

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).

Anna Elizabeth Wagner St. John
Anna Elizabeth Wagner (maiden)

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

United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit

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.

United States District Court
Eastern District of Louisiana
500 Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

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

1979; Gulfport, Mississippi

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.

2002 – 2006, Columbia University School of Law; J.D., 2006

2004 – 2005, Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences; M.A., 2006

1998 – 2001, Louisiana State University; B.A. (*magna cum laude*), 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.

2026 – present
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
500 Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
United States District Judge

2024 – 2026
St. John LLC
New Orleans, Louisiana 70115
Of Counsel

2019 – 2026
Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute
1629 K Street NW, Suite 300
Washington, District of Columbia 20006
Attorney (2019 – 2026)
President and General Counsel (2020 – 2026)

2015 – 2019
Competitive Enterprise Institute
Center for Class Action Fairness
1310 L Street NW, 7th Floor
Washington, District of Columbia 20005
Attorney

2015
Center for Class Action Fairness
1718 M Street NW, Number 236
Washington, District of Columbia 20006
Attorney

2015 – 2026
St. John Law Firm LLC
New Orleans, Louisiana 70115
Attorney

2014 – 2026
DP Training Solutions LLC
131 Continental Drive Suite 301
Newark, Delaware 19713
Officer

Summer 2005, 2006, 2007 – 2014
Covington & Burling LLP
One CityCenter
850 Tenth Street NW

Washington, District of Columbia 20001
Summer Associate (2005)
Associate (2006, 2007 – 2014)

2006 – 2007

Hon. Rhesa H. Barksdale, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
501 East Court Street Suite 3.800
Jackson, Mississippi 39201
Law Clerk

Summer 2004, 2005

Jones Day
Brookfield Place
250 Vesey Street
New York, New York 10281
Summer Associate

Summer 2003

Office of the U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York
271 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201
Summer Associate

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.

Independent Women's Forum, Law Center, Visiting Fellow (2024)

Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll (2011, 2012)

Columbia University School of Law

Clinical Legal Education Association Outstanding Student Award (2005)
Columbia Journal of Transnational Law, Managing Editor (2004 – 2005)
James Kent Scholar (2003 – 2004)
Public Service Fellowship (2003)

Louisiana State University

Degree conferred *magna cum laude*

College Honors (2001)
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, President (2000 – 2001)

LSU College of Arts & Sciences, College Council President (2000 – 2001)
Awarded College Council of the Year

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.

Louisiana State Bar Association, Access to Justice Committee, Member (2015 – 2019)

Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter, Member (2026 – present)

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.

New York, 2006
District of Columbia, 2008
Louisiana, 2015

There have been no lapses in membership.

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

Supreme Court of the United States, 2018
United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, 2011
United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, 2015
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2018
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2023
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2016
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2009
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2018
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2025
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2015
United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 2016
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 2024
United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, 2024
United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 2011
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 2024
United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, 2021

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 2022
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2015
United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 2023
District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 2008
Louisiana Supreme Court, 2015
Supreme Court of the State of New York, 2006

I withdrew from the bar of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana upon receiving my commission. Otherwise, there have been no lapses in membership.

11. **Memberships:**

a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

Junior League of New Orleans (2016 – present)

Chair, Volunteer Opportunity Management (2020 – 2021)

Vice Chair, Annual Giving and Stewardship (2022 – 2023)

Vice Chair, Fundraiser Development and Enhancement (2023 – 2024)

New Orleans Family Justice Center, Board Member (2018 – 2021)

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies (2003 – present, with lapses in membership)

Executive Committee, Free Speech Practice Group (2021 – 2026)

The Washington Ballet (2008 – 2019)

Jeté Society Steering Committee (2008 – 2015)

President (2009 – 2011)

Deputy General Counsel (2014 – 2019)

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.

The Junior League of New Orleans is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. To my knowledge, there are no male members. The Junior

League of New Orleans does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, or national origin.

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.

Washington Examiner: *Lawyers and Big Tech spend your money on left-wing causes*, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Media Appearances (May 13, 2024). Copy supplied.

Lawyers and Big Tech Spend Your Money on Left-Wing causes, Washington Examiner (May 13, 2024). Copy supplied.

One Asylum Rule Is Opening The Immigration Floodgates Even Wider, Daily Caller (Feb. 15, 2024). Copy supplied.

Political Satire Can Thrive at Mardi Gras Thanks to the First Amendment, Independent Women's Forum Blog (Feb. 13, 2024). Copy supplied.

Supreme Court Should Reexamine New York Times v. Sullivan, The American Spectator (Jan. 20, 2024). Copy supplied.

The American Spectator: Supreme Court Should Reexamine New York Times v. Sullivan, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Media Appearances (Jan. 20, 2024). Copy supplied.

Antisemitic Traffic Blocking Protestors On Seattle's I-5 Might Face Civil Lawsuits, Independent Women's Forum Blog (Jan. 12, 2024). Copy supplied.

With Ned Hedley, *FedSoc: Countering the Biden Administration's ESG Push: A Litigation Update on Utah v. Walsh*, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Media Appearances (Mar. 9, 2023). Copy supplied.

With Ned Hedley, *Countering the Biden Administration's ESG Push: A Litigation Update on Utah v. Walsh*, FedSoc Blog (Mar. 9, 2023). Copy supplied.

Supreme Court's Review of Class-Action Settlements could have Huge Implications for Consumers, Washington Examiner (Oct. 31, 2018). Copy supplied.

Coupon Settlements: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Blog (Sept. 17, 2017). Copy supplied.

Cultural institutions Harmed by Lawsuits, Washington Examiner (July 10, 2017). Copy supplied.

Metropolitan Museum of Art Class Action Ends in Counter-Productive Settlement, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Blog (June 30, 2017). Copy supplied.

CCAF Seeks to Extend Landmark Walgreen Ruling in Favor of Shareholder Class Members, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Blog (June 12, 2017). Copy supplied.

Note, *The Boundaries of Campaign Finance Reform: Should the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act Regulate Redistricting?*, 105 Colum. L. Rev. 1597 (2005). Copy supplied.

Columbia Journal of Transnational Law, Managing Editor (2004 – 2005). I performed typographical, minor style, and Bluebook editing of several law review articles published in Issues 1, 2 and 3. The authors of those materials, as well as the assigned articles editors, were responsible for their substantive contents. All pieces published by the Columbia Journal of Transnational Law during the time I was an editor are available at <https://access.heinonline.com/HOL/Contents?handle=hein.journals/cjtl43&id=1&size=2&index=&collection=journals>

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.

To my knowledge, I have not prepared or contributed to the preparation of any report, memorandum, or policy statement on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which I was or am a member.

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.

Congressional Testimony, *Silenced: How Forced Arbitration Keeps Victims of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment in the Shadows*, Hearing before the House Committee on the Judiciary, 117th Congress 46 (2021). Copy of written testimony 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.

October 20, 2025: Speaker, *DEI in Higher Education*, Louisiana State University Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The topic was Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in higher education, including recent court decisions and executive actions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center is 1 East Campus Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

September 11, 2024: Speaker, *Can I Be a Feminist and a Federalist?*, University of Nevada Federalist Society Student Chapter, Las Vegas, Nevada. The topic was how federalism and its diffusion of power supports women and allows freedom and prosperity. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the William S. Boyd School of Law is 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89154.

March 6, 2024: Debate Participant, *Sports as the Battleground for Equal Opportunity for Women*, Penn State Dickinson Law School Federalist Society Student Chapter, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The topic was Title IX and the impact on women's equal opportunity to participate in sports when men are permitted to participate in single-sex women's sports. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Penn State Dickinson Law School is 150 South College Street, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013.

January 4, 2023: Moderator (virtual), *A Seat at the Sitting: January 2023*, Federalist Society, Washington, District of Columbia. A transcript is supplied.

February 17, 2022: Speaker, *A Pen, a Phone, and a Bothersome Statute: Executive Branch Efforts to Circumvent the Administrative Procedures Act*, University of Utah Law School Federalist Society Student Chapter, Salt Lake City, Utah. The event discussed executive branch actions that seek to evade the protections of the Administrative Procedures Act. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law is 383 South S University Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112.

November 12, 2021: Panelist, *Judicial Consideration of Lead Plaintiffs' Ex Ante Fee Agreements and Parties' Fee Agreements*, Second Annual Class Action Case Law and Practices Review Conference, The George Washington Law School, Washington, District of Columbia. The panel discussed if and how courts should consider fee agreements between lead plaintiffs and their counsel entered into at the beginning of class actions in awarding attorneys' fees to plaintiffs' counsel at the end of the class action. Notes supplied.

October 11, 2021: Speaker, *Federalism and Feminism*, Quinnipiac Law School Federalist Society Student Chapter, North Haven, Connecticut. The event discussed how federalism and its diffusion of power supports women and allows freedom and prosperity. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Quinnipiac University School of Law is 370 Bassett Road, North Haven, Connecticut 06473.

October 4, 2021: Presenter (virtual), *Supreme Court Roundup: October Term 2020*, Federalist Society, Washington, District of Columbia. A recording is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymO1eM33PyU>.

September 17, 2021: Speaker (virtual), *Constitution Day*, Bill of Rights Institute, Malvern Arkansas. Virtual event for high school classes in Malvern, Arkansas. The topic was the United States Constitution, with a focus on equal protection and *Brown v. Board of Education*. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Bill of Rights Institute is 1310 North Courthouse Road #620, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

May 19, 2021: Panelist (virtual), *The Next Four Years, Settlement Payments to Non-Governmental Third Parties*, Executive Branch Review Week, Federalist Society, Washington, District of Columbia. A copy of the transcript is supplied.

February 28, 2020: Panelist, *Securities and Consumer Litigation – Pathways and Hurdles*, 26th Annual Institute for Law & Economics Policy Symposium, New York, New York. The panel discussed objections to class action settlements. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Institute for Law and Economic Policy is 261 Old York Road, Suite 507-A, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania 19406.

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.

Press Highlights, *The Jewish Voice: Anti-Israel Groups Slapped With Class Action Lawsuit For Orchestrating Traffic Blockade*, Feb. 4, 2025. Copy supplied.

Ari Hoffman, *Pro-Gaza Agitators Face Suit from Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute for Blocking DC roads During Protest*, *The Post Millennial*, Feb. 3, 2025. Copy supplied.

Press Highlights, *The Washington Free Beacon: Anti-Israel Groups Slapped With Class Action Lawsuit For Orchestrating Traffic Blockade*, Jan. 31, 2025. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *HLLI Sues Jewish Voice for Peace and Israel Activists Over Traffic Blockades in Washington, D.C.*, Jan. 31, 2025. Copy supplied.

Press Highlights, *“Legal Insurrection: Anti-Israel Protest Groups Sued Over Washington, D.C. Traffic Blockade,”* Jan. 31, 2025. Copy supplied.

James Nault, *Anti-Israel Protest Groups Sued over Washington, D.C. Traffic Blockage*, *Legal Insurrection*, Jan. 31, 2025. Copy supplied.

Jessica Costescu, *Anti-Israel Groups Slapped With Class Action Lawsuit For Orchestrating Traffic Blockade*, *The Washington Free Beacon*, Jan. 31, 2025. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *HLLI Files Lawsuit Challenging CMS Staffing Rule on Behalf of Non-Profit Providers and Twenty-One Leading Age State Affiliates with Attorneys General from 20 States*, Oct. 10, 2024. Copy supplied.

Press Highlights, “*New York Post: Class-action lawsuit or consumer scam? \$62M Google payout the latest outrage*,” Sept. 19, 2024. Copy supplied.

John Stossel, *Class-action lawsuit or consumer scam? \$62M Google Payout the Latest Outrage*, New York Post, Sept. 19, 2024. Copy supplied.

Interview with John Stossel, *The Truth About Class Action Lawsuits*, Sep. 17, 2024. Video available at <https://youtu.be/jlYZLcMVfEI>.

Hanna Seariac, *From the University of Utah to the National Stage – One Lawyer’s Journey to the Federal Trade Commission*, Deseret News, May 13, 2024. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute and Twenty-One States Challenge Biden Administration’s Gun Sales Restriction*, May 7, 2024. Copy supplied.

Alison Frankel, *Coming Soon to the Supreme Court: Can Class Reps Receive Incentive Awards?*, Reuters, Sept. 8, 2022. Copy supplied.

Katryna Perera, *Class Attys Get Reduced Fees In \$60M Morgan Stanley Deal*, Law360, Aug. 8, 2022. Copy supplied.

Podcast Guest, Mark Glennon’s Wirepoints, Apr. 22, 2022. A recording is available at <https://wirepoints.org/are-the-university-of-illinois-dei-policies-pritzkers-gas-tax-signage-law-legal-the-dialogue-episode-29/>.

Press Release, *Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Announces Departure of President to Serve as Utah Solicitor General and Names New President*, Sept. 9, 2020. Copy supplied.

Rachel Graf, *2nd Circ. Revives Objector’s Fee Fight In \$3B Petrobras Deal*, Law360, Sept. 5, 2019. Copy supplied.

Radio Interview, Center for Individual Freedom with Renee Giachino, Nov. 12, 2018. The subject was the Supreme Court case *Frank v. Gaos* and its challenge to the payment of class-action settlement proceeds to third parties. I am unaware of any transcript or recording.

Press Release, *CCAF Objection Wins Nearly \$100 million for Class Members in Petrobras Settlement*, June 26, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Objects to Unfair Petrobras Settlement that Groups U.S. and Foreign Purchasers Together, Attorneys Overbill Class by \$100M*, May 11, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press Highlights, *Google Privacy Case To Test Limits Of Novel Settlements*, Apr. 30, 2018. Copy supplied.

Ben Kochman, *Google Privacy Case To Test Limits of Novel Settlements*, Apr. 30, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Fights Facebook Settlement that Pays Consumers Nothing, Lawyers Get Nearly \$4 Million*, Jan. 25, 2018. Copy supplied.

Linda Chiem, *Justices Won't Review Airlines' \$40M One-Size-Fits-All Deal*, Law360, Dec. 4, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Highlights, *Washington Examiner on MMoA Objection*, July 10, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Highlights, *Facebook User Says Privacy Deal Gives Class Nothing*, June 27, 2017. Copy supplied.

Sophia Morris, *Facebook User Says Privacy Deal Gives Class Nothing*, Law360, June 27, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Wins More Than \$4 Million for Consumers in Dairy Products Class Action*, June 27, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Objects to Facebook Class Action Settlement that Pays Lawyers Nearly \$4 Million While Consumers Get 22 Words of Nothing*, June 27, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *Ninth Circuit Hears Transpacific Antitrust Case that Costs Class Members \$11 Million*, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Apr. 21, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Objects to Metropolitan Museum of Art Class Action Settlement*, Jan. 31, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Objects to Shareholder Suit Settlement, Invokes Walgreen Decision*, Jan. 5, 2017. Copy supplied.

Edwards v. National Milk Producers Federation, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Webpage, Oct. 28, 2016. Copy supplied.

Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Webpage, Sept. 16, 2016. Copy supplied.

Stan Parker, *Attys OK'd For \$19M In Fees For 'Hot Fuel' MDL Settlements*, Law360, Aug. 24, 2016. Copy supplied.

Jon Hill, *Rakoff Shaves Objector Atty's Fee Bid In \$3B Petrobras Deal*, Law360, Aug. 16, 2016. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Objects to It's Just Lunch Settlement*, Apr. 11, 2016. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Applauds Reduction in Attorneys' Fees in Polyurethane Foam Antitrust Settlement*, Jan. 28, 2016. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Objects to Egregious 30% Fee Grab by Counsel in Polyurethane Class Suit Settlement*, Nov. 13, 2015. Copy supplied.

Steven Trader, *Colgate-Palmolive Defends \$2M Bid To End Hand Soap MDL*, Law360, Sept. 22, 2015. Copy supplied.

Vows, N.Y. Times, Jan. 22, 2006. 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.

United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. I was appointed to this position. The District's jurisdiction encompasses thirteen parishes: Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, and Washington.

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

I have not presided over any cases that have gone to verdict or judgment.

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

jury trials: _____ N/A
bench trials: _____ N/A

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

civil proceedings: _____ N/A
criminal proceedings: _____ N/A

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

The following list contains citations to the opinions I have written that set forth a

reasoned basis for the decision, based on a search of the Court's electronic database, CM/ECF.

Direct Steel, LLC v. Tri-C Civ. Constr., LLC, Case No. 2:26-cv-00074, 2026 WL 1857881 (E.D. La. June 29, 2026).

In re Jade Marine, Inc., Case No. 2:26-cv-00864, 2026 WL 1830880 (E.D. La. June 25, 2026).

Huynh v. LKM Convenience, LLC, Case No. 2:26-cv-00190, 2026 WL 1815247 (E.D. La. June 24, 2026).

Biehl & Co. Tex., LLC v. M/T Nave Photon, Case No. 2:26-cv-01325 (E.D. La. June 23, 2026). Copy supplied.

Biehl & Co. Tex., LLC v. M/T Nave Photon, Case No. 2:26-cv-01325 (E.D. La. June 22, 2026). Copy supplied.

Johns v. Francis, Case No. 2:24-cv-01064, 2026 WL 1784685 (E.D. La. June 22, 2026).

In Re: Port Louis Owners Ass'n, Inc., Case No. 2:25-cv-02520 (E.D. La. June 18, 2026). Copy supplied.

300 Spruce Drive 2020, LLC v. Newrez LLC, Case No. 2:26-cv-01008 (E.D. La. June 17, 2026). Copy supplied.

Howard v. Universal Prot. Serv., Case No. 2:25-cv-02185, 2026 WL 1678207 (E.D. La. June 10, 2026).

In re Sunland Constr. Inc., Case No. 2:23-cv-01665, 2026 WL 1686052 (E.D. La. June 10, 2026).

In Re: Port Louis Owners Ass'n, Inc., Case No. 2:25-cv-02520, 2026 WL 1506031 (E.D. La. May 29, 2026).

Gerard v. Selene Fin. LP, Case No. 2:26-cv-00493, 2026 WL 1382239 (E.D. La. May 18, 2026).

In re Jade Marine Inc., Case No. 2:26-cv-00864, 2026 WL 1830880 (E.D. La. May 14, 2026).

Barrios v. State Farm Fire and Cas. Co., Case No. 2:26-cv-00411, 2026 WL 1270389 (E.D. La. May 7, 2026).

In Re: Harper, Case No. 2:26-cv-00229 (E.D. La. Apr. 23, 2026). Copy supplied.

Baudier v. Am. Health Co., Case No. 2:26-cv-00801 (E.D. La. Apr. 20, 2026). Copy supplied.

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).

1. *Barrios v. State Farm Fire and Cas. Co.*, Case No. 2:26-cv-00411, 2026 WL 1270389 (E.D. La. May 7, 2026).

A couple alleged that State Farm had failed to properly adjust and timely pay their claim under their homeowners insurance policy after a wind and hail event damaged their property. State Farm had removed the case from state court. I granted the plaintiffs' motion to remand because State Farm had failed to satisfy the amount-in-controversy requirement for diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332.

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2. *Baudier v. Am. Health Co.*, Case No. 2:26-cv-00801, Dkt. No. 9 (E.D. La.).

A licensed nurse practitioner alleges her former employer misappropriated her name, image, and likeness for use in a brochure to market their products and services and in retaliation for her cease-and-desist demand. I denied the plaintiff's motion for a

temporary restraining order, filed without notice to the defendants, for failing to show that immediate relief was necessary or appropriate. Upon subsequent motion of the parties, I entered a consent judgment of a preliminary injunction to enjoin defendants from taking steps to enforce a noncompete agreement with the plaintiff or using the plaintiff's name image, or likeness in any marketing materials until entry of a final judgment or permanent injunction. The case is ongoing.

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3. *Biehl & Co. Tex., LLC v. M/T Nave Photon*, Case No. 2:26-cv-01325, Dkt. Nos. 6, 13 (E.D. La.).

The plaintiff filed a complaint *in rem* against a vessel for outstanding charges arising from services rendered and necessities provided for the vessel's operations. Upon motion of the plaintiff, I issued a warrant of arrest for the vessel, deputized a third party for service of the warrant of arrest, appointed a custodian, and ultimately vacated the arrest and ordered the release of the vessel when the parties agreed upon settlement terms.

Plaintiff

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4. *Gerard v. Selene Fin. LP*, Case No. 2:26-cv-00493, 2026 WL 1382239 (E.D. La. May 18, 2026).

This case involved a mortgage serving dispute and threatened foreclosure concerning the plaintiff's residential property. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant was engaged in unlawful foreclosure actions, including violation of certain federal laws, which provided him with a legal defense to the foreclosure process. The defendant removed the case to federal court, asserting original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331. I granted the plaintiff's motion to remand on the grounds that his claims did not arise under federal law and thus the court lacked jurisdiction.

Plaintiff

Pro Se

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5. *Howard v. Universal Prot. Serv.*, Case No. 2:25-cv-02185, 2026 WL 1678207 (E.D. La. June 10, 2026).

The plaintiff alleges discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and wrongful termination against her former employer and supervisor. The defendants moved to dismiss the claims and compel arbitration, presenting an electronically signed arbitration agreement. The plaintiff responded that she never signed an arbitration agreement. I granted limited discovery tailored to the question of whether the plaintiff executed the arbitration agreement and will preside over an evidentiary hearing.

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6. *Huynh v. LKM Convenience, LLC*, Case No. 2:26-cv-00190, 2026 WL 1815247 (E.D. La. June 24, 2026).

This case involves a lease dispute between the plaintiff lessor, a defendant lessee, and a defendant surety. The lessee defendant removed the case to federal court after filing a bankruptcy petition. The plaintiff sought to sever the claims against the surety from the claims against the lessee and sought remand to allow the claims to proceed in state court. I granted the plaintiff's motion to sever and remand.

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7. *In re Jade Marine Inc*, Case No. 2:26-cv-00864, 2026 WL 1830880 (E.D. La. May 14, 2026).

In this maritime limitation action, a vessel owner sought to stay the prosecution of any claim brought against it arising from an incident in which a crew member alleged injury after he fell on his back and shoulder while onboard the vessel. I granted the stay and directed the issuance of notice to potential claimants. After the claims deadline passed, I granted the sole claimant's motion to lift the stay to enable him to bring his lawsuit in state court. The case is administratively closed unless or until further proceedings become necessary.

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8. *Johns v. Francis*, Case No. 2:24-cv-01064, 2026 WL 1784685 (E.D. La. June 22, 2026).

Following a breakdown among members of a law firm, the plaintiff alleged claims including breach of contract, detrimental reliance, and unjust enrichment. Following two years of litigation, the plaintiff moved to dismiss without prejudice based on his determination that a judgment would likely be unrecoverable. I granted the motion.

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9. *In re Sunland Constr. Inc.*, Case No. 2:23-cv-01665, 2026 WL 1686052 (E.D. La. June 10, 2026).

The claimants, owners and holders of leases of state water bottom used for oyster

cultivation, allege that defendants/petitioners are liable for damage to the oysters and oyster reefs they caused while working on a pipeline project adjacent to the leases. After the claimants filed amended claims, I denied defendants' renewed motion to dismiss. The case is ongoing.

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10. *In re Port Louis Owners Ass'n, Inc.*, Case No. 2:25-cv-02520, Dkt. No. 11 (E.D. La. June 18, 2026).

In this bankruptcy appeal, creditors appeal the bankruptcy court's dismissing and striking their claim. The debtor moved to dismiss the appeal as frivolous or strike improper record designations. I granted the motion in part to order compliance with a rule regarding transcripts and denied the motion in all other respects.

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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.

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2. *Baudier v. Am. Health Cos.*, Case No. 2:26-cv-00801 (E.D. La.). Copy supplied.

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3. *Biehl & Co. Tex., LLC v. M/T Nave Photon*, Case No. 2:26-cv-01325 (E.D. La. 2026).
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4. *Gerard v. Selene Finance LP*, Case No. 2:26-cv-00493, 2026 WL 1382239 (E.D. La. May 18, 2026).

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5. *Howard v. Universal Prot. Serv.*, Case No. 2:25-cv-02185, 2026 WL 1678207 (E.D. La.

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

Certiorari has not been requested or granted in any of my cases.

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.

None of my decisions have been reversed by a reviewing court. None of my judgments have been affirmed with significant criticism of my substantive or procedural rulings.

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.

I have issued approximately 250 orders and opinions since I was sworn in as a District Judge on April 14, 2026. Most of them are routine, standard orders. While some are available through Westlaw and Lexis, all of these opinions and orders are unpublished. They are stored in the Court's electronic filing system, CM/ECF, and available through PACER.

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.

Since becoming a District Judge in April 2026, none of my opinions fall into this category.

i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.

I have not sat by designation on a federal court of appeals.

14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

a. whether your recusal was requested by a motion or other suggestion by a litigant or a party to the proceeding or by any other person or interested party; or if you recused yourself sua sponte;

b. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal;

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

The Eastern District of Louisiana uses an automated conflict-check system. The Clerk's Office maintains a list of companies, individuals, organizations, and law firms whose cases I cannot preside over because of an actual conflict of interest or an appearance of one. Consistent with court policy, I update my list of potential conflicts as applicable. In addition to this automatic recusal system, I evaluate every new case I receive to determine if I have a conflict with any of the parties that might not have been recognized by the automated system.

No litigant or party has requested that I recuse myself due to an asserted conflict of interest or other reason. When I first joined the Court, I received a conflict report for cases that were transferred to me. I determined that I could not preside over one of the cases due to a financial interest with respect to one of the parties. On another occasion, a case was transferred to me when another judge recused himself, and I received a conflict report notifying me of a potential conflict due to stock ownership. I again recused myself. Other than in these two instances, I have not recused myself sua sponte.

The following are cases in which I recused sua sponte because I had a financial interest with respect to one of the parties:

Thibodeaux v. Gen. Elec. Co., Case No. 2:24-cv-01111 (E.D. La.)
Downing v. Trinity Indus., Inc., Case No. 2:25-cv-02558 (E.D. La.)

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

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

I have not held public office.

- b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and responsibilities.

I visited polling locations in Orleans Parish on election day to ensure election integrity as a volunteer for the John N. Kennedy senatorial campaign in December 2016. I also

visited polling locations in Virginia on election day to ensure election integrity as a volunteer for the Mitt Romney presidential campaign in November 2012.

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 2006 to 2007, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Rhesa H. Barksdale, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

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

From 2015 to 2026, I maintained a law practice for which I was the sole attorney; however, my engagements almost exclusively were undertaken with co-counsel.

- 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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- 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.

Throughout my career, my law practice has focused primarily on litigation.

After completing law school in early 2006 and after my clerkship in 2007, I practiced law at Covington & Burling LLP as an associate in Washington, DC. There, I focused on representing corporate insurance policyholders in litigation seeking coverage for environmental remediation, business interruptions, product recalls, and other significant losses. I also represented companies and individuals in antitrust cases, contract disputes, white collar criminal investigations, internal investigations, and regulatory matters. In 2015, I formed St. John Law Firm LLC, through which I have represented individuals and entities seeking to vindicate their civil rights, resolve property and contract disputes, and recover insurance proceeds through litigation.

Upon joining the Center for Class Action Fairness in 2015 and until I became a District Judge in 2026, my legal practice primarily involved (i) consumer protection, with an emphasis on fighting class action abuse; and (ii) countering overreach by the federal government, with a focus on unlawful actions by administrative agencies and civil rights violations. I also filed amicus briefs in cases fighting racial discrimination, supporting women's sports opportunities, and supporting free speech. My typical clients were individual class members challenging unfair class action settlements and individuals and nonprofit

organizations challenging administrative overreach or infringements of their free speech and other civil rights. From 2020 to 2026, I also served as president and general counsel of the nonprofit Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute, in addition to being an attorney there. In this role, I oversaw junior attorneys, advised on trial court strategy and oral argument preparation, and managed the organization's general operations.

From 2024 to 2026 I also maintained a relationship with St. John LLC, where I litigated on behalf of states and non-profit organizations

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

When I was an associate at Covington & Burling LLP in 2006 and 2007 to 2014, my clients typically were corporations. I represented these clients in insurance litigation seeking coverage for major losses, antitrust litigation, regulatory matters, and internal investigations. On occasion, I also represented individuals in criminal matters.

In my private practice beginning in 2015, I typically represented individuals in civil litigation, typically in cases involving fraud, property disputes, and civil rights. As of counsel to St. John LLC, my work was on behalf of states and non-profit organizations.

Upon joining the Center for Class Action in 2015, and continuing through my time with the Center when it was a subunit at the Competitive Enterprise Institute and then the Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute, my clients typically were individual class members objecting to class-action settlements. In addition, at the Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute, I represented individuals and non-profit organizations challenging federal regulations and seeking to vindicate their civil and constitutional rights.

- 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.

From 2015 until I became a District Judge in 2026, my practice was entirely in litigation. I appeared in court multiple times per year. I argued dozens of motions and other matters at trial court hearings, and I argued nearly a dozen appeals. I supervised junior attorneys, advising on trial court strategy and oral argument preparation. From the beginning of my career until 2014, my practice was approximately 80% litigation and 20% regulatory and counseling, with less frequent court appearances that included arguing discovery motions and appearing at court conferences.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. federal courts: 80%
2. state courts of record: 20%
3. other courts: %
4. administrative agencies: %

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. civil proceedings: 90%
2. criminal proceedings: 10%

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 three cases to verdict, judgment, or final decision. I was co-counsel in two and associate counsel in the other. In addition, I have actively contributed to two jury trials that went to verdict and two other jury trials that settled in the midst of jury selection. I have extensive experience in trial court litigation, including drafting jury instructions and jury questionnaires, developing evidentiary objections and trial strategy, questioning witnesses, and arguing motions.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

1. jury: 33%
2. non-jury: 67%

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 have not argued before the Supreme Court of the United States. I served as co-counsel to petitioners in *Frank v. Gaos*, No. 17-961, for which the Supreme Court granted certiorari. Following oral argument in 2018, the Supreme Court issued a per curiam opinion vacating and remanding to lower courts for a determination of plaintiffs' standing. A copy of the merits-stage opening brief and reply brief are supplied.

I have authored or co-authored petitions for certiorari in the following cases:

Yeatman v. Hyland, No. 22-566 (2022). Copy supplied.
St. John v. Jones, No. 22-554 (2022). Copy supplied.
Lowery v. Joffe, No. 21-1535, 2022 WL 2068043.
Threatt v. Farrell, No. 20-1349 (2021). Copy supplied.
Yang v. Wortman, No. 17-662 (2017). Copy supplied.

In addition, I have authored, co-authored or otherwise contributed to amicus briefs filed in the Supreme Court in the following cases:

Wolford v. Lopez, No. 24-1046. Copy supplied.
Little v. Hecox, No. 24-38 (certiorari and merits). Copy supplied.
West Virginia v. B.P.J., No. 24-43 (certiorari and merits). Copy supplied.
Kansas v. Mayorkas, No. 23-1353, 2024 WL 3624788.
Waples Mobile Home Park Ltd. P'ship v. Reyes, No. 23-1340, 2024 WL 3993881.
Boston Parent Coal. for Academic Excellence Corp. v. School Committee for the City of Boston, No. 23-1137, 2024 WL 2379378.
Coalition for TJ v. Fairfax Cnty Sch. Bd., No. 23-170, 2023 WL 6217128.
303 Creative LLC v. Elenis, No. 21-476 (certiorari and merits). Copy supplied.
Students for Fair Admissions v. President & Fellows of Harvard Coll., No. 20-1199 (certiorari and merits). Copy supplied.

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. *Alcaarez v. Akorn, Inc. / Harris v. Akorn, Inc. / Berg v. Akorn, Inc.*, 99 F.4th 368 (7th Cir. 2024) (Judges Easterbrook, Sykes, and Kanne) (Representation: 2018 – 2025)

I represented a shareholder in an appeal of the denial of his motion to intervene to challenge a settlement in a merger “strike suit” filed for the sole purpose of eliciting attorneys’ fees. After Delaware courts made it difficult for plaintiffs to recover attorneys’ fees for settlements that provided only proxy disclosures in shareholder litigation, attorneys began filing these suits in federal court and entering settlements between the defendants and individual shareholders, who would voluntarily dismiss the class-action complaints and negotiate fees for themselves. I co-authored the briefs with colleagues and presented argument before a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. The Seventh Circuit reversed the district court’s denial of intervention, holding that my client should be permitted to intervene and file a motion for relief under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b).

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2. *Frank v. Gaos*, 586 U.S. 485 (2019) (Representation: 2017 – 2019)

I represented class members challenging approval of a class-action settlement that provided \$0 to class members, but divided \$8.5 million between the plaintiffs' lawyers and cy pres recipients—third party charities selected in part by the defendant and which included class counsel's alma maters and organizations the defendant already supported through donations. I worked with co-counsel to draft the briefs, led the amicus process, and contributed to oral argument preparation. The U.S. Supreme Court vacated and remanded for a determination of standing. On remand, the parties negotiated an improved settlement of about \$17 million more than the original settlement and agreed to distribute the settlement funds directly to the class—which the plaintiffs had previously claimed was infeasible.

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3. *The Gillette Co. v. OneBeacon Am. Ins. Co.*, No. SUCV2007-05102 (Mass. Sup. Ct.)
(Judge Christine M. Roach) (Representation: 2007 – 2010)

In this environmental insurance coverage action, I represented a policyholder in a lawsuit against its comprehensive general liability and umbrella insurers from the 1950s to 1970s for millions of dollars in remediation and defense costs associated with groundwater contamination from a former manufacturing facility. I worked with a team of colleagues over several years on all aspects of the case, from drafting the complaint through the settlement the parties reached on the day of jury selection.

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4. *Hyland v. Navient Corp.*, No. 18-cv-9031, 2020 WL 6554826 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 9, 2020) (Judge Denise L. Cote); *Hyland v. Navient Corp.*, 48 F.4th 110 (2d Cir. 2022) (Judges Raymond Lohier, William J. Nardini, and Robert D. Sack) (Representation: 2020 – 2023)

I represented a student loan borrower in objecting to and appealing the approval of a class-action settlement that provided no direct benefit to class members but paid \$1.75 million as “cy pres” to fund the creation of a new non-profit staffed by individuals from the American Federation of Teachers—a union with unusually close ties to the representative plaintiff, class counsel, and recipients of the cy pres. The settlement paid the entire net settlement fund to a conflicted third party and required future business practice changes that would have no benefit to class members who had paid off their loans or whose loans had been transferred to a different service provider. My client sought to protect the class members’ interests by objecting. We were successful in eliminating the reimbursement of fees to plaintiffs’ attorneys who had been funded by AFT throughout the litigation but had failed to disclose that fact to either the court or the class. I was the primary author of all briefing, and I argued before the district court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

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5. *Kansas v. Kennedy*, 787 F. Supp. 3d 906 (N.D. Iowa 2025) (Judge Leonard T. Strand)
(Representation: 2024 – 2025)

I represented nonprofit long-term care providers and LeadingAge affiliates from 21 states in successfully challenging one-size-fits-all staffing and reporting requirements imposed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ “Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting,” 89 F.R. 40,876 (May 10, 2024). As lead counsel for the private plaintiffs in a coalition with state attorneys general, I authored dispositive motion papers and pleadings with respect to the private plaintiffs and co-authored shared materials, arguing that CMS’s imposition of the staffing mandates was inconsistent with statutory law and threatened the health, safety, and well-being of millions of nursing home patients, particularly in rural communities. The district court granted our motion for summary judgment in part, vacating the most burdensome requirements.

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6. *Kongsgaard v. Wang*, No. 19CV000286 (Napa Sup. Ct.) (Judge Victoria Wood; Judge Cynthia P. Smith); *Wang v. Kongsgaard*, No. 3:19-cv-00907 (N.D. Cal.) (Judge William H. Orrick III) (Representation: 2021 – 2026)

I represented a husband and wife in multi-forum actions arising from a contract and property dispute and violations of their civil rights by adjoining property owners. I was involved in all aspects of the cases, through verdict in a trial in phase one, settlement reached during jury selection in phase two, and a favorable verdict in a jury trial in phase three. The cases required strategic thinking about state versus federal forums and procedure.

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7. *Kurtz v. Kimberly-Clark Corp.*, No. 14-cv-1142, 2024 WL 184375 (E.D.N.Y. Jan. 17, 2024) (Judge Pamela K. Chen); *Kurtz v. Kimberly-Clark Corp.*, 142 F.4th 112 (2d Cir. 2025) (Judges Calabresi, Carney, and Kahn) (Representation: 2022 – 2026)

I represented a class member in objecting to and successfully appealing the approval of a class-action settlement that awarded the plaintiffs' attorneys three times the amount distributed to the class. I was lead counsel and primary author of the briefing in the district court and on appeal, and argued before both courts. The Second Circuit vacated the district court's order and judgment approving the settlement, holding that courts must consider the allocation between the class and class counsel before approving a settlement under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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8. *In re Petrobras Sec. Litig.*, 317 F. Supp. 3d 858 (S.D.N.Y. 2018) (Judge Jed S. Rakoff) (Representation: 2018 – 2019)

I represented a class member in successfully objecting to excessive attorneys' fees by plaintiffs' counsel, resulting in an additional \$100 million being distributed to the shareholder class. My client opposed counsel jointly representing plaintiffs with conflicting interests and to substantial overbilling by the plaintiffs' counsel for work performed by contract attorneys. I presented argument at multiple hearings before the district court and authored the briefs with support from colleagues.

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9. *Utah v. Chavez-DeRemer*, No. 22-0016 (N.D. Texas) (Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk); *Utah v. Chavez-DeRemer*, No. 23-11097 (5th Cir.) (Judges Catharina Haynes, Don T. Willette, and Andrew Oldham) (Representation: 2023 – 2026)

I represented individual plaintiffs in an Administrative Procedures Act challenge to the Department of Labor’s “Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights,” 87 F.R. 73,822 (Dec. 1, 2022), which formally introduces ESG considerations into fiduciaries’ management of ERISA retirement plan assets. Joining a coalition of 25 state attorneys general and industry groups, my clients challenged the rule as contrary to the ERISA statute and an arbitrary and capricious exercise of the Department’s regulatory authority. We appealed to the Fifth Circuit, which remanded for reconsideration in the light of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*. Following the district court’s ruling on remand, we appealed again, and the case was stayed as the Department engaged in a new rulemaking on the subject of the challenged rule.

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10. *Wang v. Peletta*, 19CV000342 (Napa Sup. Ct.) (Judge Cynthia P. Smith) (Representation: 2021 – 2024)

I represented plaintiffs in a suit involving complex property disputes and tort claims, with novel questions of law. I served as counsel through all phases of the cases, including a 5-day trial with seven expert witnesses, the majority of which I examined or cross-examined, and post-trial proceedings. The verdict was in the defendant's favor.

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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.)

During my time in private practice with Covington & Burling, in 2006 and from 2007 to 2014, I spent most of my time litigating complex, high-stakes matters for large companies. In two separate cases, one in federal court and one in state court, I represented companies seeking tens of millions of dollars from their insurance companies for environmental remediation these companies were undertaking at former manufacturing facilities for environmental damage dating back to the 1950s through 1970s. This work involved detailed and historical factual investigation and novel questions of law, and the cases were fiercely litigated over several years. I also litigated federal cases on behalf of other corporate policyholders seeking coverage for business interruptions, product recalls, and other significant events, again raising novel questions of contract interpretation and law. Additionally, I litigated federal antitrust cases between commercial parties, represented individuals in criminal matters and companies in regulatory review processes, and engaged in internal investigations for companies subject to civil investigative demands and other allegations of civil or criminal wrongdoing. I was involved in all phases of litigation, from drafting complaints through trial.

In 2015, I joined the Center for Class Action Fairness, where I represented class members in challenging class action abuse in court. Such abuse comes in many forms. For example, settling

parties have a mutual interest in creating an illusion of relief rather than actual relief to the class: a settlement that appears to provide significant relief to the class to justify a large fee award, but actually minimizes a defendant's total payout. As a result, while the absolute size of a settlement may be fair, the allocation may be unfair, and courts often fail to recognize the self-dealing or the illusory nature of the relief to the detriment of consumer and shareholder class members. I investigated, briefed, and argued these issues of abuse on behalf of class members before trial and appeals courts. I continued this work when the Center for Class Action Fairness became a subunit of the Competitive Enterprise Institute in 2015, and when it subsequently merged into the Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute in 2019. Through this work, I recovered over \$100 million that was returned to consumers and shareholders and set important precedents to improve the fairness of the class-action settlement process.

At the Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute, I also represented individuals and nonprofit entities in Administrative Procedure Act challenges to overreaching and unlawful federal regulations. For example, I represented nonprofit care providers and LeadingAge state affiliates to successfully challenge a staffing rule promulgated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services that directly contradicted statutory law and threatened the health, safety, and well-being of millions of nursing home patients, particularly in rural communities. My work also sought to ensure the vitality of the civil justice system and the protection of civil and constitutional rights. For example, I was lead counsel in a class action a client brought against the organizers of the February 1, 2024, traffic blockade that snarled traffic leading into the District of Columbia for hours and caused thousands of commuters and travelers to miss work, important appointments, and other events, yet saw no one held accountable.

Also in 2015, I formed St. John Law Firm LLC, through which I represented individuals bringing suit or defending against harms including fraud, civil rights violations, defamation, property disputes, and tort claims. I have appeared in federal and state courts, and handled all stages of litigation.

As an associate at Covington & Burling LLP, in the second and fourth quarters of 2008 and the fourth quarter of 2009, I registered to lobby on behalf of Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited on foreign investment issues.

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 not taught any courses.

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.

I do not expect any such income.

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.

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

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

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

If confirmed, I will recuse in cases in which I have had a role in representing or providing counsel to any of the parties or in which I have presided as a district judge. I will evaluate any other real or potential conflict on an individualized basis and determine appropriate action with input from parties and their counsel, and recuse where warranted. Finally, because my husband is also an attorney, I would likewise recuse consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 455(b)(4)-(5).

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 continue to adhere to the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, the Ethics Reform Act of 1989, 28 U.S.C. § 455, and other relevant authority.

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.

From 2015 to 2026, prior to becoming a district judge, I worked for a public-interest law firm, which represented individuals and entities whose financial stake in a dispute did not make it feasible for them to hire an attorney to represent them. Such matters involved the Administrative Procedures Act, the First Amendment, class action abuse, and other civil justice issues.

Prior to 2015, while I was an attorney at Covington & Burling LLP, I made pro bono work a regular part of my practice. For example, I was part of a team that provided post-conviction defense representation to a Mississippi man with no prior criminal record who was sentenced to death based on ineffective assistance of counsel at his sentencing hearing. As another example, I represented an organization dedicated to assisting the homeless in a case against the federal government to enforce compliance with statutory law relating to housing resources. While I do not recall the specific number of hours I dedicated to pro bono matters, in 2011 and 2012, I was named to the Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, which recognizes individuals who volunteer over 50 hours per year of pro bono work, and I am confident my pro bono hours exceeded that number.

In addition, from 2015 to 2019, I was a member of the Louisiana State Bar’s Access to Justice Committee, whose mission is to assure that every Louisiana citizen has access to competent civil legal representation.

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.

On June 9, 2026, I spoke with Senator Kennedy’s Office about a potential nomination, and the White House Counsel’s Office contacted me to arrange a time for me to interview. On June 15, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel’s Office and the Department of Justice’s Office of Legal Policy at the Eisenhower Building in Washington, District of Columbia. On June 19, the White House Counsel’s Office informed me that I was in consideration for the nomination. Since then, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy regarding the nomination. On June 29, President Trump called to inform me that he would be nominating me.

b. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a judicial nominee discussed with you any currently pending or specific case, legal issue or question in a manner that could reasonably be interpreted as seeking any express or implied assurances

concerning your position on such case, issue, or question? If so, explain fully.

No.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Anna St. John, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

7/6/2026
(DATE)

Anna St John
(NAME)

[Signature]
(NOTARY)

