

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).

Jeremy Christen Daniel

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.

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Residence: Oak Park, Illinois

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

1978; 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.

2004 – 2007, Loyola University Chicago School of Law; J.D., 2007

1996 – 2000, Illinois Wesleyan University; B.S., 2000

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.

2014 – present; Spring 2007

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Deputy Chief, Narcotics and Money Laundering (2019 – present)

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Intern (uncompensated) (Spring 2007)

Fall 2019; Fall 2018  
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United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois  
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Law Clerk for the Honorable Virginia M. Kendall (2013 – 2014)  
Extern for the Honorable Mark Filip (uncompensated) (Summer 2005)

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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.

2000 – 2004  
United States Marine Corps  
1st Lieutenant  
Honorably Discharged in 2004

1997 – 2000  
United States Marine Corps Reserve  
Lance Corporal  
Honorably Discharged in 2000

I 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.

Drug Enforcement Administration, Certificate of Appreciation (2017)

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Certificate of Appreciation (2017)

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, President's Medallion (2007)

*Loyola Law Journal*, Member (2006 – 2007)

Federal Circuit Bar Association, Howard T. Markey Scholarship (2006)

Schiff Hardin, John J. Waldron Scholarship (2006)

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, Diversity Scholarship (2006)

Marine Corps Engineer School, Academic Honor Graduate (2002)

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

Federal Circuit Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

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

Illinois, 2007

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 Federal Circuit, 2009

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2007

United States Patent and Trademark Office, 2012

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.

Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms, Member (2007 – 2013)

Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, Volunteer (2009 – 2014)

Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Western Cook County Chapter, Father's Auxiliary  
(2015 – present)

Lawndale Community Academy, Mock Trial Volunteer Instructor (2018)

Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel, United States District Court for the  
Northern District of Illinois (2021 – present)

Richard Linn American Inn of Court, Member (2009 – 2013)

- 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.

None.

- 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.

None.

- 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.

October 31, 2022: Panelist, Federal Bar Association, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois. I participated in a panel for law students about careers as a federal prosecutor and federal defender. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Northwestern Pritzker School of Law is 375 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

August 3, 2022: Panelist, "Beyond the Books," Just the Beginning Foundation, Chicago, Illinois. I participated in a panel for law students about activities and opportunities outside of the law school classroom. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Just the Beginning Foundation is 70 West Madison Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

March 16, 2022: Panelist, "Prosecutorial Discretion: Charging Decisions and the Influence of Community Pressure," Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois. Recording available at <https://luc.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=f48c002a-007c-4d9e-b46a-ae5b01177c98>.

August 11, 2021: Panelist, "Beyond the Books," Just the Beginning Foundation, Chicago, Illinois. I participated in a panel for law students about activities and opportunities outside of the law school classroom. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Just the Beginning Foundation is 70 West Madison Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

September 16, 2020: Panelist, "Federal Careers Night," Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois. I participated in a panel for law

students about legal career opportunities with the federal government. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Loyola University Chicago School of Law is 25 East Pearson Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

August 13, 2020: Panelist, "Beyond the Books," Just the Beginning Foundation, Chicago, Illinois. I participated in a panel for law students about activities and opportunities outside of the law school classroom. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Just the Beginning Foundation is 70 West Madison Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

August 13, 2019: Panelist, "Beyond the Books," Just the Beginning Foundation, Chicago, Illinois. I participated in a panel for law students about activities and opportunities outside of the law school classroom. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Just the Beginning Foundation is 70 West Madison Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

June 14, 2017: Panelist, "JIOP Alumni Mentoring and Professional Development," American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois. I participated in a panel for Judicial Intern Opportunity Program participants about mentoring and professional development. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the JIOP Program Director is American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

June 1, 2016: Panelist, "JIOP Alumni Mentoring and Professional Development," American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois. I participated in a panel for Judicial Intern Opportunity Program participants about mentoring and professional development. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the JIOP Program Director is American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

February 2014 (specific date unknown): Panelist, "Meet the Lawyers," Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois. I participated in a panel for law students about litigation and practice in federal courts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Loyola University Chicago School of Law is 25 East Pearson Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

October 11, 1998: Speaker, Illinois Wesleyan University Black Student Union Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration, Bloomington, Illinois. I gave remarks about the thirtieth anniversary of the Black Student Union at Illinois Wesleyan University. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Illinois Wesleyan University is 1312 Park Street, Bloomington, Illinois 61701.

- 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.

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

I have not held judicial office.

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

- i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

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

- ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

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

- 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. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal;
- c. the procedure you followed in determining whether or not to recuse yourself;
- d. your reason for recusing or declining to recuse yourself, including any action taken to remove the real, apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other ground for recusal.

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

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

I have not held public 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.

None.

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

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

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

From 2013 to 2014, I clerked for the Honorable Virginia M. Kendall of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

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;

2007 – 2013

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Deputy Chief, Narcotics and Money Laundering (2019 – present)  
Assistant United States Attorney (2014 – present)

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

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator.

b. Describe:

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

From 2007 to 2013, I was an associate in Katten Muchin Rosenman's intellectual property department. My cases primarily involved patent litigation. I participated in document review, issuing and responding to

written discovery, taking and defending depositions, trials, and appeals. My practice consisted entirely of civil matters during this time.

From 2013 to 2014, I served as a judicial law clerk, assisting with research, writing, and drafting legal opinions.

Since 2014, I have served as an Assistant United States Attorney. From 2014 to 2019, I worked in the General Crimes, Narcotics and Money Laundering, and Health Care Fraud Sections, handling all aspects of criminal investigation and prosecution, including grand jury proceedings, discovery matters, pretrial motion practice, trials, post-trial motions, sentencings, and appeals. I have prosecuted a wide variety of federal crimes that increased in complexity over time, including violations of drug and firearm laws, gang investigations, and financial crimes. I became a supervisor in 2019, and have since continued to investigate and prosecute my own cases while also supervising other attorneys in the Narcotics and Money Laundering Section. My practice has consisted entirely of criminal matters during this time.

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

At Katten Muchin Rosenman, I primarily represented corporations in patent litigation matters. At the United States Attorney's Office, I represent the United States in criminal prosecutions.

- 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: 95%
- 2. state courts of record: 0%
- 3. other courts: 0%
- 4. administrative agencies: 5%

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. civil proceedings: 25%
- 2. criminal proceedings: 75%

- 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 13 criminal cases to verdict in federal district court. I tried each of those cases with at least one other Assistant United States Attorney. I have tried

three civil cases to verdict in federal district court. I was associate counsel in each of those cases, supervised by lead counsel. I tried one civil case to final decision before an administrative body. I was associate counsel in that case, supervised by lead counsel. I have also presented oral argument in four appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
  - 1. jury: 71%
  - 2. non-jury: 29%

- 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 never 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. *United States v. Pareja et al.*, 19 CR 638 (N.D. Ill.) (Leinenweber, J.)

Six individuals were charged in this case with wire fraud and perjury. The charges stemmed from a mortgage fraud scheme in which the defendants recruited straw purchasers to apply for and receive mortgages to purchase residential properties. I was assigned this investigation after the initial prosecutor left the U.S. Attorney's Office. I continued the investigation, to include interviewing witnesses and presenting matters to the grand jury. I have handled all aspects of the prosecution, from indictment to pleas to sentencing. Defendant Murrell pled guilty and received a sentence of time-served. Defendant Karvelas pled guilty and received a sentence of time-served. Defendant Vaghasiya pled guilty and received a sentence of probation. Defendants Howard and Frimpong pled guilty and await sentencing. Defendant Pareja scheduled a change of plea for April 2023.

Dates of representation: 2018 – present

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2. *United States v. Mir et al.*, 19 CR 52 (N.D. Ill.) (Shah, J.)

This case charged eight individuals with health care fraud, conspiracy to commit money laundering, concealment of money laundering, false statements relating to health care matters, and engaging in monetary transactions in criminally derived property of greater than \$10,000 in value. The charges stemmed from a fraud scheme in which the defendants acquired home health agencies using fake aliases and nominee owners and then submitted fraudulent claims to Medicare for home health services that were never

rendered. I, along with co-counsel, worked on all aspects of the investigation and prosecution. This includes the initial investigation, which involved obtaining search warrants, interviewing witnesses, and presenting matters to the grand jury, as well as the prosecution, which involved discussing potential resolution of the case with opposing counsel, working with cooperating defendants, pretrial matters, and trial. At trial, I presented several witnesses, argued motions, and presented the government's closing argument. Defendant Ateeq pled guilty and received a sentence of 144 months' imprisonment. Defendant Malik proceeded to trial, which resulted in a hung jury. Mr. Malik subsequently pled guilty and received a sentence of time served. Defendant Ramos pled guilty and received a sentence of one year of probation. Defendant Cochran pled guilty and received a sentence of two years of probation. Defendants N. Mir and Chatat have pled guilty and await sentencing. Defendants A. Mir and Jamal remain fugitives.

Dates of representation: 2018 – present

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3. *United States v. R. Kowalski et al.*, 19 CR 226 (N.D. Ill.) (Kendall, J.)

This case charged 14 individuals with conspiracy, embezzlement, bankruptcy fraud, and tax violations. The charges followed the failure of a community bank declared insolvent in December 2017, and stemmed from an embezzlement scheme in which bank employees transferred funds to individuals outside the bank. I, along with co-counsel, worked on all aspects of the investigation and prosecution. This includes the initial investigation, which involved obtaining search warrants, interviewing witnesses, and presenting matters to the grand jury, as well as the prosecution, which involved discussing potential resolution of the case with opposing counsel, pretrial matters, and trial preparation. Defendants J. Kowalski, Corvite, Iriondo, Mandujano, Torres, Crotty, and Kasprowicz have pled guilty and await sentencing. Defendant W. Kowalski entered a pretrial diversion agreement. Defendant R. Kowalski was convicted following a jury trial and awaits sentencing. Defendants Krejza, Matczuk, Mahon, Weston, and Kozdemba await trial.

Dates of representation: 2017 – present

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4. *United States v. Lowe*, 19 CR 548 (N.D. Ill.) (Bucklo, J.), *aff'd*, 2 F.4th 652 (7th Cir. 2021) (Kanne, Kirsch, and Scudder, JJ.)

This case charged defendant Lowe with being a felon in possession of a firearm. The charges stemmed from a shooting in Chicago, Illinois. Police officers who responded to the shooting recovered a firearm from a dumpster in an alley. Surveillance video in that alley showed Mr. Lowe discarding the firearm in that dumpster. I joined this case as co-counsel after indictment and tried the case with co-counsel. In this role, I drafted and responded to pretrial motions, argued motions, presented witnesses at trial, and presented the government's closing argument at trial. A jury convicted Mr. Lowe and he received a sentence of 90 months' imprisonment. Mr. Lowe appealed. I was not counsel for the government on appeal. The Seventh Circuit affirmed.

Dates of representation: 2020 – 2021

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5. *United States v. Hines et al.*, 17 CR 135 (N.D. Ill.) (Pallmeyer, J.)

This case charged three individuals with narcotics conspiracy and narcotics distribution.

The charges stemmed from a long-term wire investigation launched after a series of fentanyl-related overdoses in Chicago, Illinois. The investigation resulted in charges against more than 65 individuals in federal and state courts, and this was the lead case. I, along with co-counsel, worked on all aspects of the investigation and prosecution. This includes the initial investigation, which involved obtaining search warrants, interviewing witnesses, obtaining authorization to intercept voice and text communications, and presenting matters to the grand jury, as well as the prosecution, which involved discussing potential resolution of the case with opposing counsel, responding to pretrial motions, and sentencing. Defendant Hines pled guilty and received a sentence of 144 months' imprisonment. Defendant Funches pled guilty and received a sentence of 60 months' imprisonment. Defendant Thomas pled guilty and received a sentence of 120 months' imprisonment.

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6. *United States v. Ramirez-Alferez*, 17 CR 5 (N.D. Ill.) (Feinerman, J.), *aff'd*, 935 F.3d 540 (7th Cir. 2019) (Bauer, Hamilton, and St. Eve, JJ.)

This case charged two individuals with narcotics conspiracy and narcotics distribution. The charges stemmed from the arrest of an individual who became a cooperating source for law enforcement. The defendants agreed to sell narcotics to the cooperating source. At that planned transaction, law enforcement officers arrested the defendants. I worked on all aspects of the investigation. This includes obtaining search warrants, interviewing witnesses, and presenting matters to the grand jury. I, along with co-counsel, also worked on all aspects of the prosecution, to include discussing potential resolution of the case with opposing counsel, trial, and sentencing. Defendant Ramirez-Alferez pled guilty and received a sentence of 21 months' imprisonment. A jury convicted defendant Marchan and he received a sentence of 60 months' imprisonment. Mr. Marchan appealed the conviction. I briefed and argued the appeal. The Seventh Circuit affirmed.

Dates of representation: 2017 – 2019

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7. *United States v. Edgeworth*, 15 CR 15 (N.D. Ill.) (Norgle, J.), *aff'd*, 889 F.3d 350 (7th Cir. 2018) (Easterbrook, Flaum, and Wood, JJ.)

This case charged defendant Edgeworth with bank robbery. Mr. Edgeworth entered a bank, brandished a firearm, demanded money, and then fled. As he fled, he led law enforcement officers pursuing him on a chase through downtown Chicago, Illinois, and into the subway. I worked on all aspects of the investigation, from Mr. Edgeworth's arrest and the filing of the criminal complaint, to interviewing witnesses and presenting

matters to the grand jury. I tried this case with co-counsel, and drafted and responded to pretrial motions, presented witnesses, and presented the government's opening and rebuttal arguments in connection with that trial. A jury convicted Mr. Edgeworth, who received a sentence of 108 months' imprisonment. Mr. Edgeworth appealed. I briefed and argued the appeal. The Seventh Circuit affirmed.

Dates of representation: 2015 – 2017

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8. *United States v. Taylor*, 15 CR 159 (N.D. Ill.) (Pallmeyer, J.)

This case charged defendant Taylor with filing false tax returns. This case stemmed from a series of seminars in which individuals recruited others to file fraudulent trust tax returns. I worked on all aspects of the investigation, to include interviewing witnesses and presenting matters to the grand jury. I tried this case with co-counsel, and drafted and responded to pretrial motions, presented witnesses, and presented the government's opening and rebuttal arguments in connection with that trial. A jury convicted Mr. Taylor, and he received a sentence of 24 months' imprisonment.

Dates of representation: 2015 – 2017

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9. *Pfizer et al. v. Teva et al.*, 9 CV 307 (D. Del.) (Sleet, J.), *aff'd*, 555 F. App'x 961 (Fed. Cir. 2014) (Moore, Prost, and Rader, JJ.)

This was a patent litigation case concerning an abbreviated new drug application for pregabalin, a pharmaceutical used to treat fibromyalgia. I, along with co-counsel, represented the Sun defendants, generic pharmaceutical manufacturers seeking authority to market a generic version of pregabalin and sued by the patent holder. The plaintiffs filed a complaint against several generic drug companies that sought approval to launch a generic version of Lyrica (pregabalin). I participated in all aspects of this case through trial. I drafted and responded to written discovery, deposed witnesses, and drafted pretrial motions. At the bench trial in this case, I presented witnesses and argued motions. Following trial, I drafted post-trial filings. The district court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs. The defendants appealed. The Federal Circuit affirmed. I did not participate in the appeal.

Dates of representation: 2009 – 2011

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10. *Apotex v. Cephalon et al.*, 6 CV 2768 (E.D. Pa.) (Goldberg, J.), *aff'd*, 500 F. App'x 959 (Fed. Cir. 2013) (per curiam)

This was a patent litigation case concerning an abbreviated new drug application for modafinil, a pharmaceutical used to treat narcolepsy. My client filed a civil complaint against the defendants alleging that a patent related to modafinil was invalid and unenforceable, and that the defendants had violated antitrust laws. I joined this case after the complaint had been filed and prior to trial. I, along with counsel, drafted pretrial filings and prepared witnesses for trial. At the bench trial in this case, I presented witnesses. Following trial, I helped draft post-trial filings. The district court found the patent invalid and unenforceable. The defendant appealed. The Federal Circuit affirmed. I did not participate in the appeal.

Dates of representation: 2010 – 2011

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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.)

I have spent the last three years in the United States Attorney's Office as a supervisor, during which time I have supervised dozens of cases in a strategic and advisory capacity rather than as counsel of record. For example, I had immediate supervisory responsibility for *United States v. Lee et al.*, which charged defendant Lee and others with a racketeering conspiracy that included at least 19 murders and 19 attempted murders, as well as armed robberies, assaults, and narcotics trafficking. My responsibilities included reviewing investigative and charging materials, as well as consulting and advising on the appropriate disposition of defendants who chose to cooperate against their co-defendants. As a supervisor, I regularly advise Assistant United States Attorneys on their investigations, and review their written work prior to filing. I regularly participate in trial strategy conferences, and occasionally advise other Assistant United States Attorneys during their trials. I also periodically serve as a duty supervisor, during which time I field calls from law enforcement officers seeking to open criminal investigations.

In 2018, I participated in a mock trial program sponsored by the U.S. Attorney's Office at Lawndale Middle School. Each week for approximately eight weeks, prosecutors visited students at the school to teach basic trial skills using a mock bank robbery problem. At the conclusion of the program, the students performed a mock trial at the Dirksen Federal

Building in Chicago, Illinois.

I have also served as a mentor for the American Bar Association's Judicial Intern Opportunity Program. In 2016, 2019, 2020, and 2022, while serving as a mentor, I met periodically with my mentees during their summer internships. In 2015, I also interviewed candidates for the program

I have never performed any lobbying activities or registered as a lobbyist.

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

Professional Identity Formation (Fall 2018; Fall 2019), Loyola University Chicago School of Law: I served as a Workshop Leader with another lawyer. This 5-week required course introduced first-year law students to techniques and tools that would allow them to successfully engage with legal issues in the workplace. Syllabi supplied.

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

None.

21. **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).

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

23. **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.

If confirmed, I would follow the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and all other applicable rules covering recusal. I would anticipate recusal from any matter in which I ever played a role while at the United States Attorney's Office or Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP. I do not anticipate family members who are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest, but would evaluate any other conflicts or relationships that might give rise to the need for recusal on a case-by-case basis to determine the appropriate action for any real or perceived conflicts.

- 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 consult and follow the guidance set forth in the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, as well as any other relevant canons, statutes, and rules. As appropriate, I would also seek advice and guidance from judicial colleagues, and solicit the views of the relevant parties to determine whether to recuse myself.

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.

Since becoming a law clerk to the Honorable Virginia M. Kendall, and continuing through my time with the United States Attorney's Office, the nature of my employment has precluded me from providing pro bono legal services.

I have volunteered my time in other respects, however. In 2018, I participated in a mock trial program sponsored by the U.S. Attorney's Office at Lawndale Middle School. Each week for approximately eight weeks, prosecutors visited students at the school to teach basic trial skills using a mock bank robbery problem. At the conclusion of the program, the students performed a mock trial at the Dirksen Federal Building in Chicago, Illinois.

I have also served as a mentor for the American Bar Association's Judicial Intern Opportunity Program. In 2016, 2019, 2020, and 2022, while serving as a mentor, I met periodically with my mentees during their summer internships. In 2015, I also interviewed candidates for the program.

While in private practice, I completed between 25 and 50 hours of pro bono legal services

each year. During this time, I represented a local artist in a copyright matter, counseled a local charitable organization concerning its name and securing intellectual property protections with respect to that name, represented tenants facing eviction in housing court, volunteered at the Cook County Clerk's expungement help desk, and helped a Holocaust survivor apply for increased reparation payments from the German government.

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 October 2021, Senators Durbin and Duckworth issued a public announcement seeking applicants to fill a vacancy created after a District Judge announced his intention to assume senior status. On October 25, 2021, I submitted my application to the Senators' 12-member Screening Committee. On November 13, 2021, I interviewed with the Screening Committee. On November 30, 2021, I interviewed with Senator Durbin. On December 7, 2021, I interviewed with Senator Duckworth. On December 16, 2021, my name was on a list of seven candidates that Senators Durbin and Duckworth submitted to the White House for consideration. On December 16, 2022, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. Since then, I have been in contact with officials at the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On March 20, 2023, the President announced his intent to nominate me.

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

No.