

**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).

Sharon Johnson Coleman (formerly Sharon Lynn Johnson)

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

United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois

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.

160 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601

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

1960; Chicago, Illinois

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.

1981-1984, Washington University School of Law; J.D., 1984
1979-1981, Northern Illinois University; B.A., 1981
1978-1979, University of Alabama – Huntsville; No Degree
1977-1978, Northwestern University; No Degree

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.

2008-Present
Illinois Appellate Court, First District
160 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601
Judge

1996-2008

Circuit Court of Cook County
50 West Washington Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602
Judge

1993-96 & 1984-1989

Cook County State's Attorney's Office
28 North Clark Street, Third Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60602
Deputy State's Attorney & Bureau Chief, Public Interest Bureau (1993-1996)
Assistant State's Attorney (1984-1989)

1989-93

Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604
Assistant United States Attorney

1988-90

Roosevelt University
430 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60605
Instructor, Paralegal Program (Part-Time)

1983

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation
8787 State Street
East St. Louis, Illinois 62203
Summer Law Clerk

1982

Northern Illinois University
1425 West Lincoln Highway
DeKalb, Illinois 60115
English Teacher, Upward Bound Program (Summer Position)

1981

Washington University Library Systems
One Brookings Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63130
Assistant Librarian

Other Affiliations (uncompensated)

2008-Present

Illinois Judicial Council
20 South Clark Street, Suite 900
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Director

2000-2006

Illinois Judges Association
321 South Plymouth Court
Chicago, Illinois 60604
Director

1995-2000

Just the Beginning Foundation, Inc.
223 South Wacker Drive, Suite 6600
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Director

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 have not 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.

C.F. Stradford Award, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, 2010
Esther Rothstein Award, Women's Bar Association of Illinois, 2010
Chicago Defender, Woman of Excellence, 2009
Illinois Judicial Council, Chairperson's Award, 2009
Village of Hillside, Mayor's Recognition, 2008
Chicago Coalition on Law-Related Education, Service Award, 2008
Illinois Judicial Council, Meritorious Service Award, 2002
Northern Illinois University History Department, Alum of the Year, 1998
National Black Prosecutors Association, Merit Award, 1996
Washington University School of Law, Graduate and Professional Opportunities
Fellowship (full tuition and stipend), 1981-1984

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.

Black Women Lawyers' Association
Summit Committee, 2006-2007
Chicago Bar Association
Judicial Evaluation Committee, 1993-1995
Ad Hoc Committee to Reevaluate the Judicial Evaluation Committee, 1997
Chicago Coalition on Law-Related Education
Circuit Court of Cook County
Adult Probation Oversight Committee, 1998
Cook County Bar Association
Education Committee, 2005-2006
Illinois Judges Association
Director, 2000-2006
Illinois Judicial Council
Executive Board Member, 2004-2005 & 2008-Present
Illinois Pattern Jury Instructions Committee (Civil) of the Supreme Court of Illinois,
2003-2008
National Association of Women Judges
National Black Prosecutors Association
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
Women's Bar Association of Illinois

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.

Illinois, 1984

There has been no lapse 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, 1989
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 1988
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 1984
Supreme Court of Illinois, 1984

There has been no lapse 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.

American Constitution Society, Chicago Chapter (2009-Present)

Board of Advisors (2009-Present)

Catholic Charities Adoption Guild (1989-Present)

Chicago Public Schools Principal for a Day (2004-2008)

Des Plaines Child Sexual Abuse Advisory Board (1987-1988)

Friends of Whitney Young High School (2005-2007)

JOURNAL OF URBAN AND CONTEMPORARY LAW (1982-1983)

Just the Beginning Foundation, Inc. (1995-2000)

Director (1995-2000)

Leadership Greater Chicago (1994-Present)

Fellows' Board Member (1995-1997)

Mayor's Advisory Council to the Chicago Dept. of Admin. Hearings (2000-2008)

Northern Illinois University Black Alumni (2009-Present)

Southside Little League Parents (1995-2002)

Truman Scholarship Foundation, Chicago Scholar Selection Panel (2009)

University of Chicago Laboratory School Parents' Association (2007-Present)

- 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.

None of the organizations listed above presently discriminates or has discriminated during the time I have been a member. I am not aware of any former discrimination by any of these organizations.

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.

"Focus on Our Future," ILLINOIS JUDICIAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER (Aug./Sept. 2009)

"Tributes to Justice Pincham: Running the Bases," CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION RECORD (Apr. 2008)

“The Red Flag Rule: 216,” COOK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
(Spring 2005)

In addition to these listed publications, I authored and/or edited short statements that were published on Internet websites for my judicial campaigns, in a newsletter, and in pamphlet form. Following the ethics canons for Illinois judicial officers, I took down all web pages soliciting electoral support after the elections.

- 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.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Reevaluate the Judicial Evaluation
Committee, Chicago Bar Association (1997) (contributor)

- 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.

None.

- 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.

C.F. Stradford Award Acceptance Speech, Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office,
Chicago, IL (Feb. 18, 2010)

Esther Rothstein Award Acceptance Speech, Women’s Bar Association of Illinois,
Chicago, IL (Jan. 22, 2010)

Pledge of Professionalism Program, Commission of Professionalism of the
Supreme Court of Illinois, John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois
(Jan. 14, 2010)

“Road to the Robe” Workshop Facilitator, Illinois Judicial Council (Oct. 17, 2009)
(no notes)

Judicial Selection (Panelist), American Constitution Society Northwestern
University Chapter (Sept. 11, 2009) (no notes)

Keynote Address, Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund, Chicago, Illinois (May 14, 2009)

“Women Rising to the Bench” (panelist), Women’s History Month Celebration of the Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization, Chicago, Illinois (Mar. 28, 2009) (no notes)

“Women on the Move,” Obama for America (Moms for Michelle), Garfield Park Conservatory, Chicago, Illinois (Aug. 24, 2008) (no notes)

Keynote Remarks, Seventh Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, Village of Hillside, Illinois (Jan. 21, 2008) (no notes)

Throughout my service as a judge, I often have made presentations, particularly to students and young people, in our courthouses and in schools about careers and the role of the law. The presentations were often in conjunction with Women’s History Month, African American History Month, and Take Your Child to Work Day. I estimate that I made twelve to fifteen such presentations during each year I have been on the bench. I also served as Principal-for-a-Day with the Chicago Public Schools on four occasions. I do not keep records of these presentations, which I make without text or notes.

In addition, I gave public remarks frequently during my three candidacies for elected judicial office (in 1996, 2002, and 2008). In each campaign, I spoke to a wide variety of organizations including school groups, neighborhood and community organizations, block club meetings, ward meetings, and candidate forums. I did not speak from notes and I have no transcripts or recordings from any of these presentations. In each presentation, I spoke about my background and experience and about the importance of electing qualified judges to the judiciary. For my election to the Appellate Court in 2008, I also explained the duties of appellate judges.

- 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.

Emily and Friends (WVON radio broadcast Feb. 21, 2009) (no transcript).

Cliff Kelly Show, “Retention of Judges Panel,” (WVON radio broadcast fall 2008) (no transcript).

Moving On With Sheila Frazier (Cable Access Network television broadcast May 22, 2008) (no transcript).

Amy Wooten, “Election 2008: Sharon Johnson Coleman,” WINDY CITY TIMES, Jan. 30, 2008 (web profile).

Gloria L. Materre, “Obstacles Abound for Women of Color in the Legal Field,” *Women in Law 2008*, at 28 (Law Bulletin Pub. Co. 2008).

“Careers in the Law,” *Illinois Judges Association Program* (Cable Access Network television broadcast Dec. 14, 2006) (no transcript).

Chicago Bar Association Program (Cable Access Network television broadcast Mar. 6, 2006) (no transcript).

John Flynn Rooney, "She Has 'Greatest Assignment' on Trial Court," CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN, Aug. 14, 2002, at 3.

"A Night We Can't Forget," Chicago Sun-Times, Apr. 15, 2002, at 31.

M.A. Stapleton, "She's on the Right Track, Judging From Her Record," CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN, Feb. 18, 1998, at 3.

Abdon M. Pallasch, "State's Attorney's Unit Targets Those Who Prey on Elderly," CHICAGO LAWYER, Nov. 1997, at 6.

Vladmire Herard, "Southside Lawyer Aims for County Judgeship," CHICAGO DEFENDER, Jan. 15, 1996, at 21.

"Profile: Sharon Johnson Coleman; Chief of the Public Interest Bureau; Serving the Legal Interest of the Public Since 1984," TRI-CITY JOURNAL, Dec. 21, 1995, at 9.

"Sharon Johnson Coleman, Chief of the Public Interest Bureau; Serving the Legal Interests of the Public Since 1984," Chicago Crusader, Dec. 9, 1995, at 7.

"Ex-Lawyer Indicted for Theft" (interviewed as prosecutor), CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN, Apr. 25, 1996, at 1.

"Elder Abuse Cases on Rise; 5,000 Expected This Year; 46% Jump Since '92," CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, Feb. 18, 1996, at 29.

Maurice Possley & Andrew Fegelman, "Neglect Law Protects the Ailing, Forgotten," CHICAGO TRIBUNE, Feb. 15, 1996, at 1.

This is a complete list of interviews that I have been able to identify with a search of my files and of publicly-available databases. I speak frequently about the importance of the judiciary and my own service on the bench, and it is possible I have given interviews along those lines that I have not found. In addition, during my time supervising the State's Attorney's Public Interest Bureau, I spoke with several reporters about our work. I recall speaking with Pam Zekman of CBS Channel 2 News, but I have neither dates for those conversations nor specific recollection of other similar interviews.

In addition, I provided various statements and candidate questionnaire responses during my campaigns for elected judicial office in 1995-1996 and 2007-2008. I have not retained all such statements in my files.

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.

From 1996 through 2008, I served as Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. The Circuit Court is a state trial court of general jurisdiction. From 1996-1997 and again in 2000-2001, I was assigned to the Child Protection Division. From 1997-2000 and again from 2002-2008, I was assigned to the Law Division, where I primarily presided over all aspects of civil cases, including case management, pre-trial motion practice, and jury trials.

Since December 1, 2008, I have served as a Justice of the Appellate Court of Illinois, First District. Our court hears appeals of right from the Circuit Court and from a handful of other sources, including the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Both judicial offices I have held are elected positions.

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

Approximately 600.

- i. Of these, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	35%
bench trials:	65%
civil proceedings:	100%
criminal proceedings:	0%

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

People v. Cowart, 907 N.E.2d 1 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009).

Hayes v. M&T Mortgage Corp., 906 N.E.2d 638 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009).

Rexnord Industries, Inc. v. RHI Holdings, Inc., 906 N.E.2d 682 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009).

Strutz v. Vicere, 906 N.E.2d 1261 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009).

Linhart v. Bridgeview Creek Development, Inc., 909 N.E.2d 865 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009).

Cordeck Sales, Inc. v. Construction Systems, Inc., 917 N.E.2d 536 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009).

Vo-land, LLC v. Village of Bartlett, 919 N.E.2d 1 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009).

Dienstag v. Margolies, 919 N.E.2d 17 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009).

Qureshi v. Ahmed, 916 N.E.2d 1153 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009).

Heupel v. Jenkins, No. 1-07-1338, 2009 Ill. App. LEXIS 1080 (Ill. App. Ct. Nov. 10, 2009).

People v. Esang, No. 1-07-2235, 2009 Ill. App. LEXIS 1216 (Ill. App. Ct. Dec. 9, 2009).

Dloogatch v. Brincat, No. 1-08-0168, 2009 Ill. App. LEXIS 1252 (Ill. App. Ct. Dec. 16, 2009)

Ill. Bell Telephone Co. v. Ill. Commerce Commission, No. 1-08-2859, 2009 Ill. App. LEXIS 1269 (Ill. App. Ct. Dec. 23, 2009).

Estate of Howard Agins, No. 1-08-3207, 2009 Ill. App. LEXIS 1271 (Ill. App. Ct. Dec. 23, 2009).

Slomka v. Slomka, No. 1-08-3567, 2009 Ill. App. LEXIS 1270 (Ill. App. Ct. Dec. 23, 2009).

People v. Moore, No. 1-07-0410, 2009 Ill. App. LEXIS 1273 (Ill. App. Ct. Modified Dec. 23, 2009).

Pence v. Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter R.R., No. 1-08-3668, 2010 Ill. App. LEXIS 63 (Ill. App. Ct. Feb. 3, 2010).

People v. Ross, 917 N.E.2d 1111 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009) (special concurrence).

Brookbank v. Olson, 907 N.E.2d 426 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009) (dissent).

People v. Roosevelt Davis, No. 1-07-2012 (Dec. 17, 2008) (unpublished).

People v. Jeremy Borders, No. 1-07-1168 (Dec. 24, 2008) (unpublished).

People v. Ladale Briggon, No. 1-06-3666 (Jan. 14, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Brian Elmore, No. 1-07-0065 (Jan. 14, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Robert Lee Williford, No. 1-05-2071 (Jan. 21, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Herman Mitchell, No. 1-05-2184 (Jan. 28, 2009) (unpublished).

Romano Novelli v. City of Chicago, No. 1-07-2362 (Jan. 28, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Rabil A. Rahman, No. 1-07-2087 (Feb. 4, 2009) (unpublished).

In re G.P., a Minor, No. 1-08-2699 (Feb. 4, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Nathaniel Dixon, No. 1-05-3665 (Feb. 25, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Patrick McLaughlin, No. 1-07-1246 (Feb. 25, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Jacob Ramos, No. 1-07-1482 (Feb. 25, 2009) (unpublished).

In re J.C. and Z.K., Minors, No. 1-08-2496 and No. 1-08-2497 (Consolidated) (Feb. 25, 2009) (unpublished).

Zachary A. McGraw, Jr. v. Ill Dept. of Employment Security, No. 1-08-0639 (Mar. 11, 2009) (unpublished).

Darlene Simon v. County of Cook, No. 1-07-2048 (Mar. 18, 2009) (unpublished).

In re K.W., S.W., Minors, No. 1-08-3231 (Mar. 18, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Alvin Davila, No. 1-06-1507 (Mar. 31, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Frank Williams, No. 1-06-3258 (Mar. 31, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Andre Rushing, No. 1-07-1780 (Mar. 31, 2009) (unpublished).

Timothy Christian Schools v. IL Dept. of Revenue, No. 1-07-2549 (Mar. 31, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Darlene White, No. 1-07-2973, No. 1-07-2974, No. 1-07-2975, and No. 1-07-2976 (Consolidated) (Mar. 31, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. John Hudson, No. 1-07-1396 (Apr. 22, 2009) (unpublished).

Continental Casualty Co. v. Simpson Construction Co., No. 1-07-2866 (Apr. 29, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Kevin Smith, No. 1-06-0043 (May 6, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Michael Herrera, No. 1-07-1859 (May 13, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Marvin Cherry, No. 1-07-2400 (May 13, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Bobby White, No. 1-06-2665 (May 20, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Kenneth Bouldin, No. 1-06-3727 (May 20, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Ramon Hernandez, No. 1-07-1571 (May 20, 2009) (unpublished).

In re M.D., a Minor, No. 1-09-0303 (May 20, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Carmen Perez, No. 1-07-0839 (June 3, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Demingo Swift, No. 1-08-0491 (June 10, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Karl Hanwood, No. 1-07-0179 (June 17, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Dennis McGruder, No. 1-07-2569 (June 17, 2009) (unpublished).

Ronald Michalowicz v. Village of Bedford Park, No. 1-07-3414 (June 17, 2009) (unpublished).

Corretta Stone v. Oscar Aranda, No. 1-08-2322 and No. 1-08-2902 (Consolidated) (June 17, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Zachary Wright, No. 1-07-0593 (June 30, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Bruce Snipe, No. 1-07-0838 (June 30, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Albino Martinez, No. 1-07-1394 (June 30, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Michael Nocco, No. 1-07-2778 (June 30, 2009) (unpublished).
Pinnacle Waster Services, Inc. v. North Star Trust Company, No. 1-07-3006 (June 30, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Shawn Holdman, No. 1-08-0717 (June 30, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Najmalaw Muhammad, No. 1-06-3241 (Jul. 15, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Jesus Gomez, No. 1-06-3451 (Jul. 29, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Artra Washington, No. 1-08-1524 (Jul. 29, 2009) (unpublished).
Rose Pernice-Dembosz v. County of Cook, No. 1-08-2509 (Jul. 29, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Dorn Thornton, No. 1-07-3410 (Aug. 5, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Timothy Satka, No. 1-08-1015 (Aug. 5, 2009) (unpublished).
Wanda Atterberry v. County of Cook, No. 1-08-2510 (Aug. 12, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Patrick Edwards, No. 1-06-1108 (Aug. 26, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Sammy Brown, No. 1-07-1363 (Aug. 26, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. James Gresh, No. 1-08-0974 (Aug. 26, 2009) (unpublished).
In re Marriage of Paul Carbonaro, No. 1-08-1477 (Aug. 26, 2009) (unpublished).
National Wrecking Company v. Sarang Corporation, No. 1-08-1604 (Aug. 26, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Mohammed Hussain, No. 1-07-0898 (Sept. 2, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Broderick Enge, No. 1-08-0350 (Sept. 9, 2009) (unpublished).
Terrence Durnin v. Ill Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation, No. 1-08-1052 (Sept. 9, 2009) (unpublished).
Ford Motor Credit Co. v. Tereza Garza, No. 1-08-2933 (Sept. 16, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Lawrence Rhoden, No. 1-07-2568 (Sept. 23, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Mario Moncado, No. 1-07-1943 (Sept. 30, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Patrick McLaughlin, No. 1-07-2000 (Sept. 30, 2009) (unpublished).
Terry Whisman v. City of Evanston, No. 1-08-1765 (Sept. 30, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Jack Rein, No. 1-08-2965 (Sept. 30, 2009) (unpublished).
James A. Withers, Jr. v. James A. Withers III, No. 1-09-0321 (Sept. 30, 2009) (unpublished).
In re D.W., a Minor, No. 1-09-1594 (Sept. 30, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Francisco Quezada, No. 1-07-3107 (Oct. 25, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Michael Jones, No. 1-06-3198 (Dec. 4, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Charles Golden, No. 1-08-2682 (Nov. 18, 2009) (unpublished).
Exz. Inc. v. Jarvis Tolefree, No. 1-08-2791 (Nov. 18, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Andre Jones, No. 1-08-0866 (Nov. 25, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Carl Gallo, Jr., No. 1-08-1793 (Nov. 25, 2009) (unpublished).
Carol Bolton El v. IL Dept of Employment Security, No. 1-08-2668 (Nov. 25, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Fonatine Adams, No. 1-08-0357 (Dec. 30, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Anthony Boyce, No. 1-07-0918 (Dec. 30, 2009) (unpublished).
Jeffrey Gniandek v. Nicholas Zagotta, No. 1-08-1913 (Dec. 30, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Antoine Townsend, No. 1-07-3113 (Dec. 2, 2009) (unpublished).
American National Property v. Irena Glowacka, No. 1-08-1989 (Dec. 2, 2009) (unpublished).

People v. Darrius D. Roberson, No. 1-07-2434 (Dec. 23, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Dominick Agüero, No. 1-08-2181 (Dec. 16, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Rayonous Burnett, No. 1-08-2176 (Dec. 30, 2009) (unpublished).
Ralph Whited v. Life Storage Centers, No. 1-08-3000 (Dec. 30, 2009) (unpublished).
People v. Marvin Davis, No. 1-06-2956 (Jan. 13, 2010) (unpublished) (dissent).
People v. Damarlin Johnson, No. 1-09-0364 (Jan. 20, 2010) (unpublished).
In re Marriage of Anne Carillo, No. 1-09-0611 (Jan. 27, 2010) (unpublished).
People v. Roland Black, No. 1-08-1586 (Feb. 3, 2010) (unpublished).
People v. Irwin Rosenson, No. 1-08-1741 (Feb. 3, 2010) (unpublished).
People v. William Lynch, No. 1-08-2814 (Feb. 3, 2010) (unpublished).

- 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).

1. *In re Mark W.*, 862 N.E.2d 589 (Ill. App. Ct. 2006), *rev'd*, 888 N.E.2d 15 (Ill. 2008), *aff'd after remand*, 895 N.E.2d 925 (Ill. App. Ct. 2008). This was a proceeding to terminate the parental rights of a disabled adult woman over her minor son. The case was complicated in that the child's grandmother retained plenary guardianship over the adult disabled mother. I appointed a guardian ad litem to represent the mother's interests in the termination hearing as distinct from the grandmother. The grandmother, as plenary guardian of the mother, objected to the additional appointment. The Appellate Court held that I lacked authority to appoint a guardian ad litem for the disabled adult. The Illinois Supreme Court found that my disposition was appropriate, and reinstated my decision.

The appointed guardian was Raymond A. Morrissey, 7667 W. 95th St., Ste. 206, Hickory Hills, IL 60457, Tel: 708-233-9494.

2. *Ahmed v. Pickwick Place*, 896 N.E.2d 854 (Ill. App. Ct. 2008). The plaintiff's decedent, a seven-year-old girl, lost control of her bicycle while riding on the sidewalk at a residential complex, fell down an embankment into a retention pond, and drowned. The plaintiff's negligence claims proceeded to a two-week trial. I directed verdicts for the property owner and manager defendants on various claims of failure to maintain. On the remaining claims, the jury returned a \$100,000 verdict for the plaintiff, who had sought several million dollars. The jury's answer to a special interrogatory, however, was inconsistent with its finding in the plaintiff's favor. I therefore entered judgment notwithstanding a verdict. The Appellate Court affirmed my judgment in all respects.

Counsel for plaintiff was Gregory Harris, 1701 S. First Ave., Ste. A07, Maywood, IL 60153, Tel: 708-343-7447. Counsel for defendant was David Flynn, Querrey & Harrow, Ltd., 175 W. Jackson, Ste. 1600, Chicago, IL 60604, Tel: 312-540-7000.

3. *Jones v. Rallos*, 890 N.E.2d 1190 (Ill. Ct. App. 2008). (Cook County Cir. Ct. 2003). Plaintiff was misdiagnosed by defendant physician as HIV-positive at age 23 and, as a result, underwent drug treatment, lost his job, and suffered emotionally. I presided over a multi-week jury trial on medical negligence claims of false diagnosis of HIV, resulting in a six-figure verdict for plaintiff. The defendant appealed the judgment on several grounds and, on a second hearing, the Appellate Court affirmed my judgment.

Counsel for plaintiff was Michael Panter (now an associate judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County), 32 W. Randolph St., Rm. 1401, Chicago, IL 60601, Tel: 312-603-6000. Counsel for defendant was Brian Rocca, Pretzel & Stouffer, One S. Wacker Dr., Ste. 2500, Chicago, IL 60606, Tel: 312-346-1973.

4. *Bermudez v. Martinez Trucking*, 796 N.E.2d 1074 (Ill. App. Ct. 2003). The plaintiff, a trainee truck driver, regularly accompanied an experienced driver on his route and was allowed to drive the truck on a highway section of the route. On more than one occasion, the experienced driver moved to the back of the cab and slept while the plaintiff drove. During one such period, the plaintiff lost control of the truck and crashed. Plaintiff's leg was severed in the crash. He alleged that the trucking company was negligent in training him. I directed a verdict for the trucking company, holding that the lack of evidence of the cause of the crash prevented the plaintiff from proving that the trucking company's negligence was the proximate cause of the accident. The Appellate Court affirmed.

Counsel for plaintiff was Michael W. Rathsack, 111 W. Washington St., Ste. 962, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel: 312-726-5433. Counsel for defendant was Steven C. Wolf and Patrick Grady, Wolf & Wolfe, Ltd., 25 E. Washington St., Ste. 700, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel: 312-855-0500.

5. *Hallowell v. Univ. of Chicago*, 777 N.E.2d 435 (Ill. App. Ct. 2002). A nine-year-old girl collapsed as the result of an episode of heart arrhythmia, then died following another episode 22 months later. Her family sued several doctors, alleging that the defendants were negligent in failing to inform them of the possibility of giving the child a pacemaker. After a two-week trial, the jury returned an \$8 million verdict against the hospital and one defendant doctor and a not-guilty verdict against the remaining doctor defendants. The Appellate Court affirmed the jury verdict and my judgment in all respects.

Counsel for plaintiff was Todd A. Smith, Power Rogers & Smith, 70 W. Madison St., Ste. 5500, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel: 312-236-9381. Counsel for defendant was Pamela L. Gellen, Lewis & Gellen LLC, 200 W. Adams St., Ste. 1900, Chicago IL 60606, Tel: 312-364-2500. Counsel for co-defendant was Brian Fetzer, Johnson & Bell, Ltd., 33 W. Monroe St., Ste. 2700, Chicago, IL 60603, Tel: 312-372-0770.

6. *Edwards v. City of Chicago* (98 L 2250) (2003 Circuit Court of Cook County). I presided over this jury trial, which arose from the police shooting of a 19-year-old male in an abandoned house. The youth and his girlfriend were together in an upstairs room when officers responded to a “possible burglary” call. When the young man emerged from the room, naked from the waist down, a rookie officer shot the youth in the head. The youth’s mother brought this wrongful death action alleging willful and wanton conduct against the City and the police officer. Following a multi-week trial, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant. Extensive post-trial motions were filed, which included a *Batson* argument based on the few African-Americans in venire and only one African-American juror hearing the case. The youth was African-American and the officer was white. Upon my written denial of the various motions, there was no appeal by plaintiff.

Counsel for plaintiff was Larry Rogers, Sr., Larry Rogers, Jr., and Sean Houlihan, Power Rogers & Smith, 70 W. Madison St., Ste. 5500, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel: 312-236-9381. Counsel for defendant was Thomas Platt, City of Chicago, Dept. of Law, 30 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 900, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel: 312-744-4833, and the City Corporation Counsel’s Office, City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St., Room 600, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel: 312-744-0220.

7. *Cangemi v. Advocate S. Suburban Hosp.*, 845 N.E.2d 792 (Ill. App. Ct. 2006). The plaintiff claimed that her doctors and her hospital’s staff fraudulently concealed complications that occurred during the birth of her son, and that this concealment should allow her to maintain an action for medical negligence twenty years later. I dismissed the plaintiff’s complaint, holding that she had not sufficiently pled negligence or fraudulent concealment. The Appellate Court affirmed.

Counsel for plaintiff was Robert Holstein, 19 S. LaSalle St., Ste. 1500, Chicago, IL 60603, Tel: 312-906-8000. Counsel for defendant was Brian Schroeder, Novoselsky Law Offices, 120 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 1400, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel: 312-346-8930. Counsel for co-defendant was Susan Condon (formerly of Clausen Miller P.C.), City of Chicago, Dept. of Law, 30 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 1400, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel: 312-744-0672.

8. *Jackson v. A.M. Insulation* (99 L 14822) (2003 Circuit Court of Cook County). I presided over this asbestos exposure jury trial, the first such trial heard in Cook County in more than five years despite the hundreds of pending asbestos cases. Approximately two decades before bringing suit, the plaintiff had worked in a warehouse as a general laborer for approximately six months, where his duties included moving boxes and sweeping-up debris. He claimed the boxes were owned by defendant and contained harmful asbestos with no warnings. Plaintiff, who was mentally challenged, claimed that this wrongful exposure during the six-month period had caused his asbestosis. After two days of deliberation, the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff. After I ruled on extensive post-trial motions, the case was settled prior to appeal.

Counsel for plaintiff was William Fahey, Cooney & Conway, 120 N. LaSalle St., 30th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel: 312-236-6166. Counsel for defendant was Edward J. Matushek, Matushek Nilles & Sinars LLC, 55 W. Monroe, Ste. 700, Chicago, IL 60603, Tel: 312-750-1215

9. *Green v. Miglin-Beitler* (2000 Circuit Court of Cook County). I presided over this negligence suit brought against the Chicago Bar Association (CBA) building management. Plaintiff, an employee of the Bar Association, was raped in a restroom on an unoccupied floor of the building by an intruder. Building security had allowed the intruder into the premises despite his out-of-place appearance and recent reports of rapes in downtown office buildings. The intruder, who pleaded guilty to criminal sexual assault, testified in plaintiff's case while still serving his prison sentence. The multi-week case resulted in a million-dollar verdict for plaintiff and received significant media attention. The case settled after post-trial motions.

Counsel for plaintiff was Kathleen Zellner, Kathleen T. Zellner & Associates, Drake Oak Brook Plaza, 2215 York Road, Ste. 504, Oak Brook, IL 60523, Tel: 630-955-1212. Counsel for defendant was D. Tim McVey, McVey & Parsky LLC, 30 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 2000, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel: 312-551-8764.

10. *Mullins v. City of Chicago* (04 L 10585). This was a wrongful death action in which a police officer had jumped on the driver's side door of decedent's moving vehicle and, when decedent failed to stop, clung on and shot the decedent multiple times causing his death. The police officer had decided that the decedent looked suspicious at a gas station and the decedent drove away as the officer approached. The jury returned a verdict of \$3.9 million based on a finding of willful and wanton conduct against the police. I denied extensive post-trial motions.

Counsel for plaintiff was Stephen J. McMullen, 212 W. Washington, Ste. 909, Chicago, IL 60606, Tel: 312-357-0513, and Gary Laatsch (now deceased). Counsel for defendant was Tiffany M. Ferguson, Pugh Jones Johnson & Quandt PC, 180 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 3400, Chicago, IL 60601, Tel: 312-768-7800.

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

1. *People v. Cowart*, 907 N.E.2d 1 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009). Counsel for Appellant was Robert Hirschhorn, Assistant State Appellate Defender, Office of State Appellate Defender, 203 N. LaSalle St., 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 814-5472. Counsel for Appellee were James E. Fitzgerald and Ramune Rita Kelecus, Assistant State's Attorneys, Office of State's Attorney, County of Cook, 309 Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 443-5440.

2. *Hayes v. M&T Mortgage Corp.*, 906 N.E.2d 638 (Ill. Ct. App. 2009). Counsel for Appellant was Lloyd J. Brooks, The Brooks Law Firm, 15008 Woodlawn Avenue, Dolton, IL 60419, (708) 841-8000. Counsel for Appellee Old Second Mortgage Company was Stephen M. Cooper, Law Offices of Cooper, Storm & Piscopo, 117 S. Second Street, P.O. Box 388, Geneva, IL 60134, (630) 232-6170. Counsel for Appellee Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company was Mitchell A. Lieberman, Law Offices of Noonan & Lieberman, Ltd., 105 W. Adams Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 431-1455.

3. *People v. Asuquo Esang*, No. 1-07-2235, 2009 Ill. App. LEXIS 1216 (Ill. App. Ct. Dec. 9, 2009). Counsel for Appellant was Patricia Unsinn, Deputy Defender, Office of State Appellate Defender, 203 N. LaSalle St., 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 814-5472. Counsel for Appellee was James E. Fitzgerald, Assistant State's Attorney, 309 Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 443-5440.

4. *Dloogatch v. Brincat*, No. 1-08-0168, 2009 Ill. App. LEXIS 1252 (Ill. App. Ct. Dec. 16, 2009). Counsel for Appellant Terra Foundation were Joel J. Bellows and Christopher L. Gallinari, Bellows and Bellows, P.C., 209 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60604, (312) 332-3340. Counsel for Appellants were William J. Harte and Dana M. Pasha, of William J. Harte, Ltd., 111 W. Washington Street, Suite 1100, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 726-5015; Lawrence Walner and Michael S. Hilicki, of Lawrence Walner & Assoc., Ltd., 150 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2150, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 201-1616; Ronald A. Brown, of Prickett, Jones & Elliot, 1310 King Street, Wilmington, DE; Stewart M. Weltman, of Weltman Law Firm, 77 W. Wacker Dr., Suite 4800, Chicago, IL 60601, (312) 606-8755; and Charles Watkins, of Futterman, Howard, Watkins, Wylie & Ashley Chtd, 122 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1850, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 346-3466. Counsel for Appellee were Linton J. Childs, Hille R. Sheppard and Ian M. Ross, of Sidley Austin LLP, One S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 853-7000.

5. *Linhart v. Bridgeview Creek Development, Inc.*, 909 N.E.2d 865 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009). Counsel for Appellant was Law Offices of Arthur L. Klein, Arnstein & Lehr, LLP, 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 876-7100. Counsel for Appellee was William J. Sneckenberg, Law Offices of Sneckenberg, Thompson & Brody, LLP, 161 N. Clark Street, Suite 3575, Chicago, IL 60601, (312) 782-9320.

6. *People v. Moore*, No. 1-07-0410, 2009 Ill. App. LEXIS 1273 (Ill. App. Ct. Modified Dec. 23, 2009). Counsel for Appellant were Erin E. G. McFeron and Bryon M. Reina, Assistant State Appellate Defenders, Office of State Appellate Defender, 203 N. LaSalle St., 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 814-5472. Counsel for Appellee were James E. Fitzgerald, Peter D. Fischer, and Marie Quinlivan Czech, Assistant State's Attorneys, Office of State's Attorney, County of Cook, 309 Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 443-5440.

7. *Cordeck Sales, Inc. v. Construction Systems, Inc.*, 917 N.E.2d 536 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009). Counsel for Appellant was Stephen P. Kikoler, Law Offices of Much Shelist Denenberg Ament & Rubenstein, P.C., 191 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 521-2000. Counsel for Appellee Construction Systems was Karen A. Berres, Law Offices of Fuller and Berres, 69 S. Barrington Road, South Barrington, IL 60010, (847) 381-5600. Counsel for Appellee Cordeck Sales was Stephen D. Richek, 20 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 374-9444.

8. *Vo-land, LLC v. Village of Bartlett*, 919 N.E.2d 1 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009). Counsel for Appellant was Stewart H. Diamond, Law Offices of Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, P.C., 140 S. Dearborn Street, Sixth Floor, Chicago, IL 50503 (312) 782-7606. Counsel for Appellee was Jack M. Siegel, Law Offices of Holland & Knight LLP.

9. *Dienstag v. Margolies*, 919 N.E.2d 17 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009). Counsel for Appellant was James R. Quinn, Law Offices of Ruff, Weidenaar & Reidy, Ltd., 222 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60601, (312) 263-3890. Counsel for Appellee was Kenneth C. Chessick, Law Offices of Kenneth C. Chessick, M.D., 1870 N. Roselle Road, Suite 104, Schaumburg, IL 60195, (847) 843-8044 and David A. Novoselsky, Novoselsky Law Offices, 120 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 346-8930.

10. *Qureshi v. Ahmed*, 916 N.E.2d 1153 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009). Counsel for Appellant was Robert G. Black, Law Office of Robert G. Black, 300 E. Fifth Avenue, Suite 365, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 527-1440. Counsel for Appellee was Gerald M. Dombrowski, Law Offices of Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman LLP, 333 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 641-1555.

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

I am not aware of having presided over or ruled on any case in which certiorari was requested from or granted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

- 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.

Approximately 65 of my cases at the trial level were appealed. My rulings were affirmed, or the appeals were dismissed or withdrawn, except for the following ten cases:

Smith v. A.M. Cozzi Metals, No. 1-98-2454 (Ill. App. Ct. Dec. 30, 1999). The Appellate Court disagreed with my analysis of common ownership between the

corporate defendant and plaintiff's employer and therefore reversed the jury verdict in this Illinois Structural Work Act case.

Doe v. Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Nos. 1-99-0941 and 1-99-1016 (Ill. App. Ct. Dec. 19, 2000). The Appellate Court reversed the jury verdict in a trial over which I had presided, determining that its own prior instruction I had followed in the trial had been in error.

Osborne v. Stages Music Hall, 726 N.E.2d 728 (Ill. App. Ct. 2000). The Appellate Court found that plaintiff had set forth a prima facie case as to duty in this negligence action against a nightclub owner and reversed my directed verdict.

In re N.J. and J.B., Nos. 1-01-1285, 1-01-3280 and 1-01-3281 (consolidated) (Ill. App. Ct. Nov. 19, 2002). The Appellate Court reversed my determination that the State had failed to make the required showing of clear and convincing evidence of unfit parenting in a hearing on petition for termination of parental rights.

Petre v. Kucich, 771 N.E.2d 1084 (Ill. App. Ct. 2002). The Appellate Court held that I erred in relying on an asbestos case in refusing to give a jury instruction on sole proximate cause in this medical negligence action. The Illinois Supreme Court has since overruled the distinction.

WGN Cont'l Broad. Co. v. City of Chicago, No. 1-00-3209 (Ill. App. Ct., May 13, 2003). In this personal injury case arising from a car accident, the Appellate Court held that the evidence did not support a jury verdict on a contribution claim against the City for intersection design.

Shelden v. Kimball Hill, Inc., No. 1-02-3693 (Ill. App. Ct., June 19, 2004). The Appellate Court found error in a jury instruction I had issued in this negligence action.

Onofre v. Westlake Comm. Hosp., No. 1-05-0253 (Ill. App. Ct. Dec. 30, 2005). The Appellate Court reversed my dismissal of an asserted claim based on allegations of willful and wanton interference with possession of decedent's remains.

Almeroth v. Rinella & Rinella, Ltd. (Doermer), No. 1-05-2158 (Ill. App. Ct. June 30, 2006). The Appellate Court reversed my dismissal of plaintiff's asserted claim for tortious interference against his ex-wife's attorneys in their contentious divorce.

White v. Chicago Transit Auth., 869 N.E.2d 287 (Ill. App. Ct. 2007). The Appellate Court reversed my finding that plaintiff had complied with a notice requirement.

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

As a Justice of the Appellate Court of Illinois, approximately three quarters of the approximately 100 opinions I have issued have been unpublished. Unpublished opinions are available from the Clerk of the Appellate Court.

- 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.

People v. Cowart, 907 N.E.2d 1 (Ill. App. Ct. 2009), confirmed that a defendant suffers a violation of the constitution protection against double jeopardy when a single criminal act, defined by a criminal statute as only one crime, results in a second conviction and prison sentence under that statute.

In re Z.K. and J.C., 1-08-2496 and 1-08-2497 (consolidated) (Feb. 25, 2009), recognized that a parent's constitutional privilege against self-incrimination prohibits a court from making her admission of a crime a precondition for a finding that she successfully completed a required social service program.

People v. Moore, 2009 Ill. App. LEXIS 1273 (Ill. App. Ct. Modified Dec. 23, 2009), confirmed that a conviction of murder by a general guilty verdict may be interpreted as a conviction of the offense incorporating the most culpable mental state and used to impose consecutive sentences without violation of due process if the defendant did not request separate verdict forms.

People v. Esang, 2009 Ill. App. LEXIS 1216 (Dec. 9, 2009), held that a criminal defendant's right to due process was violated by an inadequate hearing on his fitness to stand trial and by allowing him to represent himself despite doubt about his fitness.

- 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.

The Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct, Rule 63, Canon 3C, governs when a judge must disqualify himself or herself in a proceeding. Although not an exclusive list, the Rule enumerates instances where a judge's impartiality might be questioned including proceedings where the judge has personal interest, bias or knowledge. The Rule also lists instances where members of the judge's family might have a personal or economic interest in the proceedings. Section 5/114-5 of the Illinois Code of Criminal Procedure and section 5/2-1001 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure direct when parties may request a substitution of judge.

The standard I employ in determining whether to recuse myself from a case, sua sponte, is whether my relationship with a party or one of its representatives, agents or employees is sufficiently close to create the appearance of a reasonable possibility of a conflict of interest or of a bias for or against that party.

That standard has resulted in my decision to recuse myself sua sponte from the following: two matters involving the company that employs my spouse as a vice-president, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois; a medical malpractice case involving a pediatrician who was both a caregiver for one of my children and a family friend; a juvenile custody matter involving a close friend; a juvenile custody matter involving a party whose case relied primarily upon the testimony of a caseworker who was a close friend; an appellate case involving parties and several key witnesses who I worked closely with as a colleague and a trial judge.

There have been cases where I have had a relationship with a party or its representative, but those relationships would not affect my ability to be fair nor did I believe there would be a question of my ability to be fair to all parties. In those cases, I have disclosed the nature of the relationship to all parties.

I recall only one instance in which my recusal was requested. In that case, an African-American pro se litigant made a verbal motion for substitution of judge where I was reviewing his previous motion for substitution of judge from another judge. The litigant's charge that I denied his motion because I was racist was summarily dismissed by the Presiding Judge of the Law Division.

15. Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:

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

I have not held public office other than judicial office. I have not had any 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 was the candidate in my own campaigns for state judicial office in 1996 (Circuit Court), 2002 (Circuit Court retention), and 2008 (Appellate Court and Circuit Court retention). I have not been a member of, held offices in, or rendered services to a political party or to an election committee other than my own.

16. Legal Career: Answer each part separately.

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

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

I have not served as clerk to a judge.

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

I have not practiced law alone.

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

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1989-93
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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 in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

b. Describe:

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

During my 12 years in law practice, I worked in public service primarily as a county prosecutor, a civil litigator in defense of the federal government, and a litigation supervisor responsible for more than 75 attorneys.

From 1984 to 1989, I performed various duties as an Assistant State's Attorney for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, one of the largest prosecutor's offices in the United States. I began in the criminal appeals division of the office, where I litigated appeals in defense of criminal convictions obtained by the office in the trial court. The crimes included residential burglary, criminal sexual assault, home invasion, armed violence and murder cases. I wrote, argued, or supervised preparation of more than 100 briefs and motions in various appellate courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States, the Illinois Supreme Court, and the Illinois Appellate Court.

In 1985, I was transferred to the trial division of the office. There, I prosecuted approximately 130 bench and jury trials of misdemeanor and felony cases. Based on my trial experience and record, I was promoted to first-chair prosecutor for felony trials in less than two years. In order to

diversify my litigation experience, I moved to the chancery division of the office in 1988, where I represented Cook County and its officials in civil litigation matters.

In 1989, I joined the office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the civil division of that office, I defended the United States in civil actions in a variety of legal areas, including medical negligence, construction negligence, labor and tort. I also pursued civil forfeitures and penalties against accused drug dealers, violators of FDA regulations and debtors who had defaulted on federal loans. During my three and a half years as a federal attorney I tried at least eight cases, negotiated numerous settlements, and successfully disposed of cases on written motions.

When one of my former federal colleagues became the First Assistant at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, I was asked to return in 1993 as chief of its public interest bureau. I supervised 75 Assistant State's Attorneys in the litigation of matters including child support, consumer fraud, environmental law, mental health and utilities regulation. In 1994, I established a unit that prosecuted elder abuse.

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

As a Deputy State's Attorney and as an Assistant State's Attorney, I served the agencies and officials of Cook County, Illinois, as a civil litigator and the citizens of Cook County, Illinois, as a prosecutor. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, my clients were the United States Government and its agencies and officials.

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

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. federal courts: 35%
- 2. state courts of record: 65%
- 3. other courts:
- 4. administrative agencies:

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. civil proceedings: 40%
- 2. criminal proceedings: 60%

- 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 125 cases to verdict, judgment or final decision (40% as sole counsel, 40% as chief counsel, and 20% as associate counsel).

i. What percentage of these trials were:

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| 1. jury: | 30% |
| 2. non-jury: | 70% |

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.

In 1989, I was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. That same year I was primary author of the State's briefs in *James v. Illinois*, 493 U.S. 307 (1990). My appearance on the case ended prior to oral argument before the Supreme Court due to my appointment as an Assistant U.S. Attorney.

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. *People v. James*, 528 N.E.2d 723 (Ill. 1988), *rev'd*, 493 U.S. 307 (1990). Illinois Supreme Court, before Justices Howard Ryan, John Stamos, Daniel Ward, Thomas Moran, Benjamin Miller, Joseph Cunningham and William G. Clark.

I represented the State in this appeal involving the impeachment exception to the exclusionary rule. Defendant in this murder case had been found and arrested in a beauty shop under a hair dryer immediately after the shooting. On a pre-trial motion, the trial court suppressed defendant's statement after arrest that his hair was red and that he changed the color at his mother's beauty shop to alter his appearance. At trial, the witnesses to the crime identified the defendant as having been the shooter and described his unique straight red hair style (even though at

trial, defendant's hair was short and black). The defendant did not take the stand at trial but presented a witness who testified that defendant's hair always had been short and black. The trial court allowed the State to present evidence of defendant's statement of his hairstyle change as an exception to the exclusionary rule in order to rebut the witness. I handled the appeal, in which I argued that the exclusionary rule could not be used to protect the deliberately perjured testimony of a defense witness. I defended the conviction at the state appellate level (which reversed) and then prepared and presented the state's appeal to Illinois Supreme Court (which found for the State and reinstated the conviction). The case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. *James v. Illinois*, 493 U.S. 307 (1990).

My co-counsel were Thomas V. Gainer, Jr., now a judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Criminal Division, 2600 S. California Ave., Room 302, Chicago, IL 60608, Tel: 773-869-7410, and Mary Ellen Dienes, now of the Research Department, Illinois Appellate Court, First District, 160 N. LaSalle St., Ste. N1422, Chicago, IL 60601, Tel: 312-793-7396. Counsel for defendant was Steven Clark, Office of the State Appellate Defender, 20 N. Clark St., Ste. 2800, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel: 312-814-5100, and Michael J. Pelletier, Office of the State Appellate Defender, 203 N. LaSalle St., 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601, Tel: 312-814-5472.

2. *People v. Shum*, 512 N.E.2d 1183 (Ill. 1987). Illinois Supreme Court, before Justices Howard Ryan, Seymour Simon, Daniel Ward, Joseph Goldenhersh, Thomas Moran, Benjamin Miller and William G. Clark.

As an Assistant State's Attorney, I represented the State in this appeal in a case of first impression in Illinois. Defendant was sentenced to death for raping and killing his pregnant ex-girlfriend and shooting her roommate in front of three minor children. Defendant was also convicted of feticide for the death of the nine-month-old fetus from asphyxiation upon the death of his mother. The Illinois Supreme Court affirmed defendant's convictions and death sentence after finding the feticide statute constitutional.

My supervisor was Joan S. Cherry, now of Johnson & Colmar, 300 S. Wacker Dr., Ste. 1000, Chicago, IL 60606, Tel: 312-922-1980. Counsel for appellant was Charles M. Schiedel, Deputy Defender of Springfield, Office of the State Appellate Defender, 4th Judicial District, 400 W. Monroe, Ste. 303, P.O. Box 5240, Springfield, IL 62704, Tel: 217-782-1989, and Lawrence J. Essig (formerly Assistant Appellate Defender), 23 Taft Drive, Rochester, IL 62563, Tel: 217-498-7940.

3. *People v. NL Industries, Inc.*, 673 N.E.2d 717 (Ill. App. Ct. 1996). Illinois Appellate Court, First District, before Justices John Tully, David Cerda and Alan Greiman.

As an Assistant State's Attorney, I represented the State in an appeal of an action

it brought to remove and clean up four decades of hazardous leakage on the southwest side of Chicago. The case was dismissed on procedural grounds. Following reversal and remand to the trial court, the case was again dismissed on procedural grounds. The Illinois Appellate Court, First District, reversed and remanded the case to the trial court a second time with instructions to allow the State to present a motion to reinstate the case.

My co-counsel were Robert Buckley, Jr., now the Coordinator Intergovernmental Affairs, Chicago Police Department, 3510 S. Michigan Ave., Ste. 5090, Chicago, IL 60653, Tel: 312-745-6115, and Jennifer Whitfield, now a senior attorney, Environmental Crimes Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 23985, Ste. 2120, Washington, D.C., Tel: 202-305-0348. Counsel for appellee was Robert J. Zaideman, Zaideman & Esrig, PC, 10 S. Riverside Plaza, Ste. 1020, Chicago, IL 60606, Tel: 312-207-0005.

4. *People v. Brim*, Circuit Court of Cook County, 6th District, (1987). Judge John Mannion, presiding.

As an Assistant State's Attorney, I represented the State at the trial of a serial date rapist, who previously had been acquitted of two date rapes. The defendant picked up the 18-year-old victim who was having car trouble and attacked her behind a warehouse. He claimed a defense of consent. The jury found him guilty of raping the victim after deliberating for less than 30 minutes.

My co-counsel was James M. Reilly, now General Counsel, City Colleges of Chicago, 226 W. Jackson Blvd., Ste. 1443, Chicago, IL 60606, Tel: 312-553-2540. Counsel for defendant was Nathaniel Howse, Sr., 5201 S. Cornell Ave., Chicago, IL 60615, Tel: 773-643-3133.

5. *People v. Eng*, 485 N.E.2d 1222 (Ill. App. Ct. 1985). Illinois Appellate Court, First District, before Justices David Linn, Glenn Johnson, and Mel Jiganti.

The defendant was charged with robbery, intimidation, and unlawful restraint in what appeared to be a gang-related incident. As an Assistant State's Attorney, I wrote the briefs and represented the State at oral argument in this complex criminal appeal involving three victims and multiple witnesses. The primary question on appeal was whether the gun and bullets found in plain view on a night stand next to where defendant slept were properly admitted as "details of arrest." The Illinois Appellate Court, First District, affirmed the conviction.

My co-counsel was Mary Ellen Dienes, now of the Research Department, Illinois Appellate Court, First District, 160 N. LaSalle St., Ste. N1422, Chicago, IL 60601, Tel: 312-793-7396. Counsel for appellant was Howard Schaffner, Hofeld & Schaffner, 30 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 3120, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel: 312-372-4250.

6. *Comiskey v. United States*, No. 89 C 8195 (1992), U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, before Judge Ann Claire Williams.

I was the Assistant U.S. Attorney representing the Government in this medical negligence action brought against a Veterans Administration Hospital for a post-operative "Staph Aureus" infection. I took numerous depositions of hospital staff members and medical experts. After I left the Office, the case went to trial and was resolved in favor of the United States.

My co-counsel was Assistant U.S. Attorney, Ann L. Wallace, U.S. Attorney's Office, 219 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60604, Tel: 312-886-9082. Counsel for plaintiff was John Skarpars, Hubbard Hubbard O'Brien & Hall, 9240 W. Belmont Ave, 2nd Floor, Franklin Park, IL 60131, Tel: 847-678-2700, and Steve C. Silvey, Athena Attorneys at Law, LLC, 688 Lee St., Des Plaines, IL 60016, Tel: 312-201-0343.

7. *United States v. \$17,750.00*, 1989 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 9741 (N.D.IL 1989). U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, before District Judge Ilana Diamond Rovner and Magistrate Judge Thomas Rosemond.

I was the Assistant U.S. Attorney in a jury trial to determine the right of police to seize currency that appeared to be connected with violation of federal drug laws. After almost two days of deliberation, the jury returned a verdict upholding the police seizure.

My co-counsel was Assistant U.S. Attorney, William T. Clabault, Senior Litigation Counsel, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, Bond Building, 10th and Constitution Ave NW, Ste. 4000, Washington, D.C. 20530, Tel: 202-616-0483. Counsel for claimant was Marc Martin, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Ste. 1420, Chicago, IL 60604, Tel: 312-408-1111.

8. *Franson v. Micelli*, 666 N.E.2d 1188 (Ill. 1996). Illinois Supreme Court, before Justice Moses W. Harrison, Benjamin Miller, Charles Freeman, Michael Bilandic, James Heiple, Mary Ann McMorrow and John Nickels.

As an Deputy State's Attorney in charge of child support enforcement, I represented a mother seeking to establish paternity and recover child support from the putative father. I presented the oral argument on behalf of the mother, and argued that the trial court had properly considered evidence of DNA match possibilities in determining paternity. The Illinois Supreme Court upheld the paternity finding by dismissing the appeal on procedural grounds. In the subsequent case of *People v. Miller*, it held that the DNA testing we advocated was admissible. 670 N.E. 2d 721 (1996).

My co-counsel was Robert Lyons, Robert Lyons & Associates LLC, 1 Westbrook Corporate Center, Westchester, IL 60154, Tel: 708-449-7741. Counsel for

appellee was Marc Martin, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Ste. 1420, Chicago, IL

9. *Smith v. Derwinski*, 1990 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 6118 (N.D.IL 1990). U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, before Judge (now Chief Judge) James F. Holderman.

As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, I defended the Veterans Administration and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in a bench trial on a charge that the VA improperly terminated the plaintiff's employment because of a disability. Plaintiff was a drug addict who refused treatment. The trial resulted in a judgment that the VA's action was proper.

My co-counsel was Assistant U.S. Attorney, Charles Ex, U.S. Attorney's Office, 219 S. Dearborn, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60604, Tel: 312-353-4305. Counsel for plaintiff was Arthur Ehrlich, Goldman & Ehrlich, 19 S. LaSalle St., Ste. 1500, Chicago, IL 60603, Tel: 312-332-6733.

10. *In re Alra Labs, Inc.*, No. 91C1648 (N.D.IL 1991). U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, before Judge Milton Shadur.

As an Assistant U.S. Attorney assigned to the Civil Division, I was responsible for handling Food and Drug Administration seizures. In the case of Alra Labs, Inc., a large drug manufacturer, I assisted in the seizure of millions of dollars in drug products that were deemed "adulterated" in that they were not manufactured according to "good manufacturing practice regulations" (e.g., unsanitary conditions, improper maintenance of records). I worked with FDA Commissioner David Kessler, his staff, and counsel for Alra to forge an extensive consent decree that required some product destruction, while preserving other products and requiring strict adherence to regulations.

Counsel for Alra Labs, Inc. was George Burditt, Bell, Boyd, & Lloyd (now K & L Gates, LLP), 70 W. Madison St., Ste. 3100, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel: 312-807-4463 and Richard Wood, The Wood Burditt Group LLC, 10 E. Scranton Ave., Ste. 201, Lake Bluff, IL 60044, Tel: 847-234-7500.

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.)

I have spent most of my legal career in the courtroom, representing Cook County, the People of Illinois, and the Federal Government (1984-1996) and as a judge (1996-present).

My most important non-litigation activity with the State's Attorney's Office was my leadership in establishing a prosecutions division dedicated to addressing crimes and civil fraud against senior citizens. In 1994, as Chief of the Cook County State's Attorney's Public Interest Bureau, I conceived of and then implemented a comprehensive unit comprised of attorneys, investigators, a medical professional, and a social worker to address the increasing number of civil and criminal cases targeting elderly victims. Due to the special circumstances of the demographic, these cases were often tedious to prepare and sometimes abandoned by mainstream prosecutors or prepared in a manner that made success difficult. I approved the prosecution of consumer scams, theft, domestic abuse, and caretaker improprieties. The unit was eventually expanded to include all persons with disabilities.

From 2003 until 2008, I devoted substantial time to the Illinois Pattern Instruction (IPI) Civil Pattern Jury Instructions Committee, to which I was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court. The Committee is charged with regularly drafting and revising the pattern jury instructions relied on by all legal practitioners in the state. The instructions provide a framework for approaching a legal issue from its earliest stages in litigation through jury deliberations. I was honored by this appointment and served for five years as a member with two years as a member of the publications subcommittee. As a member of the publications subcommittee, I edited and proofread final submissions for West publications.

From 1991 until 1997, I worked with the Chicago Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Committee (JEC) to help ensure that qualified judges would occupy the Illinois bench. I initially worked as an investigator responsible for reviewing all references and practice history set forth by judicial candidates and rendering a comprehensive report to the committee regarding the candidate's qualifications. This assignment required extensive effort, including calling scores of judges and attorneys and reading many published opinions. After two years, I became a JEC evaluator and I participated in interviews of candidates seeking trial or appellate court positions. Upon my election to the bench, I served on a special committee to reevaluate JEC procedures. This panel reviewed the policies of JEC to ensure greater objectivity in the recommendation of candidates.

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.

Illinois Judicial Education Judicial Conference

Civil Evidentiary Issues, 2008

Judge and Jury Defining the Relationship, 2006

Illinois Judicial Education Judicial Conference, Regional Seminars

Cyber Issues, 2009

Civil Evidence, 2000 and 2001

Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts/Illinois Supreme Court, New Judges' Training

Judicial Ethics, 2001-2006

Office of the Chief Judge, Cook County Circuit Court, New Judges' School

Ethics and Conduct, 1998-2008

Racial, Ethnic and Sexual Orientation Awareness in the Court, 2006-2008

National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Instructor, 1995, 1996

Chicago Bar Association

Civility in the Courtroom, 2007

Jury Trial Innovations—judge seminar panelist, 2006

Evidence & Objections – moderator, 2005, 2006

Motion Practice in the Law Division, panelist, 2005, 2006, 2007

Federal Trial Bar Course, instructor, 1993, 1994

Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, Part-time instructor

Research and writing for paralegals, 1988-1990

I moderated or presided over a number of mock or clinical trials at the University of Chicago and John Marshall Law Schools over the past 10 years.

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

None.

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

I have no such plans, commitments, or agreements.

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.

My husband is a vice president of a major health insurance company. If confirmed, I would recuse myself from any case in which that company is a party. I also would recuse myself from any case or investigation that I supervised or in which I personally participated while an Assistant U.S. Attorney or an Assistant State's Attorney.

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

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

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

As a judge, and previously as a government attorney, I have had limited ability to take on traditional pro bono work throughout my legal career. I have made it a priority to mentor young lawyers and prospective law students. In particular, I have welcomed volunteer, study, and observer groups in my courtroom; I have judged mock trials at the high school, college, and law school levels; and I have made a point to accept invitations to speak about the law, the courts, and legal careers to a wide variety of groups when my schedule permits.

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 April 2009, Senator Richard Durbin established a judicial selection commission for Illinois chaired by the Honorable Abner Mikva. I submitted an application to the commission and interviewed in Chicago with two of its members on June 1, 2009. I interviewed with Senator Durbin on June 12, 2009. I interviewed with the full commission on June 18, 2009. On August 7, 2009, Senator Durbin informed me by phone that he was submitting my name, among others, for consideration by President. In September 2009, I was contacted by the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice and have since been in contact with pre-nomination officials. On November 10, 2009, I interviewed in Washington with attorneys from the Department of Justice and the White House Counsel's Office. On February 24, 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, **SHARON JOHNSON COLEMAN**, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

2/19/10

(DATE)

Sharon Johnson Coleman

(NAME)

Audrey Wade

(NOTARY)

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