

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).

Carlton Wayne Reeves

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

United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi

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.

Office: 775 North Congress Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202



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

1964; Fort Hood, Texas

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.

1986-1989, University of Virginia School of Law; J.D., 1989  
1982-1986, Jackson State University; B.A. (*magna cum laude*), 1986

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

2006-Present  
Pigott Reeves Johnson, P.A.  
775 North Congress Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202  
Shareholder

2007-Present  
Fifth Chancery Court District of Mississippi  
316 South President Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Hinds County Family Master

2001-2006  
Pigott Reeves Johnson & Minor, P.A.  
775 North Congress Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202  
Shareholder

1995-2001  
United States Department of Justice  
United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Mississippi  
188 East Capitol Street, Suite 500  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Assistant United States Attorney, Chief of the Civil Division (1995-2001)  
District Election Officer (1998-2001)

1994  
Mississippi College School of Law  
151 East Griffith Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Adjunct Faculty

1991-1995  
Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P  
111 E. Capitol Street, Suite 600  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Associate

1992  
Jackson State University  
1400 J.R. Lynch Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39217  
Adjunct Faculty

1989-1991  
Mississippi Supreme Court  
450 High Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Staff Attorney (1991)  
Law Clerk (1989-1990)

1989  
Hinds County Board of Supervisors  
316 South President Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Researcher

1988  
Ferguson Stein Chambers Gresham & Sumter  
714 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 300  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28204  
Summer Associate/Law Clerk

1987  
ACLU of Mississippi  
P. O. Box 2242  
Jackson, Mississippi 39225  
Summer Law Clerk

Other Affiliations (uncompensated except as indicated)

2009-Present  
Jackson State University Investment Management Committee  
1400 John R. Lynch Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39217  
Member

2008-Present  
College Savings Plans of Mississippi  
Mississippi Treasury Department  
501 North West Street, Suite 1101  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Board Member

2005-Present  
Community Foundation of Greater Jackson  
525 East Capitol Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Trustee

2004-Present  
College Hill Missionary Baptist Church  
1600 Florence Avenue  
Jackson, Mississippi 39204  
Trustee

2003-Present  
Mississippi Center for Justice  
5 Old River Place, Suite 203  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202  
Board Member

2001-Present  
North Congress Properties, LLC  
775 N. Congress Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202  
Partner (compensated)

2006-2010  
Mississippi Workers Center for Human Rights  
213 Main Street  
Greenville, Mississippi 38701  
Board Member (2006-2010)  
Treasurer (2008-2010)

1993-2009  
ACLU of Mississippi  
753 North Congress Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202  
Board Member (1993-1995; 2002-2009)  
Affirmative Action Officer (2002-2009)

2007-2008 & 1996-1998  
Magnolia Bar Association, Inc.  
2115 W. Capitol Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39209  
President (2007-2008)  
President-elect (2006-2007)  
Secretary (2005-2006)  
Board of Directors (1996-1998 & 2005-2008)

2007-2008  
Springwood Acres Homeowners Association  
Route 1 Box 606, South Springlake Circle  
Terry, Mississippi 39170  
Board of Directors

2001-2006  
United States Commission on Civil Rights, Central Regional Office  
Suite 908, 400 State Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101  
Member, Mississippi Advisory Committee

1998-2005  
Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc.  
2115 W. Capitol Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39209  
Board Member (1998-2002)  
President (2003-2005)

1994-2004  
Mississippi Legal Services (formerly Central Mississippi Legal Services)  
414 S. State Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Board Member

1996-1999  
Mississippi Board of Bar Commissioners  
643 N. State Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202  
Commissioner

1993-1996  
Jackson Urban League  
2310 Highway 80 West  
Jackson, Mississippi 39204  
Board Member

1991-1995  
Madison Yazoo Leake Family Health Center  
1668 West Peace Street  
Canton, Mississippi 39046  
Board Member

1992-1995  
Kids Care, Inc.  
5045 Clinton Boulevard  
Jackson, Mississippi 39209  
Board Member

1995  
Southwest YMCA  
1950 Flowers Avenue  
Jackson, Mississippi 39204  
Board Member

1992-1994  
Mississippi Capital Defense Resource Center  
151 E. Griffith Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Board Member

1990-1994  
Metropolitan Leadership Council  
P. O. Box 22567  
Jackson, Mississippi 39225  
Board Member

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

I have not served in the military. I am registered for selective service.

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

Campaign Champion, The Campaign for Jackson State University (2009)  
Fellow, Mississippi Bar Foundation (2009)  
Brown, Young & Hall Award, Jackson Branch NAACP (2007)  
Named as "Mid-South Super Lawyer", Super Lawyers Magazine (2006)  
President's Award, Magnolia Bar Association (2005)  
Alfred H. Rhodes, Jr., Service Award, Magnolia Bar Association (2005)  
Life Member, Jackson State National Alumni Association (2005)  
Member, President Club, Jackson State University (2004)  
Curtis E. Coker Access to Justice Award, Mississippi State Bar Association (2003)  
Pro Bono Award, Hinds County Bar Association (2002-2003)  
Silver Life Member, NAACP (2003)  
R. Jess Brown Award, Magnolia Bar Association (2002)  
Named one of "Top 40 Under 40", Mississippi Business Journal (2002)  
Certificate of Commendation, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (2000)  
Letter of Commendation, U.S. Department of Agriculture (2000)  
Letter of Appreciation, Federal Bureau of Investigation (1999)  
Letter of Appreciation, U.S. Postal Service (1997)  
Letter of Appreciation, U.S. Department of Army (1997)  
Letter of Commendation, Social Security Administration (1996)  
Letter of Appreciation, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (1995)  
Mary Claiborne and Roy H. Ritter Fellowship in Recognition of Outstanding Honor,  
Character, Integrity, University of Virginia School of Law (1989)  
CLEO (Council on Legal Education Opportunity) Fellow (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 Bar Association Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project

Mississippi Assessment Team

American Trial Lawyers Association

Central Mississippi Legal Services, Board of Directors (1994-2003)

Charles Clark Inns of Court

Associate (1992-1995)

Public Service Barrister (1996-2000)

Public Service Bencher (2000-2001)

Private Bencher (2001-2010)

Executive Office for United States Attorneys, U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Chiefs Working Group

Federal Bar Association, Mississippi Chapter

Fifth Circuit Bar Association

Hinds County Bar Association

Magnolia Bar Association

Board of Directors (1996-1998 & 2005-2008)

Central District Director (1996-1998)

Chair, Scholarship & Awards Committee (1999-2000)

Secretary (2005-2006)

President-elect (2006-2007)

President (2007-2008)

Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc.

Board of Directors (1998-2002)

President (2003-2005)

Mississippi Access to Justice Commission

Mississippi Bar Association

Mississippi Board of Bar Commissioners

Commissioner (1996-1999)

Mississippi College School of Law

Dean's Advisory Board for Minority Affairs (2008-Present)

Mississippi Legal Services, Board of Directors (2003-2004)

Mississippi Judicial Study Commission

Terms and Case Management Subcommittee, Chair (2001-2002)

Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association

National Bar Association

United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi

Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel (2005-2006)

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.

Mississippi, 1989

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.

Supreme Court of the United States, 2002

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 1989

United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi, 1989

United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, 1989

Mississippi State Courts, 1989

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.

Terry High School Basketball Booster Club (2008-Present)

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Jackson Alumni Chapter (2008- Present)

Jackson State University

Capital Campaign Committee (2005-Present)

W.E.B. DuBois Honors College Advisory Board (2007)

Springwood Acres Homeowners Association (1999-Present)

Board of Directors (2007-2008)

Jackson State University National Alumni Association (1990-Present)

ACLU of Mississippi (1993-2009)

Affirmative Action Officer (2002-2009)

Cornerstone Society, WJSU 88.5 FM (2006-2007)

Metropolitan Leadership Council (1990-1994)

- 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.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is a service and social fraternity which includes undergraduate college chapters and alumni chapters. Its membership is restricted to males. The fraternity's community programs, however, are open to all. I have taken no steps to ensure that the membership be expanded to include women.

To the best of my knowledge, none of the other groups and organizations listed above has ever discriminated against any group. They currently do not discriminate nor did they discriminate during the time I was a member.

**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.

This list represents the published material I have identified through searches of my files and internet databases. I have tried my best to list all of them here, although there may be some that I have not been able to identify or locate.

"Election of Judges," *The Mississippi Lawyer*, Fall 2008

"From the President," *Magnolia Bar Association Newsletter*, May 2008

"Letter to Editor," *Clarion Ledger*, (April 3, 2008)

"New Federal Courthouse in Jackson Should Honor R. Jess Brown," *Clarion Ledger*, (May 21, 2007)

"*Litigating Civil Rights Cases in the New Millennium*," Magnolia Bar 21<sup>st</sup> Annual CLE Program, (2002)

"*Redistricting: State of Law 2001*," McDonald & Reeves, *Magnolia Bar Magazine*, Vol. 1, No. 3 (January/February 2002)

*Rules 4(i) & 4(m): Getting the United States in Court*, Eleventh Annual Federal Practice and Procedure Seminar, The Federal Bar Association and the University of Mississippi Center for Continuing Legal Education (April 25, 1997)

"*False Claims Act Enforcement: A Role for the Local Bar*," Reeves and Paige, Magnolia Bar Association Annual CLE (1996)

"The Use of Legal Assistants/Paralegals in the Practice: Why We Need Them," Magnolia Bar Association, CLE, (1993)

Operations Manual Update, Mississippi Municipal Association (MMA), Anderson & Reeves, (approximately 1991)

"Letter to Editor," *Cavalier Daily*, University of Virginia, (October, 1988)

- 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.

This list represents the reports, memoranda and policy statements I have identified through searches of my files and internet databases. I serve and have served on multiple bar association committees and non-profit boards that may have issued statements with or without my personal involvement. I have tried my best to list all of them here, although there may be some that I have not been able to identify or locate.

Study Commission on the Mississippi Judicial System: Report to the Mississippi Legislature, December 2001.

Mississippi Access to Justice Commission: Annual Report to the Supreme Court of Mississippi, December 22, 2008.

- 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.

This list represents the testimony, official statements and other communications relating to matters of public policy or legal interpretation that I have identified through searches of my files and internet databases. I serve and have served on multiple bar association committees and non-profit boards that may have issued communications with or without my personal involvement. I have tried my best to list all of them here, although there may be some that I have not been able to identify or locate.

Magnolia Bar Association's Endorsement of Senator Barack Obama for President,  
March 7, 2008

Statement of the Magnolia Bar Association, *On the Life of Charles W. Tisdale*,  
July 16, 2007

Letter to Senator Patrick Leahy, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee,  
*Regarding the Nomination of Leslie Southwick*, May 30, 2007

Letter to Senator Thad Cochran, *Regarding Judicial Vacancy in Mississippi and the need to consider African-American for the Appointment*, March 23, 2007

Letter to Senator Trent Lott, *Regarding Judicial Vacancy in Mississippi and the need to consider African-American for the Appointment*, March 23, 2007

Letter to Senators Arlen Specter, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, Patrick Leahy, Ranking Member, *Regarding the Nomination of Michael Wallace*, August 1, 2006

OpEd, Jaribu Hill, President, Magnolia Bar Association, *Magnolia Bar Association Opposes Nomination of Michael Wallace to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals*, May, 2006

OpEd, Tylvester Goss, President, Magnolia Bar Association, *Chief Justice's Court Proposal Dead Wrong*, March, 2006

Resolution, *Magnolia Bar Association Mourns the Passing of Mrs. Corretta Scott King*, January 31, 2006

Press Release, *Magnolia Bar Association Opposes Appointment of Special Circuit Judges in Hinds County*, (January 30, 2006)

Statement of the Magnolia Bar Association, *Regarding Naming of New Federal Courthouse in Honor of R.J. Brown*, January, 13, 2006

Statement of the Magnolia Bar Association, *Regarding Judge Marcus Gordon's Decision to Allow Edgar Ray Killen to Go Free*, August 18, 2005

Press Release of the Magnolia Bar Association, *Regarding the Edgar Ray Killen Trial; Senators Trent Lott & Thad Cochran*, June 23, 2005

Press Release, *Democratic Activists Criticize Republican Court Appeal Seeking At Large Congressional Elections*, May 14, 2002

- 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.

This list represents the presentations I have identified through searches of my files and internet databases and discussions with others to help refresh my memory. I serve and have served on multiple bar association committees and non-profit boards and in these capacities have frequently participated in public event. I have tried my best to list all of them here, although there may be some that I have not been able to identify or locate.

September 23, 2009: Discussant at program on Greeks learning to avoid Debt, Kappa Alpha Psi, Delta Delta Chapter, Jackson State University, Dolly M. E. Robinson College of Liberal Arts, Lecture Room 166/266. No notes are available.

February 2009: Delivered a talk before the Mississippi Democratic Club on the merits of Voter I.D. legislation which was pending in the Mississippi Legislature. The meeting was held at the Jackson Municipal Art Gallery, 839 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi. No notes are available.

December 2008: Panel Discussion, "*Is There a Better Way of Selecting Judges?*" The League of Women Voters of Mississippi and Common Cause of Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi. No notes are available, but I have included press reports about the debate.

November 2008: Moderator, "Bridging the Communication Gap: A Dialogue on Policy and Legislative Agenda," Mississippi NAACP and Mississippi Black Leadership Summit. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

November 3, 2008: Press Conference of various groups – ACLU of Mississippi; Mississippi State Conference NAACP; Jackson Branch, NAACP; Mississippi Association for Justice; and Magnolia Bar Association - working together for Election Protection. No notes are available, but I have included press reports covering the press conference.

October 15, 2008: Mississippi Election Reform Review Panel. I provided oral statements at the hearing. No notes are available, but a copy of the Findings and Recommendations of the Panel is attached.

July 2008: Panelist, "Electing v. Appointing State Judges," Litigation Section, Mississippi Bar Association Annual Meeting, Destin, Florida. I have no notes or transcript of this event.

April 26, 2008: Speaker, "Worker Memorial Rally," Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights, Jackson, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcript of this event.

April 2008: Debate on Election versus Appointment of State Court Judges before Jackson Area Book/Social Club in the home of Dr. and Rev. Richard L. Blount, 4023 Boxwood Circle, Jackson, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcript of this event.

April 2008: Discussant at Roundtable on Voting Issues hosted by Preparedtovote.org. I have no notes or transcript of this event; however, the audio is available at <http://preparedtovote.org/media.aspx>

March 28, 2008: Jackson Young Lawyers' Annual CLE, Debate on Election versus Appointment of State Court Judges, Jackson, Mississippi. An outline of the comments and newspaper article discussing the debate are provided.

March 2008: Panelist, 56<sup>th</sup> Annual NAACP Southeast Region Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute. I have no notes or transcript of this event.

February 2008: Guest Speaker, Black History Celebration, Little Bethel C.M.E. Church, Terry, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

February 21, 2008: Moderator, "Justice Thurgood Marshall: A Legal Symposium," Mississippi College School of Law, Jackson, Mississippi. I have no notes; however the program may be viewed at <http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/204049-2>

February 2008: Provided testimony on behalf of the Magnolia Bar Association before the Judiciary A Committee, Mississippi House of Representatives regarding the appointment of special circuit judges in Hinds County, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcripts of this testimony.

January 17, 2008: *Is the Mississippi Bar Doing Enough to Combat Corruption and to Protect the Honor and Integrity of the Profession?*, Mississippi Federalist Society Lawyers Chapter. No notes are available, but audio and video are available at [http://www.fed-soc.org/publications/pubID.486/pub\\_detail.asp](http://www.fed-soc.org/publications/pubID.486/pub_detail.asp)

November 27, 2007: Press Conference of advocacy groups regarding the need for the State of Mississippi to increase funding for the representation of indigent youth. No notes are available, but I have included press reports covering the press conference.

August 17, 2007: Guest Speaker, Walthall County Boys and Girls Club Third Annual Smart Move Banquet, Tylertown, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

July 2007: Guest Speaker, Young Lawyers' Committee Luncheon Program, Magnolia Bar Association, Jackson, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

June 2007: Guest Speaker, Magnolia Bar Foundation Girls and Boys Law Camp Closing Ceremony, Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

April 28, 2007: Speaker, "Worker Memorial Day Rally," Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

2007: Guest Speaker, Annual Banquet, The Oakes African American Cultural Center, Yazoo City, Mississippi.

March 2006: Guest Speaker, Annual Installation and Pinning Banquet, Lambda Alpha Epsilon (Criminal Justice Honor Society), Nu Omega Psi Chapter, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

October 29, 2005: *Highlights of Hearings of the National Commission on the Voting Rights Act*, National Commission on the Voting Rights Act (2005). No notes are available, but the report references comments I offered.

April 20, 2005: Discussant, Delivered talk to students in the Health Care Administration class, Jackson State University; Amanda Green Alexander, Instructor. No notes or transcripts are available.

February 22, 2004: Guest Speaker, Black History Month Program, St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church, Yazoo City, Mississippi.

September 13, 2002: *2002 Redistricting Successes and Failures*, The Annual Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Memorial Braintrust, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Washington, D.C. Video available at <http://www.broadcasturban.net/webcast/cbcf/html/redistricting.htm>.

June 14, 2002: Guest Speaker, Graduation Banquet, Greater Hamilton Grove Church, Raymond, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

May 3, 2002: Magnolia Bar 21<sup>st</sup> Annual CLE Program, "Litigating Civil Rights Cases in the New Millennium." I have no transcripts, but a copy of the materials provided is supplied as a publication, cited above.

May 24, 2002: Commencement Speaker, Yazoo City High School, Yazoo City, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

February 22, 2002: Participant, Career Day, Davis Magnet Elementary School, Jackson, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

February 5, 2002: Discussant on Sexual Harassment, Yazoo City High School, Yazoo City, Mississippi.

April 2001: Guest Speaker, "Using Law to Change Social Policy," Political Science Department's Annual Awards Dinner, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi.

November 2000: Presenter, Fall Continuing Legal Education Seminar, "Nuts and Bolts of Trial Practice," Magnolia Bar Association, Jackson, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

November 14-16, 2000: Instructor, Professional Responsibility Officers' Conference, United States Department of Justice, Columbia, South Carolina. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

April 4-6, 2000: Instructor, Civil Chiefs' Conference, United States Department of Justice, Columbia, South Carolina. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

February 25, 2000: Guest Speaker, St Andrew's Episcopal School Annual Black History Month Program, Ridgeland, Mississippi.

October 1999, Presenter: FBI/Jackson Police Department Internal Affairs Training Seminar. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

August 18, 1999, Presenter/Participant: Mississippi College School of Law's Annual Professionalism Program. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

January 23, 1999: Guest Speaker, "Investing in our Youth to Insure Strong Leaders in the New Millennium," Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Hattiesburg Alumni Founder's Day, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

February 27, 1998: Presenter, Mississippi College School of Law's Externship Program. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

December, 1997: Presenter, Meeting of the Medical Group Management Association, Jackson, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

November 7, 1997: Presenter, The IPA (Independent/Integrated Physician) Association of America, Jackson, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

April 25, 1997: Presenter, *Rules 4(i) & 4(m): Getting the United States in Court*, Eleventh Annual Federal Practice and Procedure Seminar, The Federal Bar Association and the University of Mississippi Center for Continuing Legal Education. I have no transcripts, but a copy of the materials provided is supplied as a publication, cited above.

May 10, 1996: Co-Presenter with Assistant United States Attorney Mitzi D. Paige, *False Claims Act Enforcement: A Role for the Local Bar*, Magnolia Bar Association Annual CLE. I have no transcripts, but a copy of the materials provided is supplied as a publication, cited above.

October 16, 1995: Discussant Mass Communications class at Jackson State University regarding the First Amendment; Byron Hansbro, Instructor. I have no notes or transcript.

August 1995, Presenter at the Annual Meeting of Region V Bankruptcy Trustees, Jackson, Mississippi. I have no notes or transcripts of this event.

June 16, 1994: Guest Speaker, "*Moving God's Agenda in Our Communities*,"  
College Hill Annual Men's Day, Jackson, Mississippi.

May 1993: CLE Presentation, Magnolia Bar Association, Biloxi, Mississippi. I  
have no transcripts, but a copy of the materials provided is supplied as a  
publication, cited above.

1991: Guest Speaker, Annual Youth Day Program, St. Stephen United Methodist  
Church, Yazoo City, Mississippi.

- 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.

Throughout my career I have had many occasions to be interviewed by various  
media outlets. I have thoroughly searched my files and internet databases and had  
conversations with others to refresh my memory in an effort to produce as  
complete a list of these as I could, but it is still possible there are some I was not  
able to locate.

Jackson Free Press, "First Black Judge Sworn in Under Barbour," October 30,  
2009

Mississippi Link, "13<sup>th</sup> U.S. Navy Ship Takes Name of Medgar Wiley Evers at  
JSU," October 15-21, 2009

Natchez Democrat, "Wrongful Death Suit Settled," October 2, 2009

The Tri-State Defender, "If Governor Appoints African American as Judge, It  
Will Be His First," August 13, 2009

The Clarion Ledger, "Barbour Should Replace DeLaughter with Black Judge,"  
August 9, 2009

The Clarion Ledger, "Ex-Chief Gets 30 Months in Prison," April 18, 2009

WJTV, "More Prison Time for Former Cop," Matt Kozar, April 17, 2009. In this  
interview I offered comments on the sentencing of the City of Mendenhall,  
Mississippi Police Chief, Jimmy Sullivan, who utilized excessive force and  
violated the civil rights of my client.

Jackson Free Press, "Barbour Ignoring Black Judge Applicants," February 11,  
2009



Jackson Free Press, "Elected Judges: Battered, Bought . . . But Still Better,"  
December 10, 2008

The Clarion Ledger, "Dems Will Shape Mississippi Judiciary Makeup,"  
November 17, 2008

Associated Press, "Groups Work to Prevent Problems at Miss. Polls," November  
3, 2008

WKXI, Straight Talk, Frank Bluntson, November 2008. I offered comments  
encouraging the public to vote in the upcoming election in general and in  
particular to vote for Jim Kitchens for Mississippi Supreme Court. I have no  
recording or transcript.

WMPR, The Charles Evers Show, Charles Evers, November 2008. I offered  
comments encouraging the public to vote in the upcoming election in general and  
in particular to vote for Jim Kitchens for Mississippi Supreme Court. I have no  
recording or transcript.

WAPT, "Legal Volunteers to Help on Election Day," October 31, 2008. I  
provided comments at a press conference held by several groups to encourage  
people to vote and to inform the public of the groups' efforts to combat potential  
voting problems.

WLBT, "Various Agencies Poised for Possible Election Problems," October 31,  
2008. I provided comments at a press conference held by several groups to  
encourage people to vote and to inform the public of the groups' efforts to combat  
potential voting problems.

Jackson Free Press, "Voter Coalition Debut Massive Voter Watch; Criticizes  
Hosemann," October 31, 2008

The Clarion Ledger, "Suit Against Ex-Judge, Hinds County Revived," October  
15, 2008

The Natchez Democrat, "Palmer Family Lawsuit Begins Long Process,"  
September 23, 2008

The Roll Call, "The Black Vote and Mississippi," July 30, 2008

The Clarion Ledger, "No Tax Hike for Hinds Schools," July 3, 2008

The Natchez Democrat, "Suit Alleges Palmer's Death 'Intentional,'" July 3, 2008

NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., "Juvenile Life Without Parole  
Reform," May 27, 2008

WLOX, "Mississippi Black Professionals Training Young Leaders," Krystal Allan, May 3, 2008. I was interviewed by the local television station which covered the annual meeting of the Mississippi Black Professional Association in Biloxi, Mississippi. I have no recording or transcript.

WLBT, "Students Participate in Mock Trials," March 29, 2008. I provided comments to the news station regarding the annual high school mock trial sponsored by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc.

The Clarion Ledger, "4<sup>th</sup> Special Judge Appointed to Clear Hinds County Docket," February 5, 2008

The Clarion Ledger, "Group Blasts Hinds Special Judge Choices," January 31, 2008

The Clarion Ledger, "Vacant Post on Federal Court Spikes Workload," January 21, 2008

The Clarion Ledger, "Lawyers Champion Judicial Reforms," January 20, 2008

WKXI, Straight Talk, Frank Bluntson, January 2008. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

WMPR, The Charles Evers Show, Charles Evers, January 2008. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

The Jackson Advocate, "Wooten Wins Again," December 20-26, 2007

WMPR, The Othor Cain Show, Othor Cain, December 21, 2007. I provided a discussion of the election between Adrienne Wooten and John Reeves for the House Seat 71 of the Mississippi Legislature. The contest was being waged at the ballot box as well as the courthouse. I also used this opportunity to encourage the public to vote for Ms. Wooten, who I was representing in the litigation. I have no recording or transcript.

The Clarion Ledger, "Wooten 18 Votes Ahead of Reeves," December 19, 2007

The Clarion Ledger, "House District Revote Today, Candidates Vow to Keep Up Fight," December 18, 2007

Jackson Free Press, "District 71 Re-Vote on for Tuesday," December 17, 2007

The Clarion Ledger, "District 71 Election Back On, Court says," December 14, 2007

Jackson Free Press, "Reeves Plans to Challenge Ruling," December 12, 2007

The Clarion Ledger, "Commission Certifies Contested Election After Judge's Ruling," December 12, 2007

The Clarion Ledger, "Candidate Wants Race Called," December 8, 2007

The Jackson Free Press, "Carlton Reeves," interview by Kristen Phillips, December 5, 2007

WMPR, The Charles Evers Show, Charles Evers, December 2007. I provided a discussion of the election between Adrienne Wooten and John Reeves for the House Seat 71 of the Mississippi Legislature. The contest was being waged at the ballot box as well as the courthouse. I also used this opportunity to encourage the public to vote for my client, Ms. Wooten. I have no recording or transcript.

WKXI, Kixie Sunday Morning Magazine, Lessie Hayes, December 2007. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

Associated Press, "Advocates Say More Money Needed for Lawyers in Youth Cases," November 27, 2007

WKXI, Straight Talk, Frank Bluntson, November, 2007. I offered comments encouraging the public to vote in the upcoming election. I have no recording or transcript.

The Clarion Ledger, "Senate Oks Mississippi Judge," October 25, 2007

Politico.com, "Vote to Indicate Heft of Southwick Baggage," October 22, 2007

Associated Press, "DHS Successfully Appeals \$750K Judgment in 2004 Hinds Co. Case," August 10, 2007

The Clarion Ledger, "Court Reverses \$750K Award," August 9, 2007

Associated Press, "State Jurist Faces Confirmation Vote in U.S. Senate," June 4, 2007

Associated Press, "Mississippi Jurist Faces Confirmation Vote in U.S. Senate," June 4, 2007

Fulton County Daily Report, "Bush's Black Nominees Scarce in South; Experts: As Judges Retire, Next Generation May Never See a Southern Black Judge," May 10, 2007

WJSU, The Metro Journal, Eric Stringfellow, May 18, 2007. I was interviewed and offered comments regarding the pending nomination of Judge Leslie Southwick to the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Magnolia Bar's opposition to the nomination. I have no recording or transcript.

WKXI, Straight Talk, Frank Bluntson, May 2007. I was interviewed and offered comments regarding the pending nomination of Judge Leslie Southwick to the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Magnolia Bar's opposition to the nomination. I have no recording or transcript.

WJNT, The Kim Wade Show, Kim Wade, May 2007. I was interviewed and offered comments regarding the pending nomination of Judge Leslie Southwick to the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Magnolia Bar's opposition to the nomination. I have no recording or transcript.

Minority Law Journal, "Diversity Scorecard: Bush's Scarce Black Nominees," May 1, 2007

The Clarion Ledger, "Mendenhall Police Chief Faces More Legal Problems," March 31, 2007

The Commercial Appeal, "DHS Argues Against Abuse Judgment—Jackson Teen had been Awarded \$750,000," March 30, 2007

The Clarion Ledger, "DHS Appeals '04 Judgment," March 29, 2007

The Clarion Ledger, Opinion of Eric Stringfellow, January 26, 2007

WLBT, The Morning Report, January 2007. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

WJTV, The Morning News, Erin Pickens, January 2007. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

Alan Morrison & Diane T. Chin, Beyond the Big Firm: Profiles of Lawyers Who Want Something More, 121-30 (2007)

The Clarion Ledger, "E-discovery Draws Scrutiny," December 16, 2006

The Clarion Ledger, "Lextron Racial Slur Lawsuit Settled," October 20, 2006

Pro Bono Law Ontario, "Poor Often Have No Legal Access," September 14, 2006

WJTV, I was interviewed for the news concerning the a lawsuit that I filed on behalf of my client against the City of Mendenhall, Mississippi, its police chief, Jimmy Sullivan and other defendants concerning the violation of my client's civil rights. I have no recording or transcript.

Mississippi Link, "Magnolia Bar Members and Supporters Gather at Tougaloo for Summit 2006," August 10, 2006

Mississippi Link, "Rape Lawsuit Proves Columbia Training School Fails Children and Taxpayers," July 20-26, 2006

Mississippi Link, "Magnolia Bar Opposes Wallace," May 11-17, 2006

WKXI, Straight Talk, Frank Bluntson, January 2006. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

WLBT, The Morning Report, January 2006. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

WJTV, The Morning News, Erin Pickens, January 2006. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

WAPT, The Morning News, January 2006. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

Mississippi Link, "Killen's Release Opens Old Wound Again," August 18-24, 2005

Greenwood Commonwealth, "Suit against City is in Judge's Hands," August 10, 2005

Greenwood Commonwealth, "Doctor: Victim Mentally Injured by Attack," August 9, 2005

WABG, interviewed by the local television station regarding the trial in the case (Streeter v. City of Greenwood, Civ. Action No. 2003-0098CICI (Leflore County Circuit Court)-) filed against the City of Greenwood, Mississippi for its failure to properly supervise participants in the work release program which resulted in my client being raped by a participant in that program. I have no recording or transcript.

Greenwood Commonwealth, "Trial Set in Negligence Suit Against City," August 7, 2005

Associated Press, "Judge to Begin Hearing Negligence Lawsuit Against City of Greenwood," August 7, 2005

WLBT, The Morning Report, January 2005. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

WJTV, The Morning News, Erin Pickens, January 2005. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

WKXI, Straight Talk, Frank Bluntson, November 2004. I offered comments encouraging the public to vote in the upcoming election. I have no recording or transcript.

The Clarion Ledger, "Event Offers Minorities Chance to Look into Law," February 28, 2004

WKXI, Straight Talk, Frank Bluntson, January 2004. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

WLBT, The Morning Report, January 2004. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

WJTV, The Morning News, Erin Pickens, January 2004. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

The Clarion Ledger, "Re-mapping Ruled Out for State Courts," December 19, 2003

WKXI, Straight Talk, Frank Bluntson, November 2003. I have no recording or transcript.

Lifenews.com, "Mississippi Abortion Practitioners May be Held Liable for Complications," July 14, 2003

The Clarion Ledger, "Abortion Rights Group says State Among Worst for Anti-Choice Restrictions," July 14, 2003

The Clarion Ledger, "A Victory for the Plaintiffs," March 23, 2003

WMPR, The Charles Evers Show, Charles Evers. I discussed the upcoming Magnolia Mid-Winter Banquet, January 8, 2003. I have no recording or transcript.

WKXI, Straight Talk, Frank Bluntson, January 2003. I have no recording or transcript.

Mississippi Lawyer, December 2002/January 2003

The Clarion Ledger, "Lawyer Honored for Civil Rights Acts," November 20, 2002

WKXI, Straight Talk, Frank Bluntson, November 2002. I offered comments encouraging the public to vote in the upcoming elections. I have no recording or transcript.

The Clarion Ledger, "GOP Seeks At-Large Congressional Races," May 16, 2002

The Jackson Advocate, "U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Appoints 15 to Advisory Board," February 21-27, 2002

The Mississippi Business Journal, January 21, 2002

WKXI, Straight Talk, Frank Bluntson, January 2002. I provided comments on this radio program encouraging the public to attend the annual Mid-Winter Banquet and Awards hosted by the Magnolia Bar Association, Inc. and the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc. I have no recording or transcript.

Associated Press, "Opposing Lawyers Defend Own Versions of Redistricting Plans," December 20, 2001

The Clarion Ledger, "Redistricting Judge to Make Ruling Quickly," December 20, 2001

Associated Press, "Lawyers Make Closing Arguments in Mississippi Redistricting," December 19, 2001

WLBT, WJTV and WAPT, December 2001. I was interviewed by the local television stations on multiple occasions during the trial regarding the redistricting of Mississippi' Congressional districts. I have no recordings or transcripts.

Associated Press, "Federal Judges Might Take Over Mississippi Redistricting," December 5, 2001

The Democrat, "Cathey Voted off Board, Vote Stayed Until Appeal," October 9, 2001

Mississippi Supreme Court, "Judicial Study Commission Discusses Campaign Finance and Other Reforms," September 14, 2001

Mississippi Supreme Court, "Study Commission Discusses Improvement for Judiciary," July 19, 2001

The Clarion Ledger, "Three Lawsuits Claim Employees Not Paid Overtime," June 29, 2001

Associated Press, "Overtime Pay Questioned in Lawsuit for Workers at Three Private Prisons in Mississippi," June 22, 2001

The Clarion Ledger, "Judge to Rule on Mayoral Ballot," April 3, 2001

The Clarion Ledger, "City Elections Canton," April 3, 2001

The Clarion Ledger, "Punch-Card System may Cause Voter Confusion," November 6, 2000

The Clarion Ledger, "Vote-Selling Web Site to Get Warning," October 19, 2000

The Clarion Ledger, "Disabled Reaping Benefits of ADA," July 16, 2000

The Clarion Ledger, "No Decision Yet on Noble Retrial in Dahmer Case," December 27, 1999



The Clarion Ledger, "Last Trial in 1966 Dahmer Murder by Klan to Begin," June 7, 1999

Associated Press, "Assistant U.S. Attorney Appointed Election Officer," October 30, 1998

Anthony Walton, Mississippi: An American Journey, 117-23 (1996)

New Orleans Times Picayune, "Miss. Court Justice Enjoys His Return to Private Practice," July 14, 1991

WLBT, Pumoja, 1989. I was interviewed on this local community affairs program concerning capital punishment. I have no recording or transcript.

The Washington Post, "Democratic Party Losing Young Adherents Left and Right," May 21, 1986

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.

On April 6, 2007, the Senior Chancellor of the Fifth Chancery Court District, appointed me Hinds County Family Master to adjudicate cases brought by the Mississippi Department of Human Services seeking to establish paternity and obtaining child support for children who do not live in the home with both parents. My appointment has been renewed each six months. My current term is set to expire on June 30, 2010.

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

My authority is limited. I hear cases without a jury and make recommendations for the adoption by the Hinds County Chancellors pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 9-5-255. Because the issues are narrow and focused, I generally hear as many as 30-40 cases on the one day each week I serve.

- i. Of these, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	
bench trials:	100%
civil proceedings:	100%
criminal proceedings:	

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

I have not written opinions.

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

As a Hinds County Family Master, I primarily adjudicate establishments of paternity in connection with petitions for child support. The legal disputes in the cases are routine and defendants are typically unrepresented.

- 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.

I have not written opinions.

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

None.

- 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.

I am not aware of any cases in which I was reversed by a reviewing court.

- 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.

I have not issued written decisions.

- 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 issued 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 a 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.

Where I have represented or currently represent someone, I automatically enter an order of recusal when that person appears as a party. On those occasions where I have knowledge of or a close relationship with a party who appears in the case before me, I provide an on-the-record announcement of my knowledge of the individual, and my relationship with him or her. After such disclosure, if a party desires my recusal, I will honor the party's request. These circumstances have only arisen in a very minute number of cases – probably less than ten.

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.

On December 19, 2007, Governor Haley Barbour appointed me to the Board of Directors of the College Savings Plan of Mississippi. My term is set to expire June 2010. I have had no unsuccessful candidacies for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

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

I served as Co-Chair of the Kitchens for Supreme Court Campaign for the election held on November 4, 2008. The candidate was Jim Kitchens. My role in the campaign lasted from approximately April 2008 through November 2008. This was an unpaid position. My primary role was to give advice to the candidate and the campaign staff regarding the issues of the campaign and the get-out-the-vote efforts. This is the only campaign in which I have held a formal role.

Since 1979, I have volunteered in state and federal elections on all levels from municipal, county, district and state-wide offices in legislative, executive and judicial arenas. Volunteering has included, among other things, door-to-door canvassing, speaking before audiences and at political rallies, making appearances on radio programs and hosting fundraisers. I have also participated in election protection efforts in various campaigns.

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;

1989-1990; I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Reuben V. Anderson, Mississippi Supreme Court.

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

I have never practiced alone.

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

1991  
Mississippi Supreme Court  
450 High Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Staff Attorney (1991)

1991-1995  
Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P  
111 E. Capitol Street, Suite 600  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Associate

1995-2001

United States Department of Justice  
United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Mississippi  
188 East Capitol Street, Suite 500  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
Assistant United States Attorney, Chief of the Civil Division (1995-2001)  
District Election Officer (1998-2001)

2001-2006

Pigott Reeves Johnson & Minor, P.A.  
775 North Congress Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202  
Shareholder

2006-Present

Pigott Reeves Johnson, P.A.  
775 North Congress Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202  
Shareholder

- 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 served as a mediator on four occasions. Three involved motor vehicle accidents; the fourth was a commercial fraud case. I also have served as an arbitrator in one matter, which involved a motor vehicle accident.

b. Describe:

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

After completing my judicial clerkship, I served as a staff attorney for the Mississippi Supreme Court where I oversaw the motions docket and post-conviction relief matters and advised the justices regarding the proper disposition of said motions. In 1991, I joined the Phelps Dunbar Law Firm as a litigation associate. I litigated various matters before administrative bodies, state and federal trial and appellate courts. I tried a number of cases to verdict. Most of my work involved representing corporations and governmental entities which had been sued; however, I also represented these parties as plaintiffs and on some occasions I represented individual plaintiffs.

As Assistant United States Attorney, Chief of the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Mississippi, from 1995 through 2001, I supervised a team of approximately thirty individuals, including nine attorneys. I oversaw the civil, trial and appellate litigation in which the United States, its agencies and employees were involved. These matters included defending the government in various matters: torts, constitutional torts, medical malpractice, employment discrimination, claims filed under the Freedom of Information Act, administrative law and on many occasions criminal defense. I also supervised the affirmative litigation including claims filed under the False Claims Act, bankruptcy, foreclosure, employment discrimination, fair housing and claims prosecuted under the American with Disabilities Act. The third area that I supervised included the civil enforcement unit including the Financial Litigation Unit whose responsibility included collecting fines, civil and criminal penalties, assessments and conducting other post-judgment proceedings.

As Civil Chief, I maintained an active caseload and prepared and tried bench and jury trials in many of the above mentioned areas including employment discrimination, emergency matters, torts, violations of the False Claims Act, FOIA and administrative law. I also prosecuted and defended appeals in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I was appointed the District Election Officer and was tasked with the responsibility of supervising the investigation and prosecution of election fraud matters and taking steps to protect the voting rights of Mississippi citizens. I offered advice and assistance to government lawyers from other districts and the Department of Justice Division attorneys who practiced within the district. Finally, I served on the Civil Chiefs' Working Group of the Executive Office of United States Attorneys.

Since establishing our law firm in 2001, I have continued to actively litigate cases representing plaintiffs and defendants including individuals, corporations and governmental bodies in all state and federal trial and appellate courts in Mississippi and on occasion in other states. I have represented plaintiffs and defendants in employment discrimination cases including claims of race, sex, age, disability and national origin discrimination. I also litigated cases involving election law, redistricting, legal malpractice, personal injury, silica mass tort, securities fraud, enforcement of the Fair Labor Standards Act, commercial litigation and personal injury.

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

As Assistant United States Attorney, I represented the United States, its employees and agencies in affirmative and defensive matters.

In the course of my private practice, I represented a broad range of clients including individuals, corporations and public bodies.

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

My practice has always been in litigation, including state and federal trial and appellate courts. I have tried cases before administrative bodies, judges, and juries. Maintaining an active civil caseload, even as Chief of the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorneys Office, Southern District of Mississippi, has allowed me to appear in court frequently for hearings on motions and trials.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. federal courts:          | 70% |
| 2. state courts of record:  | 25% |
| 3. other courts:            | 2%  |
| 4. administrative agencies: | 3%  |

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- |                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. civil proceedings:    | 95% |
| 2. criminal proceedings: | 5%  |

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

I have tried approximately thirty-five to forty cases to verdict. In more than half of these, I was either sole or chief counsel.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:

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|--------------|-----|
| 1. jury:     | 60% |
| 2. non-jury: | 40% |

- 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.

After having tried a case before a three judge panel of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, I was on brief for the appellants/cross appellees in *Branch v. Smith*, 538 U.S. 254 (2003).

17. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

- a. the date of representation;
  - b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
  - c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.
1. *Branch v. Clark*, G-2001-1777 W/4 (Hinds County Chancery Court, Hon. Patricia D. Wise), *rev'd sub. nom.*, *Mauldin v. Branch*, 866 So.2d 429 (Miss. 2003). *Smith v. Clark*, 189 F.Supp.2d 503 (S.D. Miss. 2002); *Smith v. Clark*, 189 F.Supp.2d 529 (S.D. Miss. 2002); *Smith v. Clark*, 189 F.Supp.2d 548 (S.D. Miss. 2002), *aff'd sub. nom.*, *Branch v. Smith*, 538 U.S. 524, 123 S.Ct. 1429 (2003) (Hon. Grady Jolly, Henry Wingate and David Bramlette).

In this set of cases I served as co-counsel for voters who petitioned the state chancery court to adopt a Congressional redistricting plan following the 2000 decennial census when the state legislature failed to perform its duty. This was the first time in the history of the state that the legislature failed to redistrict its congressional districts. After a bench trial of more than a week, the chancery court granted the relief requested by plaintiffs and adopted a Congressional Redistricting Plan. The intervening defendants then filed an action before a three judge panel of the United States District Court seeking to enjoin the state courts from implementing its plan. After a trial before the three judge panel, that court issued an injunction and adopted its own plan. The decision of the three judge panel was appealed to the United States Supreme Court which affirmed the federal injunction. The appeal from the chancery court was subsequently heard by the Mississippi Supreme Court which reversed the chancery court, and ruled that the state courts lacked authority to redistrict even when the legislature abdicates its responsibility.

Co-Counsel in this case was Rob McDuff, 769 N. Congress Street, Jackson, MS 39201, 601- 969-0802. Opposing Counsel were Michael B. Wallace, Wise Carter Child & Carraway, Post Office Box 651, Jackson, MS 39205, 601-968-5500; Grant M. Fox, Fox Law Group, 276 Maxey Drive, Brandon, MS 39042, 601-825-6111; F. Keith Ball, U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, 245 E. Capitol Street, Suite 400, Jackson, MS 39201, 601-965-4292.

2. *Banks v. CCA*, Civil Action No., 4:01-CV-150PB (N.D. Miss. 2001)(Hon. Allen Pepper); *Hale v. CCA*, Civil Action No., 2:01-CV-145(N.D. Miss. 2001)(Hon.



Eugene M. Bogen); *Shepherd v. CCA*, Civil Action No., 5:01-CV-179BRS (S.D. Miss. 2001)(Hon. David Bramlette)

I served as co-counsel in a collective action and two related lawsuits representing hundreds of employees of the owner and operator of private prisons in the state of Mississippi. We alleged that the defendant routinely and willfully violated the Fair Labor Standards Act and committed other illegal acts when it failed to compensate its employees for overtime. These cases settled before trial.

Co-Counsel in this case were Cliff Johnson, Pigott Reeves Johnson, P.A., 775 N. Congress Street, Jackson, MS 39201, 601-354-2121; Doug Minor, Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings, 188 E. Capitol Street, Suite 400, Jackson, MS 39201, 601-948-8000. Opposing Counsel were Wayne Drinkwater, Will Manuel, Margaret Cupples, Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings, 188 E. Capitol Street, Suite 400, Jackson, MS 39201, 601-948-8000.

3. *Johnson v. Waldrup*, Civil Action No. 2001-0325-CI (Sunflower County Circuit Court) (Hon. Margaret Carey McCray)

I served as co-counsel in an election contest for the African-American candidate in a case where she alleged that several white poll workers had illegally thrown out the votes of many African Americans thus causing the long-time white incumbent to win the alderman-at-large position. Never before had the City of Drew, Mississippi, which was more than 75% African-American, elected a majority African-American Board of Alderman. At trial we proved that the election was riddled with errors including the illegal rejection of ballots cast by African-American voters. After counting many of the votes which had been cast for Johnson, and that we argued should be counted, the court ordered a new election. Having removed the barriers of harassment and intimidation, the voters elected the candidate of their choice—our client—resulting in Drew’s first African-American majority Board of Alderman. That election was the catalyst for the voters to elect the city’s first African-American mayor a few years later.

Co-Counsel was Rob McDuff, 769 N. Congress, Jackson, MS 39201, 601-969-0802. Opposing Counsel was John H. McWilliams, Townsend McWilliams & Holladay, P.O. Box 288, Drew, MS 38737-0288, 662-745-8517

4. *In re: Appeal of Michael Cathey*, Civil Action No. 2001-0186-C-T (Tate County Circuit Court)(Hon. George Carlson and Hon. Andrew Baker)

I served as co-counsel representing the sole African-American on the Board of Alderman of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi. Cathey had been duly elected to his second term as alderman. Even though he was deemed qualified by his party’s committee and won the general election, after he was sworn into office, a local citizen, with the aid of some of the members of the city council and other government officials, sought to have Cathey removed from office. These persons claimed that

Cathey moved from the district because he had purchased a second house outside of the district. Through various appeals and hearings, one of which occurred before the Mayor and Board of Alderman, Cathey was ultimately successful in retaining his seat. Moreover, the circuit court ruled that he could not be removed from his seat because he had not moved from the district. Had Cathey been removed from office the will of the voters in his ward would have been supplanted. Cathey continues to serve as alderman.

Co-Counsel was Doug Minor, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, 188 E. Capitol Street, Suite 400, Jackson, MS 39201, 601-948-8000. Opposing Counsel were Tommie Cardin, Sam Keyes, Butler Snow, 1020 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 1400, Ridgeland, MS 39157, 601-948-4570.

5. *Fleming v. State of Mississippi*, 687 So.2d 146 (Miss. 1997) (Trial Judge, Hon. James Sumner)

I represented a former member of the Attala County Board of Supervisors on the appeal of his conviction of fraud by public officer when he purportedly used county money to repair his personal tractor equipment. During the investigation for his appeal, I learned that one of the jurors who served on his jury was a convicted felon. Under Mississippi law, convicted felons are disqualified from serving on juries, and it was clear from the record that the parties and the court inquired of the venire their criminal background. The juror never disclosed his status as a felon. The trial court denied our post-trial motions agreeing with the state that Fleming had not been denied a fair trial because it was likely that a convicted felon was more likely to render a verdict against the state. The Mississippi Supreme Court, however, reversed the trial court and granted Fleming a new trial.

Trial Counsel was Hon. Jannie Lewis, 101 Cedar Street, Lexington, MS 39095, 662-834-1452. Opposing Counsel was Jeffrey A. Klingfuss (on appeal), Special Assistant Attorney General, 450 High Street, 601-359-3692.

6. *United States v. Jointer*, 910 F.Supp. 279 (S. D. Miss. 1995)(Hon. Walter Gex)

In one of the early cases brought by the United States Attorney's Office under the False Claims Act, the defendant, a podiatrist, argued that she was entitled to summary judgment contending that she did not "knowingly" submit false claims as she did not have actual knowledge of the falsity of the claims as the nursing homes for which she was providing services had given her incorrect Medicaid and Medicare numbers of the patients she had treated. The court adopted the government's argument that "knowing" under the False Claims Act is defined broadly to include reckless disregard. The court denied Jointer's request for summary judgment. The parties settled before trial with Jointer agreeing to pay damages to the government.

Opposing Counsel was David C. Frazier, 706 Watts Avenue, Pascagoula, MS 39567, 228-769-7754

7. *Haire v. United States*, 101 F.Supp.2d 478 (N. D. Miss. 2000)(Hon. W. Allen Pepper)

In a case in which the United States Attorneys Office, in the Northern District of Mississippi was recused, I represented the United States Department of Agriculture and its employees as lead counsel in a lawsuit where plaintiff claimed that she had been discriminated against because of her race, sex, and marital status. Plaintiff also alleged that she had endured retaliation when she allegedly complained of the discriminatory treatment. The court granted summary judgment on all claims except for retaliation. The retaliation claim was tried before a jury in a week long trial. The jury returned a verdict for the agency.

Co-Counsel was Cindy Eldridge, U.S. Department of Justice, 9510 Tirana Place, Dulles, VA 20189-9510, 305-560-4540. Opposing Counsel were Ronald W. Lewis, 2621 W. Oxford Loop, Suite C, Oxford, MS 38655, 662-234-0766; Lisa S. Rohman, 315 A Magazine Street, Tupelo, MS 38801-4865, 662-841-0636.

8. *Bennett v. United States*, Civil Action No. 3:97-CV-745BN, (S.D. Miss. 1999) (Hon. William H. Barbour, Jr.), *rev'd sub. nom. Bennett v. Barnett*, 210 F.3d 272 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2000), *cert. denied* 531 U.S. 875, 121 S. Ct. 181 (2000).

I represented the United States Postal Service and individual officers and employees of the agency on claims of damages alleging constitutional torts and violations under the Federal Tort Claims Act resulting from an investigation of an altercation between two employees. The Plaintiffs included a postal worker and the union steward, who also was employed by the postal service. The union steward was allowed to participate in an interview of the employee who allegedly had a gun on the premises of the post office. When the postal inspector sought to obtain the employee's consent to search his vehicle, the union steward objected and interfered with the investigation, and she was forcibly removed from the interview room. The steward filed assault charges against the inspector. I represented the postal inspector on the criminal charges which were dismissed. Plaintiffs then filed a suit in federal court asserting that they should be able to proceed with the *Bivens* claims alleging violations of the First, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments against their supervisors and employer. The district court granted our motion to dismiss and ruled that the plaintiffs' claims were precluded by the Civil Service Reform Act and the Postal Reorganization Act. The trial court, however, denied our motion to dismiss the state tort claims, rejecting our argument that any state tort claims were barred by the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). We proceeded to trial on the state tort claims. After finding for one of the plaintiffs and awarding damages in the amount of only \$2,500, I convinced the Appellate Division to file a cross-appeal on the trial court's ruling that the FECA did not bar the state tort claims. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the district court on the *Bivens* claims but reversed the trial court on our cross-appeal finding that plaintiff's exclusive remedy for her on-the-job tort injuries is the FECA.

Co-Counsel on appeal were Edward Himmelfarb, Robert Greenspan, U. S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Appellate Staff, 601 D Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001. Opposing Counsel were Melanie Bennett (*pro se*), Anton L. Hajjar, Darrell Anderson, O'Donnell, Schwartz & Anderson, 1300 L Street, N.W., Suite 1200, Washington, D. C. 2005.

9. *State of Mississippi v. Charles Noble*, Nos. 6785 and 6793, Forrest County Circuit Court (Hon. Richard McKenzie)

In this case the defendant, who was on trial in state court as a co-conspirator in one of Mississippi's infamous 1960's civil rights murders, moved to compel the FBI to release information from its files and to provide testimony which would aid in his defense. Defendant sought information on certain informants and others who may have provided any information to the FBI when it was investigating this notorious crime. On behalf of the FBI, I moved to quash the trial subpoena asserting that even though the crime for which this defendant was being tried occurred decades ago, the FBI files contain privileged and confidential information. It included the identities of confidential informants and information furnished by informants with respect to other investigations. And, further the FBI's decision to not disclose the information in response to the subpoena was appropriate as disclosure of confidential informant information could endanger the informants, if living, or their surviving family members. Moreover, disclosure of informant information could also have a devastating impact on the FBI's ability to recruit future informants if they feared that their identity would be disclosed and the information they provided released to the general public. The trial court quashed the subpoenas.

Opposing Counsel was Joe Sam Owen, Owen Galloway & Myers, 1414 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39502, 228-868-2821.

10. *Warren v. Joyner*, 996 F.Supp. 581 (S.D. Miss. 1997) (Honorable Tom S. Lee)

I represented the doctor and a health clinic covered by the Public Health Services Act which provides that certain federally funded clinics and employees are entitled to the protection of the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA). Although the case had been proceeding in state court for more than a year, once the Public Health Service became aware that one of its clinics and physicians had been sued, the case was removed to federal court. We then filed a motion to dismiss as the plaintiff failed to exhaust her administrative remedies as required by the FTCA. The court concluded that the defendants had not waived their rights to be protected by the procedures set forth under the FTCA even though the case was being litigated in state court for more than a year. Because the plaintiff had not filed an administrative claim with the agency, the court dismissed the action. This was the first of many cases that the courts in this district would address the newly enacted provisions of the Public Health Services Act wherein federally supported health clinics are entitled to the protections set out in the FTCA.

Opposing Counsel was Eric A. Tiebauer, Jr., 4363 Highway 45N, Waynesboro, MS 39367, 601-735-5222.

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

During my years of practice, I have been involved in many bar and legal related committees and activities. I have served on a number of committees, commissions and boards of organizations whose primary responsibility is to provide access to legal services for those who cannot afford them and to advocate on their behalf.

Through the Magnolia Bar Association in which I have served in a variety of capacities including President, I have promoted reform in the law, advocated for diversity in all branches of government including the judiciary, called attention to civil rights and voting rights issues and addressed issues that affect the legal profession in general and the African-American community in particular. We expanded the voice of the Magnolia Bar by partnering with groups and organizations that had these similar principles at the core of their agenda. I have also used the Magnolia Bar and other associations and affiliations as vehicles through which to mentor high school and law students, and I have mentored young lawyers.

Through the Magnolia Bar Foundation, Inc., of which I also served on the Board of Directors and as President, I participated in the annual high school mock trial competition co-sponsored by the association and foundation. We raised money to support scholarships for high school and law school students. I, however, take the most pride in planning our annual "law" camps for boys and girls. These "law" camps are unique in the sense that they target primarily African-American children from homes throughout Mississippi headed by single mothers. We make sure that the focus of the camp is far more expansive than merely encouraging the students to become lawyers. We emphasize the importance of being good, productive and responsible citizens. During the camp we teach useful skills such as: table etiquette; interviewing skills; dressing appropriately; the value of earning, saving and investing money; living a healthy life-style; and conflict resolution. We also make sure that the students are exposed to various African-American professionals including doctors, bankers, investment officers, business owners, and persons within law enforcement because the limit of many of the students' exposure to black professionals does not reach beyond their teachers.

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

I served as an adjunct faculty member at Jackson State University during the 1992 fall semester. I taught a course entitled The Judicial Process, which exposed the students to various principles in the judicial process. Students were taught how to analyze court opinions, theories of recovery, building cases upon precedent, and standard of review. I have no syllabus for this course.

During the 1994 spring semester, I taught a health law course at the Mississippi College School of Law. The primary focus of this case was to teach the theoretical applications of medical malpractice cases from the perspective of plaintiffs and defendants. I have no syllabus for this course.

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.

Based upon my law firm's partnership agreement, I would expect to receive compensation from the firm for a period of time after departing the firm. The amount of compensation would be dictated primarily by the timing of the final resolution of cases that are currently being handled. In addition, I expect to receive a certain amount of income under the firm's profit-sharing agreement.

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

I do not have any plans, commitments or agreements to pursue outside employment with or without compensation, during my service with the court.

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.

Parties, categories of litigation and financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest during my initial service as district judge would include family members, relatives, close friends, former clients, business associates/partners including my firm law partners and other attorneys with whom I have an existing financial relationship.

- 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 handle all matters involving actual or potential conflicts-of-interest through the Code of Judicial Conduct for United States Judges and any other relevant statutory provisions and canons. If any issue of potential conflict were to arise, I would consult the applicable statutes and seek advice from the Code of Conduct Committee of the Judicial Conference.

- 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.

Throughout my legal career, I have worked on efforts to increase the availability of legal services to the indigent and underserved. For several years, I was on the Board of Directors of Mississippi Center for Legal Services. I am currently serving on the Board of the Mississippi Center for Justice and just recently ended my tenure on the Board of the Mississippi Workers Center for Human Rights, two public interest non-profit law firms. I was appointed to the Mississippi Access to Justice Commission by the Mississippi Supreme Court. The central focus of this commission is to study and implement plans to expand access to the courts to the public especially those of whom are precluded from access because of the lack of their financial means.

In addition to advocating through commissions, committees and organizations, I routinely accept pro bono cases. In that regard I have represented parties pro bono in divorces in instances where domestic violence was a part of the marriage. In fact, I represented a mother who wanted a divorce from her husband who had fathered a child with his wife's minor daughter. The mother wanted to make sure that she obtained custody of the child and terminate her marriage with the perpetrator and to terminate any paternal and custodial rights the father normally would have. I have also prepared guardianships for families so that the children could enroll in school.

**26. Selection Process:**

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

There is no official selection commission in my jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nominations to the federal courts.

I was recommended to the President by Honorable Bennie G. Thompson, United States Representative, 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, Mississippi. Having been aware that there is a long time vacancy within the district, I advised Congressman Thompson that I was interested if the opportunity became available. In September 2009, I was contacted by staff from White House Counsel's Office and informed that the office had become aware of my interest. I was further advised that Senator Thad Cochran desired to meet me and that I should make an appointment with his office. After scheduling the appointment, I contacted the White House Counsel's Office to advise that the meeting had been confirmed.

On October 6, 2009, I met with Senator Cochran and two staff members. After our meeting, the staff members informed me that Senator Roger Wicker had learned that I was in town, and at his request I met with him. After returning to Mississippi, I spoke with White House Counsel to advise that the meetings had taken place.

Since January 21, 2010, I have been in contact with pre-nomination officials at the United States Department of Justice. On March 1, 2010, I interviewed in Washington, D.C., with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office and the Department of Justice. On April 28, 2010, the President submitted my nomination 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.



AFFIDAVIT

I, Carlton W. Reeves, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

4-26-10

(DATE)

*Carlton W. Reeves*

(NAME)



*Maxine A. Jackson*

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