

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).

Jerry Wayne Blackwell

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

United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota

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.

Blackwell Burke P.A.  
431 South Seventh Street, Suite 2500  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

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

1962; Mooresville, North Carolina

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.

1984 – 1987, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law; J.D., 1987

1980 – 1984, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; B.A., 1984

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.

2007 – present  
Dharma Enterprises LLC  
431 South Seventh Street, Suite 2500  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415  
Owner

2005 – present  
Blackwell Burke P.A.  
431 South Seventh Street, Suite 2500  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415  
Counsel

2000 – 2005  
Blackwell Igbanugo P.A. (now defunct)  
3601 West 76th Street, Suite 250  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55435  
Counsel

1996 – 2000  
Halleland Lewis Nilan Sipkins & Johnson P.A. (now Nilan Johnson Lewis)  
250 Marquette Avenue South, Suite 800  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401  
Partner

1987 – 1996  
Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi LLP (now Robins Kaplan LLP)  
800 Lasalle Avenue, Suite 2800  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402  
Counsel

1986 – 1987  
Alexander & Associates  
1526 East Franklin Street, Suite 202  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514  
Law Clerk

January – April 1986  
Moretz & Silverman (now defunct)  
1502 Woodland Avenue  
Sanford, North Carolina 27330  
Law Clerk

1985 – January 1986  
Homes & McLaurin (now defunct)  
27 Hillsboro Street  
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312  
Law Clerk

Summer 1985  
North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research  
5 West Hargett Street, Suite 701

Raleigh, North Carolina 27601  
Law Clerk

Summer 1985  
Papagayo Mexican Restaurant (now defunct)  
Nationsbank Plaza  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514  
Server

Other affiliations (uncompensated):

2021  
Children's Minnesota Foundation  
Children's Business Campus  
5901 Lincoln Drive  
Edina, Minnesota 55436  
Board of Directors, Member

1995 – 1997, 2005 – 2008  
Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers  
600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 380  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402  
Board of Directors, President (1995 – 1997, 2005 – 2006)  
Board of Directors, Member (1995 – 1997, 2005 – 2008)

1994 – 1996  
Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association (now Minnesota Association for Justice)  
706 Second Avenue South, Suite 140  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402  
Board of Directors, Member

1990 – 1992  
Minnesota Business League  
(This organization no longer exists.)  
Board of Directors, 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 did not serve in the military. I timely registered for the selective service.

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

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Distinguished Alumnus Award (2022)

Benchmark Litigation, Lifetime Achievement Award (2022)

Benchmark Litigation, Pro Bono Award (2022)

Twin Cities Business, Community Impact Award (2022)

American Constitution Society—Minneapolis-Saint Paul Chapter, Justice David Lillehaug Award for Distinguished Leadership (2022)

Minnesota African American Heritage Awards, Calendar Honoree (2022)

Benchmark Litigation, Top 100 Trial Lawyers (2022)

National Bar Association—Commercial Law Section, Vanguard Lifetime Achievement Award (2022)

Chambers & Partners USA, Attorney Ranking (2019 – 2022)

Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent Judicial Ranking (2018 – 2022)

U.S. News & World Report & Minnesota Monthly Magazine—Best Lawyers in America, Mass Tort Litigation | Class Actions, Commercial Litigation & Products Liability Defense (2014 – 2022)

Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent Rating (2014 – 2022)

Benchmark Litigation, Minnesota Litigation Star (2013 – 2022)

National Law Journal, Winning Litigator Award (2021)

Minnesota Lawyer, Power 30 in Business Litigation (2021)

Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers, Profiles in Courage Award (2021)

Minnesota State Bar Association—Civil Litigation Section, Advocate Award (2021)

Greater Washington Urban League, Courage Under Fire Award (2021)

Urban League Twin Cities, Truth & Justice Award (2021)

Martindale-Hubbell, America's Most Honored Lawyers (2020, 2021)

Martindale-Hubbell, Bar Register of Preeminent Attorneys (2015 – 2021)

Minnesota Lawyer, Minnesota Attorney of the Year (2004, 2018 – 2021)

Super Lawyers, Minnesota Super Lawyer (2002 – 2021)

Minnesota Attorney General, Special Prosecutor Appointment for Derek Chauvin Trial (2020)

Minnesota Lawyer, Diversity & Inclusion Award (2017, 2020)

BTI Consulting Group, Legal Mover & Shaker (2019)

BTI Consulting Group, Honor Roll for Class Actions Litigation (2019)

Martindale-Hubbell, America's Most Honored Professionals (2017 – 2019)

Martindale-Hubbell, Minnesota's Top Attorneys (2018)

3M Company, Supplier of the Year Award (2018)

BTI Consulting Group, Client Service MVP (2014, 2016)

National Bar Association, President's Award (2015)

National Law Journal, Counsel to Counsel Award (2015)

BTI Consulting Group, Brand Elite (2014)

National Bar Association—Commercial Law Section, Cora T. Walker Legacy Award (2014)

Minnesota Black Chamber of Commerce, Outstanding Black Business Award—Owner of the Year (2014)

BTI Consulting Group, Client Service All-Star (2010, 2013, 2014)

Minneapolis/Saint Paul Business Journal, Minnesota Minority Business Owner of the Year (2008)

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Distinguished Citizen Award (2007)

Minnesota Council on Crime & Justice, Equal Justice Award (2006)

Super Lawyers, Minnesota Rising Star (1998 – 2001)

Minneapolis/Saint Paul Business Journal, The Twin Cities' Next Generation of Business Leaders (1998)

American Bar Foundation, Elected Fellow for Recognition of Professional Attainment, Distinguished Service & Commitment (1997)

Minnesota Minority Lawyers Association, Community Service Award (1990)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, Book Award for Trial Advocacy (1987)

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  
Fellow (1998 – present)  
Member (1987 – present)

Children's Minnesota Foundation, Board of Directors (2021)

Collaborative Legal Community Coalition, Founding Organizational Member (2020)

Federal Bar Association (1990 – present)

Hennepin County Bar Association (1987 – present)

International Association of Defense Counsel  
Trial Academy Faculty (2017)  
Member (2015 – present)

Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers  
President (1995 – 1997, 2005 – 2006)  
Board of Directors (1995 – 1997, 2005 – 2008)  
Founder (1995)

Minnesota Equity & Justice Project, Founding Organizational Member (2020)

Minnesota Judicial Selection Commission, At-Large Member (2011 – 2019)

Minnesota Minority Job Fair, Founder (1994)

Minnesota State Bar Association (1987 – present)

Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association (now Minnesota Association for Justice), Board of Directors (1994 – 1996)

Twin Cities Committee on Minority Lawyers in Large Law Firms, Founder (1992)

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.

Minnesota, 1987

There have been no lapses in membership.

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

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1991  
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2000  
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2007  
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1989  
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 2015  
United States District Court for the District of Colorado, 2000  
United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, 1996  
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2009  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, 1992  
United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, 1987  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2011  
United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, 2015

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.

Bill & Jerry's Charity Shrimp Boil, Founder (1994 – 1999)

Circle of Discipline, Vice Chair (1998)

Minnesota Business League, Board of Directors (1990 – 1992)

Minnesota Hobby Beekeeper's Association (1996 – 1998, 2021 – present)

Minneapolis Meditation Group  
Council (2009 – 2011)  
Member (2001 – present)

Peacehaven Farm—Outdoor Education, Founder (2017 – 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.

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

**12. Published Writings and Public Statements:**

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

The following list reflects my best effort to identify published material I have written or edited, based on a review of my records as well as publicly available information. There may, however, be other materials that I have been unable to recall or identify.

With Gerardo Alcazar & Tony Atwal, "Chapter 7: Trial Litigation Forms Deskbook," Minnesota Continuing Legal Education (2022). Copy supplied.

"The Duluth Lynching, Reckoning with the Past in the Name of Racial Justice," Collaborative Legal Community Coalition (2021). Copy supplied.

"Legal Diversity: 30 Years in the Trenches," Attorney at Law Magazine (Feb. 13, 2020). Copy supplied.

"Yoga in Minnesota: Eighty Years Young," Triumph of the Spirit (Mar. 2009). Copy supplied.

With Mark R. Jundt, "Strategies for Small-Firm Success," TRIAL: Journal of the American Association for Justice (Jan. 2007). Copy supplied.

With J. Sebastian Stewart & Dennis T. Olson, "Chapter 9: Insurability of Punitive Damages," Minnesota Insurance Law Deskbook, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education (Spring 2003 update). Copy supplied.

With Ryan J. Burt, "Chapter 9: Insurability of Punitive Damages," Minnesota Insurance Law Deskbook, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education (Spring 2001 update). Notes supplied.

"Plan Now to Avert Recall Disaster," Corporate Counsel Magazine (Oct. 2000). Copy supplied.

With Earle F. Kyle, "Chapter 10: Cross Examination," The Minnesota Ultimate Trial Notebook II, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education (Oct. 23, 2000). Copy supplied.

"Product Recall Planning—Sheltering in a Time of Storm," Corporate Counsel Magazine (Aug. 1, 2000). Copy supplied.

With Ryan J. Burt, "Revisions to Chapter 9: Insurability of Punitive Damages," Minnesota Insurance Law Deskbook, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education (Spring 1999 update). Copy supplied.

"Chapter 9: Insurability of Punitive Damages," Minnesota Insurance Law Deskbook, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education (1999). Copy supplied.

*Case Budgeting*, TRIAL Magazine (1998). I am unable to locate a copy.

With Alfred A. Griffin, "Fee Agreements: Responsibility and Ethical Requirements in Products Liability Cases," Minnesota Continuing Legal Education (1997). Copy supplied.

With Barbara J. Haley, "Sanctions for Discovery Abuses," Minnesota Institute of Legal Education (1995). Copy supplied.

"Minnesota Product Liability Update," Minnesota Continuing Legal Education (1994). I am unable to locate a copy.

"Letter to the Editor: Racial Disparities," Daily Independent (June 5, 1994). Copy supplied.

"Frye v. Federal Rules of Evidence: Resolving the 'Junk Science' Dispute," Minnesota Institute of Legal Education (1993). I am unable to locate a copy.

With Martha K. Wivell, "Resisting Allegations of Juror Misconduct: Using Rule 606(b) to Protect Your Verdict," *Minnesota Trial Lawyer* (Fall 1989). Copy supplied.

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

The following list reflects my best effort to identify reports, memoranda, and policy statements I prepared or contributed to, based on a review of my records as well as publicly available information. There may, however, be other materials that I have been unable to recall or identify.

Proposed Language for Historical Marker on Duluth Lynching of 1920, Submitted to Equal Justice Initiative (Feb. 6, 2022). Copy supplied.

Strategic Plan for Diversity & Inclusion 2020 & Beyond, Federal Bar Association—Minnesota Chapter (Nov. 2020). Copy supplied.

Rough Draft of Formation Document, Minnesota Equity & Justice Project (Oct. 2, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers, to Minneapolis City Council, Regarding Minneapolis City Attorney Appointment (July 23, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers, to Twin Cities Diversity in Practice, Regarding Admission of Law Firm Opposing Affirmative Action in Education (Apr. 4, 2006). Copy supplied.

Report from Minnesota Minority Lawyers Association, Submitted to William Mitchell College of Law (now Mitchell Hamline School of Law), Regarding Investigation of De-tenuring of Professor Andrew Haines (Jan. 15, 1992). Copy supplied.

- c. Supply four (4) copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

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.

The following list reflects my best effort to identify the public speaking events in which I have participated, based on a review of my records as well as publicly available information. There may, however, be other events that I have been unable to recall or identify.

June 24, 2022: Presenter, "When the World Stopped: The George Floyd Trial," International Association of Defense Counsel (virtual). I spoke about serving as a lead prosecutor in the Chauvin trial. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the International Association of Defense Counsel is 303 West Madison Street, Suite 925, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

March 2, 2022: Presenter, "The Chauvin Trial and Effective Opening Statements," Criminal Procedure Class, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Presentation supplied.

February 28, 2022: Presenter, "From Food Litigation to the Chauvin Trial," Food Litigation Class, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California. Presentation supplied.

February 25, 2022: Award Recipient, National Bar Association—Commercial Law Section 35th Annual Corporate Counsel Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. After receiving the Chair's Vanguard Award, I discussed the course of my career as a lawyer. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the National Bar Association—Commercial Law Section is 17 State Street, Suite 4000, New York, New York 10004.

February 23, 2022: Presenter, "Connecting with Juries: Making the Most Complicated Simple," Defense Research Institute Product Liability Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada. Presentation supplied.

February 20, 2022: Keynote Speaker, International Association of Defense Counsel Midyear Meeting, Scottsdale, Arizona. I discussed serving as a lead prosecutor in the Chauvin trial. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the International Association of Defense Counsel is 303 West Madison Street, Suite 925, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

February 17, 2022: Presenter, “Fireside Chat with Jerry Blackwell,” Denver Law Firm Coalition for Racial Equity, Denver, Colorado. I discussed serving as a lead prosecutor in the Chauvin trial. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Denver Law Firm Coalition for Racial Equity is University of Denver, c/o IAALS, 2060 South Gaylord Way, John Moyer Hall, Denver, Colorado 80208.

February 15, 2022: Panelist, “Third Annual Justice David Lillehaug Award for Distinguished Leadership Ceremony: A Conversation with Jerry Blackwell and Justice David Lillehaug,” American Constitution Society, Saint Paul, Minnesota. I participated in a question and answer session with former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice David Lillehaug about the Chauvin trial. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Constitution Society is 1899 L Street, Northwest, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036.

November 13, 2021: Panelist, “Discussion on Systemic Racism,” Pullen Memorial Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. Video available at <https://vimeo.com/645542927>.

November 5, 2021: Co-Presenter, “Duluth Lynchings and Max Mason Pardon Application,” Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society (virtual). Presentation supplied.

October 5, 2021: Presenter, “Fireside Chat & Live Q&A,” National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firms (virtual). Notes supplied.

September 27, 2021: Speaker, “Prosecutorial Insights Into the Derek Chauvin Murder Trial,” McIntosh Law Firm, Davidson, North Carolina. I discussed serving as a special prosecutor in the Chauvin trial. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the McIntosh Law Firm is 209 Delburg Street, Suite 203, Davidson, North Carolina 28036.

September 24, 2021: Speaker, “Fall Convocation 2021: A Celebration of Our Founders,” Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSWYNUjoyD4>.

September 20, 2021: Speaker, “UNIV 101 Presents: Race, Policing and Activism—A Conversation with Jerry Blackwell,” Duke University School of Law (virtual). Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHZK7Z-0dNY>.

September 15, 2021: Speaker, “2021 Justice Gala,” Page Education Foundation Annual Gala, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Speech supplied.

September 15, 2021: Speaker, "2021 Worldwide Event," Global Rights for Women NOW (virtual). Video available at <https://app.mobilecause.com/e/80UwJw?vid=sk52t>.

July 26, 2021: Participant, Fireside Chat Regarding Derek Chauvin Prosecution, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Notes supplied.

June 14, 2021: Co-Presenter, "Understanding Our Duluth Lynchings: Racial Violence in America and the Road to Justice and Reconciliation," Minnesota Humanities Center (virtual). I spoke about the 1920 lynchings in Duluth, Minnesota and the application for a posthumous pardon for Max Mason. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Minnesota Humanities Center is 987 Ivy Avenue East, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55106.

December 2, 2020: Panelist, Launch Event, Minnesota Coalition of Bar Associations of Color, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Presentation supplied.

October 14, 2020: Panelist, "Moving Forward Together," Minnesota Asian Pacific American Bar Association (MNAPABA) Gala (virtual). I discussed the importance of diversity in the legal profession. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for MNAPABA is MNAPABA c/o Minnesota State Bar Association, 600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 380, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

Fall 2020 (specific date unknown): Co-Presenter, "The Role of Lawyers in Systemic Change," University of Saint Thomas School of Law Fall Symposium (virtual). I discussed my experience as an at-large member of the Minnesota Judicial Selection Commission. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Saint Thomas School of Law is 1000 LaSalle Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403.

July 28, 2020: Presenter, "Duluth Lynchings and Max Mason Pardon Application," Minnesota Attorney General's 33rd Annual Conference on Hate Crimes & Racial Bias (virtual). Presentation supplied.

July 2019 (specific date unknown): Presenter, "Mock Opening," National Bar Association 94th Annual Convention, Los Angeles, California. Presentation supplied.

July 2019 (specific date unknown): Presenter, "Meditation: The Techniques That Can Transform Your Life," International Association of Defense Counsel, Asheville, North Carolina. Presentation supplied.

June 26, 2019: Presenter, "How to Compel Deposition Testimony to Support Defendant's Closing Argument," Defense Asbestos Litigation Seminar, New Orleans, Louisiana. Presentation supplied.

March 4, 2019: Presenter, “Mock Trial Presentation: Connecting with Juries and Developing Good Company Stories,” Grocery Manufacturers Association Legal Conference, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Presentation supplied.

September 27, 2018: Presenter, “Secrets to Success in Opening Statements,” Minnesota Association for Justice, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Presentation supplied.

November 14, 2017: Speaker, Learning Experience, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I spoke about my experiences as an African-American attorney and owner of a minority-owned law firm that represents Fortune 500 companies. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity is P.O. Box 1656, Richmond, Virginia 23218.

July 29 – August 4, 2017: Presenter & Faculty Member, International Association of Defense Counsel Annual Trial Academy, Palo Alto, California. Notes supplied.

June 9, 2017: Presenter, “Clopensing for the Defense,” Defense Asbestos Litigation Seminar, Orlando, Florida. Presentation supplied.

April 9, 2014: Presenter, “Elimination of Bias: Challenges and Opportunities for Black Lawyers in Minnesota’s Legal Community,” Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I spoke about career challenges and opportunities for lawyers of color in Minnesota’s legal community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education is 600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 370, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

February 21, 2014: Cora T. Walker Legacy Award Recipient, National Bar Association—Commercial Law Section 27th Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas. Notes supplied.

September 21, 2013: Panelist, “Avoiding Trial by Fire: Interactive and Illustrative Trial Tips from the Experts,” National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firms Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Written materials supplied.

June 18, 2013: Panelist, “Presenting Food Science to the Judge or Jury,” American Bar Association—Products Liability Section Food & Supplements Third Annual Workshop, Oak Brook, Illinois. I discussed how to effectively communicate complex food science to a judge and jury. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Bar Association is 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

April 5, 2013: Panelist, “Discussion, Evaluation, and Analysis of the Mock Voir Dire and Closing Arguments,” Defense Research Institute Product Liability

Conference: Make Your Products Practice Bloom, National Harbor, Maryland. Presentation supplied.

April 5, 2013: Panelist, "Showdown: Products Masters Demonstrate Their Closing Styles," Defense Research Institute Product Liability Conference: Make Your Products Practice Bloom, National Harbor, Maryland. Presentation supplied.

April 3, 2013: Panelist, "Reap What You Sow: Using Technology to Pick the Right Jurors," Defense Research Institute Product Liability Conference: Make Your Products Practice Bloom, National Harbor, Maryland. I discussed how to use advanced technology to select fair and impartial jurors. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Defense Research Institute is 222 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1870, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

October 16, 2012: Presenter, "Presentation to Vistage Peer Group," Blackwell Burke P.A., Minneapolis, Minnesota. Presentation supplied.

April 17, 2012: Panelist, "How to Protect Your Company with an Effective Food Liability Program," Food Safety Magazine Food Safety Summit, Washington, DC. I discussed how companies can effectively mitigate food liability and risk with an effective pre-litigation program. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Food Safety Magazine is 2401 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 700, Troy, Michigan 48084.

June 10, 2011: Speaker, "2011 Commencement Address," A.L. Brown High School, Kannapolis, North Carolina. Speech supplied.

February 23, 2011: Co-Presenter, "The Wizard of Oz and the 'Expert' Behind the Curtain: Deconstructing Junk Science and Winning Your Case," Grocery Manufacturers Association Foodborne Illness Litigation Conference, Chicago, Illinois. I discussed how to persuasively present expert scientific testimony to a jury. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Grocery Manufacturers Association is 1001 19th Street North, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

June 22, 2007: Panelist, "Direct to Consumer Advertising," Medmarc Insurance Group 20th Annual Device Seminar—Defending Devices: Rx for Success, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Notes supplied.

May 1, 2007: Panelist, "Managing Mass Tort Litigation," Minnesota Continuing Legal Education 2007 Products Liability Seminar, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I discussed how to effectively manage mass tort litigation and class actions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education is 600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 370, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

May 16, 2006: Speaker, "Standing Room Only," 3M Diversity Program, Woodbury, Minnesota. Written materials supplied.

June 14, 2005: Panelist, "Elimination of Bias Panel Discussion: Diversity Initiatives in the Minnesota Legal Market," Federal Bar Association—Minnesota Chapter 31st Annual Federal Practice Seminar, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The panel discussed initiatives undertaken to advance diversity within Minnesota law firms. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association—Minnesota Chapter is 1220 North Fillmore Street, Suite 444, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

May 20, 2005: Speaker, "Navigating In-House and Private Practice," Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers Professional Development Seminar, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Notes supplied.

May 10, 2005: Speaker, "YMCA Multicultural Achievers Banquet," YMCA Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I spoke about pursuing and achieving educational and career aspirations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for YMCA Minneapolis is 1130 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403.

April 14, 2005: Panelist, "Business of Law Day," University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The panel discussed lawyers' experiences with and expectations for summer associates, clerks, and legal interns. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Minnesota Law School is 229 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455.

September 2, 2004: Speaker, "Strategies for Trying Civil Cases," Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Audio supplied.

June 26, 2003: Panelist, "Managing Litigation 101," All District Legal Corporate Counsel Roundtable 2003: The Secrets of Workplace Success, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Written materials supplied.

June 11, 2003: Presenter, "An Independent Declaration to My Uncle Sam: Eliminating Racial and Gender Bias in the Legal Profession," 3M Company & Other Corporations, Woodbury, Minnesota. Presentation supplied.

June 4, 2003: Presenter, "Handling Insurance Issues in Minnesota," Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I spoke about recent developments in Minnesota insurance law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education is 600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 370, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

June 22, 2002: Speaker, "Litigation: Tactics, Problems & Solutions," Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Speech supplied.

June 6, 2001: Speaker, "Handling Insurance Issues in Minnesota," Minnesota

Continuing Legal Education, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I spoke about recent developments in Minnesota law on the insurability of punitive damages. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education is 600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 370, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

September 21, 2000: Panelist, "Real Life in the Courtroom," American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I discussed my experiences in the courtroom as a trial attorney and presented mock direct- and cross-examinations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants is 330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 20, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

August 30, 2000: Panelist, "Interviewing Tips and Traps," William Mitchell College of Law (now Mitchell Hamline School of Law), Saint Paul, Minnesota. I discussed successful interview techniques for law students applying for law firm and in-house positions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Mitchell Hamline School of Law is 875 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105.

February 16, 2000: Participant, "Justice for Mike: A Play in One Act," William Mitchell College of Law (now Mitchell Hamline School of Law), Saint Paul, Minnesota. Script supplied.

February 1, 2000: Lecturer, Advanced Evidence Course, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I spoke to law students about the presentation of fact and expert evidence in products liability trials. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Minnesota Law School is 229 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455.

June 24, 1999: Presenter, "Daubert, Joiner, and Kumho Tire: A Divine Trilogy," Federal Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Presentation supplied.

June 15, 1999: Presenter, "Punitive and Exemplary Damages," Minnesota Continuing Legal Education Handling Insurance Issues in Minnesota Seminar, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I spoke about the availability of punitive and exemplary damages in Minnesota insurance cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education is 600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 370, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

August 21, 1998: Co-Presenter, "The Direct and Cross Examination of Witnesses," The Minnesota Ultimate Trial Notebook II, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Notes supplied.

March 18, 1998: Panelist, "Making Partner at A Large Firm," Twin Cities Committee on Minority Lawyers in Large Firms, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I

discussed strategies for obtaining partnership in a large law firm. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Twin Cities Committee on Minority Lawyers in Large Firms is 3300 Wells Fargo Center, 90 South Seventh Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

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I have not held judicial office.

- a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment? \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:
- jury trials: \_\_\_\_\_%
- bench trials: \_\_\_\_\_%
- ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:
- civil proceedings: \_\_\_\_\_%
- criminal proceedings: \_\_\_\_\_%
- b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.
- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).
- d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.
- e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.
- f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.
- g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which

you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.

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

I have not held judicial office.

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

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

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

From 2011 to 2019, I served as an at-large member of the Minnesota Judicial Selection Commission. I was appointed to that position by Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton on March 4, 2011.

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 have not held any memberships or offices in or rendered any services to any political party or election committee. I have never held a position or played a role in a political campaign.

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

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

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

I did not serve as a clerk to a judge.

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

I have never 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;

1987 – 1996

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800 Lasalle Avenue, Suite 2800

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Associate (1987 – 1993)

Partner (1993 – 1996)

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250 Marquette Avenue South, Suite 800

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Blackwell Burke P.A.  
431 South Seventh Street, Suite 2500  
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Partner

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

In approximately 1998, I served as a mediator in a dispute between news organizations over entitlement to advertising monies, and in approximately 2004, I served as a mediator in an age discrimination lawsuit brought by the terminated general counsel of a company.

b. Describe:

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

I joined the law firm of Robins, Zelle, Larson & Kaplan LLP (now Robins Kaplan LLP) as a first-year associate in 1987. During my first four years with the firm, my practice was in the plaintiffs' mass tort and personal injury areas. I provided mostly a support role, as appropriate for a junior associate, and my experiences ran the gamut from supporting mass tort matters involving hundreds of cases to working on individual personal injury matters. In approximately 1992, I began taking a lead role in the handling of cases. My practice also expanded not only to handling personal injury cases, but also to defending companies in tort cases around the country. And in 1993, I became a partner at the firm, when I was 31 years old, expanding my litigation responsibilities even further.

In 1996, I joined the newly formed law firm of Halleland, Lewis, Nilan, Sipkins & Johnson P.A. (now Nilan Johnson Lewis) as an equity shareholder. During my four years at the firm (1996 to 2000), my focus was in building my complex litigation practice, which at that time was primarily a corporate defense practice.

In 2000, four other lawyers and I formed the law firm of Blackwell, Igbanugo, Engen & Saffold (later Blackwell Igbanugo P.A.). The goal was to create a diverse firm that would serve the needs and interests of Fortune 500 companies. I also continued to focus on the development of my own corporate defense practice. The firm expanded to offices in three states,

and, on top of its extensive litigation work, it included non-litigation practice areas, such as immigration, real estate, and intellectual property. The law firm dissolved in 2005.

In 2005, I formed the law firm of Blackwell Burke P.A., with the goal of practicing in complex litigation, trial, and other litigation areas. In my nearly two decades with the firm, my practice has evolved significantly, and I now serve almost exclusively as trial counsel in major litigation.

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

Throughout my career, I have focused on complex litigation and tort law, though I have handled matters in numerous other areas. I have also represented all sorts of clients. For instance, I have represented individuals in mass tort, personal injury, and other types of cases, as well as numerous large and small corporations from all manner of industries.

- 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.

The overwhelming majority of my practice has been in litigation, though I have also handled various non-litigation matters. Throughout my career, particularly since 1992, I have appeared in court frequently.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. federal courts: 45%
- 2. state courts of record: 55%
- 3. other courts: 0%
- 4. administrative agencies: 0%

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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

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

I have tried 11 cases to verdict, judgment, or final decision. In two of the cases, I was sole counsel; in six, I served as chief counsel; and in the remaining three, I served as associate counsel.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:

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|--------------|-----|
| 1. jury:     | 94% |
| 2. non-jury: | 6%  |

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

I have not practiced before the Supreme Court of the United States.

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. *Blue Buffalo Co. v. Wilbur-Ellis Co.*, No. 14-cv-00859 (E.D. Mo.) (Sippel, J.)

Since 2019, I have served as lead counsel for Blue Buffalo in this civil suit, joining the case after five previous years of protracted litigation. The defendants—an ingredient supplier and an ingredient broker—engaged in a scheme to defraud Blue Buffalo and other premium pet food manufacturers by passing off readily available, cheaper, inferior ingredients for harder to find, more expensive, premium ingredients specified under the supply contracts. Wilbur-Ellis and several of its employees were separately indicted and convicted in federal court for their role in orchestrating and executing the fraud. The related civil action was suspended for a year, pending resolution of the federal criminal charges. As lead counsel in the civil suit, I have played a central role in spearheading case strategy. Blue Buffalo is seeking to recover substantial damages suffered due to the adulteration and misbranding scheme, including recovery of settlement payments made to a chief competitor and settlement of eight consumer class action lawsuits resulting from the deception (later consolidated by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation). The case is unique in that it includes a claim for civil RICO, in addition to conspiracy, fraud, and other claims. The matter remains pending.

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2. *Gareis v. 3M Company*, MDL No. 15-2666, 2019 WL 4394812 (D. Minn. 2019) (Ericksen, J.), *aff'd*, 9 F.4th 812 (8th Cir. 2021) (Gruender, Kelly, Grasz, JJ.)

From 2015 to 2022, I represented 3M Company in the federal Bair Hugger Multidistrict Litigation (MDL) consisting of more than 6,000 cases in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, making this one of the largest MDLs in the country. In 2018, I was the lead trial counsel for the MDL's first and only bellwether trial to date. The Bair Hugger is a surgical warming device designed to help maintain a patient's normal body temperature during surgery, and the bellwether plaintiff, Mr. Gareis, contended that the device caused him to develop a periprosthetic joint infection during hip replacement surgery. After a trial of nearly one month, the jury returned a verdict in favor of 3M Company. The plaintiff appealed, and the Eighth Circuit affirmed. In

addition to serving as lead trial counsel, I assisted with the appeal, primarily by reviewing and editing 3M Company's Eighth Circuit briefing.

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3. *State of Minnesota v. Chauvin*, No. 27-CR-20-12646 (Hennepin Cty. 4th Jud. Dist.)  
(Cahill, J.)

In the Spring of 2020, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison appointed me a Special Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 8.02(1) to assist in prosecuting Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin after he was charged with the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020. The trial commenced in March 2021, and the jury reached a verdict the next month, finding Mr. Chauvin guilty of unintentional second-degree murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter. Mr. Chauvin was later sentenced to 22.5 years in prison. Working with a team of attorneys from the Minnesota Attorney General's Office and the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, I served as a lead trial counsel for the prosecution.

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4. *Riebel v. Mobil Oil*, No. 15 L 2124 (Cook Cty. Cir. Ct.) (Lorna, J.)

Beginning in 2018, I represented ExxonMobil in this premises liability asbestos case that culminated in a trial in 2021. The plaintiffs' decedent, Mr. Riebel, had worked as a union insulator and member of the Heat & Frost Workers Local 17 in Chicago. The plaintiffs sued ExxonMobil and multiple co-defendants, contending that Mr. Riebel was exposed to asbestos fibers while performing abatement work or while installing asbestos-free insulation at each defendant's premises. After trial, the jury returned a mixed verdict, finding no liability for ExxonMobil, but holding two of its co-defendants liable. I was a lead trial counsel for ExxonMobil, and I handled several joint defense presentations.

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5. *State of Minnesota v. CenturyLink*, No. 02-CV-17-3488 (Anoka Cty. 10th Jud. Dist.)  
(Lindberg, J.)

In 2017, the State of Minnesota sued various CenturyLink entities for improper billing practices and overcharges allegedly impacting 12,000 Minnesota customers. I was contacted in 2019 to serve as settlement counsel for CenturyLink, to try to broker a resolution of the case with Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison. In January 2020, after months of lengthy negotiations that I spearheaded, the case was successfully settled. The parties entered a consent judgment resolving the consumer protection lawsuit, and CenturyLink agreed to pay nearly \$9 million in refund monies and to make certain changes to its billing practices.

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6. *State of Minnesota v. 3M Company*, No. 27-CV-10-28862 (Hennepin Cty. 4th Jud. Dist.) (Burke, J.)

In 2018, I was hired to serve as settlement counsel for 3M Company in this action brought by Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson for contamination to the drinking water of certain communities in the Twin Cities. The matter resulted in the largest environmental settlement in Minnesota's history. I was not directly involved in the substance of the lawsuit, but rather worked with the parties, the formally appointed mediator (former United States Magistrate Judge Brian Short), and occasionally with the trial court directly to find pathways for a global settlement. To reach resolution, I also worked with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, two state agencies that became co-trustees of the settlement funds. The parties successfully settled the case in 2018, after one day of trial, with 3M Company agreeing to pay the State of Minnesota \$850 million to resolve the litigation.

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7. *General Mills, Inc. v. Chobani, LLC*, 158 F. Supp. 3d 106 (N.D.N.Y. 2016) (Hurd, J.)

In 2016, I served as lead counsel for plaintiff General Mills, Inc. in this suit against Chobani, LLC, a direct competitor in the yogurt market, for false advertising under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1051 *et seq.*, and related state law claims. Chobani's "Simply 100 Greek Yogurt" was advertised in various media campaigns as containing no artificial sweeteners or preservatives and made disparaging comparisons to Yoplait Greek 100, one of General Mills' yogurt brands. I argued the case for General Mills before the district court, successfully obtaining an injunction for its false advertising claims. I also negotiated a separate settlement agreement with Chobani, pursuant to which Chobani agreed to use non-disparaging terms in its ongoing advertising campaign in exchange for a \$1 million payment to General Mills.

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8. *General Mills, Inc. v. Fage*, Nos. 6:11-CV-1174 & 6:12-CV-0920 (N.D.N.Y.)  
(Peebles, J.)

In 2013, approximately eight months before trial was set to begin in this multimillion-dollar trademark infringement dispute, I was appointed lead counsel for plaintiff General Mills, Inc. General Mills sued Fage entities for infringement of General Mills' 50-year-old "Total" trademark, based on their attempting to register at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a brand of yogurt bearing the same name. The parties had been at odds in administrative, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB), and court proceedings from 2002 to 2013. Complexities of the case made it a combination jury and bench trial. Specifically, General Mills' infringement and damages claims were triable to a jury, while Fage's appeal of the prior adverse TTAB ruling, as well as General Mills' claim for injunctive relief, were triable to the court. As lead counsel for General Mills, I was involved in every aspect of the case, from key depositions to extensive motion practice to jury research exercises and all pre-trial proceedings. I also assumed by consent a unique and challenging role, serving not only as General Mills' lead counsel, but also as a mediator for the parties' collective resolution efforts, after prior efforts at mediation had failed. Following a 13-hour mediation, the parties successfully settled the case.

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9. *Khoury v. ConAgra Foods, Inc.*, 368 S.W.3d 189 (Mo. App. W.D. 2012) (Witt, Ellis, Pfeiffer, JJ.)

In 2010, I served as lead trial counsel for defendant ConAgra in this Missouri state court action. The plaintiffs sued ConAgra to recover damages for Mrs. Khoury's development of a lung disease called bronchiolitis obliterans, purportedly attributable to exposures to

chemical vapors released during the preparation and consumption of ConAgra's microwave popcorn. After a month-long trial, the jury ruled in favor of ConAgra. The plaintiffs appealed, and the Missouri Court of Appeals affirmed. In addition to serving as lead trial counsel, I assisted with the appeal, primarily by drafting and editing ConAgra's appellate court briefing.

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10. *Jones v. The St. Paul Cos., Inc.*, 450 F. Supp. 2d 1003 (D. Minn. 2006) (Rosenbaum, J.), *aff'd*, 495 F.3d 888 (8th Cir. 2007) (Bye, Bright, Riley, JJ.)

Mr. Jones, the first African-American president of the Minnesota State Bar Association, took a position at The St. Paul Companies as in-house counsel and later became a regional vice president in the insurance division. For the latter role, Mr. Jones transferred with his family from Saint Paul, Minnesota, to Georgia. Shortly after the transfer, Mr. Jones was terminated, and he sued his former employer in federal district court, alleging race discrimination and defamation. After a trial, the jury found in favor of the company and against Mr. Jones on his claims.

Thereafter, Mr. Jones filed a separate action in Georgia state court against current and former employees of The St. Paul Companies, individually and not as corporate representatives, for their tortious conduct that caused Mr. Jones' termination. The St. Paul Companies responded by claiming in the federal district court suit that the Georgia action was barred by the doctrine of res judicata and asking that the court enjoin the lawsuit under the re-litigation exception to the Anti-Injunction Act, raising issues of first impression in the Eighth Circuit. The district court rejected The St. Paul Companies' arguments, and the Eighth Circuit affirmed. Mr. Jones was accordingly able to proceed with his Georgia state court claims, and after some further litigation, the matter settled. From approximately 2005 to 2007, I served as a lead counsel for Mr. Jones, leading case strategy and giving direction on all briefing and oral arguments before the courts.

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

The vast majority of my career has focused on litigation, but I have also been involved in various other significant legal activities. For instance, I have served as settlement counsel on several occasions, joining cases after protracted litigation and spearheading efforts to successfully settle the suits on terms favorable to all parties. In 2020, I also worked with the Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial Committee to file a posthumous application for a pardon extraordinary for Max Mason, a young African-American man wrongfully convicted and imprisoned for the fictitious rape of a white woman in Duluth, Minnesota in June 1920. At the time, Mr. Mason was in his early twenties and was an employee of the John Robinson Circus, in Duluth for one day of performances. Three other African-American circus workers were lynched by a mob of approximately 10,000 people on June 15, 1920 following the accusations against Mr. Mason. The Minnesota Board of Pardon—comprised of the Governor of the State of Minnesota, the Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, and the Minnesota Attorney General—granted the pardon application on June 12, 2020. It was the first posthumous pardon extraordinary granted in Minnesota history.

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 have not taught any legal courses.

For four years, I taught a 15-week beekeeping course at the educational farm I started, Peacehaven Farm, in Jordan, Minnesota. Syllabus supplied.

From 2020 to 2021, I also taught an introduction to meditation course. There was no

course syllabus.

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

None.

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

None.

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

See attached Financial Disclosure Report.

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

I would recuse from any matter on which I had previously worked, as well as from any matter where a former partner or firm management from my last law firm, Blackwell Burke P.A., was involved. I am not aware of any other persons, parties, categories of litigation, or financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest when I first assume the position to which I have been nominated. If a potential conflict arose, I would apply the Code of Conduct for United States Judges and any other relevant ethical canons, statutes, and rules.

- b. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including the

procedure you will follow in determining these areas of concern.

If faced with a potential conflict of interest, I would follow the Code of Conduct for United States Judges and any other relevant ethical canons, statutes, and rules.

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 consistently demonstrated a commitment to pro bono work. For example, in 2020, I successfully sought a posthumous pardon for Max Mason from the Minnesota Board of Pardons. And in 2019, I co-founded the Collaborative Legal Community Coalition, a group that seeks to commemorate and educate the public about the tragic lynchings in Duluth, Minnesota that followed Mr. Mason's conviction in 1920.

Additionally, I have sought to serve the community in various other ways. For instance, throughout my career, I have assisted area law schools with trial advocacy training and in their efforts to improve diversity. Since 2017, I have also taught outdoor education, including beekeeping, at an area farm through a non-profit. Further, from 2020 to 2021, I taught an introduction to meditation course. And for a number of years, I have provided several college scholarships for seniors at an area high 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 the Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

On or about June 29, 2021, I expressed to Senator Amy Klobuchar that I was interested in being considered for a judgeship on the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. On July 7, 2021, I spoke with Senator Klobuchar again about the position. On October 6, 2021, I interviewed with the selection committee established by Senators Klobuchar and Tina Smith to evaluate and recommend candidates for the District of Minnesota. On October 19, 2021, I interviewed with Senator Smith. On October 22, 2021, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. Since November 2021, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the United States Department of Justice. On June 15, 2022, my nomination was submitted to the

Senate.

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

No.