# UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

### **QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES**

### PUBLIC

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

Monica Marie-Ramirez Almadani (née Monica Marie Ramirez)

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

United States District Judge for the Central District of California

3. <u>Address</u>: 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.

Public Counsel 610 South Ardmore Avenue Los Angeles, California 90005

Residence: La Mirada, California

4. Birthplace: State year and place of birth.

1979; Los Angeles, California

5. <u>Education</u>: 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.

2001 - 2004, Stanford Law School; J.D., 2004

1997 - 2001, Harvard University; A.B., 2001

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

2021 – present Public Counsel 610 South Ardmore Avenue Los Angeles, California 90005 President and Chief Executive Officer

2019 – 2021 University of California, Irvine School of Law 401 East Peltason Drive, Suite 1000 Irvine, California 92697 Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor of Law and Co-Director, Immigrant Rights Clinic

2017 – 2019 Covington & Burling LLP 1999 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 3500 Los Angeles, California 90067 Special Counsel

2015 – 2017 California Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General 300 South Spring Street, Suite 1700 Los Angeles, California 90013 Special Assistant Attorney General of California

2012 – 2015 United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California Criminal Division 300 North Los Angeles Street, Suite 7516 Los Angeles, California 90012 Assistant United States Attorney

2009 – 2012 United States Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest Washington, DC 20530 Deputy Chief of Staff to the Deputy Attorney General (2011 – 2012) Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General (2011 – 2012) Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division (2009 – 2011)

2005 – 2009 American Civil Liberties Union Foundation Immigrants' Rights Project 39 Drumm Street San Francisco, California 94111 Staff Attorney (2007 – 2009) Equal Justice Works Fellow (2005 – 2007)

2004 - 2005

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit P.O. Box 193939 San Francisco, California 94119 Law Clerk for the Honorable Warren J. Ferguson

2003 – 2004 Stanford Law School 559 Nathan Abbott Way Stanford, California 94305 Research Assistant for Professor Michelle Alexander

Summer 2003 O'Melveny & Myers LLP Two Embarcadero Center, 28th Floor San Francisco, California 94111 Summer Associate

Summer 2003 Heller Ehrman LLP 333 Bush Street San Francisco, California 94104 Summer Associate

Summer 2002 United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit 125 South Grand Avenue Pasadena, California 91105 Extern for the Honorable Richard A. Paez

Summer 2001 Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP 767 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10153 Sponsors for Educational Opportunity Intern

Other Affiliations (Uncompensated)

2017 – present Mexican American Bar Foundation (c/o Martorell Law PC) 6100 Center Drive, Suite 1130 Los Angeles, California 90045 Trustee

2007 – 2009 Centro Legal de la Raza 3400 East 12th Street Oakland, California 94601 Board Co-Chair (approximately 2008 – 2009) Board of Directors (2007 – 2009)

 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. <u>Honors and Awards</u>: 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.

Pro Bono Hot List Recognition, National Law Journal (2018)

Marshall Memorial Fellowship, German Marshall Fund (2013)

Attorney of the Year Award, San Francisco La Raza Lawyers' Association (2009)

Equal Justice Works Fellowship (2005 – 2007)

Stanford Law School, graduated with pro bono distinction (2004)

Best Respondent's Brief, Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition (2003)

Harvard College, graduated magna cum laude (2001)

Harvard College, Department of Romance Languages & Literatures, Foreign Language Citation in French (2001)

Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations Award (2001)

Smithsonian Institution Minority Research Fellowship (2000)

Harvard University Mellon/Mentored Research Scholarship (1999 – 2001)

 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.

Mexican American Bar Association

Mexican American Bar Foundation Trustee (2017 – present)

National Latino Law Students' Association Annual Conference Co-Chair (Fall 2002)

San Francisco La Raza Lawyers' Association Social Justice Committee Chair (2007 – 2009)

Women's White Collar Defense Association

# 10. Bar and Court Admission:

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

California, 2004

There have been no lapses in membership.

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

United States Supreme Court, 2012

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2004 United States District Court for the Central District of California, 2006 United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, 2018 United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 2006 United States District Court for the Southern District of California, 2006 Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR), 2019

I am not certain if my registration with EOIR lapsed in 2021 once I was no longer practicing and supervising law students before the immigration court. There have been no other lapses in membership.

### 11. Memberships:

a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

Centro Legal de la Raza (2007 – 2009) Board Co-Chair (approximately 2008 – 2009) Board of Directors (2007 – 2009)

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

To the best of my knowledge, the organization listed above does not currently discriminate and did not formerly discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

## 12. Published Writings and Public Statements:

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

Based upon my recollection and a thorough review of my personal files and searches of publicly available databases, I have identified the following responsive material. There may be, however, other materials that I was unable to recall or identify.

Book Note, Islam, Women and Gender Justice, 39 Stan. J. Int'l L. 167 (Winter 2003). Copy supplied.

Bilingual Aesthetics, Distancing the Monolingual Minority, ReVista, Harvard Review of Latin America (May 21, 2000). Copy supplied.

As an undergraduate student, I published a short poem in a Harvard student literary magazine called *La Voz* in either 1999 or 2000; the poem focused on the special bond between mother and child. I am unable to obtain a copy.

Sophomore Hosts Emmy-Winning Show, The Harvard Crimson (Sept. 30, 1998). Copy supplied.

Letter to the Editor, The Harvard Crimson (Dec. 3, 1997). 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.

Based upon my recollection and a thorough review of my personal files and searches of publicly available databases, I have identified the following responsive material. There may be, however, other materials that I was unable to recall or identify.

During my tenure as President and CEO of Public Counsel, the organization has published several reports. I did not prepare, contribute to, or review these reports before publication. They are available at https://publiccounsel.org/stories.

California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Back on Track – Los Angeles Report/Toolkit (Oct. 2016). Copy supplied.

American Civil Liberties Union and The Rights Working Group, *The Persistence* of Racial and Ethnic Profiling in the United States: A Follow-Up Report to the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Aug. 2009). Copy supplied.

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.

Based upon my recollection and a thorough review of my personal files and searches of publicly available databases, I have identified the following responsive material. There may be, however, other materials that I was unable to recall or identify.

Joint Letter to the United States Census Bureau Regarding Preparation for the 2030 Census (Nov. 15, 2022). Copy supplied.

Public Counsel Letter to California Assemblymember Mark Stone and Senator Tom Umberg in Support of AB 2958 (Aug. 2, 2022). Copy supplied.

Public Counsel Letter to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti Regarding Language Access Funding in the City of Los Angeles 2022-2023 Budget (May 12, 2022). Copy supplied.

Public Counsel Letter to the Board of Trustees of the State Bar of California in Opposition to the California Paraprofessional Program Working Group's Proposal to License Non-Attorneys to Practice Law (Jan. 7, 2022). Copy supplied. Stanford Law School Alumni Letter in Support of the "Racism Lives Here, Too" Campaign, Stanford Daily (Apr. 11, 2018). Copy supplied.

Brief of Former Federal Immigration and Department of Justice Officials as Amici Curiae in Support of Petitioners and Affirmance, *Hamama v. Homan*, U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, No. 17-2171 (Feb. 2018). Copy supplied.

With Caroline Fredrickson, Joanne Lin, and Reginald Shuford, Written Statement for a Joint Hearing on the Public Safety and Civil Rights Implications of State and Local Enforcement of Federal Immigration Laws Before the Subcomms. on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law and the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary, 110th Cong. (Apr. 2009). Copy supplied.

With Caroline Fredrickson, Joanne Lin, and Lucas Guttentag, Written Statement for a Hearing on Immigration Raids: Postville and Beyond Before the Subcomm. on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary, 110th Cong. (July 2008). 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.

I have done my best to identify transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available databases. Where notes or outlines are included, my actual remarks may have varied as I do not strictly adhere to notes when speaking. In addition, I frequently speak without notes and when I have spoken with the aid of notes, I have not always retained these materials. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I was unable to recall, find, or identify.

December 11, 2022: Speaker, 2022 William O. Douglas Award Dinner, Public Counsel, Beverly Hills, California. Video available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIXmEidWRfk.

November 19, 2022: Speaker, National Adoption Day, Los Angeles County Superior Court, virtual event. Video available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yi1r4cgGcRA.

October 17, 2022: Keynote Speaker, Equal Justice Works Leadership Development Training, virtual event. The presentation was on my career path and public interest law careers in general. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Equal Justice Works is 1730 M Street, Northwest, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036.

October 1, 2022: Panelist, "The Future of Latinos in the United States: Law, Opportunity and Mobility – Roundtable on the West," American Bar Foundation's Project on The Future of Latinos in the United States, virtual event. The panel focused on the social and economic challenges facing the Latino community in the Western part of the United States. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Bar Foundation is 750 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

May 13, 2022: Commencement Speaker, University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, California. Video available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USrHRO8VkAU.

November 20, 2021: Speaker, National Adoption Day, Los Angeles County Superior Court, virtual event. Video available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2D3UYcmzBs.

September 30, 2021: Speaker, 2021 William O. Douglas Award Dinner, Public Counsel, Beverly Hills, California. Speech supplied.

November 17, 2020: Guest Lecturer, Criminal Procedure Course, University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, California. Notes and presentation supplied.

November 17, 2020: Guest Lecturer, Immigration Law Course, University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, California. Notes and presentation supplied.

July 22, 2020: Moderator, "The Supreme Court's DACA Decision (with UC President Janet Napolitano)," Covington & Burling LLP, virtual event. The panel was on the Supreme Court's decision in *U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. et al. v. Regents of the Univ. of California et al.*, 140 S. Ct. 1891 (2020). I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Covington & Burling LLP is 850 10th Street, Northwest, Washington, DC 20001.

July 21, 2020: Panelist, Panel on DACA Decision, Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, virtual event. The panel was on the Supreme Court's decision in *U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. et al. v. Regents of the Univ. of California et al.*, 140 S. Ct. 1891 (2020). I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP is 350 South Grand Avenue, 50th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071.

June 26, 2020: Guest Speaker, Supreme Court DACA Decision, UC Irvine Law Talks Podcast, Irvine, California. Audio available at https://www.law.uci.edu/podcast/episode37.html.

June 22, 2020: Panelist, Webinar on DACA Decision, Resilience Orange County, virtual event. Video available at https://fb.watch/v/2QXP3x42b.

January 25, 2020: Moderator, Keynote Discussion Regarding DACA Litigation (featuring UC President Janet Napolitano), University of California Public Service Law Conference, Irvine, California. Video available at https://www.law.uci.edu/news/videos/ucpslc-2020.html.

October 24, 2019: Keynote Speaker, Young Women's Leadership Conference, Orange County Superior Court, Santa Ana, California. I spoke about what led me to become a lawyer and my career path. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Orange County Superior Court is 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, California 92701.

July 31, 2019: Keynote Speaker, Project Youth Orange County Bar Foundation's Annual Project SELF Dinner, Costa Mesa, California. I spoke about what led me to become a lawyer and my career path. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Orange County Bar Foundation's Project Youth is 1605 East 17th Street, Santa Ana, California 92705.

July 2018 (specific date unknown): Keynote Speaker, Project Youth Orange County Bar Foundation's Annual Project SELF Dinner, Costa Mesa, California. I spoke about what led me to become a lawyer and my career path. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Orange County Bar Foundation's Project Youth is 1605 East 17th Street, Santa Ana, California 92705.

June 23, 2018: Guest Speaker, Summary of DACA Litigation, Legal Council on Legal Diversity Pathfinder Alumni Conference, Los Angeles, California. I presented on litigation concerning DACA. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity is P.O. Box 1656, Richmond, Virginia 23218.

June 9, 2018: Presenter, Mexican American Bar Foundation Scholarship Gala, Los Angeles, California. I introduced and presented an award to former United States Attorney General Eric Holder on behalf of the Mexican American Bar Foundation. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Mexican American Bar Foundation is Playa District, 6100 Center Drive, Suite 1130, Los Angeles, California 90045 (c/o Martorell Law PC).

February 28, 2018: Panelist, "State Attorneys General Enforcement Trends," American Bar Association's Annual National Institute on White Collar Crime, San Diego, California. The panel was on trends in investigations initiated by state attorneys general and their overlap and coordination with other law enforcement and regulatory agencies. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Bar Association is 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

July 2017 (specific date unknown): Keynote Speaker, Project Youth Orange County Bar Foundation's Annual Project SELF Dinner, Costa Mesa, California. I spoke about what led me to become a lawyer and my career path. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Orange County Bar Foundation's Project Youth is 1605 East 17th Street, Santa Ana, California 92705.

July 2016 (specific date unknown): Keynote Speaker, Project Youth Orange County Bar Foundation's Annual Project SELF Dinner, Costa Mesa, California. I spoke about what led me to become a lawyer and my career path. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Orange County Bar Foundation's Project Youth is 1605 East 17th Street, Santa Ana, California 92705.

January 12, 2016: San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking Modern-Day Abolitionist Award Ceremony, San Francisco, California. I accepted an award on behalf of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris for the work of the California Department of Justice in combatting human trafficking. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking is 2000 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 411, San Francisco, California 94109.

Fall or Winter 2015 (specific date unknown): Speaker, Anti-Human Trafficking Event, Museum of Tolerance, Los Angeles, California. I described the California Department of Justice's work to combat human trafficking. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Museum of Tolerance is 9786 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90035.

September 2013 (specific date unknown): Panelist, Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado. I recall speaking on a panel, but I do not recall the topic; I believe the panel likely focused on career paths. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the HNBA is 2020 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, Suite 279, Washington, DC 20006.

April 12, 2012: Panelist, "Immigration Enforcement at the State Level: A Review of Arizona's SB 1070 and Other State Laws," Stanford Law School, Stanford, California. The panel was on litigation concerning state immigration laws. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Stanford Law School is 559 Nathan Abbott Way, Stanford, California 94305.

January 12 or 13, 2012: Keynote Speaker, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Immigration Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah. I spoke about the work of the United States Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division to enforce civil rights protections for all communities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is 3211 Fourth Street, Northeast, Washington, DC 20017.

October 2011 (date unknown): Guest Speaker, Advanced Immigration and Migration Topics Seminar, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut. I presented on the work of the United States Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division to enforce civil rights protections for all communities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Yale Law School is 127 Wall Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06511.

November 1, 2010: Guest Speaker, SLLSA, BLSA, APILSA Coffee Q&A, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California. The Q&A was with law students interested in public interest and public service career paths. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Stanford Law School is 559 Nathan Abbott Way, Stanford, California 94305.

October 2010 (date unknown): Panelist, "Dred Scott Revisited: Repealing the Fourteenth Amendment and Other Tales from the Frontlines of the Immigration Civil Rights Movement," NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Annual Conference, Warrenton, Virginia. The panel was on civil rights issues faced by immigrant communities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund is 40 Rector Street, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10006.

September 29, 2010: Panelist, "Perspectives on Arizona S.B. 1070," Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The panel was on the federal government's legal challenge to Arizona Senate Bill 1070 and similar state laws. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for Harvard Law School is 1563 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

December 2009 (date unknown): Panelist, National Immigration Law Center Bi-Annual Immigration Conference, Washington, DC. The panel was on the Obama Administration's immigration policy and civil rights enforcement priorities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the National Immigration Law Center is 3450 Wilshire Boulevard, Number 108-62, Los Angeles, California 90010.

April 2009 (date unknown): Guest Speaker, Immigration Law, Policy, and Constitutional Rights Seminar, University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, California. I spoke about the Fourth Amendment and immigration enforcement actions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of California, Berkeley School of Law is 2763-2719 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, California 94704. June 2008 (date unknown): Panelist, "The Rights and Liabilities of the Non-Citizen Worker," American Immigration Lawyers Association National Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The panel was on the laws that apply to non-citizen workers in the United States. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Immigration Lawyers' Association is Suite 300, 1331 G Street, Northwest, Washington, DC 20005.

April 2008 (date unknown): Panelist, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers Seminar, Raleigh, North Carolina. The panel was on community responses and legal challenges to racial profiling. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the North Carolina Advocates for Justice (formerly the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers) is P.O. Box 10918, Raleigh, North Carolina 27605.

October 2007 (date unknown): Panelist, "Legal Challenges Employing, Organizing and Representing Immigrant Workers," State Bar of California, Annual Meeting of the Labor & Employment Law Section, Berkeley, California. The panel was on the rights of immigrant workers in the United States. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the State Bar of California is 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, California 94105.

June 14, 2007: Panelist, "Immigration Raids," National Association of Hispanic Journalists, San Jose, California. Video available at https://www.c-span.org/video/?199104-1/immigration-raids.

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 have done my best to identify all interviews I have given, including through a review of personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I was unable to recall, find, or identify.

Erik Anderson, Viola Davis to receive William O. Douglas Award at Public Counsel's annual event (Exclusive), Awards Watch (Nov. 29, 2022). Copy supplied.

Press Release, Statement by Public Counsel President & CEO, Monica Ramirez Almadani, in Response to Racist Remarks by LA City Councilmembers, Public Counsel (Oct. 10, 2022). Copy supplied.

Press Conference, Open Air Economy Collaborative, Public Counsel, California Reinvestment Coalition, East LA Community Corporation, and Inclusive Action for the City, Los Angeles, California (Mar. 16, 2022). I am unable to locate any transcript or recording.

Craig Anderson, Daughter of Mexican immigrants nominated to California Supreme Court, Daily J. (Feb. 16, 2022). Copy supplied.

Press Release, Public Counsel Senior Supervising Attorney Becomes First Latina Woman Appointed to the Federal Bankruptcy Bench for the Central District of California, Public Counsel (Jan. 19, 2022). Copy supplied.

Press Release, Former President & CEO Hernan Vera Nominated to Federal District Court by President Biden, Public Counsel (Sept. 9, 2021). Copy supplied.

Meghan Roos, Mental Health Experts Assail John Cox's Plan to 'Force' Homeless into Treatment, Newsweek (June 29, 2021). Copy supplied.

Matthew Ormseth, Former DOJ official is new head of pro bono law firm Public Counsel, L.A. Times (June 14, 2021). Copy supplied.

Araceli Martínez Ortega, *Monica Ramirez, primera latina en dirigir la mas grande firma de abogados pro bono en EE UU*, La Opinión (Apr. 21, 2021). Copy supplied.

Interview with Chélis Lopez, Radio Bilingue (Apr. 20, 2021). Recording available at http://radiobilingue.org/en/noticias/inmigracion/edicion-de-inmigracion-221.

Press Release, Monica Ramirez Almadani, Visiting Assistant Clinical Law Professor and Co-director of Immigrant Rights Clinic at UCI Law, Named President and CEO of Public Counsel, University of California, Irvine School of Law (Apr. 12, 2021). Copy supplied.

Kamila Knaudt, *Public Counsel names new CEO and president*, Daily J. (Apr. 9, 2021). Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Public Counsel Announces New President & CEO*, Public Counsel (Apr. 7, 2021). Copy supplied.

Jessica De Nova, Garden Grove father held by ICE for 9 months after arrest over tinted windows, lawsuit filed, ABC7 News (Aug. 29, 2020). Video available at https://abc7.com/garden-grove-father-ice-tinted-windows-arrest-detention-kelvin-hernandez-roman/6392650.

Tony Saavedra, Immigrant sues Orange County Sheriff's Department for turning him over to ICE, O.C. Reg. (Aug. 25, 2020). Copy supplied.

Roxana Kopetman, Supreme Court ruling on DACA soon could alter So Cal lives; coronavirus might play role, O.C. Reg. (May 10, 2020). Copy supplied.

Interview with Claudia Shambaugh, Ask A Leader, KUCI 88.9 FM Radio (Nov. 19, 2019). Recording available at <u>https://askaleader.com/?p=1781</u>.

Kaitlyn Schallhorn, Immigrant who says he was wrongfully deported could be brought back to US for trial, FOX News (Sept. 25, 2017). Copy supplied.

Judge attacked by Trump could order return of deported man, CNN News (Aug. 23, 2017). Copy supplied.

Press Release, Lawyers for First Known Deported DACA Recipient Ask the Court to Bring Juan Home, National Immigration Law Center (May 22, 2017). Copy supplied.

Leon Neyfakh, The Man Who Could Stop Jeff Sessions – Will Rod Rosenstein serve as a check on the attorney general, or will he tolerate his boss's unabashed cheerleading for Trump?, Slate (May 4, 2017). Copy supplied.

Interview with Kate Bolduan, CNN (Apr. 21, 2017). Transcript supplied.

Kristina Davis, Feds release new details and admit error in deported 'dreamer' story, The Baltimore Sun (Apr. 19, 2017). Copy supplied.

Press Release, Deported DACA Recipient Sues Trump Administration for Unlawfully Withholding Information, National Immigration Law Center (Apr. 18, 2017). Copy supplied.

In 2015 or 2016, while serving as a Special Assistant Attorney General in the California Department of Justice, I did an on-air television interview with *Despierta America* on Univision. I am unable to locate a transcript or recording.

In 2013 or 2014, while serving as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California, I participated in one or two on-air interviews with a local news channel (possibly NBC News or Univision). I am unable to locate a transcript or recording.

Press Release, House Hearing Will Examine Illegal Profiling and Police Misconduct by Local Law Enforcement Acting as Federal Immigration Agents, American Civil Liberties Union (Apr. 1, 2009). Copy supplied.

Diego Graglia, Organization of American States to Hold Hearing on Immigrant Detention Conditions in the U.S., Feet in 2 Worlds (Mar. 12, 2009). Copy supplied.

Scott Graham, *Giving Immigrants a Voice*, The Recorder (Sept. 30, 2008). Copy supplied.

Press Release, ACLU Investigating Largest Immigration Raid in the Country, American Civil Liberties Union (Aug. 27, 2008). Copy supplied.

In August 2008, I was interviewed by a Noticiero Telemundo reporter. I am unable to locate a transcript or recording.

Interview with Amy Goodman, Democracy Now! (Aug. 20, 2008). Transcript supplied.

Nicole Gaouette, *Immigration raid case scrutinized*, L.A. Times (Aug. 1, 2008). Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Court Blocks Local Arizona Anti-Solicitation Law*, American Civil Liberties Union (June 2, 2008). Copy supplied.

Jacques Billeaud, Associated Press, 3 day laborers sue Cave Creek over its curbs on soliciting work, Arizona Daily Star (Mar. 26, 2008). Copy supplied.

Press Release, ACLU and MALDEF File Lawsuit Against Arizona Town Over Anti-Solicitation Law, American Civil Liberties Union (Mar. 25, 2008). Copy supplied.

Between 2005 and 2009, I participated in several on-air Spanish-language interviews with Univision and Telemundo regarding various ACLU litigation matters. I have thoroughly searched online and in my personal files, but I cannot identify or locate any beyond those listed above.

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

I have not held judicial office.

- a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment? \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

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

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

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

- Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.
- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).
- d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.
- e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.
- f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.
- g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.
- h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.
- i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.
- 14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

I have not held judicial office.

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

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

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

None.

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

None.

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

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

From 2004 to 2005, I served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Warren J. Ferguson, United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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;

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

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator.

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

In 2005, after completing my judicial clerkship on the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, I joined the national American Civil Liberties Union Foundation's Immigrants' Rights Project. My practice focused on complex civil rights and immigration litigation in federal court. I worked on investigations and regularly drafted complaints, declarations, class certification motions, motions for preliminary injunction, motions for summary judgment, and oppositions to motions to dismiss. I also drafted or contributed to appellate briefs and argued before the Ninth Circuit.

In 2009, I joined the United States Department of Justice as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division. In that capacity, I provided legal and policy advice to the Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Assistant Attorneys General including on immigration, education, and employment matters. My work included research, writing, and leading or participating in intra- and inter-agency working groups to develop and refine Department of Justice and United States government policy in these areas.

From 2011 to 2012, I served as Senior Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Deputy Attorney General of the United States. I provided legal and policy advice to the Deputy Attorney General and other high-ranking Department of Justice officials. This involved research, writing, and leading or participating in intra- and inter-agency meetings and groups to assist in the development and implementation of Department of Justice and United States government policy in a wide variety of areas, including civil rights and immigration. As Deputy Chief of Staff, I was also responsible for helping manage an office of approximately 25 senior attorneys and ensuring proper systems and policies were in place to support the Deputy Attorney General.

In 2012, I became an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California. Working in both the General Crimes and the Public Corruption and Civil Rights Sections, I prosecuted a wide variety of crimes, including child pornography, human trafficking, fraud, civil rights abuses, public corruption, narcotics, immigration, and unlawful firearms possession. My work included all phases of criminal cases from investigation through grand jury indictment, discovery, plea negotiations, pre-trial motions, trial, post-trial motions, sentencing, and appeal. I carried a significant case load, tried three cases to verdict, drafted multiple appellate briefs, and argued two appeals before the Ninth Circuit.

In 2015, I was appointed Special Assistant Attorney General of California by then-Attorney General Kamala D. Harris. My practice involved overseeing the California Department of Justice's Criminal Division and the Division of Recidivism Reduction and Reentry. I also oversaw key aspects of the Department's work on civil rights and criminal justice.

In 2017, I joined Covington & Burling LLP as a Special Counsel. My practice focused on white collar criminal defense, internal investigations, and complex commercial litigation. My pro bono matters involved immigration and civil rights-related cases at the trial and appellate level.

From 2019 to 2021, I served as a full-time Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor of Law and the Co-Director of the Immigrant Rights Clinic at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. I taught and supervised law students representing indigent clients before federal and state courts, immigration courts, and other administrative agencies in the areas of removal defense, civil rights, and workers' rights.

In 2021, I became President and Chief Executive Officer of Public Counsel, the largest public interest law firm in the country specializing in providing free legal services to underserved and vulnerable communities. I oversee the work of approximately 75 attorneys and 60 other professional and support staff who engage in direct legal services, impact litigation, and policy advocacy work.

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

As a federal prosecutor and government lawyer in the United States Department of Justice, my sole client was the United States of America. My areas of specialization were criminal law, civil rights, and immigration.

At the California Department of Justice, my clients were the Attorney General of California, the State of California, and the People of the State of California. My areas of specialization were criminal law and civil rights.

At Covington & Burling LLP, my typical clients were Fortune 500 companies and executives in the technology and financial sectors. My areas of specialization were white collar criminal defense and general litigation.

While at the ACLU and the University of California, Irvine School of Law, I mostly represented low-income immigrant clients and organizations dedicated to protecting the rights of immigrants and lowwage workers. My areas of specialization were civil rights, immigration, employment law, and criminal law.

At Public Counsel, I have not directly represented any clients, but the firm represents low-income and indigent clients, including families, children, immigrants, seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities in civil litigation matters before federal and state courts and administrative agencies.

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

Most of my practice has been in litigation in federal court, and the frequency of my appearances in court has varied. From 2005 to 2009, I appeared in federal court occasionally while at the ACLU, as many motions are decided without a hearing. From 2009 to 2012, when I served in senior roles within the United States Department of Justice, I did not appear in court even though I was involved in or overseeing certain federal litigation matters. From 2012 to 2015, I was a federal prosecutor exclusively in the Central District of California, and I appeared in court several times per week. From 2015 to 2017, as a Special Assistant Attorney General in the California Department of Justice, I did not appear in court occasionally, but many motions were decided without a hearing. From 2019 to 2021, as a visiting assistant clinical professor of law, I occasionally appeared as counsel in federal court, and I supervised law students frequently appearing before state courts or the immigration court. Currently, I do not appear in court, but I am involved in reviewing certain federal and state litigation matters before they are filed.

80%

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
  - 1. federal courts:

2.	state courts of record:	10%	
3.	other courts:	0%	
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- 4. administrative agencies: 10%
- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

civil proceedings:

- 2. criminal proceedings: 25%
- d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

75%

As a federal prosecutor in the Central District of California, I tried three criminal cases to verdict. I was sole counsel in one case and co-lead counsel in two other cases. Additionally, I have argued three appeals before the Ninth Circuit.

i.	What percentage of these trials were:			
	1.	jury:	67%	
	2.	non-jury:	33%	

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.

Dep't of Homeland Sec. v. Regents of the Univ. of California, 140 S. Ct. 1891 (2020) (brief for respondents, 2018 WL 6698617).

Kansas v. Garcia, 140 S. Ct. 791 (2020) (brief of Puente Arizona and Others as amici curiae in support of respondents, 2019 WL 3824677).

It is possible that I assisted with the drafting of other amicus curiae briefs during my time at the ACLU, the United States Department of Justice, or the California Department of Justice, but my name was not listed on the briefs, and I do not recall the cases.

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.
- Regents of the Univ. of California v. U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec., 279 F. Supp. 3d 1011 (N.D. Cal. 2018) (Alsup, J.), aff'd, 908 F.3d 476 (9th Cir. 2018) (Wardlaw, Nguyen, Owens, JJ.)

From 2017 to 2019, I represented the Regents of the University of California and University of California President Napolitano in a civil lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in support of UC students who risked losing their ability to live in the United States due to the federal government's decision to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. I was part of the senior litigation team representing the Regents and President Napolitano before the district court and the Ninth Circuit. The complaint alleged primarily violations of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and the Due Process Clause of the U.S. Constitution. I worked on the case from its inception, researching legal theories and causes of action, interviewing UC DACA students, preparing and editing declarations in support of plaintiffs' preliminary injunction motion, and reviewing and editing the complaint and all trial-level motions. I also led and presented a supplemental background presentation to the district court at the court's request as it considered whether to issue a preliminary injunction. The presentation summarized the history of DACA and similar deferred action programs. On appeal, I assisted in developing arguments and reviewed and provided input on the brief. I also participated in cert-stage briefing before leaving Covington & Burling.

The district court issued a preliminary injunction against the government in early 2018, which the Ninth Circuit affirmed the same year. The Supreme Court upheld the injunction in June 2020, finding that the government had violated the APA by not following proper procedures in terminating DACA. 140 S. Ct. 1891 (2020).

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2. United States v. Arriaga-Avalos, No. 2:2013-CR-00514 (C.D. Cal.) (Kronstadt, J.)

Mr. Arriaga-Avalos received and possessed hundreds of videos of child pornography on

desktop and laptop computers, which were seized at his home by U.S. Department of Homeland Security agents pursuant to a federal search warrant. From 2013 to 2015, I served as sole counsel for the United States after the case was indicted, handling discovery, pretrial motions, trial, and sentencing. At the bench trial, I presented an opening statement and closing argument and directed multiple witnesses. The court found the defendant guilty on all counts and sentenced him to five years in prison. There was no appeal.

**Opposing Counsel:** 

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# 3. United States v. De Spain et al., No. 2:2007-CR-01080 (C.D. Cal.) (Fischer, J.)

This was a complex narcotics conspiracy investigation that resulted in a multi-defendant indictment in 2007. In 2013, I handled the prosecution of one of the defendants, Mr. Ruiz Sanchez, who was charged with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and conspiracy to conduct financial transactions with the intent to promote the unlawful distribution of controlled substances. Law enforcement officers, using a wiretap, intercepted calls revealing a plan to send a courier to a particular address in Los Angeles to pick up methamphetamine. Police surveilled the drug house where they then saw Mr. Ruiz Sanchez leave with a package. Police confronted Mr. Ruiz Sanchez, causing him to run away and throw the bag with the drugs over a fence. After Mr. Ruiz Sanchez avoided prosecution for several years, he was tried in 2013, and I served as co-lead counsel for the United States in the jury trial and at sentencing. At trial, I split responsibility with co-counsel for jury selection and witness examinations, handled all pretrial motions, and presented the opening statement and closing argument. The jury found the defendant guilty of possession with intent to distribute, but not of conspiracy. In light of the defendant's extensive criminal history involving multiple arrests and convictions, including two other state felony drug convictions involving the sale of cocaine, the district court sentenced him to 25 years in prison as a career drug offender. On appeal, the Ninth Circuit affirmed both the conviction and the sentence. I did not handle the appeal because I was no longer with the U.S. Attorney's Office at that point.

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# 4. United States v. Davis et al., No. 2:2013-cr-0589 (C.D. Cal.) (Snyder, J.)

Mr. Davis and his mother, Ms. Anderson, conspired to recruit, entice, harbor, transport, and maintain two victims, including a minor, to work as prostitutes for Mr. Davis in California and Nevada. Ms. Anderson would reserve hotel rooms and drive the victims to and from the hotels to meet with clients. From 2013 to 2015, I served as lead counsel for the United States in both the investigation and prosecution phases of the case. I prepared and presented a superseding indictment before the grand jury; handled all discovery, including voluminous electronic evidence; briefed all pretrial motions; led complex plea negotiations with both defendants; and prepared the case for trial. The case settled shortly before trial with both defendants pleading guilty after extensive pretrial litigation, including motions to suppress evidence, 2014 WL 4627119 (2014), and to sever, 2015 WL 476239 (2015), on which the government prevailed. The district court sentenced Mr. Davis to a term of 70 months in prison, and Ms. Anderson to a term of 46 months in prison.

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5. United States v. Hitsman, No. 2:2012-CR-00221 (C.D. Cal.) (Fischer, J.), aff'd, 624 F. App'x 462 (9th Cir. 2015) (Fernandez, Clifton, Mueller, JJ.)

Mr. Hitsman sold counterfeit Viagra to an undercover agent on five separate occasions

over the course of several months. The counterfeit nature of the subject pills was confirmed in laboratory tests of samples taken from each buy. Mr. Hitsman maintained that he did not know that the pills were in fact counterfeit and attempted to introduce hearsay evidence to prove this. From 2013 to 2015, I served as co-counsel for the United States, including as co-lead trial counsel, splitting responsibility with co-counsel for jury selection and witness examinations and presenting the opening statement at trial. The jury found the defendant guilty on all counts, and the district court sentenced him to eight months in prison. Co-counsel and I handled the appeal in the case. I drafted most of the legal argument sections, including whether the district court had properly applied the hearsay rules, and finalized the brief for filing. The Ninth Circuit affirmed the conviction.

### Co-Counsel:

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#### **Opposing Counsel:**

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# 6. United States v. Xue, No. 2:14-CR-344 (C.D. Cal.) (Kronstadt, J.)

In 2014, I handled the prosecution of Ms. Xue from indictment through sentencing. Ms. Xue, who worked for an immigration law firm, was charged with presenting false immigration documents. Ms. Xue had knowingly and willfully presented an application for asylum to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on behalf of a Chinese national who claimed to have been persecuted in China for their religious beliefs when Ms. Xue knew that was false. The defendant pleaded guilty pursuant to a written plea agreement. The court sentenced defendant to probation for two years. The defendant did not appeal her conviction or sentence.

Opposing Counsel: Robert Matthew Cargal 155 South El Molino Avenue, Suite 202 Pasadena, CA 91101 (626) 356-1392

7. United States v. Ganoe, 588 F. App'x 650 (9th Cir. 2014) (Ebel, Kleinfeld, Graber, JJ.)

From 2013 to 2014, I handled the second appeal in this extensive child pornography case. I did not handle the initial phases of the case. After a two-week trial, Mr. Ganoe had been convicted in the Central District of California of receiving and possessing child pornography. The Ninth Circuit upheld his conviction and 96-month sentence. However, several years later, the defendant filed a motion to vacate, set aside, or correct his sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255, alleging that both trial and appellate counsel had provided ineffective assistance of counsel by conducting a deficient forensics examination of his computer and not raising certain arguments. After an extensive evidentiary hearing involving testimony from defense counsel, the government's computer expert, and the defendant's computer expert, the district court denied the motion, and Mr. Ganoe once again appealed. I handled the appeal for the United States, reviewing a voluminous record of court transcripts of both the original trial and the 2255 proceedings and drafting a substantial answering brief. The Ninth Circuit affirmed the district court's denial of defendant's motion without oral argument, and the Supreme Court denied certiorari. 577 U.S. 914 (2015). I did not handle the certiorari briefing.

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8. United States v. Shanley, No. 2:12-CR-1212 (C.D. Cal.) (Anderson, J.)

In 2013, I handled the prosecution of Mr. Shanley, a ketamine supplier based in New York with dealers who sold ketamine at raves and dance parties at various locations around the country. Mr. Shanley imported ketamine through Asia and South America and had it delivered directly to his dealers, including his co-defendants who received and distributed the ketamine in Phoenix and Los Angeles. Mr. Shanley was charged with illegally smuggling goods into the United States. Mr. Shanley pleaded guilty, and the court sentenced him to a term of 15 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release. The defendant did not appeal his conviction or sentence.

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9. Lopez et al. v. Town of Cave Creek, AZ et al., 559 F. Supp. 2d 1030 (D. Ariz. 2008) (Silver, J.)

In 2008, I represented a group of day laborers in a First Amendment facial challenge to a local anti-solicitation ordinance that prohibited them from standing on street corners to solicit work. Plaintiffs argued that the ordinance was unconstitutional because it was a

content-based restriction on speech that banned only certain types of solicitation speech. For example, the ordinance prohibited solicitation on the topics of employment, business, or contributions, but it allowed solicitation of voters or ballot signatures. It also allowed for political, religious, artistic, or other categories of speech. The district court granted a preliminary injunction, finding that the ordinance was unconstitutional as a content-based restriction on speech and, alternatively, that it would be an impermissible time, place, and manner regulation because it was not narrowly tailored to further the Town's interests in traffic safety. The parties settled the case after the preliminary injunction was issued, resulting in a permanent injunction. I served as lead counsel for plaintiffs throughout the investigation and litigation, drafting the complaint and pretrial motions, litigating the motion for preliminary injunction, and settling the case.

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10. Bravo-Pedroza v. Gonzales, 475 F.3d 1358 (9th Cir. 2007) (Noonan, Clifton, Schiavelli, JJ.)

From 2006 to 2007, I represented Mr. Bravo-Pedroza, a longtime lawful permanent resident, in his petition for review before the Ninth Circuit. The case centered on whether *res judicata* barred the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from initiating a second deportation case based on a charge that could have been brought in the first case, when, due to a change of law that occurred during the first case, DHS lost the

first case. Mr. Bravo-Pedroza had been detained for nearly three years when he prevailed in his case *pro se* and prepared to be released. However, rather than releasing him, DHS brought a new removal case against him based on facts that were known to DHS at the time of the first proceeding. Mr. Bravo-Pedroza spent another two years in detention until the Ninth Circuit held that *res judicata* barred the second removal proceeding as a matter of "elementary fairness" and because DHS could have reopened but did not reopen the original proceeding at any point during the pendency of that proceeding with new charges. I served as lead counsel in the case, drafting the appellate brief and arguing the case before the Ninth Circuit.

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

Throughout my career, I have led, overseen, or otherwise handled sensitive, factintensive criminal and civil investigations that did not involve or ultimately result in litigation. As an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, for example, I worked on several long-term public corruption and human trafficking investigations that did not result in prosecution or litigation during my tenure. I oversaw similar and sensitive public corruption and civil rights investigations at the California Department of Justice. Moreover, when serving in the Department of Justice's Office of the Deputy Attorney General, I assisted in conducting internal investigations in response to Congressional investigations. While at Covington & Burling LLP, I also represented businesses, boards of directors, and individuals in high-stakes government investigations, internal investigations, and regulatory enforcement matters that did not result in civil or criminal litigation. Many of these matters involved meetings with the United States and California Departments of Justice and other law enforcement agencies. At the California Department of Justice, I oversaw the Division of Recidivism Reduction and Reentry, which worked to design evidence-based programs with local government and community partners, including the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles Probation Department, to reduce recidivism and promote holistic post-release plans for individuals reentering the community after serving jail or prison sentences. I regularly attended meetings with state and local leaders to explore the effectiveness of the Department of Justice's Back on Track program and similar reentry programs.

I have not registered and am not currently registered as a lobbyist, because I have not performed enough lobbying activity to require registration at the state or federal level. As a public interest lawyer at the ACLU, I did on a few occasions speak with congressional staff who had questions about issues of concern for the ACLU.

19. <u>Teaching</u>: 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.

From 2019 to 2021, I taught full-time as a Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor of Law at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. I co-directed the Immigrant Rights Clinic, a six-unit core clinical course in which students represented indigent clients before federal and state courts, immigration courts, and other administrative agencies in the areas of removal defense, civil rights, and workers' rights. Seminar classes focused on substantive immigration, employment, and constitutional law; lawyering skills and methodologies; and critical reflection about fieldwork and public interest law practice. Syllabus for Spring 2021 supplied.

From 2020 to 2021, I also co-taught COVID-19 & Civil Rights, a year-long four-unit seminar course at the University of California, Irvine School of Law that explored the evolving pandemic and its impact on various aspects of civil rights law. Syllabus supplied.

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

None.

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

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

23. <u>Statement of Net Worth</u>: 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.

I currently serve as President and CEO of Public Counsel. Accordingly, I will recuse myself from all matters that arose, were filed, and/or were pending during my tenure as President and CEO. If confirmed, I will scrupulously follow the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, the standards set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 455, and all other applicable principles governing recusal. I will do so for any cases arising out of Public Counsel or any other former employer on which I had previously worked. I would do the same for any cases on which my husband, who is a solo practitioner and former Assistant United States Attorney, has previously worked. I am not aware of any other persons, parties, categories of litigation, and financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest.

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

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

25. <u>Pro Bono Work</u>: 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.

I have served the disadvantaged throughout my legal career. As a non-profit lawyer at the ACLU, I regularly represented other non-profit organizations, community groups, and indigent individuals free of charge. In private practice at Covington & Burling LLP, I worked on several pro bono matters, including cases involving indigent clients. At the University of California, Irvine School of Law, the legal clinic I co-directed provided free legal services overwhelmingly to indigent clients. I personally represented many of these clients before federal and state courts and administrative agencies. In my current role as President and CEO of Public Counsel, I lead one of the largest pro bono law firms in the country, which provides free legal services to children, youth, immigrants, families, veterans, small businesses, and community organizations.

## 26. Selection Process:

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

In March or April 2022, the Statewide Chair of Senator Dianne Feinstein's Judicial Advisory Process contacted me to discuss a vacancy on the United States District Court for the Central District of California. On August 3, 2022, I spoke with officials from the White House Counsel's Office regarding a possible nomination to that court. Since that time, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On December 21, 2022, the President announced his intent to nominate me.

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

No.