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Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, FMJA Diversity & Civic Outreach Spotlight, FMJA BULLETIN, Mar. 2021. Copy supplied in response to Question 12a.

Judge Montenegro Engages Students in Civics Education, L. LIBRARY NEWS, Vol. 1, Issue 2, July 2019. Copy supplied.

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Gina Jimenez, Gates Scholarship Winner Liera Hopes to be a Difference-Maker, IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS, June 18, 2018. Copy supplied.

Julio Morales, Judge Ruth Montenegro Blazes Legal Path, VALLEY WOMEN MAG., Aug.–Sept. 2017. Copy supplied.

PBS KVIEvideo, Inside California Education: Educating At-Risk Youth, YouTube (Mar. 19, 2017). Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMWU6kJTpQM&t=4s>.

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Feb. 4, 2017. Copy supplied.

William Roller, *Migrant Ed Conference Links Success with Resources*, IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS, Nov. 6, 2016. Copy supplied.

Julio Morales, *Judge Montenegro Appointed to State Bar Foundation Board*, IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS, Nov. 20, 2015. Copy supplied.

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CommunitySpectrum, *El Grito de Independencia & Taco Cook Off 2013* (Jan. 14, 2015). Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrprOv77nTo>.

Chelcey Adami, *Judges Sworn In*, IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS, Jan. 3, 2015. Copy supplied.

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CommunitySpectrum, *ICOE Speech Debate* (Dec. 22, 2014). Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqFle38zVi4>.

CommunitySpectrum, *2010 MANA Las Primeras* (Dec. 22, 2014). Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ih4i-6wStCU>.

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Chelcey Adami, *Quan, Montenegro Lead for Superior Court Judge Seats*, IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS, June 5, 2014. Copy supplied.

Chelcey Adami, *Ruth Montenegro Maintains Edge for Imperial County Superior Court Judge Seat 3*, IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS, June 4, 2014. Copy supplied.

In May of 2014, I was interviewed by ABC La Voz Radio/820AM during a live radio segment, which was broadcast to Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico and Imperial County. I was interviewed in Spanish regarding the binational justice program between the Imperial County Superior Court and Baja California relating to the collection of child support, as well as my candidacy for Superior Court Judge. I am unable to locate a recording.

In May of 2014, I was interviewed by MVS Noticias/1120AM during a live radio segment which was broadcast to Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico and Imperial

County. I was interviewed in Spanish regarding the binational justice program between the Imperial County Superior Court and Baja California relating to the collection of child support, as well as my candidacy for Superior Court Judge. I am unable to locate a recording.

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Brooke Ruth, *MANA Holds Retirement Planning Session*, IMPERIAL VALLEY PRESS, Nov. 6, 2009. Copy supplied.

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James Harrison, *Student Profile: Ruth Bermudez*, THE DOCKET UCLA SCH. L., Feb. 1991. Copy supplied.

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Jim Hesch, *Bermudez Becomes Two-Time Recipient of National Hispanic Scholarship*, CLARION CALL, Apr. 14, 1988. Copy supplied.

Kathy Vranic, *Do You Know Where Your Student Activity Fee Goes?*, CLARION CALL, Mar. 31, 1988. Copy supplied.

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Steve Padilla, *Imperial Valley College Plans Bilingual Graduation*, SAN DIEGO UNION TRIB., June 7, 1986. 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.

Superior Court Judge (2012 – 2013; 2015 – 2018)
County of Imperial, State of California

I was appointed by California Governor Edmund G. Brown as a Superior Court Judge in Imperial County, California on February 29, 2012 and served from March 2012 to January 2013. In June 2012, I ran to retain my seat and lost the election. As outlined below, in January 2013, I was unanimously appointed as the Family Support Commissioner by the Superior Court Judges and served in that position from January 2013 to January 2015. In June 2014, I ran for an open seat for Superior Court Judge in Imperial County, California and was elected to a six-year term.

The California Superior Courts have general jurisdiction in criminal, civil, juvenile delinquency, and family law matters. My primary criminal assignment included felony and misdemeanor jury trials, arraignments, and other proceedings such as pre-trial motions, preliminary examinations, probation/sentencing, bail reviews, extraditions, and

grand jury indictments. Civil assignments included handling habeas and prisoner civil rights actions, and civil litigation cases where the judges who had a primary civil assignment had a conflict. Additionally, I presided over more than 100 small claims and infraction court trials.

Family Support Commissioner (2013 – 2015)
Superior Court of California, County of Imperial

In January 2013, I was unanimously appointed as the Family Support Commissioner by the Superior Court Judges and served in that position from January 2013 to January 2015. I presided over parentage actions and child support cases brought and enforced by the Department of Child Support Services related to the establishment and collection of child support and related spousal support, along with health insurance for minor children, including the enforcement of out-of-state support orders and support orders from Mexico. Additionally, on assignment, I handled small claims and infraction cases including presiding over the court trials.

United States Magistrate Judge (2018 – present)
United States District Court for the Southern District of California

In August 2018, I was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge by the District Court Judges of the Southern District of California. The District Court has jurisdiction over civil matters raising federal questions, civil matters with diversity of citizenship, and federal criminal matters. As the sole magistrate judge in Imperial County, I preside over all preliminary proceedings in criminal cases arising in Imperial County, which is a significant portion of the criminal cases in the Southern District of California (approximately 40 percent pre-COVID-19). I oversee criminal cases in full when they involve petty offenses and misdemeanor charges. I also oversee pretrial proceedings in civil cases, including discovery, non-dispositive motion practice, and settlement negotiations referred to me by District Judges. Where all parties consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction, I am authorized to preside over the entire civil case. Additionally, I preside over naturalization proceedings.

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

I have presided over thousands of cases that went to verdict, were resolved through entry of judgment, settled and/or were dismissed. As a United States Magistrate Judge, I have presided over thousands of misdemeanor cases to judgment and several civil cases to judgment where the parties consented to my jurisdiction; I have not presided over any jury or bench trials. As a Superior Court Judge, I presided over at least 34 jury trials that went to verdict or judgment, more than 100 felony and misdemeanors to judgment, and more than 100 bench trials (small claims/infractions) to judgment. As a Family Support Commissioner, I presided over 100 cases to judgment, including small claims/infractions bench trials.

i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	30%
bench trials:	70%

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings:	10%
criminal proceedings:	90%

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

As a Superior Court Judge and Family Support Commissioner, I did not write any opinions. As a United States Magistrate Judge, I have issued the following written opinions:

Williams v. Navarro, No. 3:18-cv-1318-DMS-RBM, 2021 WL 5180123 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 8, 2021).

Carroll v. Toele, No. 3:20-cv-00079-BAS-RBM, 2021 WL 5015498 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 28, 2021).

Stevenson v. Beard, No. 3:16-cv-03079-TWR-RBM, 2021 WL 4443698 (S.D. Cal. Sept. 28, 2021)

Donald H. v. Kijakazi, No. 3:20-cv-2109-RBM, 2021 WL 4340507 (S.D. Cal. Sept. 23, 2021).

Produce Pay, Inc. v. FVF Distributors, Inc., No. 3:20-cv-517-MMA-RBM, 2021 WL 4866994 (S.D. Cal. Sept. 17, 2021).

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Clinton S. v. Kijakazi, No. 21-cv-1359-RBM, 2021 WL 3605055 (S.D. Cal. Aug. 13, 2021).

Grizzle v. Cnty. of San Diego, No. 17-cv-813-JLS-RBM, 2021 WL 3518858 (S.D. Cal. Aug. 10, 2021).

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Produce Pay, Inc. v. FVF Distributors, No. 20-cv-517-MMA-RBM, 2021 WL 1978089 (S.D. Cal. May 18, 2021).

Miranda v. Madden, No. 19-cv-1605-LAB-RBM, 2021 WL 1700352 (S.D. Cal. Apr. 28, 2021).

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Stevenson v. Beard, No. 16-cv-3079-TWR-RBM, 2020 WL 7227210 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 7, 2020).

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Mendoza Araiza v. Macy's Corp. Servs., Inc., No. 18-cv-1157-LAB-RBM, Dkt. 27 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 8, 2019).

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Mourning v. Gore, No. 18-cv-2245-WQH-RBM, 2019 WL 776855 (S.D. Cal. Feb. 21, 2019).

Green v. Thiessen, No. 17-cv-1156-JAH-RBM, 2019 WL 687877 (S.D. Cal. Feb. 19, 2019).

Marroquin v. Gore, No. 18-cv-623-DMS-RBM, 2019 WL 355532 (S.D. Cal. Jan. 29, 2019).

Roberts v. Beard, No. 15-cv-1044-WQH-RBM, 2019 WL 332704 (S.D. Cal. Jan. 25, 2019).

Garcia v. Sleeley, No. 14-cv-1525-JLS-RBM, 2018 WL 8458861 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 17, 2018).

Harris v. Dir. of Corr., No. 18-cv-274-MMA-RBM, 2018 WL 6329533 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 4, 2018).

Nible v. Fink, No. 16-cv-2849-BAS-RBM, Dkt. 50 (S.D. Cal. Nov. 2, 2018).

Washington v. O'Dell, No. 17-cv-1615-MMA-RBM, Dkt. 58 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 26, 2018).

Roberts v. Beard, No. 15-cv-1044-WQH-RBM, 2018 WL 5390549 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 26, 2018).

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

1. *Cano v. Brennan*, No. 19-cv-239-CAB-RBM (S.D. Cal. June 2, 2021).

Ms. Cano, an employee with the United States Postal Service (USPS) for 26 years, filed a complaint against her employer for sexual harassment by a supervisory-level employee, Postmaster Gonzalez, under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a)(1). As to the incident at issue, Ms. Cano alleged Mr. Gonzalez “took his hand and forcefully grabbed Plaintiff’s [private area]” and then proceeded to make a lewd statement while she was in his office picking up supplies. Ms. Cano alleged that USPS had knowledge of Mr. Gonzalez’s propensity to sexually harass both employees and customers, and cited evidence of at least three other employees who were victims of harassment by Mr. Gonzalez over the past decade. I conducted an early neutral evaluation of the case on October 15, 2019, mandatory settlement conference on May 28, 2021, and facilitated a settlement of the case on June 2, 2021, after conveying a mediator’s proposal. Thereafter, the parties stipulated to dismissal with prejudice which rendered a pending motion for summary judgment moot.

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2. *United States v. Cruz Noguez*, No. 21-cr-1277-CAB-1 (S.D. Cal. 2021);
United States v. Cruz Noguez, No. 21-mj-8250-RBM (S.D. Cal. 2021).

Mr. Cruz Noguez was charged with conspiracy to bring aliens to the United States outside a port of entry causing serious bodily injury/placing a life in jeopardy in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(i), (v)(I), and (B)(iii), bringing in aliens without presentation for financial gain in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(2)(B)(ii), and aiding and abetting in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 2. The charges are in connection with a March 2, 2021, smuggling event that led to the deaths of 13 Mexican and Guatemalan nationals in a vehicle crash near Holtville, California. Mr. Cruz Noguez made an initial appearance before me on March 30, 2021. I subsequently presided over a detention hearing on April 5, 2021, where Mr. Cruz Noguez stipulated to detention. Thereafter, I presided over an arraignment on indictment on April 28, 2021, where Mr. Cruz Noguez entered a plea of not guilty. The case is currently pending before District Judge Cathy Ann Bencivengo.

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3. *Stevenson v. Beard*, No. 16-cv-3079-TWR-RBM, 2021 WL 1193786 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 29, 2021), *adopted*, *Stevenson v. Beard*, No. 16-cv-3079-TWR-RBM, Dkt. 205 (S.D. Cal. Aug. 13, 2021).

Plaintiff Mr. Stevenson alleges his rights have been violated by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) implementation of a new regulation which required state prison law libraries to provide computer legal research materials from Lexis-Nexis rather than Westlaw and eliminated a standing order to update West Publishing books. Mr. Stevenson contends this change, coupled with Centinela State Prison's policies regarding inmate computer use for legal research, have deprived him of his due process rights. I have presided over this case since taking the federal bench in 2018 and have handled various pretrial matters. The case is currently pending. I have issued three orders on motions to compel filed by Mr. Stevenson, wherein he sought discovery relating to the content of prison law libraries operated by CDCR. Mr. Stevenson filed a motion for reconsideration of the March 12, 2021, discovery order and objections to the May 17, 2021, discovery order. District Judge Todd W. Robinson overruled Mr. Stevenson's objections, finding no clear error in either discovery order. Mr. Stevenson also filed a motion for preliminary injunction seeking to stop CDCR from implementing a proposed amendment to its regulation which only requires legal research materials in digital format. On March 29, 2021, I issued a Report and Recommendation (R&R) on the motion which recommended that it be denied. The R&R reasoned, in part, that the motion was moot due to Mr. Stevenson's transfer from Centinela to Solano State Prison prior to CDCR's notice of proposed amendments to the regulation and also because the case has not been certified as a class action. Judge Robinson adopted the R&R on August 13, 2021.

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4. *United States v. Garcia*, No. 20-cr-1222-GPC-1 (S.D. Cal. 2020); *United States v. Garcia*, No. 20-mj-8654-RBM-1 (S.D. Cal. 2020).

Mr. Garcia was charged with distribution of fentanyl resulting in death in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(c). The charges are in connection with the overdose death of a 15-year-old boy in Imperial County. I issued an arrest warrant on February 18, 2020. Mr. Garcia made an initial appearance before me on March 11, 2020. I subsequently presided over a detention hearing on March 13, 2020, wherein I ordered detention without prejudice. Thereafter, I presided over an arraignment on indictment on August 21, 2020, where entered Mr. Garcia entered a plea of not guilty. The case is currently pending before District Judge Gonzalo P. Curiel.

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5. *Grizzle v. Cnty. of San Diego*, No. 17-cv-813-JLS-RBM, 2020 WL 3961619 (S.D. Cal. July 10, 2020), *adopted*, *Grizzle v. Cnty. of San Diego*, No. 17-cv-813-JLS-RBM, 2020 WL 4746211 (S.D. Cal. Aug. 17, 2020).

This is a prisoner civil rights case involving alleged violations of Mr. Grizzle's Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment rights concerning his placement in administrative segregation (ad-seg) at the San Diego Central Jail while he was a pretrial detainee. Mr. Grizzle alleges he was placed in ad-seg without due process and the daily routine in ad-seg caused him sleep deprivation and forced him to choose between sleep and exercise. I have presided over this case since taking the federal bench in 2018 and have handled various pretrial matters. The case is currently pending. The County Defendants filed a motion to dismiss portions of Mr. Grizzle's third amended complaint. On July 10, 2020, I issued a Report and Recommendation (R&R) on the motion which recommended it be granted in part and denied in part. I recommended dismissal of the first cause of action against Sheriff Gore and Sergeant Boorman in their individual capacity for failure to allege any personal participation, acquiescence, or culpable indifference to the ad-seg classification decision. I recommended denial of the motion to dismiss the conditions of confinement claims against Lieutenant Lovelace and Sergeant Boorman in their individual capacity finding the complaint plausibly established Lovelace's ad-seg classification decision and Sergeant Boorman's notice of that decision set in motion a series of unlawful conduct of which they both were aware and/or knowingly refused to terminate. District Judge Janis L. Sammartino adopted the R&R in its entirety on August 17, 2020. Most recently, I handled a discovery dispute between the parties, including convening an informal discovery conference and issuing an order granting in part and denying in part the County Defendants' motion to compel.

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6. *Rosemary V. v. Saul*, No. 19-cv-715-RBM, 2020 WL 85486 (S.D. Cal. Jan. 6, 2020).

The plaintiff sought review of a final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying her applications for disability insurance benefits and supplemental security income. I exercised full jurisdiction over the case pursuant to the parties' consent. Ms. V alleged disability due to carpal tunnel syndrome and a mental impairment. The administrative law judge (ALJ) found Ms. V had a severe physical impairment but not a severe mental impairment. Despite the severe physical impairment, the ALJ determined Ms. V had the residual functional capacity to perform light work, and found her capable of performing past relevant work as an office manager. The parties filed cross-motions for summary judgment. On January 6, 2020, I issued an order on the motions and remanded the ALJ's decision, finding that the ALJ improperly assessed Ms. V's mental health impairment on two grounds: (1) the ALJ failed to ask the vocational expert about limitations imposed by Ms. V's mental health impairment; and (2) the ALJ failed to account for psychiatric treatment notes which supported a finding of severe mental impairment. I subsequently issued an order granting in part Ms. V's motion for attorney fees, costs, and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

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7. *Williams v. Navarro*, No. 18-cv-1318-DMS-RBM, 2019 WL 2966314 (S.D. Cal. July 9, 2019), *adopted*, *Williams v. Navarro*, No. 18-cv-1318-DMS-RBM, 2019 WL 4934509 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 7, 2019).

This is a prisoner civil rights case involving alleged violations of Mr. Williams' First, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendment rights. The Eighth Amendment claims include allegations that correctional officers acted with deliberate indifference to Mr. Williams' medical needs when they refused to let him out of his cell for prescribed medication and showers. The First Amendment claims include an allegation that an officer retaliated against Mr. Williams for filing an administrative grievance against that officer and it also alleges various staff members violated his right of access of the courts. The Fourteenth Amendment due process claims includes allegations that Plaintiff was subjected to significant hardships by the inability to contact his attorney. I have presided over this case since taking the federal bench in 2018 and have handled various pretrial matters. The case is currently pending. Early in the litigation, Mr. Williams filed a motion for injunctive relief, along with an addendum to the motion, seeking to stop a prison law library staff member from refusing to make copies for him and denying him unlimited law library time. I issued Reports and Recommendations (R&R) on the motion and addendum which recommended that the motion be denied based upon Mr. Williams' failure to show any actual injury as a result of being denied unlimited law library access. District Judge Dana M. Sabraw adopted the R&Rs in their entirety. Defendants subsequently filed a motion to dismiss various causes of action from the first amended complaint. District Judge Sabraw dismissed the denial of showers aspect of the Eighth Amendment claim, the First Amendment access to court claims, and the Fourteenth Amendment due process claims. Mr. Williams then filed a motion for sanctions against Defendants related to Defendants' conduct in filing their motion to dismiss. Mr. Williams contended Defendants intentionally misconstrued and misquoted the allegations in his first amended complaint. I denied the motion. Most recently, I issued an order for *in camera* inspection of responsive documents on Mr. Williams' motion to compel discovery regarding third-party inmate grievances and complaints. On November 8, 2021, I ordered production of relevant grievances and complaints.

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8. *People v. Rios*, No. JCF35777, 2018 WL 2144928 (Cal. Ct. App. May 10, 2018).

After a vehicle was sold to a third party, Mr. Rios claimed he owned the vehicle and added the vehicle to his insurance policy. Mr. Rios reported the vehicle stolen and filed a claim with his insurance carrier. A jury convicted Mr. Rios of felony insurance fraud (Cal. Penal Code § 550(a)(4)), making a false report of a criminal offense (Cal. Penal Code § 148.5(a)), and attempting to induce false testimony (Cal. Penal Code § 137(c), § 664). I presided over the jury trial. Mr. Rios received a grant of probation. On appeal, Mr. Rios argued he was denied his Sixth Amendment right to confrontation. He also alleged ineffective assistance of counsel and challenged a job-related condition of probation. Mr. Rios argued admission of the vehicle purchase agreement between buyer and seller was inadmissible testimonial hearsay because the seller was not called to testify at trial and Mr. Rios never had an opportunity to cross-examine. The Court of Appeal rejected this argument since Mr. Rios never objected to the admissibility of the purchase agreement at trial. Alternatively, Mr. Rios argued ineffective assistance of counsel based upon counsel's failure to object to the purchase agreement's admissibility. The Court of Appeal found Mr. Rios did not show that it was reasonably probable he would have received a more favorable result had his counsel objected. The Court of Appeal furthermore upheld a condition of probation prohibiting Mr. Rios from personally handling monies in the course of employment. Judgment was affirmed by the Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division One.

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9. *People v. Johnson*, No. JCF28994, 2016 WL 7030374 (Cal. Ct. App. Dec. 2, 2016).

On March 10, 2011, while incarcerated at Calipatria State prison, Mr. Johnson's cellmate was released from his cell to shower and subsequently initiated a fight with a correctional officer. The officer used pepper spray and dropped the cellmate to a prone position. In the meantime, Mr. Johnson exited the cell without authorization and began punching the officer. The officer then hit Mr. Johnson on the head with an empty pepper spray can. Another officer sprayed Mr. Johnson, dropping him to a prone position. Mr. Johnson asserted claims of excessive force. A jury found Mr. Johnson guilty of battery on a nonconfined person by a prisoner (Cal. Penal Code § 4501.5). The jury also found true the allegation that Mr. Johnson had suffered a prior strike conviction. I presided over the jury trial and I sentenced Mr. Johnson to six years in state prison to run consecutively to the term he was serving. Mr. Johnson appealed and requested independent review of records in connection with his *Pitchess* motion seeking discovery of personnel information disclosing alleged prior misconduct by several correctional officers. After a hearing on the *Pitchess* motion and conducting an *in camera* review, I determined only two complaints were discoverable. The Court of Appeal independently reviewed the records and found no abuse of discretion in my ruling regarding Mr. Johnson's *Pitchess* motion.

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10. *People v. Martinez*, No. JCF34729, 2016 WL 4379353 (Cal. Ct. App. Aug. 17, 2016).

A jury convicted Mr. Martinez of one count of felony assault with a deadly weapon (Cal. Penal Code § 4501.5). I presided over the trial and sentenced Mr. Martinez to a four-year state prison term. Mr. Martinez timely appealed, alleging prejudicial error concerning two self-defense jury instructions. One self-defense instruction stated, in part, “[s]elf-defense is a defense to assault with a deadly weapon.” Mr. Martinez argued that this instruction misstated the law because it

erroneously led the jury to believe that a defendant is “entitled to use of self-defense to defend himself only if he was assaulted with a deadly weapon.” The Court of Appeal disagreed with Mr. Martinez on this point. Additionally, Mr. Martinez argued that the evidence did not support a related self-defense/mutual combat instruction, and that the instruction misstated the law. The Court of Appeal found the evidence supported my instructions and rejected Mr. Martinez’s arguments that the instructions contained an incorrect or misleading statement of law.

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

1. *Miranda v. Madden*, No. 19-cv-1605-LAB-RBM, 2021 WL 1700352 (S.D. Cal. Apr. 28, 2021).

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2. *Andrade v. Johnson*, No. 20-cv-1147-MMA-RBM, 2021 WL 848171 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 4, 2021).

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3. *Russel C. v. Saul*, No. 20-cv-256-MMA-RBM, 2021 WL 130025 (S.D. Cal. Jan. 14, 2021).

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4. *Hiepduc T. v. Saul*, No. 19-cv-1541-RBM, 2020 WL 5513403 (S.D. Cal. Sept. 14, 2020).

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5. *Grizzle v. Cnty. of San Diego*, No. 17-cv-813-JLS-RBM, 2020 WL 3961619 (S.D. Cal. July 10, 2020).

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6. *Harrington v. Covello*, No. 19-cv-1824-LAB-RBM, 2020 WL 3270826 (S.D. Cal. June 17, 2020).

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7. *Edna A. v. Saul*, No. 19-cv-826-BEN-RBM, 2020 WL 1853312 (S.D. Cal. Apr. 13, 2020).

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8. *Nible v. Fink*, No. 16-cv-2849-BAS-RBM, 2019 WL 1547261 (S.D. Cal. Apr. 5, 2019).

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9. *Anguiano v. Callahan*, No. 18-cv-2056-BAS-RBM, 2019 WL 1220770 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 14, 2019).

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10. *Mourning v. Gore*, No. 18-cv-2245-WQH-RBM, 2019 WL 776855 (S.D. Cal. Feb. 20, 2019).

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

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

- f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

Produce Pay, Inc. v. FVF Distributors, No. 20-cv-517-MMA-RBM, 2021 WL 1978089 (S.D. Cal. May 18, 2021); *aff'd and modified in part*, No. 20-cv-517-MMA-RBM, 2021 WL 2366078 (S.D. Cal. June 9, 2021). This is a federal question action arising under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA), 1930, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§ 499a-499t. Produce Pay is a Delaware corporation in the business of buying at a discount produce-related accounts

receivable that are subject to PACA. Defendant FVF Distributors, Inc. (FVF) is a California corporation in the business of trading fresh fruit and vegetable commodities subject to PACA and Defendant Mr. Avila was an employee, officer, and director of FVF (collectively FVF Defendants). Produce Pay's complaint against the FVF Defendants asserted claims for breach of contract, interference with receipt of trust assets subject to PACA, conversion, and breach of a malfeasance agreement. After settling the case at an early neutral evaluation conference, Produce Pay filed a motion to enforce settlement agreement based upon the FVF Defendants' failure to abide by the terms of the parties' agreement. I issued a report and recommendation (R&R) on the motion, recommending that it be granted and that the Court enter judgment pursuant to the terms of the parties' agreement. I found the settlement agreement complete and binding as to all material terms, and therefore, subject to enforcement. I also found Produce Pay entitled to recover attorney's fees in seeking to enforce the agreement. District Judge Michael M. Anello adopted the R&R to the extent that it recommended granting the motion to enforce the settlement agreement and recommended the award of attorney's fees to Produce Pay's counsel. Judge Anello declined to enter judgment against the FVF Defendants for the total amount of the settlement agreement plus attorney's fees, finding Produce Pay's request for judgment to be premature. Accordingly, Judge Anello modified the R&R in this respect and denied Plaintiff's request for judgment. This case is ongoing. Plaintiff has since filed a motion for judgment pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6, which is pending a ruling.

People v. Crawford, No. D074088, 2019 WL 1552563 (Cal. Ct. App. Apr. 10, 2019). A jury convicted Mr. Crawford of battery with serious bodily injury (Cal. Penal Code § 243(d)), assault by means of force likely to cause great bodily injury (Cal. Penal Code § 245(a)(4)), and elder abuse with injury (Cal. Penal Code § 368(b)(1)). The jury found true an allegation of personal infliction of great bodily injury as to each count. The jury also found true an allegation that Mr. Crawford suffered a prior strike conviction as well as a serious felony prior. I sentenced Mr. Crawford to eight years in prison for the assault count based on the strike prior, plus three years for the injury enhancement, and five years for a serious felony prior conviction, for a total term of 16 years. Mr. Crawford appealed, alleging the three-year great bodily injury enhancement was unauthorized as a matter of law. He also sought remand for purposes of allowing the trial court to exercise discretion to strike the serious felony prior provided by the new amendment to section 1385 which became effective January 1, 2019. As to striking the serious felony prior, the prosecution and Mr. Crawford agreed that section 1385 was retroactive to cases not final on appeal. Regarding the great bodily injury enhancement, the prosecution and Mr. Crawford agreed that application of the enhancement to the battery with serious bodily injury charge was unauthorized pursuant to California Penal Code section 12022.7(g). The Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division One, remanded with directions to allow Mr. Crawford to bring a motion to strike the serious felony prior conviction and to take such action as it deemed appropriate in its discretion. The Court of Appeal

also remanded for resentencing, directing the trial court to strike the enhancement in count one. I did not handle this case on remand, as I was no longer serving as a Superior Court judge.

People v. Zavala, No. D067821, 2016 WL 1648917 (Cal. Ct. App. Apr. 25, 2016). Mr. Zavala entered a plea of no contest to one count of assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm (Cal. Penal Code § 245(a)(1)) in exchange for a grant of three years of probation, restitution, a stay away order, and dismissal of the remaining counts. On appeal, Mr. Zavala challenged a condition of probation ordering him not to affiliate/associate with gang members. He also challenged a protective order prohibiting him from having contact with a named victim for ten years. The prosecution conceded the issue involving the criminal protective order and did not object to modifying the gang condition to include an express knowledge requirement. The Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division One, affirmed the judgment in all respects, except that it struck the ten-year criminal protective order pursuant to the prosecution's concession and remanded with directions to modify the gang affiliation condition to add an express knowledge requirement.

People v. Zamudio, No. D067818, 2015 WL 8542756 (Cal. Ct. App. Dec. 11, 2015). Mr. Zamudio entered a plea of no contest to one felony count of inflicting corporal injury (Cal. Penal Code § 273.5(a)) in exchange for three years of formal probation. A condition of probation included abiding by a criminal protective order barring any contact with the victim or any member of her family. On appeal, Mr. Zamudio argued the "any member of her family" language was unconstitutionally vague because the language was not limited to individuals he knew. He requested modification of the order to include a knowledge requirement. The Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division One, affirmed the judgment in all respects, except that it remanded with directions to modify the criminal protective order to include an express knowledge requirement.

People v. Lewis, No. D063121, 2014 WL 1761673 (Cal. Ct. App. May 5, 2014). Mr. Lewis was convicted of eight counts of insurance fraud in connection with workers' compensation benefits and one count of grand theft of personal property. The jury further found that Mr. Lewis had taken benefits exceeding \$65,000. On appeal, Mr. Lewis argued that the court failed to give a unanimity instruction, erroneously admitted evidence of past workers' compensation claims, and did not instruct on the meaning of "common scheme or plan." The Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division One, reversed the judgment, finding the trial court erred in not giving a unanimity instruction.

- g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.

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

As a Superior Court Judge and Family Support Commissioner, I did not write any opinions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The District Court has an automated conflict check system. I have provided to the Clerk of the Court the names of entities as well as the names of persons who cannot appear before me due to close personal/family relationships which would preclude me from presiding over those matters. The system automatically flags any conflict so that the case may be reassigned. In addition, my clerks and I review each case for potential conflict of interest. As a United States Magistrate Judge, I have recused myself in two cases. One

criminal case on the basis that the defendant had familial ties to my husband: *United States v. Montenegro*, Case No. 3:21-cr-00611-GPC; and one civil case where the plaintiffs are close friends: *Singh et al. v. Ditech Financial, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 3:18-cv-01539-WQH-KSC.

As a state court judge, I reviewed each case to determine whether there was a basis for recusal or disclosure. I recused myself sua sponte for all matters involving family, close friends, colleagues, court employees, and persons with whom I interacted on a frequent basis, such as school parent volunteers.

Additionally, I recused myself from hearing matters where my brother-in-law, a then Imperial County deputy public defender, served as defense counsel. I also recused myself as to attorneys (and their firm) who served on my campaign election committee. Although I provided these names to the Clerk of the Court, frequently these cases were nonetheless assigned to me. The court does not have an automated conflict check system wherein these conflicts are flagged and assigned to another judge.

Further, if there was an attorney who appeared before me who endorsed me and/or provided me with a financial contribution to my campaign, I disclosed such on the record to provide parties an opportunity to request recusal. To the best of my recollection, I was never asked to recuse myself on any case where I disclosed such information.

California Code of Civil Procedure § 170.6 gives litigants a process by which they may disqualify a state court judge without a showing of cause. Such disqualifications are fairly routine in Imperial County and the requests are processed as a matter of course. The court does not maintain complete and accurate data on such requests. I never had any blanket disqualifications from the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office or any other agency, firm, or counsel.

California Code of Civil Procedure § 170.1 sets forth the procedure to challenge a judge for cause. Under this section, the party must file a written motion stating the grounds for the recusal. The judge must respond within ten days in writing or the recusal must be granted. A judge outside of the county decides the motion. One attorney filed a challenge for cause in two of his cases claiming that I was biased or prejudiced against him and his office because his former law partner, who had no involvement in these cases, ran against me for Superior Court Judge during the June 2012 election. In *County of Imperial v. Cera*, Case No. EFS313473, I timely filed and served a Chamber Order denying the allegations as set forth in the challenge for cause. Because the Chamber Order was not verified, it was not considered. Given that the Chamber Order was not verified and that the time to file a response had passed, by operation of law it was deemed to me having consented to the disqualification. The Court did not address the merit of the challenge for cause. In *Messick v. Bach*, Case No. EFL03831, I filed an answer stating that I am not biased or prejudiced in favor of or against the respondent and also denied that I am biased against counsel or that the respondent cannot have a fair and impartial hearing before me. The Court found that based upon the evidence there was no legal basis for the Court to conclude that I should be disqualified and counsel's challenge was

denied. Thereafter, I presided over the matter.

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.

In 2011, the County of Imperial Board of Supervisors appointed me as Assistant County Counsel. I resigned from this position in 2012 after being appointed Superior Court Judge by California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

In 2002, the El Centro Elementary School District Board of Trustees appointed me as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administrative Services. I resigned from this position in 2011 to serve as Assistant County Counsel for the County of Imperial.

In 2000, the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees appointed me as Interim Director of Human Resources and in 2001 as permanent Director of Human Resources. I resigned from this position in 2002 to serve as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administrative Services for the El Centro Elementary School District.

I have not had any unsuccessful nominations for appointed office. However, as stated in response to Question 13, in June 2012, I ran to retain my seat as a Superior Court Judge in Imperial County, California, and lost the election.

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

In addition to my own 2012 and 2014 election campaigns, and to the best of my recollection, the following are campaigns in which I held a position or played a role:

As a state court judge and consistent with California's Code of Judicial Conduct, I endorsed Monica Lepe-Negrete for Superior Court Judge in Imperial County in 2018. As a volunteer, I participated in organizational meetings, introduced her to community members, attended various public events with her, walked precincts to hand out literature, and distributed campaign materials at campaign events.

Prior to serving as a judicial officer, I endorsed Jesus "Jack" Terrazas for

Supervisor (District 2; Imperial County Board of Supervisors) in 2008. As a volunteer, I participated in organizational meetings, assisted with fundraising, walked precincts to hand out literature and distributed campaign materials, and made phone calls to friends and family.

As a state court judge, I endorsed the Breast Cancer Deadline 2020 campaign by the National Breast Cancer Coalition. On November 4, 2014, the City Council of the City of El Centro, California passed and adopted Resolution No. 14-0382, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California in Support of the Breast Cancer Deadline 2020 Campaign." On February 4, 2015, the City Council of the City of Imperial, California passed and adopted Resolution No. 2015-03, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Imperial, California in Support of the Breast Cancer Deadline 2020 Campaign."

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

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

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

I did not serve as a clerk to a judge.

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;

1993 – 2000
Horton, Knox, Carter & Foote, LLP
895 Broadway
El Centro, California 92243
Associate Attorney

Approximately 1999 – 2000
Superior Court of California, County of Imperial
Volunteer Judge Pro Tem
939 Main Street
El Centro, California 92243

2000
Office of County Counsel, County of Imperial

940 West Main Street, Suite 205
El Centro, California 92243
Deputy County Counsel IV

2000 – 2002
Imperial Community College District
380 East Aten Road
Imperial, California 92251
Director of Human Resources/Counsel

2002 – 2011
El Centro Elementary School District
1256 Broadway
El Centro, California 92243
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Administrative
Services/Counsel

2011 – 2012
Office of County Counsel, County of Imperial
940 West Main Street, Suite 205
El Centro, California 92243
Assistant County Counsel (second-in-command)

2012 – 2013
State of California
939 West Main Street
El Centro, California 92243
Superior Court Judge, County of Imperial

2013 – 2015
Superior Court of California, County of Imperial
939 West Main Street
El Centro, California 92243
Family Support Commissioner (Child Support Commissioner)

2015 – 2018
State of California
939 West Main Street
El Centro, California 92243
Superior Court Judge, County of Imperial

2018 – present
United States District Court
Southern District of California
2003 West Adams Avenue
El Centro, California 92243

United States Magistrate Judge

- 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.

b. Describe:

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

Prior to my appointment to the bench in 2012, I had over 19 years of a combination of direct civil litigation experience and litigation management experience for public entities, including overseeing the work of outside counsel.

From 1993 to 2000, I worked as an associate attorney at Horton, Knox, Carter and Foote, LLP, a full-service law firm in El Centro, California. My areas of practice were in employment, school, healthcare, and municipal law, which included employment contracts, negotiations, employee discipline and dismissal, Board policies, Brown Act issues, leases, and other general labor matters. I represented many public agencies. I also worked with senior partners in numerous litigation matters and participated in all phases of litigation, including preparation numerous pleadings, discovery, and conducting depositions and trials. As to the transactional portion of my practice, I prepared numerous documents related to the incorporation process and various contracts and documents related to various types of transactions.

In 2000, I served as Deputy County Counsel IV at the Office of County Counsel, County of Imperial, where I prepared pleadings, legal opinions, memoranda, and agreements on a variety of legal matters. I also conducted numerous juvenile dependency/child welfare court trials and hearings.

During my tenure at both the Imperial Community College District from 2000 to 2002 and the El Centro Elementary School District from 2002 to 2011, I oversaw and managed outside counsel and litigation. I represented both educational institutions at administrative hearings, including unemployment appeal hearings, employee discipline hearings, grievances, and other hearings before the respective Boards or agencies. I attended all meetings of the respective Board of Trustees and advised on legal matters, including the Brown Act, managed California Public Records Act

requests, prepared memoranda of understanding and contract language pertaining to collective bargaining agreements, approved disability settlement agreements, and also settlement agreements pertaining to employee separation from employment.

While employed at both the Imperial Community College District and the El Centro Elementary School District, I worked with outside General Counsel on a variety of matters related to school law and public agency law, such as collective bargaining, personnel discipline and evaluation, board governance, student rights and discipline, and matters related to public records and open meeting laws. In working with outside General Counsel and other outside counsel, I assisted with defending the District in court litigation, including planning defense strategy and responding to discovery. I also made appearances with outside General Counsel at arbitrations concerning employee grievances, discipline proceedings before the Governing Board of the District, as well as impasse mediation and fact-finding proceedings under the Educational Employment Relations Act.

From 2011 to 2012, I served as Assistant County Counsel for the County of Imperial (second-in-command). I worked directly with the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Supervisors, the highest elected body in the County of Imperial. I attended both open and closed meetings of the Board of Supervisors to advise the Board and County on pending legal matters. I provided legal advice and professional legal services to assigned departments, officers, agencies, and boards within the County. I worked on civil litigation matters involving collective bargaining, employment law, personnel discipline/dismissal, retiree healthcare plans, environmental law (air and water), and tort claims filed against the District. I oversaw and managed outside counsel and County litigation, as well as directly working on litigation matters. I represented the County of Imperial, its officers, and departments at various administrative hearings, including employee discipline appeals and other types of hearings before the respective Boards or agencies. I trained, supervised, and evaluated assigned personnel, including supervising attorneys who represented the Imperial County Sheriff's Department in matters involving *Pitchess* motions.

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

During my years in private practice at Horton, Knox, Carter and Foote, LLP from 1993 to 2000, I served as the Assistant General Counsel to the Imperial Valley Housing Authority, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District, and numerous Imperial County school districts including the Imperial Community College District and the El Centro Elementary

School District. I also worked with partners on litigation and transactional matters while representing the Imperial Irrigation District and municipalities. Additionally, I represented numerous private clients that included corporations and businesses. I also represented a few clients in criminal misdemeanor matters and negotiated plea agreements with state prosecutors. My practice focused on employment, school, healthcare, and municipal law. While at Horton, Knox, Carter and Foote, LLP, I received a Business Litigation Certificate from the University of California Hastings College of Advocacy Business Litigation Institute.

When I was at the Office of County Counsel in 2000, my primary County clients included the Human Resources Department, Probation Department, and Department of Social Services. Co-counsel and I met regularly with Department of Social Services staff to provide legal guidance and training. I also received special training to handle juvenile dependency/child welfare matters.

In my work at the Imperial Community College District from 2000 to 2002, I represented the District as a whole. The same is true of my work as Assistant Superintendent at the El Centro Elementary School District from 2002 to 2011. I did not have clients, but I regularly consulted with the Board and District regarding legal matters, including the Brown Act, California Public Records Act requests, and contract language for collective bargaining agreements.

In my work as Assistant County Counsel from 2011 to 2012, I represented the County of Imperial as a whole. I provided legal advice and professional legal services to assigned departments, officers, agencies, and boards within the County.

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

I appeared in state court occasionally representing mostly public agencies while working as an attorney at Horton, Knox, Carter and Foote, LLP, from 1993 to 2000. As a Deputy County Counsel in 2000, I appeared in state court frequently on juvenile dependency/child welfare matters. As counsel for the Imperial Community College District from 2000 to 2002 and the El Centro Elementary School District from 2002 to 2011, I appeared occasionally before administrative agencies. As Assistant County Counsel from 2011 to 2012, I made occasional appearances in state court and before administrative agencies.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. federal courts: 0%
2. state courts of record: 75%

- 3. other courts: 0%
- 4. administrative agencies: 25%

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. civil proceedings: 99%
- 2. criminal proceedings: 1%

- 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.

Before becoming a judicial officer, I tried well over 100 civil trials to verdict in superior court, juvenile court, and before an administrative agency. Of these civil trials, I conducted approximately 12 trials to verdict in superior court as sole counsel, over 100 trials to verdict in juvenile dependency/child welfare matters as co-counsel/sole counsel, and two cases that went to verdict before an administrative agency as co-counsel/sole counsel.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

- 1. jury: 0%
- 2. non-jury: 100%

- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply four (4) copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

I have not practiced before the United States Supreme Court.

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.

Although I worked on many litigation matters during my time as an associate at Horton, Knox, Carter and Foote, LLP, as well as with the Imperial Community College, El Centro Elementary School District, and the Imperial County Counsel's Office, I no longer have records of the matters upon which I worked. I primarily litigated cases in the Superior Court of Imperial County. Therefore, I contacted the Clerk of the Court to conduct an electronic search of records where I made appearances as an attorney using my name and alternative forms of my name, but was unable to obtain responsive information. I also contacted Horton, Knox, Carter and Foote, LLP, Oswalt and Associates, the Imperial County Counsel's Office, and outside counsel with whom I worked in representing public agencies, to obtain case-specific information. I was only able to obtain the limited case information as provided below. I recall the following litigated matters that I either personally handled or in my capacity managing and overseeing the work of outside counsel.

1. *Long-Term Care Workers Health Trust Fund v. Imperial Cnty. In-Home Supportive Servs. Pub. Auth.*, Case No. ECU06567

Date of Representation: 2011 – 2012
Imperial County Superior Court
Judge: Hon. Donald B. Donnelly (Ret.)

In my capacity as Assistant County Counsel, I managed this litigation and oversaw and worked with outside counsel including planning defense strategy, responding to discovery, and participating and approving preliminary settlements. The Long-Term Care Workers Health Trust Fund (Trust) alleged, in part, that the Imperial County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority (Public Authority), a public entity established by the County of Imperial, failed to pay the entire contribution rate due and owing to the Trust for certain health coverage provided by the Trust. The Trust sought to collect back premium increases that should have been implemented effective the prior calendar year. The Public Authority filed a cross-complaint against the California United Homecare Workers Union for defense/indemnification. This matter settled in mediation after I ended my employment with the County Counsel's Office to become a Superior Court Judge.

Counsel for Imperial County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority:

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Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
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Cerritos, CA 90703
(562) 653-3200

Counsel for Long-Term Care Workers Health Trust Fund (Plaintiff) and California United Homecare Workers Union (Cross-Defendant):

Henry M. Willis

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Eileen B. Goldsmith
Altshuler Berzon, LLP
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San Francisco, CA 94108
(415) 421-7151

2. Employee Appeals Board, Case No. 11-11

Date of Representation: 2011
Imperial County Employee Appeals Board
Judge: None

As sole counsel, I represented the County of Imperial at a confidential administrative hearing before the Employee Appeals Board (EAB) regarding a deputy sheriff's appeal of his termination of employment. The EAB is a quasi-independent administrative tribunal established by County ordinance and charged with adjudicating certain disputes between the County and County personnel. The appellant was charged with numerous violations of County ordinances and the County Sheriff's Standard Operating Policies and Procedures. These are confidential proceedings of which the outcome cannot be disclosed.

Counsel for Appellant:

William P. Creger
Mastagni Holstedt APC
1921 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
(916) 446-4692

3. Case No. LA-CE-4859- E, PERB Decision No. 1863

Date of Representation: 2005 – 2006
Imperial County Employee Appeals Board
Judge: None; PERB Board Members: Sally M. McKeag; Karen L. Neuwald; and Lillian S. Shek

In my capacity as Assistant Superintendent of the El Centro Elementary School District, I worked with General Counsel to assist with defense of the District in this litigation including planning defense strategy, responding to discovery, and attending meetings as District representative at insurance trust meetings.

The El Centro Elementary Teachers Association (ECETA) alleged the El Centro Elementary School District (District) violated the Educational Employment Relations Act (EERA) when it altered terms regarding health benefits for retirees in the parties' collective bargaining agreement. The Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) found that retirees, because they are no longer employees as defined by the EERA, are not subject to the protection of EERA. PERB found it is not an unfair practice for an employer to repudiate a contractual provision containing a permissive subject of bargaining because the employer does not have a duty under EERA to negotiate that term. PERB dismissed the unfair practice charge without leave to amend. This case has been cited over the years for the proposition that a permissive subject is not transformed into a mandatory subject solely on the basis of past bargaining or even agreement. It has also been cited for the proposition that retirees do not have standing to challenge issues related to current employee collective bargaining agreements.

Counsel for El Centro Elementary School District:

William Wood Merrill (Ret.)

Joseph Sanchez
Best, Best & Krieger, LLP
655 West Broadway, 15th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 525-1300

Counsel for El Centro Elementary Teachers Association:

Michael D. Hersh (inactive)
4220 Baldwin Avenue
Culver City, CA 90232
I am unable to locate a telephone number for Mr. Hersh

4. County of Imperial

Date of Representation: 2000
Imperial County Superior Court
Judges: Hon. Raymond Cota (Ret.); Hon. Joseph Daly (deceased)

In my capacity as Deputy County Counsel IV, I represented the County of Imperial and the Department of Social Services in juvenile dependency/child welfare matters. As co-counsel/sole counsel, I conducted over 100 civil trials involving various stages of dependency proceedings, including jurisdictional, dispositional, and termination of parental rights hearings.

Co-Counsel:

Gustavo Roman

P.O. Box 1221
El Centro, CA 92244
(760) 595-5548

Counsel for Children:

Imperial County Public Defender's Office
895 Broadway
El Centro, CA 92243
(442) 265-1705

Counsel for Parents:

Various court appointed civil attorneys (I do not recall names of attorneys)

5. Brawley Union High School District, Imperial County Superior Court

Date of Representation: Approximately 1995 – 2000
Imperial County Superior Court
Judge: Hon. James H. Harmon (deceased)

I defended the school district against an action filed by a student against the district, school board, and school officials (collectively School Defendants). The student sought relief which would require the School Defendants to allow the student to participate in the graduation commencement ceremony. The student had not completed the community service hours requirement mandated for senior students and was notified some time prior to the ceremony that he would not be allowed to participate. After presenting oral argument in a lengthy court hearing and filing briefing on the issue, the court ruled that the student had no constitutional right to participate in the ceremony. The student appealed. That same day, on the eve of the ceremony, the appellate court overturned the decision of the lower court and ordered that the student be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

Opposing Counsel:

Ronald T. Vera
Vera & Barbosa
223 West Foothill Boulevard, Floor 2
Claremont, CA 91711
(909) 624-1600

6. Imperial Valley Housing Authority

Date of Representation: 1993 – 2000
Imperial County Superior Court
Judge: Hon. James H. Harmon (deceased); Hon. Matias Contreras (Ret.)

In my capacity as Assistant General Counsel, I represented the Imperial Valley Housing Authority in numerous litigation cases related to unlawful detainers and other matters. I conducted civil trials in the Imperial County Superior Court. I no longer have records of the matters. I recall counsel below representing some of the defendants.

Opposing Counsel:

Jeannie Antoinette Barrett
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
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Sacramento, CA 95816
(916) 446-7904

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

As a judicial officer, two of my highest and best missions have been to increase access to justice and broaden civics education and opportunities for our youth. In 2019, I was tasked by former Chief District Judge Larry A. Burns to spearhead the “El Centro Project” along with Senior District Judge John A. Houston, which expanded the Criminal Justice Act panel to include experienced criminal lawyers based in Imperial County. This project freed San Diego-based appointed counsel in criminal cases from making a 240-mile roundtrip drive from San Diego to El Centro to make preliminary appearances. This resulted in providing local attorneys the opportunity to practice in federal court and improved the quality and efficiency of providing justice for all. Implementation of this project established a balance of good stewardship, effective use of taxpayer monies, and ensured the excellent representation of indigent clients for which our District is known, resulting in saving the District approximately \$500,000 each year.

In 2012, following my appointment as a Superior Court judge, I began establishing court community outreach programs. Since then, I have hosted student groups and hundreds of K-12 and college students from throughout Imperial County for visits to the courthouse. I served as a community partner with the Brawley K-12 Civic Learning Initiative Committee and worked with members to add a civics education component to the curriculum of all grade levels in the City of Brawley public schools. In 2017, I co-founded the Imperial County Superior Court Academy Summer Fellows Program, a mentorship program for college students and law students pursuing a career in law. This began as a six-week program where students shadow judges, observe court proceedings, conduct research, and attend trainings conducted by community justice partners. Since my appointment to the federal bench in 2018, I established a civics education program at

the United States District Court in El Centro, where we provide various programs including Fourth Amendment and civil discourse presentations, and courtroom observations to local high school and college students. Most recently, I partnered with a United States Bankruptcy Judge to provide a two-part series on civics education and financial responsibility to high school students. This year, I also partnered with the Imperial County Superior Court to provide a federal court component to the Summer Fellows program. This was a four-week virtual program, and two of the weeks included courtroom observation at the federal courthouse and presentations from federal personnel.

As an attorney, my most significant and fulfilling work included representing public agencies in Imperial County throughout the course of my career. These agencies include but are not limited to the County of Imperial, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District, Imperial Community College District, Imperial Valley Housing Authority, Imperial Irrigation District, the City of Brawley, El Centro Elementary School District, and the Calexico Unified School District. My work for these agencies included the adoption of antidiscrimination and sexual harassment workplace policies and complaint procedures, successfully negotiating numerous collective bargaining agreements with various bargaining units that establish fair compensation and benefits packages, and the adoption of my proposed modifications to a health benefits program that resulted in millions of dollars in yearly savings for the largest public entity in Imperial County.

I have not performed any lobbying activities nor registered as a lobbyist.

19. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide four (4) copies to the committee.

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

See attached Financial Disclosure Report.

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

As a magistrate judge, I recuse myself in any cases in which my sister Nadia P. Bermudez, and the other lawyers in her firm, Klinedinst PC, are counsel. I also recuse myself in any cases in which my brother-in-law Sergio Feria, owner of the Law Offices of Sergio Feria, is counsel. Additionally, I recuse myself in any cases in which the El Centro Education Foundation, Sun Community Federal Credit Union, 45th District Agricultural Association, or Trust Me Vodka, Inc. are named as parties. If confirmed, I will continue to recuse myself from any case in which I or an immediate family member has a financial interest; and in any case where I have a significantly close relationship (family, business, or social) with a party, counsel, or witness.

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

If confirmed, I would continue to resolve any potential conflict of interest by adhering to the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, and all applicable policies and procedures of the United States Courts.

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

As an attorney, I provided free legal services in incorporating various nonprofit organizations as well as developing employee handbooks, amending bylaws, and

reviewing legal documents. These organizations include the El Centro Education Foundation, MANA de Imperial Valley, The Family Treehouse, and the Imperial County Child Abuse Prevention Council. I served as President and board member of the Imperial County Bar Association (ICBA). As an active ICBA member, I organized and participated in free legal services clinics in Imperial County. I assisted indigent community members with unlawful detainer actions, debt collection matters, small claims actions, and various other legal matters in my capacity as an ICBA member and as an individual.

As a judicial officer, I served as a Board member and Chairperson of the Scholarships Committee for the California Bar Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works to improve access to justice for the underserved and under-represented in California. In my last year of service with the organization, we awarded 60 scholarships and supported 21 diversity pipeline and legal services non-profit organizations across the state. We partnered with funders statewide to bolster the availability of legal services to the most vulnerable communities, including victims of fire disasters.

Outside of the legal arena, I am passionate about serving the youth in my community which I have done for more than 27 years. I have served as a keynote/motivational speaker at Imperial Valley College, San Diego State University-Imperial Valley, and various public school districts in Imperial County. I mentor students by reviewing and editing college, law school, and scholarship applications, and preparing them for interviews with college admissions officials. I volunteer as a judge and keynote speaker with the Imperial County Mock Trial Program and the Imperial County Migrant Education Program (MEP) Student Speech and Debate Competition.

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.

I submitted an application for the United States District Court for the Southern District of California to Senator Dianne Feinstein on January 30, 2021, and to Senator Alex Padilla on February 10, 2021. I was interviewed by the selection committees for Senator Feinstein on March 12, 2021, and Senator Padilla on April 13, 2021. After my initial interview with each of the selection committees, I interviewed with the statewide Chair of Senator Padilla's selection committee on April 30, 2021, and the statewide Chair of Senator Feinstein's selection committee on June 30, 2021. On May 28, 2021, I interviewed with Counsel for

Senator Padilla. On June 17, 2021, I interviewed with Senator Padilla.

In July 2021, Counsel for Senator Padilla informed me that my name was being passed onto the White House for further consideration. On July 29, 2021, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. On August 3, 2021, I was advised that I had been selected for Justice Department vetting. Since that date, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On November 3, 2021, my nomination was submitted to the Senate.

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

No.