

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).

Angela Veronica Colmenero

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

United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas

3. **Address**: List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state where you currently reside.

Office of the Governor of Texas
1100 San Jacinto Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78701

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

1979; Austin, Texas

5. **Education**: List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

2001 – 2004, Notre Dame Law School; J.D. (*cum laude*), 2004

1997 – 2001, The University of Texas at Austin; B.A. (with honors), 2001

Summer 1999, Austin Community College (one class); no degree

Summer 1998, Austin Community College (two classes); no degree

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

September 2023 – present
Office of the Governor of Texas
1100 San Jacinto Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78701
Deputy Chief of Staff

2023 – present
Texans for Greg Abbott
Post Office Box 308
Austin, Texas 78767
Campaign Advisor

July 2023 – September 2023
Office of the Texas Attorney General
300 West 15th Street
Austin, Texas 78701
Provisional Attorney General of the State of Texas (compensated by the Office of the Governor of Texas pursuant to a contract between the Office of the Governor of Texas and the Office of the Texas Attorney General)

2018 – 2023
Office of the Governor of Texas
1100 San Jacinto Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78701
Deputy Chief of Staff (June 2023 – July 2023)
Principal Deputy General Counsel (2021 – 2023)
Deputy General Counsel (2018 – 2021)

2009 – 2018
Office of the Texas Attorney General
300 West 15th Street
Austin, Texas 78701
Chief, General Litigation Division (2015 – 2018)
Deputy Chief, Special Litigation Division (2014 – 2015)
Assistant Attorney General, Special Litigation Division (2011 – 2012)
Assistant Attorney General, General Litigation Division (2009 – 2011, 2012 – 2014)

2007 – 2009
Lynn Tillotson Pinker & Cox, LLP
2100 Ross Avenue, Suite 2700
Dallas, Texas 75201
Associate

2005 – 2007
Jones Day
2727 North Harwood Street, Suite 500

Dallas, Texas 75201
Associate

2004 – 2005
United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
1100 North Commerce Street, Room 1452
Dallas, Texas 75242
Law Clerk to the Honorable A. Joe Fish

Summer 2003
Jones Day
110 North Wacker Drive, Suite 4800
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Summer Associate

2002 – 2003
LexisNexis
33 West Monroe Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Student Representative at Notre Dame Law School

Summer 2002
Office of the Texas Attorney General
300 West 15th Street
Austin, Texas 78701
Law Clerk, General Litigation Division

January 2001 – July 2001
Mexican American Legislative Caucus
1108 Lavaca Street, Suite 110-351
Austin, Texas 78701
Policy Analyst

Uncompensated:

September 2024 – present
Texas Disaster Relief Fund
1100 San Jacinto Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78701
Board Member

November 2023 – present
Texas State Preservation Board
201 East 14th Street, Suite 950
Austin, Texas 78701
Governor's Designee to the Board

(Section 443.003(e) of the Texas Government Code allows the governor, as a member of the Texas State Preservation Board and its presiding officer, to designate a representative to act, including the ability to vote, on his behalf during a board meeting. Governor Abbott named me as his designee, and based on this authorization, I have presided over a board meeting and exercised other governance functions for the board at his direction.)

September 2023 – present
Texas Governor's Mansion Administration, Inc.
1010 Colorado Street
Austin, Texas 78701
Board Member

September 2023 – present
Texas Governor's Mansion Greenhouse Project
1100 San Jacinto Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78701
Board Member

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

I did not serve in the military. I was not required to register 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.

Notre Dame Law School

Degree conferred with University Honors (*cum laude*) (2004)
Dean's Award for the Highest Grade in Cyberlaw (2004)
Dean's List (Spring Semester 2003, Fall Semester 2003, Spring Semester 2004)
Journal of College and University Law
Executive Editor (2003 – 2004)
Editorial Board (2002 – 2003)
Moot Court Appellate Board, Seventh Circuit Team (2003 – 2004)
Notre Dame Academic Council, Graduate Student Representative (2003 – 2004)
Dean's Academic Group, Teaching Assistant for Constitutional Law (2002 – 2004)
Dean's Award for the Highest Grade in Legislation (2003)
Dean's Award for the Highest Grade in Constitutional Law (2002)

Tex. H.R. 1279, 77th Leg., R.S. (2001). I was honored by the Texas House of Representatives during the 77th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature in recognition of my graduation from The University of Texas at Austin.

The University of Texas at Austin

Degree conferred with honors (2001)

Phi Beta Kappa (2001)

Phi Kappa Phi (2001)

University Honors (Fall Semester 1997, Spring Semester 1998, Fall Semester 1998, Spring Semester 1999, Fall Semester 1999, Spring Semester 2000)

Governor's Fellowship Program (2000)

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.

Austin Bar Association (2009)

Austin Hispanic Bar Association (2009)

Dallas Bar Association (2005 – 2009)

Dallas Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (2005 – 2009)

Treasurer (2008 – 2009)

Chair, Young Lawyers Division (2007 – 2008)

Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court (2007 – 2009)

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, 2004

Texas, 2005

My Illinois bar license has been retired since 2010 because after that date I no longer planned to practice law in Illinois. To my knowledge, there have been no other lapses in membership.

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

Supreme Court of the United States, 2018

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2006

United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 2012

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, 2007

United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 2004

United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, 2009
United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, 2009
Illinois Supreme Court, 2004
Texas Supreme Court, 2005

My Illinois bar license has been retired since 2010 because after that date I no longer planned to practice law in Illinois. To my knowledge, there have been no other 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.

Alpha Chi Omega

Member, Austin Alumnae Organization (2009 – present)

Member, Alpha Phi Chapter (1997 – present)

Assistant Finance Chair, Alpha Phi Chapter (1999 – 2000)

Dell Jewish Community Center (2026 – present)

Great Hills Country Club (2020 – present)

Meals on Wheels (2009 – 2019)

Notre Dame Club of Austin (2009 – 2011)

Board Member (2009 – 2010)

Texas Cheer and Pom Alumni Network (2021 – present)

Texas Exes Alumni Association (2001 – present, with periodic lapses in membership)

The Federalist Society (2018 – present, with periodic lapses in membership)

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.

Alpha Chi Omega is a women's college sorority, and membership in the Austin Alpha Chi Omega Alumnae Organization is limited to initiated members of Alpha Chi Omega. To the best of my knowledge, neither organization currently discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, religion, or national origin, either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

Great Hills Country Club and the Dell Jewish Community Center are members-only clubs. To the best of my knowledge, neither organization 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.

To the best of my knowledge, none of the other 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 copies of all published material to the Committee.

As a senior advisor to the Texas Governor, I have helped draft and edit countless published materials. All of those materials, however, were published under Greg Abbott's name, and he exercised editorial control and decision-making power over the contents of those materials.

During my tenure as the Provisional Attorney General of Texas, I reviewed and approved the following press releases regarding the work of the Office of the Texas Attorney General:

Press Release, *Texas Law Enabling Citizens to Sue Over Local Ordinances Pre-Empted by State Laws Takes Effect*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, Sep. 1, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Law Forbidding "Gender Transition" Hormone and Surgical Interventions for Minors Takes Effect*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, Sep. 1, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Office of the Attorney General Files Appeal to Texas Supreme Court, Blocking District Judge's Ruling and Upholding Protections For Children From "Gender Transition" Procedures*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, Aug. 25, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Office of the Attorney General Stays Travis County Court's Ruling Against*

Crucial Election Law By Filing Direct Appeal to Texas Supreme Court, Office of the Texas Attorney General, Aug. 15, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Major Company Reverses ESG Credit Rating Practice, A Victory for Texas Efforts Against Improper Political Activism By Financial Companies*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, Aug. 14, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Special Litigation Chief Leif Olson Departs Texas Attorney General's Office to Serve as Iowa Chief Deputy Attorney General*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, Aug. 14, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Office of the Attorney General Sues Travel Reservation Site for Deceptive Trade Practices Regarding the True Price of Hotel Rooms*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, Aug. 10, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Office of the Attorney General's Civil Medicaid Fraud Division Recovers \$42.7 Million in Taxpayer Funds*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, Aug. 8, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Office of the Attorney General Files Appeal to Texas Supreme Court, Blocking District Judge's Ruling and Leaving Abortion Law in Place*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, Aug. 5, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Office of the Attorney General Secures 16-Year Prison Sentence for Ambulance Company Owner Running Medicaid Fraud Scheme*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, Aug. 2, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Helps Secure 49-Month Sentence and Over \$5 Million Restitution in Orthopedic Supplies Fraud Case*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 31, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Helps Dismantle \$142 Million Genetic Testing Fraud Scheme, Seizes \$7.1M in Assets*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 28, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas OAG Secures \$10.76 Million Judgment Against Pyramid Scheme Operators Who Exploited Consumers During Covid-19 Pandemic*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 26, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Office of the Attorney General Reaches \$168 Million Settlement With Walmart Over Company's Role in National Opioid Crisis and Encourages Local Areas to Sign On to Receive Funds*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 19, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *OAG Conducts Enforcement Operation With FTC to Tackle Illegal Spam Calls*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 18, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Office of the Attorney General Supports Special Master Ruling that Aims to Resolve Years-Long Multistate Dispute Over the Rio Grande*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 18, 2023. Copy supplied.

While in law school, I performed typographical and stylistic edits of several journal articles in Volumes 29 and 30 of the *Journal of College and University Law*, first as a member of the editorial board in 2002 to 2003 and then as executive editor from 2003 to 2004. The authors of those articles were responsible for their substantive content. Other than as follows, I have no record or memory of the articles I edited:

Nancy Tribbensee, *Privacy and Security in Higher Education Computing Environments After the USA Patriot Act*, 30 J. Coll. & Univ. L. 337 (2004). Copy supplied.

Nancy Tribbensee, *Tort Litigation in Higher Education: A Review of Cases Decided in the Year 2001*, 29 J. Coll. & Univ. L. 249 (2003). Copy supplied.

b. Supply 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.

While serving as Texas Governor Greg Abbott's designee to the Texas State Preservation Board, I reviewed and approved the following policy at his direction:

Texas State Preservation Board, *Public Restroom Policy* (Mar. 12, 2025). Copy supplied. The purpose of this policy was to establish guidelines for the use of public restrooms in all areas under the oversight of the Texas State Preservation Board, including the Texas Capitol.

c. Supply 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.

Texas State Preservation Board, *Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026*, submitted to Governor's Office of Budget, Planning, and Policy and the Legislative Budget Board (Dec. 1, 2025). Copy supplied.

Texas Governor's Mansion Greenhouse Project, Board Meeting (Sep. 2, 2025). Copy of meeting minutes supplied.

Texas Governor's Mansion Administration, Inc., Board Meeting (Aug. 29, 2025). Copy of meeting minutes supplied.

Texas Governor's Mansion Administration, Inc., Board Meeting (Aug. 22, 2024). Copy of meeting minutes supplied.

Texas Governor's Mansion Greenhouse Project, Board Meeting (Aug. 21, 2024). Copy of meeting minutes supplied.

Texas State Preservation Board, *Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024*, submitted to Governor's Office of Budget, Planning, and Policy and the Legislative Budget Board (Dec. 1, 2023). Copy supplied.

Texas State Preservation Board, Board Meeting (Nov. 13, 2023). Copy of draft meeting minutes supplied.

Texas Governor's Mansion Greenhouse Project, Board Meeting (Sep. 11, 2023). Copy of meeting minutes supplied.

Letter to Hon. Kevin McCarthy, Speaker, House of Representatives, Hon. Steve Scalise, Majority Leader, House of Representatives, Hon. Hakeem Jeffries, Minority Leader, House of Representatives, Hon. Patty Murray, President Pro Tempore, United States Senate, Hon. Chuck Schumer, Majority Leader, United States Senate, and Hon. Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader, United States Senate, from Attorneys General Regarding Artificial Intelligence and the Exploitation of Children (Sep. 5, 2023). Copy supplied.

Letter to the Texas Legislative Audit Committee from the Provisional Attorney General Concerning the Audit of the Office of the Texas Attorney General's Child Support Division (Aug. 25, 2023). Copy supplied.

Texas Governor's Mansion Administration, Inc., Board Meeting (Aug. 17, 2023). Copy of meeting minutes supplied.

Texas Governor's Mansion Greenhouse Project, Board Meeting (Aug. 17, 2023). Copy of meeting minutes supplied.

Letter to Hon. Kevin McCarthy, Speaker, House of Representatives, Hon. Hakeem Jeffries, Minority Leader, House of Representatives, Hon. Chuck Schumer, Majority Leader, United States Senate, and Hon. Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader, United States Senate, from Attorneys General Supporting Federal Legislation to Fix Proposition 12 After *National Pork Producers Council v. Ross* (Aug. 9, 2023). Copy supplied.

Letter to Hon. Kevin McCarthy, Speaker, House of Representatives, Hon. Hakeem Jeffries, Minority Leader, House of Representatives, Hon. Chuck Schumer, Majority Leader, United States Senate, and Hon. Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader, United States Senate, from Attorneys General in Support of Passing the Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding VA Benefits Act (Aug. 8, 2023). Copy supplied.

Letter to Hon. Michael S. Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, from Attorneys General Regarding Proposed Rulemaking RIN 2060-AV09, As Set Forth in 40 CFR Part 60, 88 Federal Register 33240 (Aug. 8, 2023). Copy supplied.

Letter to Hon. Michael S. Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, from Attorneys General Regarding Proposed Rulemaking Titled “New Source Performance Standards for GHG Emissions from New and Reconstructed EGUs; Emission Guidelines for GHG Emissions from Existing EGUs; and Repeal of the Affordable Clean Energy Rule” (Aug. 8, 2023). Copy supplied.

Letter to Hon. Martin Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and James P. Sheesley, Assistant Executive Secretary, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, from Attorneys General Regarding RIN 3064-AF93: Proposed Rule Imposing Special Assessment Pursuant to Systemic Risk Determination (July 21, 2023). Copy supplied.

As the Provisional Attorney General of Texas, I issued four legal opinions:

- Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. No. AC-0004 (Aug. 29, 2023). Copy supplied.
- Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. No. AC-0003 (Aug. 16, 2023). Copy supplied.
- Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. No. AC-0002 (Aug. 8, 2023). Copy supplied.
- Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. No. AC-0001 (July 17, 2023). Copy supplied.

Additionally, as the Provisional Attorney General of Texas, I recused myself from one legal opinion and delegated my signature authority for this opinion to the First Assistant Attorney General: Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. No. AC-0005 (Sep. 14, 2023). Copy supplied.

Letter to Hon. Lindsey Graham, Chairman, and Hon. Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member, Committee of the Judiciary, United States Senate, from Graduates of Notre Dame Law School Regarding Confirmation of Judge Amy Coney Barrett (Oct. 14, 2020). Copy supplied.

Brief of 13,922 Current Law Students at Accredited American Law Schools as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Respondents, *Grutter v. Bollinger*, 539 U.S. 306 (2003) (No. 02-241) (Feb. 18, 2003). Copy supplied.

d. Supply 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.

February 5, 2026: Moderator, “From Law to Action: Implementing and Modernizing Regulations in Texas Agencies,” Governor’s Commission for Women, Texas Women’s

Leadership Conference, Austin, Texas. I moderated a discussion concerning how executive branch agencies engage in the rulemaking process. Presentation notes supplied.

January 31, 2025: Speaker, "Providing Excellent Customer Service," Office of the Governor of Texas, Governor's Appointee Leadership Seminar, Austin, Texas. I spoke to gubernatorial appointees about the importance of engaging with legislative stakeholders, being responsive to the regulated community, and working with the Office of the Governor. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Office of the Governor of Texas is 1100 San Jacinto Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78701.

March 21, 2024: Speaker, "The Relationship Between Governor's Counsel and the Office of the Attorney General," Republican Governors Association, Senior Counsel Summit, Washington, D.C. I spoke about how an effective working relationship between governor's counsel and the state attorney general's office can result in successful outcomes in litigation matters. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Republican Governors Association is 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, #250, Washington, D.C. 20006.

January 30, 2024: Speaker, "Providing Excellent Customer Service," Office of the Governor of Texas, Governor's Appointee Leadership Seminar, Austin, Texas. I spoke to gubernatorial appointees about the importance of engaging with legislative stakeholders, being responsive to the regulated community, and working with the Office of the Governor. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Office of the Governor of Texas is 1100 San Jacinto Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78701.

August 23, 2023: Speaker, "Welcome and Message from the Provisional Attorney General," Office of the Texas Attorney General, Constitutional Law Conference, Austin, Texas. I welcomed attorneys from the Office of the Texas Attorney General to the conference and thanked them for their service to the office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Office of the Texas Attorney General is 300 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

December 13, 2022: Speaker, "Follow the Law: An Overview of Compliance with the Open Meetings Act, the Public Information Act, and Ethics," Office of the Governor of Texas, Governor's Appointee Leadership Seminar, Austin, Texas. I provided gubernatorial appointees with an overview of the legal requirements in the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Texas Public Information Act, and state ethics laws and highlighted recent legislative changes. Presentation notes supplied.

December 20, 2021: Speaker, "Follow the Law: An Overview of Compliance with the Open Meetings Act, the Public Information Act, and Ethics," Office of the Governor of Texas, Governor's Appointee Leadership Seminar, Austin, Texas. I provided gubernatorial appointees with an overview of the legal requirements in the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Texas Public Information Act, and state ethics laws and highlighted recent legislative changes. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Office of the Governor of Texas is 1100 San Jacinto Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78701.

December 14, 2021: Speaker, "Developments in Employment Law in the Aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic," Office of the Texas Attorney General, Government Law and Liability Conference, Austin, Texas. I spoke about employment law issues post-pandemic and highlighted current litigation matters. Presentation notes supplied.

August 10, 2021: Panelist, "Legislative Update," Office of the Texas Attorney General, Constitutional Law Conference, Austin, Texas. I spoke about significant legislation passed following the 87th Texas Legislative Session. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. I have attached a program that includes a description of the topic. The address for the Office of the Texas Attorney General is 300 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

October 19, 2019: Speaker, "Follow the Law: An Overview of Compliance with the Open Meetings Act, the Public Information Act, and Ethics," Office of the Governor of Texas, Governor's Appointee Leadership Seminar, Austin, Texas. I provided gubernatorial appointees with an overview of the legal requirements in the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Texas Public Information Act, and state ethics laws and highlighted recent legislative changes. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Office of the Governor of Texas is 1100 San Jacinto Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78701.

September 21, 2018: Speaker, "Civil Damages: How Much Should You Settle For?," The University of Texas System Legal Conference, Austin, Texas. I spoke about how settlements and judgments against state officers and state agencies are processed and approved pursuant to Texas law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for The University of Texas System is 210 West 7th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

September 28, 2017: Speaker, "The Role of the Attorney General in Litigation Matters," The University of Texas System Legal Conference, Austin, Texas. I spoke about how attorneys at higher education institutions can effectively work with lawyers within the Office of the Texas Attorney General. Presentation notes supplied.

December 2016 [I have been unable to determine the specific date]: Speaker, "State Officer Liability," Office of the Texas Attorney General, Government Law and Liability Conference, San Marcos, Texas. I spoke about official immunity and indemnification limits for state officers under Texas law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Office of the Texas Attorney General is 300 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

September 25, 2015: Speaker, "How to Effectively Assist Your Assistant Attorney General Before and During Litigation Matters," The University of Texas System Legal Conference, Austin, Texas. I spoke about how attorneys at higher education institutions can effectively work with lawyers within the Office of the Texas Attorney General. Presentation notes supplied.

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 copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

During my time as Provisional Attorney General of Texas, the following press releases that contain quotes from me were issued:

Press Release, *Office of the Attorney General Recognizes Child Support Assistant Attorneys General of the Year*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 27, 2023 (contains links to below press releases that have quotes). Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Office of the Attorney General Names Amarillo Child Support Employee Assistant Attorney General of the Year*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 27, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Office of the Attorney General Names Dallas Child Support Employee Assistant Attorney General of the Year*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 27, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Office of the Attorney General Names El Paso Child Support Employee Assistant Attorney General of the Year*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 27, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Office of the Attorney General Names Fort Worth Child Support Employee Assistant Attorney General of the Year*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 27, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Office of the Attorney General Names Harlingen Child Support Employee Assistant Attorney General of the Year*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 27, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Office of the Attorney General Names Houston Child Support Employee Assistant Attorney General of the Year*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 27, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Office of the Attorney General Names Rosenberg Child Support Employee Assistant Attorney General of the Year*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 27, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Office of the Attorney General Names San Antonio Metro Child Support Employee Assistant Attorney General of the Year*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 27, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Office of the Attorney General Names State Office Child Support Employee Assistant Attorney General of the Year*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 27, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Office of the Attorney General Names Temple Child Support Employee Assistant Attorney General of the Year*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 27, 2023. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Texas Office of the Attorney General Names Texarkana Child Support Employee Assistant Attorney General of the Year*, Office of the Texas Attorney General, July 27, 2023. Copy supplied.

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:
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| jury trials: | _____ % |
| bench trials: | _____ % |
- ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:
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|-----------------------|---------|
| 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. 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.

Provisional Attorney General of Texas (2023); appointed July 2023 by Texas Governor Greg Abbott. I served in this position until September 2023. My term of office began during the pendency of the impeachment trial against Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and ended when the Texas Senate rendered its verdict of acquittal.

Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor of Texas (June 2023 – July 2023; September 2023 – present); appointed June 2023 and September 2023 by Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

Principal Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Governor of Texas (2021 – 2023); appointed November 2021 by Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Governor of Texas (2018 – 2021); appointed September 2018 by Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

Chief, General Litigation Division, Office of the Texas Attorney General (2015 – 2018); appointed February 2015 by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

Deputy Chief, Special Litigation Division, Office of the Texas Attorney General (2014 – 2015); appointed October 2014 by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

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.

Campaign Advisor, Texans for Greg Abbott, Austin, Texas (2023 – present). I am employed part-time and advise Mr. Abbott on campaign issues.

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 2004 to 2005, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable A. Joe Fish, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

- 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

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2012 – 2014)

Assistant Attorney General, Special Litigation Division (2011 – 2012)

Deputy Chief, Special Litigation Division (2014 – 2015)

Chief, General Litigation Division (2015 – 2018)

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

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator.

b. Describe:

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

Upon graduation from law school in 2004, I served as a law clerk for the Honorable A. Joe Fish, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, from 2004 to 2005. In that role, I was responsible for researching legal issues, drafting memoranda, and providing legal advice to Judge Fish. The specifics of the district made for a varied civil docket, comprised primarily of commercial business disputes, intellectual property litigation, and civil rights cases. The docket also included criminal matters, and my responsibilities included working on evidentiary issues and sentencing guidelines calculations.

In 2005, after completing my clerkship with Judge Fish, I joined Jones Day in Dallas, Texas, as a trial practice associate attorney. While at Jones Day from 2005 to 2007, I handled complex commercial litigation matters. I helped manage litigation and discovery, performed legal research, drafted critical motions, and drafted appellate briefs on behalf of major clients in state and federal courts.

While practicing at Lynn Tillotson Pinker & Cox from 2007 to 2009, I represented clients in a range of complex litigation matters in both trial and appellate courts. I managed the discovery and factual development of multi-party litigation, negotiated and litigated discovery disputes, worked with expert witnesses, drafted pleadings and briefs, and participated in trial and appellate proceedings. I also argued motions in state and federal trial courts and tried cases to verdict and final judgment. My matters covered many substantive areas, including commercial contract disputes, business torts, and theft of trade secrets.

In March 2009, I joined the Office of the Texas Attorney General as an Assistant Attorney General in the General Litigation Division. In that role,

I was responsible for managing a robust docket of cases where I represented the State of Texas, executive branch agencies, state officials, and institutions of higher education. That representation covered areas such as constitutional law, administrative law, complex statutory issues, and employment law. I served as lead counsel in these matters, managed all aspects of the discovery process, drafted dispositive motions, participated in trial proceedings, and handled appeals. I served in this role from 2009 to 2011 and again from 2012 to 2014.

In March 2011, I joined the Special Litigation Division within the Office of the Texas Attorney General as an Assistant Attorney General. In this role, I primarily worked on state and federal cases related to the 2011 redistricting cycle. I served as trial counsel in these matters, managed complex discovery, drafted motions, argued motions before state and federal courts, participated in trial proceedings, and assisted with appellate proceedings. I served in this role until 2012 and again from 2014 to 2015, when I served as Deputy Chief.

From 2015 to 2018, I served as the Chief of the General Litigation Division at the Office of the Texas Attorney General. In this role, I managed a division comprised of attorneys and legal support staff that was responsible for handling close to 500 active civil litigation matters. I continued to serve as lead counsel in several cases, appeared in court on behalf of the State, oversaw significant litigation matters handled by the division, and advised on a wide range of statutory and constitutional issues under state and federal law.

In 2018, I joined the Office of the Governor of Texas as Deputy General Counsel and was later appointed to Principal Deputy General Counsel in 2021. In these roles, I oversaw the attorneys and legal staff within the General Counsel Division and worked with agency executives on internal investigations, employment matters, and compliance with state laws. I was responsible for managing outside counsel and directing litigation strategy for matters involving the Governor and executive branch agencies. I also advised the Governor on the exercise of executive clemency in capital cases.

From July 2023 to September 2023, I was appointed by Governor Abbott to serve as the Provisional Attorney General of Texas. In this role, I served as the State's top law enforcement officer and led an office of more than 4,000 employees in 38 divisions and 117 offices around Texas. I oversaw approximately 750 attorneys who handle more than 30,000 cases annually, which include protecting Texans against consumer fraud, enforcing open government laws, providing legal advice to state officials, and representing the State of Texas in court.

From 2023 to present, I have served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Abbott. In this role, I serve as a legal advisor to the Governor on various policy matters and manage the internal operations of the Office of the Governor of Texas, including supervising 13 divisions. I provide counsel on complex legal and litigation strategy issues and review briefs and other filings in state and federal court cases. I also provide advice concerning potential legislation and regulations and the exercise of executive authority.

- 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 trial and appellate litigation. My practice has been primarily civil in nature.

While practicing with Jones Day and Lynn Tillotson Pinker & Cox, I primarily represented businesses involved in commercial litigation, including contractual disputes, business torts, and cases involving the theft of trade secrets.

As an attorney in the Office of the Texas Attorney General, my clients were the State of Texas, executive branch agencies, institutions of higher education, and state employees, including elected and appointed state officials. I worked on a wide variety of civil matters involving constitutional law, administrative law, employment law, and election disputes.

As an attorney in the Office of the Governor of Texas, my client has been Texas Governor Greg Abbott. While I work on an array of diverse issues, I focus on immigration, healthcare, child welfare, election integrity, and education matters.

- 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.

During my time in private practice, I worked predominantly on litigation, and I regularly appeared in court. My work at the Office of the Texas Attorney General was also predominantly focused on litigation, and I regularly appeared in court. My current work at the Office of the Governor of Texas has been focused on managing significant litigation matters involving the Governor and executive branch agencies. From 2018 to present, my practice has not included court appearances.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. federal courts: 80%

2. state courts of record: 20%
3. other courts: 0%
4. administrative agencies: 0%

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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

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

I have tried ten cases to verdict, judgment, or final decision in state and federal courts. I was chief counsel in one case, sole counsel in one case, and associate counsel in the other eight cases.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

1. jury: 20%
2. non-jury: 80%

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

I was supporting counsel (not counsel of record) in one certiorari-stage case:

NetChoice, LLC v. Paxton, No. 22-555 (temporarily captioned as *NetChoice, LLC v. Colmenero* and ultimately decided in *Moody v. NetChoice, LLC*, 603 U.S. 707 (2024) (No. 22-277)) (supplemental brief for respondent). Copy supplied.

I was supporting counsel (not counsel of record) on an amicus curiae brief in seven petition stage and merits cases:

Loper Bright Enters. v. Raimondo, 603 U.S. 369 (2024) (No. 22-451) (amicus brief supporting petitioners). Copy supplied.

Alexander v. S.C. State Conf. of the NAACP, 602 U.S. 1 (2024) (No. 22-807) (amicus brief supporting appellants). Copy supplied.

Moore v. United States, 602 U.S. 572 (2024) (No. 22-800) (amicus brief supporting petitioners). Copy supplied.

O'Handley v. Weber, 144 S. Ct. 2715 (2024) (No. 22-1199) (amicus brief supporting petitioner). Copy supplied.

Rudisill v. McDonough, 601 U.S. 294 (2024) (No. 22-888) (amicus brief supporting petitioner). Copy supplied.

Lindke v. Freed, 601 U.S. 187 (2024) (No. 22-611) (amicus brief supporting respondent). Copy supplied.

Vitagliano v. County of Westchester, 144 S. Ct. 486 (2023) (No. 23-74) (amicus brief supporting petitioner). Copy supplied.

I was mistakenly listed as supporting counsel (not counsel of record) for a party in an original proceeding even though I was no longer serving as Provisional Attorney General:

Texas v. New Mexico, 602 U.S. 943 (2024) (No. 22O141) (joint notice). Copy supplied.

Additionally, while in the Office of the Texas Attorney General and the Office of the Governor of Texas, I consulted on other briefs and oral arguments. The following list reflects the cases on which I consulted to the best of my recollection:

Abbott v. League of United Latin Am. Citizens, 146 S. Ct. 418 (2025) (No. 25A608)

Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo v. Texas, 596 U.S. 685 (2022) (No. 20-493)

Abbott v. Perez, 585 U.S. 579 (2018) (Nos. 17-586, 17-626)

United States v. Texas, 579 U.S. 547 (2016) (No. 15-674)

Abbott v. Veasey, 580 U.S. 1104 (2017) (No. 16-393)

Evenwel v. Perry, 578 U.S. 54 (2016) (No. 14-940)

Hines v. Alldredge, 577 U.S. 1006 (2015) (No. 14-1543)

Texas v. United States, 570 U.S. 928 (2012) (No. 12-496)

Perry v. Perez, 565 U.S. 1090 (2011) (Nos. 11A520, 11-713)

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. *M.D. v. Abbott*, No. C-11-84, 2011 WL 2173673 (S.D. Tex. June 2, 2011) (Judge Janis Graham Jack), *vacated and remanded*, 675 F.3d 832 (5th Cir. 2012) (Judges Emilio Garza, Edith Brown Clement, Leslie H. Southwick); 152 F. Supp. 3d 684 (S.D. Tex. 2015) (Judge Janis Graham Jack), *aff'd in part and rev'd in part*, 907 F.3d 237 (5th Cir. 2018) (Judges Patrick E. Higginbotham, Jerry E. Smith, Edith Brown Clement), *on remand*, 418 F. Supp. 3d 169 (S.D. Tex. 2019) (Judge Janis Graham Jack), *rev'd*, 977 F.3d 479 (5th Cir. 2020) (Judges Rhesa Hawkins Barksdale, Jennifer Walker Elrod, James C. Ho); 730 F. Supp. 3d 354 (S.D. Tex. 2024) (Judge Janis Graham Jack), *rev'd*, 119 F.4th 373 (5th Cir. 2024) (Judges Edith H. Jones, Edith Brown Clement, Cory T. Wilson). (Representation: 2011 – present)

The question in this case was whether Texas's foster care system violated the due process rights of approximately 12,000 minor children in the State's permanent managing conservatorship. Following a bench trial, the district court found that the State violated the rights of the certified class members and issued a final injunction. In a series of subsequent appeals, the Fifth Circuit significantly narrowed the remedy, vacated contempt orders, and eventually ordered the removal of the district court judge. During my tenure at the Office of the Texas Attorney General, I served as trial counsel and prepared the briefing for the initial class certification proceedings. I later oversaw the attorneys who represented the State in the two-week bench trial and assisted with post-trial and appellate briefing in this case. When I joined the Office of the Governor, I collaborated with trial counsel to develop the legal theories and arguments that led to successful results in several Fifth Circuit appeals.

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2. *Veasey v. Abbott*, 796 F.3d 487 (5th Cir. 2015) (Judges Carl E. Stewart, Catharina Haynes, Nannette Jolivet Brown), *vacated on reh'g en banc*, 830 F.3d 216 (5th Cir. 2016) (Judges Carl E. Stewart, E. Grady Jolly, W. Eugene Davis, Edith H. Jones, Jerry E. Smith, James L. Dennis, Edith Brown Clement, Edward C. Prado, Pricilla R. Owen, Jennifer Walker Elrod, Leslie H. Southwick, Catharina Haynes, James E. Graves, Stephen A. Higginson, Gregg J. Costa), *cert. denied*, 137 S. Ct. 612 (2017), *on remand*, 248 F. Supp. 3d 833 (S.D. Tex. 2017) (Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos); 249 F. Supp. 3d 868 (S.D. Tex. 2017) (Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos); 265 F. Supp. 3d 684 (S.D. Tex. 2017) (Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos), *stay pending appeal*, 870 F.3d 387 (5th Cir. 2017) (Judges Jerry E. Smith, Jennifer Walker Elrod, James E. Graves), *rev'd*, 888 F.3d 792 (5th Cir. 2018) (Judges Patrick E. Higginbotham, Edith H. Jones, James E. Graves). (Representation: 2016 – 2018)

This case presented several challenges to Texas's photo-identification voting law. The district court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs. Texas appealed, and the Fifth Circuit reversed and rendered judgment for Texas on the plaintiffs' poll-tax claim, dismissed the undue-burden claim, vacated and remanded on the discriminatory purpose claim, and affirmed results-based liability under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act but remanded on the remedy. On remand, the district court found that the Legislature acted with a discriminatory purpose in passing the 2011 law and entered an injunction that covered the State's new voting law, enacted in 2017. The Fifth Circuit reversed the district court's injunction and upheld the State's new legislation, concluding that the new procedures addressed the discriminatory effects and made it unnecessary for the plaintiffs to pursue the discriminatory purpose claim against the original, now-superseded, 2011 law. During the remand proceedings, I served as lead counsel in the bench trial regarding the discriminatory purpose claim. Beyond my work in the courtroom, I assisted in advising the Texas Legislature on the 2017 legislation that ultimately brought the litigation to a successful conclusion for the State.

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3. *Perez v. Perry*, 835 F. Supp. 2d 209 (W.D. Tex. 2011) (Judges Jerry E. Smith, Orlando L. Garcia, Xavier Rodriguez) (three-judge panel), *vacated and remanded*, 565 U.S. 388 (2012) (per curiam), *on remand*, No. 11-360, 2012 WL 13124278 (W.D. Tex. Mar. 19, 2012) (Judges Jerry E. Smith, Orlando L. Garcia, Xavier Rodriguez); *Perez v. Abbott*, 267 F. Supp. 3d 750 (W.D. Tex. 2017) (Judges Jerry E. Smith, Orlando L. Garcia, Xavier Rodriguez) (three-judge panel), *and* 274 F. Supp. 3d 624 (W.D. Tex. 2017) (Judges Jerry E. Smith, Orlando L. Garcia, Xavier Rodriguez) (three-judge panel), *stay pending appeal*, 138 S. Ct. 49 (2017), *rev'd and remanded*, 585 U.S. 579 (2018). (Representation: 2011 – 2018)

This case involved a challenge to Texas's 2011 and 2013 congressional and state legislative maps. Various plaintiff groups alleged that the redistricting maps violated Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act by constituting racial gerrymanders and diluting minority voting strength. While Texas sought preclearance of its 2011 plans in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, a three-judge panel in the Western District of Texas adopted interim maps for the 2012 elections. The Supreme Court reversed that initial order, and the three-judge panel ordered revised interim plans. When the United States District Court for the District of Columbia later denied preclearance of the 2011 plans, the Texas Legislature enacted new plans in 2013 largely codifying the interim maps. The Texas district court nonetheless held a trial on challenges to both the repealed 2011 plans and the 2013 plans, finding intentional discrimination in the latter. The Supreme Court ultimately reversed those findings, upholding all but one Texas House district. I served as trial counsel for the State defendants in three separate trials and appeared at numerous evidentiary hearings. My role included managing all aspects of discovery, taking depositions, arguing motions, presenting witnesses, and delivering opening statements. I also assisted with the post-trial briefing and appellate proceedings before the Supreme Court.

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This case involved a challenge brought by over 600 school districts regarding the constitutionality of the Texas school finance system, arguing that the funding system was inequitable, inefficient, and created an unconstitutional state property tax. Although the trial court ruled against the State, the Texas Supreme Court reversed that decision and held that the system met the constitutional requirements. I represented the State defendants as trial counsel during a seventeen-week bench trial that included examinations of numerous expert and fact witnesses. My participation in this matter also involved all aspects of discovery, taking and defending deposition, preparing expert reports, drafting briefs, and arguing motions in the trial court. My representation was from 2012 to 2016.

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5. *Texas v. United States*, 86 F. Supp. 3d 591 (S.D. Tex. 2015) (Judge Andrew S. Hanen), *stay pending appeal denied*, 787 F.3d 733 (5th Cir. 2015) (Judges Smith, Jennifer Walker Elrod, Stephen A. Higginson), *aff'd*, 809 F.3d 134 (5th Cir. 2015) (Judges Jerry E. Smith, Jennifer Walker Elrod, Carolyn Dineen King), *aff'd by an equally divided court*, 579 U.S. 547, *reh'g denied*, 580 U.S. 910 (2016). (Representation: 2014 – 2017)

I represented Texas and a coalition of States challenging a memorandum from the Secretary of Homeland Security establishing the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) program and expanding the

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. After briefing and a hearing, the district court entered a preliminary injunction enjoining the memorandum. The Fifth Circuit held oral argument on the defendants' motion to stay the injunction pending appeal, and the motion was denied. After further appellate briefing and a second oral argument, the Fifth Circuit affirmed the injunction. The Supreme Court affirmed the injunction by an evenly divided court. After a new administration rescinded the challenged memorandum, the plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed the suit. I served as trial counsel during the preliminary injunction proceeding before the district court and later served as lead trial counsel following the entry of the preliminary injunction. I was responsible for developing the evidence to establish standing, preparing expert reports, and preparing counsel to present argument. I also assisted with appellate briefing and argument preparation throughout the case.

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6. *Fontenot v. McCraw*, No. 4:12-CV-03503, 2013 WL 5274449 (S.D. Tex. Sep. 18, 2013) (Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt), *vacated*, 777 F.3d 741 (5th Cir. 2015) (Judges Edith H. Jones, E. Grady Jolly, David C. Godbey). (Representation: 2012 – 2015)

The question in this case was whether plaintiffs could seek refunds for monetary fines erroneously assessed by the Texas Department of Public Safety or if such claims were barred by the Eleventh Amendment. The district court denied the State defendants' motion to dismiss on jurisdictional grounds. On appeal, the Fifth Circuit reversed and dismissed the plaintiffs' claims for lack of jurisdiction. My participation as lead counsel in this case involved drafting dispositive motions, presenting arguments to the district court, and working closely with the appellate team to secure the reversal.

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7. *Texas v. United States*, 887 F. Supp. 2d 133 (D.D.C. 2012) (Judges Thomas B. Griffith, Rosemary M. Collyer, Beryl A. Howell) (three-judge panel), *vacated and remanded*, 570 U.S. 928 (2013). (Representation: 2011 – 2016)

Texas sought a declaratory judgment to preclear its 2011 redistricting plans under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. After a bench trial, the district court denied preclearance. The Supreme Court ultimately vacated the district court's judgment following the decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*, 570 U.S. 529 (2013). I served as trial counsel during the two-week trial before the three-judge panel. My participation included all aspects of discovery, depositions, motion practice, and witness examinations during the trial.

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8. *Amsel v. Tex. Water Develop. Bd.*, No. A-09-CA-389-LY, 2010 WL 11519190 (W.D. Tex. Nov. 22, 2010) (Judge Robert Pitman), *adopting report and recommendation*, 2011 WL 13185793 (W.D. Tex. Feb. 15, 2011) (Judge E. Lee Yeakel), *aff'd*, 464 F. App'x 395 (5th Cir. 2012) (Judges Carolyn Dineen King, Jacques L. Wiener, Jr., Catharina Haynes). (Representation: 2009 – 2012)

The question in this case was whether the Texas Water Development Board's termination of an employee was in retaliation for exercising leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act or based on age and disability discrimination. After discovery and motion practice, the district court granted summary judgment for my client. The Fifth Circuit affirmed the district court's judgment. As the lead attorney, I conducted the pretrial discovery, deposed witnesses, and prepared the dispositive motions in the district court. On appeal to the Fifth Circuit, I prepared the appellate briefs and presented oral argument.

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9. *McKinley v. Abbott*, No. A-09-CA-643-LY, 2010 WL 11545260 (W.D. Tex. May 14, 2010) (Judge E. Lee Yeakel), *rev'd*, 643 F.3d 403 (5th Cir. 2011) (Judges Thomas M. Reavley, Leslie H. Southwick, Emilio M. Garza), *cert. denied*, 565 U.S. 1079 (2011). (Representation: 2009 – 2012)

This question in this case was whether the Texas barratry statute violated the First Amendment. The district court held a bench trial and entered judgment for the plaintiffs, holding that the statute was unconstitutional. The Fifth Circuit reversed the district court's judgment. In the district court proceedings, I was the lead attorney and handled all pretrial matters, including discovery, motion practice, and the bench trial. On appeal, I worked with appellate counsel to prepare the briefs and assisted with oral argument preparation.

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10. *Mansfield Heliflight Inc. v. Bell/Agusta Aerospace Co., LLC*, 507 F. Supp. 2d 638 (N.D. Tex. 2007Mc) (Judge John H. Bryde); No. 06-CV-425-A, 2007 WL 3146679 (N.D. Tex. Oct. 26, 2007) (Judge John H. Bryde); No. 06-CV-425-A, 2007 WL 4373259 (N.D. Tex. Dec. 12, 2007) (Judge John H. Bryde). (Representation: 2007 – 2008)

This case involved a breach of contract claim regarding the sale of two helicopters. I represented the plaintiff in this matter. After the district court denied summary judgment on the breach of contract and fraudulent inducement claims, the case proceeded to a jury trial. I worked alongside co-counsel during the trial to prepare witnesses for testimony, present evidence, ensure error preservation, and draft trial briefs. After the jury rendered a verdict awarding my client monetary damages, I handled the post-trial briefing and the application for attorney's fees. The defendant appealed the judgment to the Fifth Circuit, and the parties later settled this matter while the case was pending on appeal.

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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.)

Both in private practice and while serving at the Office of the Texas Attorney General, my legal activities have focused almost exclusively on litigation. In private practice, I regularly advised

clients about novel and complex legal issues. This advice often related to compliance with federal and state statutes and regulations and, in particular, new statutes and regulations. In government service at the Office of the Texas Attorney General, I provided legal counsel to state officials on a wide range of constitutional and statutory issues regarding future action.

I presently serve as Deputy Chief of Staff to Texas Governor Greg Abbott. I previously served as Governor Abbott's Principal Deputy General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel. In these roles, I review legislation introduced by the Texas Legislature and provide legal counsel to the Governor and his staff. I also work with members of the Texas Legislature on bills that are priorities for the Governor. I assist the Governor in the judicial-appointment process, reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, and providing counsel to the Governor regarding candidates. I advise on various legal and policy issues, including constitutional law, executive authority, religious liberty, criminal justice, border security, election integrity, education, child welfare, and healthcare.

I have never acted 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 copies to the committee.

I have never taught my own course. During law school, I served as a Teaching Assistant for Constitutional Law, where I assisted first-year students, but I did not teach the course itself.

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

Based on my years of service with the State of Texas, I expect to receive a deferred-retirement pension, payable monthly from my age of eligibility until death, through the Texas Employees Retirement System.

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

I do not have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment in the future.

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.

Cases most likely to implicate conflict questions would be those related to my current service as an attorney within the Office of the Governor of Texas. To determine whether I would need to recuse for matters in which the State of Texas or a state officer, agency, or employee is a party, I would consult 28 U.S.C. § 455(a) & (b)(3), Canon 3C of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and all other applicable rules or canons. I would also consult any judicial decisions or Judicial Conference opinions addressing similar factual circumstances as those raised in the particular case. I will evaluate any other real or potential conflict, or a relationship that could give rise to an appearance of a conflict, on a case-by-case basis and take appropriate action, including recusal, where necessary.

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

If confirmed, I will carefully review and address any real or potential conflicts by reference to 28 U.S.C. § 455, Canon 3 of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and any and all other laws, rules, and practices governing such circumstances.

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.

For much of my professional career, I have worked for the Office of the Governor or the Office of the Texas Attorney General. As an attorney working in public service, my work has directly shaped how laws are enforced, policies are designed, and how government serves people in the State of Texas on a daily basis. I have had the privilege of representing the State of Texas and working on matters that have had a significant impact on my community and the State. This includes working with key stakeholders to promote adoption of children in the Texas foster care

system through the Heart Galleries of Texas, establishing the Texas Women's Leadership Conference sponsored by the Governor's Commission for Women, and working with community partners during recovery efforts following natural disasters. Because of my government positions, I generally have been restricted from engaging in the practice of law on behalf of any private clients. I nonetheless continue to serve the community through community-service opportunities and speaking events, such as volunteer work with my local parish and associated parochial school.

In private practice, I participated in intake proceedings at a legal aid clinic and assisted others serving as counsel in pro bono litigation. Additionally, while in law school, I assisted others representing an individual seeking asylum and argued my first appellate argument in a pro bono habeas case before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

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 January of 2025, Senators Cornyn and Cruz announced on their websites they were accepting applications for Texas judicial vacancies. I submitted an application for a judicial position on February 28, 2025. I subsequently was invited to interview with the Texas Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee, and I interviewed on April 25, 2025. That committee subsequently recommended me to the Senators Cornyn and Cruz, with whom I interviewed on September 17 and 18, 2025. I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office on February 27, 2026. Since then, I have been in contact with officials from the White House Counsel's Office and the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy regarding my nomination. On May 12, 2026, the President submitted my nomination to the Senate.

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

No.

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I, Angela V. Colmenero, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

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