

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-JUDICIAL NOMINEES

PUBLIC

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

Richard Matthew Price
R. Matthew Price
Matt Price

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

United States Attorney, Western District of Missouri

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.

400 E. 9th Street, Room 5510
Kansas City, MO 64106

I currently rent an apartment during the week in Kansas City, MO, but have a full-time residence in Jefferson City, MO.

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

1978; St. Louis, MO

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.

Saint Louis University School of Law, 2003 – 2006
J.D. – June 2006

Northeastern University College of Criminal Justice, 2002 – 2003
M.S. – June 2003

Colgate University, 1997 – 2001
B.A. – June 2001

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.

K9s on the Front Line
Board Member (2025)
3811 Collin Court
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Schell & Kampeter, Inc., d/b/a Diamond Pet Foods
Chief Legal Officer (2022 – 2025)
1200 West Stadium Blvd., Suite 200
Jefferson City, MO 65109

Missouri Civil Justice Reform Coalition
Member, Policy Board (2023 – 2025)
112 E. High Street
Jefferson City, MO 65102

The Federalist Society, Mid-Missouri Chapter
Secretary (2025)

Tahwahkaro Distilling Company
Non-controlling/silent Member of Texas whiskey distillery (2024 – present)
100 N. Church Street
Palestine, TX 75801

Magnolia Wellness, LLC d/b/a Oxford Vitamin Company
Non-controlling/silent Member of vitamins/supplements/wellness retail store (2024 – present)
210 Merchants Drive
Oxford, MS 38655

Walmart Inc.
Managing Counsel II (2022), Lead Counsel (2021 – 2022), Senior Counsel (2019 – 2021)
702 SW 8th Street
Bentonville, AR 72716

Koppen Properties, LLC
Non-controlling/silent Member of residential real estate investing partnership (2021 – present)
307 W. Central Avenue
Bentonville, AR 72712

Federal Express Corporation
Lead Counsel (2018 – 2019), Senior Attorney (2013 – 2016)

3620 Hacks Cross Road, Building B
Memphis, TN 38125

Shelby County, Tennessee Election Commission (2019)
Appointed Election Commissioner
157 Poplar Avenue, Suite 137
Memphis, TN 38103

FedEx Corporation
Senior Counsel (2016 – 2018)
942 S. Shady Grove Road
Memphis, TN 38120

Germantown Performing Arts Center
Board of Directors (2016 – 2019), President-Elect (2019)
1930 S. Germantown Road
Germantown, TN 38138

City of Germantown, Tennessee
Chief Prosecuting Attorney & Police Advisor (2015 – 2019)
1930 S. Germantown Road
Germantown, TN 38138

Shelby County (Tennessee) Republican Party
Chairman, Republican Lunch Hour Club (2015 – 2019)

Federalist Society, Memphis Lawyers Chapter
Vice President (2015 – 2019)

RoundOak Properties
Non-controlling/silent Member of residential real estate investing partnership (2014 – present)
7406 Oak Run Drive
Germantown, TN 38138

City of Germantown
Volunteer/appointed Chairman of Public Safety Commission (2011 – 2014)
1930 S. Germantown Road
Germantown, TN 38138

University of Memphis School of Law
Adjunct Law Professor, Legal Methods (2011 – 2013)
1 Front Street
Memphis, TN 38103

Knights of Columbus

Founding Member and elected Advocate (2010 – 2019)
Holy Spirit Church
2300 Hickory Crest Drive
Memphis, TN 38119

United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Tennessee
Assistant United States Attorney (2008 – 2013)
167 N. Main Street, Suite 800
Memphis, TN 38103

St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office
Assistant Circuit Attorney (2007 – 2008)
1114 Market Street, Suite 401
St. Louis, MO 63101

Jefferson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney (2007)
300 Main Street
Hillsboro, MO 63050

Stewart, Mittleman, Heggie, Henry & Albin
Part-time attorney (2006)
222 South Central
Clayton, MO 63105

Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts Police Department
Special Police Officer (Summer of 2004; Summer of 2005)
2 Oak Bluffs Avenue
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Morrison Mahoney
Paralegal (2001 – 2002)
250 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02210

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

I have not served in the U.S. military. I have 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.

The Leo Bearman Sr. American Inn of Court
Honored as Barrister of the Year, 2017

Memphis Business Journal
Honored as “Top Forty Under 40,” Class of 2013

Knights of Columbus, Holy Spirit Church (Memphis, TN)
Honored as Knight of the Year, 2013

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.

Missouri Civil Justice Reform Coalition
Member, Policy Board (2023 – 2025)
112 E. High Street
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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.

The Missouri Bar, Admitted 2006
Bar of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, Admitted 2013

There have been no lapses in membership of which I am aware.

- 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.

The Missouri Bar, Admitted 2006
United States District Court, Western District of Tennessee, Admitted 2008
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Admitted 2008
Bar of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, Admitted 2013

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.

K9s on the Front Line (2025)
Board Member

International Association of Defense Counsel (2024 – present)

Missouri Civil Justice Reform Coalition (2023 – 2025)

Republican National Lawyers Association (2018 – present)

Germantown Performing Arts Center (2016 – 2019)
Board of Directors (2016 – 2019); President-Elect (2019)

Federalist Society (2014 – present)
Secretary, Mid-Missouri Lawyers Chapter (2025)
Vice President, Memphis Lawyers Chapter (2015 – 2019)

The Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inn of Court (2012 – 2019)

Regional Alumni Representative, Colgate University Admissions Program (2011 – present)

Knights of Columbus, Council 15196 Holy Spirt Church, Germantown, TN
Founding Member and elected Advocate (2010 – 2019)

- b. 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.

The Knights of Columbus is a Roman Catholic service organization that limits their membership to men. There is an equivalent service organization for women.

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.

I have done my best to identify any books, articles, letters to the editor, editorial pieces and other published material, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, I have been unable to identify, find, or remember any published materials.

- 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.

I have done my best to identify any reports, memoranda, or policy statements I have prepared or contributed to, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, I have been unable to identify, find, or remember any memoranda or policy statements.

- 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.

I have done my best to identify any reports, memoranda, or policy statements I have prepared or contributed to, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. I have located the following copy of notes regarding class action reform in Missouri. I provided testimony from this general outline on three occasions before Missouri state legislative subcommittees. I believe the dates I testified were May 7, 2024 (Senate subcommittee), January 21, 2025 (Senate subcommittee), and March 10, 2025 (House subcommittee). The attached outline is not a verbatim transcript of my testimony on those dates.

- d. Supply four (4) copies, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by you, including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place where they were delivered, and readily available press reports about the speech or talk. If you do not have a copy of the speech or a transcript or recording of your remarks, give the name and address of the group before whom the speech was given, the date of the speech, and a summary of its subject matter. If you did not speak from a prepared text, furnish a copy of any outline or notes from which you spoke.

I have done my best to identify transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. I occasionally speak without notes or speak from a handwritten outline. Despite my searches, there may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

Bass Berry Sims' annual Compliance and Investigations Seminars
21 Platform Way South
Suite 3500
Nashville, TN 37203
2016 and 2020

In 2016, I participated in a panel discussion about corporate restitution in criminal cases, in instances where a company is a victim of a federal crime. I spoke without notes and there was no press coverage or transcript of the panel discussion of which I am aware.

In 2020, shortly after the COVID outbreak, I participated in a virtual panel discussion regarding ways-of-working virtually and maintaining an investigative caseload during the pandemic. I spoke without notes and there was no press coverage or transcript of the panel discussion of which I am aware.

- e. List all interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these interviews and four (4) copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

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

Interview, Memphis Business Journal, Class of 2013 "Forty Under 40." I have no notes, transcript or recording other than the article provided.

Interview, The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tennessee, January 5, 2018. I spoke about an historic home renovation I undertook, along with partners. I have no notes, transcript or recording other than the article provided.

Interview, DeSoto Times-Tribune, DeSoto, Mississippi, October 23, 2023. I spoke about a new vitamin and supplement retail store opening in Olive Branch, Mississippi. Reprinted in other local outlets. I have no notes, transcript or recording other than the article provided.

13. **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 run for public office.

I have held the following positions in public office:

Shelby County, Tennessee Election Commission (2019)

Election Commissioner

I was appointed by the State Election Commission.

City of Germantown, Tennessee

Chief Prosecuting Attorney & Police Advisor (2015 – 2019)

I was appointed by Mayor Mike Palazzolo and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

Public Safety Education Commission

Citizen Commissioner (2011 – 2012)

I applied to this position and was chosen by Mayor Mike Palazzolo.

I was later elected by my fellow Commissioners to Chairman (2013 – 2014).

United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Tennessee

Assistant United States Attorney (2008 – 2013)

I was appointed by Attorney General Eric Holder.

- 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.

Shelby County (Tennessee) Republican Party

Chairman, Republican Lunch Hour Club (2015 – 2019)

Uncompensated position, nominated by former Chair Mary Wagner (now a Justice on the Tennessee Supreme Court).

Republican National Lawyers Association

Election Integrity Monitor, 2022 (Nevada) and 2024 (Arizona)

Uncompensated position.

Campaign of Andrew Bailey for Missouri Attorney General (2024)

Uncompensated position – and no formal role/title – but I hosted a fundraiser for General Bailey on May 13, 2024.

Campaign of Mike Palazzolo for Mayor of Germantown, Tennessee (2018)

Uncompensated position – and no formal role/title – but I hosted a fundraiser for Mayor Palazzolo in the Fall of 2018.

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

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

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

I have not clerked for a judge.

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

I have not practiced alone.

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

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Chief Legal Officer (2022 – 2025)

- 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.

- v. Whether you have held any judicial office, including positions as an administrative law judge, on any U.S. federal, state, tribal, or local court and if so, please provide the name of the court, the jurisdiction of that court, whether the position was appointed or elected, and the dates of your service.

I have not held any judicial office.

- b. Describe:

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

I began as a state court prosecutor in an outlying/semi-rural suburb of St. Louis, Missouri, where my practice consisted of investigating, charging and trying felony and misdemeanor cases. I left for a larger office in St. Louis city, because I sought a higher volume caseload and more opportunity for courtroom advocacy. I ascended to the United States Attorney's Office an experienced courtroom lawyer for my relative age, but an unfinished product with regards to legal research and written advocacy. I became proficient enough that, while an AUSA, I was selected to teach legal research and writing at the University of Memphis School of Law. While an AUSA, I focused on violent crime, narcotics, national security matters, and actively sought a wide variety of cases and subject matters (immigration, fraud, public corruption, etc.) to investigate and prosecute.

I joined the FedEx legal department in 2013, where I focused on sensitive internal investigations, global security matters, and supervised the department's subpoena and government response team. In this role, I liaised daily with state, local and federal law enforcement agencies to advance FedEx's interests in instances of fraud and network abuse. I also defended the company in a complex and high-profile criminal indictment, *United States v. FedEx*. I was promoted to the holding company's newly-formed Corporate Integrity and Compliance (CIC) team, where I focused on policy development, training, international compliance, and due diligence and reputational assessments for third parties and vendors. I continued to lead the company's most-sensitive investigations during this time. I returned from the holding company to the FedEx operating company following this experience, and appended CIC's work to my previous investigations practice.

During much of my time at FedEx, I held an additional nights-and-weekends position as the appointed Chief Prosecuting Attorney of Germantown, Tennessee (a Memphis suburb of roughly 40,000 residents). There, I supervised four Assistant City Prosecutors and worked closely with City leadership to successfully overhaul the court's practices and procedures. I took on the additional role as Police Advisor to the Germantown Police Department, where I provided legal guidance and training to the command staff.

I joined the Walmart Legal Investigations group in 2019. While continuing internal investigative and law enforcement partnership work, I led large teams and workstreams managing some of the most sensitive and material matters facing the company

I was then recruited for the Chief Legal Officer role at Diamond Pet Foods, a privately held pet food manufacturer located in Jefferson City, Missouri. I grew tremendously as an attorney during my three-plus years at Diamond, and acquired expertise in the areas of contract law, state class action litigation, employee safety, employment law and product marketing and labeling. While at Diamond, I successfully lobbied to pass legislation updating Missouri's class action procedure to bring it into parity with federal procedure and the majority of states that had already adopted them.

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

I have represented, throughout my legal career: the State of Missouri, the United States of America, Federal Express Corporation, FedEx Corporation, Walmart, Inc., and Diamond Pet Foods.

- 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.

Much of my practice has been in litigation (approximately 90%). Included in this percentage is the work I have done on internal investigations. For the first seven years of my career, I appeared in court almost daily prosecuting state or federal criminal matters. My corporate/in-house practice involved occasional civil litigation, and I continued to appear in court weekly as the Chief Prosecuting Attorney of Germantown, TN. Since 2019, my practice remains litigation-centric, though I appear in court infrequently.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 - 1. federal courts: frequently; estimated 70%
 - 2. state courts of record: frequently early in my career, then only occasionally since; estimated 30%
 - 3. other courts: not at all
 - 4. administrative agencies: infrequently, while at Diamond Pet Foods; estimated >1%
- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 - 1. civil proceedings: estimated 30%
 - 2. criminal proceedings: estimated 70%

- 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.

Between state courts of record and federal court, I have tried to verdict

approximately 20 cases, the vast majority of those as sole counsel or first-chair.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
 1. Jury: estimated 75%
 2. non-jury: estimated 25%
- 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 argued orally before the Supreme Court.

15. **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. FedEx, 14-cr-380 (N.D. Cal.)

Honorable Charles R. Breyer
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
2013 – 2016

I was selected to join the in-house trial team defending an eight-year investigation and ultimate indictment of Federal Express Corporation by the United States Attorney's Office in San Francisco. The government's theory was that FedEx conspired with Internet pharmacies to ship prescribed controlled substances without valid prescriptions. The indictment was superseded to include three counts of money laundering, and FedEx went to trial with \$1.6 billion dollars at stake. I played a significant role in the defense, identifying instances where FedEx security specialists worked closely with state and local law enforcement agencies to identify rogue pharmacies. These tips were shared with the Drug Enforcement Administration, who failed to follow up on the assistance. By the third day of what was anticipated to be a months' long trial, Attorney General Holder dismissed the case in its entirety and the Court declared that FedEx was "factually innocent." The DOJ later conducted an internal review to investigate how the case was brought and approved in the first place.

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(2) FTC v. Walmart 1:22-cv-3372 (N.D. Ill.)

Honorable Manish Shah
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
2019 – 2022

I was assigned as lead in-house attorney in this matter, where the FTC alleged that between 2013 – 2018 Walmart, in its capacity as a money transfer agent for MoneyGram, Western Union, and Ria, turned a blind eye to scammers who used in-store financial services to defraud consumers. The FTC sought over a billion dollars in civil penalties and injunctive relief and added Telemarketing Sales Rule (TSR) violations to the suit. I interviewed corporate witnesses, updated internal stakeholders, worked with expert witnesses, and coordinated all aspects of strategy with outside counsel. The Court dismissed the TSR claims with prejudice and Walmart agreed to a \$10 million settlement with the FTC, agreeing to continue to implement its fraud detection procedures already in place.

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(3) Harmon v. Schell & Kampeter, d/b/a Diamond Pet Foods 2016-cv-17833

Honorable James F. Kanatzar
Circuit Court Judge
16th Circuit Court, Eastern Jackson Division
2022 – 2025

This ongoing class action matter, filed under the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, alleges a connection between grain-free dog food and a canine heart condition and Diamond's failure to warn on its label and marketing materials. I led all aspects of in-house trial strategy and managed outside counsel and experts. The matter directly inspired my efforts to successfully lobby for the passage of Senate Bill 47 – a Missouri class action reform bill – which passed the Missouri House 126-5 and Senate 24-10 and was signed into law by Missouri Governor Kehoe.

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(4) United States v. Melvin Johnson and Tracy Johnson, 2007-cr-20041 (W.D. Tenn.)

Honorable Samuel H. Mays
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
2008 – 2011

I was the sole prosecutor where the Johnson brothers were charged with a string of business robberies and violent gun crimes. The brothers ultimately pled guilty to the most serious offenses and were sentenced to 475 months and 572 months, respectively.

Opposing Counsel:

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(5) United States v. Derek Benton, 639 F.3d 723

United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
Panel: Honorable Alice Moore Batchelder, Honorable Eric Clay, Honorable Jeffrey

Sutton
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals
2008 – 2011

The defendant appealed his conviction for a firearms charge and argued that a prior state conviction for solicitation to commit aggravated assault (an E felony) should not qualify as a “violent felony” under the Armed Career Criminal Act. I inherited the appeal from another attorney in the office, and reframed and refined the arguments before appearing before the appellate court. I overcame the fact that facilitation to commit aggravated assault (a D felony) was previously decided *not* to be a “violent felony” and prevailed in arguing that the lesser E felony – solicitation to commit aggravated assault – should be deemed as such for purposes of the ACCA. The decision of the district court was affirmed in all respects in a published opinion.

Opposing Counsel:
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(6) Federal Express Corporation v. Anthony Caruso, 2:14-cv-02337 (W.D. Tenn.) /
United States v. Anthony Caruso 2:14-cr-20287 (W.D. Tenn.)
Honorable Jon Phipps McCalla / Honorable Sheryl Lipman
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
2014 – 2017

I was the lead attorney in a civil lawsuit against a former employee who orchestrated a scheme to defraud FedEx of millions of dollars in shipping costs by rebilling his customers’ freight to Department of Defense accounts. It was the first-of-its-kind civil lawsuit for FedEx, and I worked closely with the United States Secret Service and DOJ to assist in the criminal indictment of Caruso. FedEx dismissed the civil complaint once the indictment was filed. The defendant pleaded guilty to the criminal fraud, was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment and ordered to pay \$454,157 in restitution to FedEx. His coconspirators in the civil case defaulted and were ordered to pay FedEx \$3.1 million dollars.

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Ballin Ballin and Fishman

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(7) United States v. Mark Evans, et. al, 2:11-cr-20223 (W.D. Tenn.)

Honorable Jon Phipps McCalla / Honorable Sheryl Lipman
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
2011 – 2013

I took over this multi-defendant prison drug conspiracy from another AUSA and prepared it for trial as the lead attorney. The facts were complicated, as the defendants utilized nonincarcerated individuals and prison employees to introduce drugs into the prison system and then operated a multi-state drug ring using a complex credit system. The cooperating witnesses were prisoners themselves, which was a credibility challenge to overcome before the jury. After a weeklong trial, the jury returned a guilty verdict and the defendant was sentenced to 78 months to run consecutively to his prior term of incarceration.

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(8) United States v. Angela Marie Allison, 2:13-cr-20098 (W.D. Tenn.)

Honorable S. Thomas Anderson
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
2012 – 2013

I investigated and prepared charges in this IRS/Treasury Inspector General matter, where dozens of IRS employees fraudulently obtained more than \$250,000 in unemployment, food stamps, welfare and housing benefits. I coordinated more than ten separate federal and state agencies to uncover the fraud, which permeated the culture of the Memphis IRS office. While I ultimately handed the case off for indictment upon joining the Federal Express legal department, my efforts resulted in thirteen federal and eleven state indictments.

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(9) United States v. Walmart 1:22-cv-00965 (D.D.C.)

Honorable Jia Cobb
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
2021 – 2022

I was assigned as lead in-house attorney late into this investigation, where the DOJ and FTC alleged that since 2015, Walmart violated the Textile Act by advertising products as made of bamboo when such products were actually made of rayon and did not contain bamboo fibers. The government made it clear they sought a precedent-setting penalty and draconian compliance monitoring, to include Walmart's third-party online marketplace. I coordinated outside counsel and in-house efforts, which was an exercise in mitigation. Walmart successfully negotiated a \$3 million dollar fine and agreed to compliance monitoring for its in-store products only.

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(10) United States v. Walmart 20-cv-1744 (D. Del.)

Honorable Colm F. Connolly
U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware
2019 – 2022

I was assigned as the lead legal investigations attorney managing the 50-state Attorneys General and DOJ inquiries into Walmart's practices dispensing prescription opioids. These matters were incredibly high-stakes, complex, and high-profile. I managed a large budget, spin-off investigations, several outside counsel firms, experts, and regularly updated senior leadership. Walmart eventually settled the matter for \$3.1 billion.

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16. **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.)

Between 2019 – 2022 I played a leading and managing role in defending Walmart in three major matters, each of which carried material and reputational risk to the company: *United States v. Walmart* and a 50-state Attorneys General settlement (opioids), *FTC v. Walmart* (money transfers) and *United States v. Walmart* (textile act claims). Managing all three workstreams concurrently was a test of focus and endurance. Each matter enjoyed national press coverage, internal stakeholder attention at the highest levels, and pressure to manage a large budget of outside counsel and expert spend.

My role in *United States v. FedEx* prepared me for this, as did my experience as an Assistant United States Attorney. The Walmart defense team could often anticipate the government's tactics, and we could perform internal investigations to gather the pertinent facts to mitigate – or outright disprove – the government's theories. Due to confidentiality concerns, I cannot share all of the ups and downs of life managing these material matters, but my time at both companies was a decade-long adrenaline rush. I am proud that, while defending Walmart and FedEx in government-facing inquiring, I simultaneously assisted law enforcement as part of my daily roles with both companies. In my experience, both companies are pro-law enforcement and use their resources to

identify and root out bad actors from their networks. One particular instance during my time at FedEx stands out, where we cooperated with law enforcement to uncover a billion dollar-plus international cell phone diversion scam. At both companies, I still felt like an AUSA, as I regularly worked with former police and former agents and led teams to identify and thwart bad actors.

At Diamond, as described above, I learned an entirely new – to me – area of the law, the civil side, and had my first experience with lobbying. Due to my frustration in a state class action matter, I successfully lobbied Senate Bill 47, which updated Missouri’s class action procedure and rightfully put the onus on the plaintiff to move to certify the class, versus the existing law which shifted the burden to the defense to decertify the class. Lobbying a tort reform bill against the powerful plaintiff’s bar lobby in Missouri was an uphill climb, but I assembled a coalition of small businesses and generals counsel throughout the state to press our case. The class action reform bill passed both houses successfully, was signed into law, and became effective August 28, 2025.

17. **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.

Legal Methods

University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphrey’s School of Law
2011 – 2013

Legal Methods was a required 1L legal research, legal writing and oral advocacy course taught in small sections by practitioners. I prepared and delivered research and writing lectures for approximately 10-12 students, graded assignments, attended faculty workshops, and judged mock arguments for the students’ final briefs. Copy of syllabus supplied.

18. **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.

19. **Outside Commitments During 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.

No.

20. **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).

Please see my OGE-278 as provided by the Office of Government Ethics.

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

22. **Potential Conflicts of Interest**:

- a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, affiliations, pending and categories of litigation, financial arrangements or other factors 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.

During the nomination process, I consulted with the Department of Justice's ethics office and Designated Ethics Officer to identify any potential conflicts. If I am confirmed, I will continue to consult with that office and will recuse myself from any matter in which recusal is required.

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

If I am confirmed, any potential conflict of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of an ethics agreement that I have entered with the Department's designated agency ethics official. If confirmed, I will continue to consult with the Department of Justice's ethics office and will recuse myself from any matter in which recusal is required.

23. **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. If you are not an attorney, please use this opportunity to report significant charitable and volunteer work you may have done.

During my time at FedEx, I regularly assisted in the legal department's arrangement with a local Legal Aid group. My pro bono work consisted of meeting indigent clients to assist them on a variety of legal matters, from billing disputes, landlord-tenant issues, minor criminal matters, and consumer protection concerns.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Richard Matthew Price, do swear
that the information provided in this statement is, to the best
of my knowledge, true and accurate.

9/8/2025

(DATE)

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