

**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).

Jesus Armando Osete

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

United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri

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

Office: United States Department of Justice
 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20530

Residence: Alexandria, Virginia

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

1991; Hermosillo, Mexico

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.

2014 – 2016, Washington University School of Law; J.D., 2016

2013 – 2014, Michigan State University College of Law; no degree

2009 – 2013, University of Arizona; B.A., 2013

2009, 2012 – 2013, Pima Community College; (three courses) 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.

2025 – present

United States Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20530

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights (2025 – present)

Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights (2025)

2023 – 2025

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP

221 Bolivar Street, Suite 101

Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Associate

2022 – 2023

Missouri Secretary of State's Office

600 West Main Street

Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

General Counsel

2020 – 2022

Missouri Attorney General's Office

207 West High Street

Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Deputy Attorney General for Special Litigation (2021 – 2022)

Deputy Solicitor General (2020 – 2021)

2019 – 2020

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP

1200 Main Street, Suite 3800

Kansas City, Missouri 64105

Associate

2018 – 2019

The Honorable Bobby E. Shepherd

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

101 South Jackson Avenue

El Dorado, Arkansas 71730

Law Clerk

2016 – 2018

The Honorable Zel M. Fischer

Supreme Court of Missouri

207 West High Street

Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Law Clerk

Spring 2016
Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute
Washington University School of Law
1 Brookings Drive, Campus Box 1120
St. Louis, Missouri 63130
Editor

Spring 2016
Missouri Attorney General's Office
815 Olive Street, Suite 200
St. Louis, Missouri 63101
Intern

Fall 2015
Appellate Clinic
Washington University School of Law
1 Brookings Drive, Campus Box 1120
St. Louis, Missouri 63130
Student Attorney

Summer 2015
Summers Compton Wells LLC
8909 Ladue Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63124
Law Clerk

Spring 2015
Fox and Vuylsteke LLP
110 East Lockwood Avenue, Suite 150
Webster Groves, Missouri 63119
Law Clerk

Summer 2014
The Honorable James A. Soto
United States District Court for the District of Arizona
405 West Congress Street, Suite 6160
Tucson, Arizona 85701
Intern

Summer 2014
The Honorable Kent E. Cattani
Arizona Court of Appeals
1501 West Washington Street, Suite 203
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Intern

Other Affiliations (uncompensated):

2016 – 2025

Supreme Court of Missouri Historical Society
Post Office Box 904
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
Member, Board of Trustees

2015 – 2017 (estimate)

Wasatch Mountain Arts
1172 North First Avenue
Salt Lake City, Utah 84103
Senior Strategist, Advisory Board

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 registered for the selective service upon turning 18.

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

The POWER List: Appellate Law, Missouri Lawyers Media (2024, 2025)

Influential Appellate Advocate, Missouri Lawyers Media (2023)

Missouri Bar Leadership Academy (2019 – 2020)

Georgetown Originalism Summer Seminar (2018)

Washington University School of Law

Scholar in Law Merit Scholarship (2014 – 2016)

Washington University Law Review (2014 – 2016)

Note Selected for Publication (2016)

Senior Executive Editor (2015 – 2016)

Staff Editor (2014 – 2015)

High Passes

The Roberts Court (Spring 2016)

Appellate Clinic (Fall 2015)

Takings Law and Legislation (Fall 2014)

Michigan State University College of Law

Dean's List (Fall 2013)

University of Arizona

Academic Year of Distinction (2011 – 2012)

Dean's List: Honorable Mention (Fall 2011, Spring 2012)

Top 4 Best Attorney, Mock Trial Competition, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity,
International (2010)

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

American Bar Association (2024 – 2025)

Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (2016 – 2018)

Boone County Bar Association (2021 – 2025)

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (2020 – 2021)

Missouri Bar (2016 – present)

Vice-Chair, Western District, Appellate Practice Committee (2019 – 2021)

Chair, CLE Subcommittee (2019 – 2021)

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.

Missouri, 2016

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, 2021

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2023

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2021

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2020

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2026

United States District Court for the District of Kansas, 2020*

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, 2016

United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, 2016**

Supreme Court of Missouri, 2016

* I was admitted to the United States District Court for the District of Kansas in 2020 because, while in private practice, I was working on matters pending in that court. After leaving private practice in September 2020, I no longer practiced in the court and my membership lapsed in 2021 because I did not pay the annual dues to keep my license active. In 2023, I returned to private practice and sought and received reinstatement. I left private practice again in May 2025 following my appointment to the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. My membership lapsed in July 2025 because I did not pay the annual dues to keep my license active.

** In 2026, my membership in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri lapsed for almost four months when I did not pay the annual dues while working at the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. I sought and received reinstatement in May 2026.

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.

Boone County Republican Party (2021 – 2025, estimated)

Knights of Columbus, First Degree (2023 – present)

Member, Columbia-Sacred Heart Council #14414 (2023 – 2025)

National Federation of Pachyderm Clubs (2021 – 2024, estimated)

Member, Boone County Pachyderm Club (2021 – 2024, estimated)

Member, Columbia Pachyderm Club (2021 – 2024, estimated)

Supreme Court Historical Society (2015 – 2016) (estimate)

Supreme Court of Missouri Historical Society (2016 – 2025)

Member, Board of Trustees (2016 – 2025)

Member, Annual Dinner Committee (2016 – 2025)

The Federalist Society (2013 – present)

Jefferson City Lawyers Chapter (2021 – 2025)

Vice President (2024 – 2025)

Secretary (2021 – 2024)

Wasatch Mountain Arts (2015 – 2017) (estimate)

Senior Strategist, Advisory Board (2015 – 2017) (estimate)

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.

Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefits organization whose membership is limited to men who are practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church. Accordingly, it does limit membership based on sex and religion.

To my knowledge, none of the other organizations listed 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.

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.

I regularly post on my X (formerly Twitter) account as an employee of the United States Department of Justice. My handle is @JesusOseteDOJ.

Missouri House of Representatives Passes HB 575, Imposing Residency Requirements and Banning Per-Signature Payments for Initiative Petition Calculators, Lexology, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, Mar. 27, 2025. Copy supplied.

With Lauren Beeman, *FinCEN Eases CTA Reporting Rules: U.S. Companies Get a Pass, Foreign Entities Get a Breather*, Lexology, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, Mar. 24, 2025. Copy supplied.

With Julia A. Pair & Macin Graber, *Missouri Proposition A: The Race to May 1st*, Lexology, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, Mar. 13, 2025. Copy supplied.

With Caitlin M. Hartsell, Emma G. McEnery & Lauren Beeman, *Treasury Suspends CTA Enforcement Against U.S. Citizens and Companies; Federal District Court Declares CTA Unconstitutional*, Lexology, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, Mar. 6, 2025. Copy supplied.

With Barbara A. Smith Tyson, Caitlin M. Hartsell & Emma G. McEnery, *The Corporate Transparency Act is Back in Effect — But the New March 21, 2025, Reporting Deadline*

Remains Uncertain, Lexology, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, Feb. 19, 2025. Copy supplied.

With Barbara A. Smith Tyson & Caitlin M. Hartsell, *FinCEN Provides Guidance to Reporting Companies in Wake of Second Appeal to Fifth Circuit*, Lexology, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, Feb. 10, 2025. Copy supplied.

With Barbara A. Smith Tyson, Caitlin M. Hartsell & Emma G. McEnery, *SCOTUS Stays Nationwide Injunction of the CTA; But Different District Court Nationwide Stay of Reporting Deadline Still in Effect and Submissions are Voluntary*, Lexology, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, Jan. 24, 2025. Copy supplied.

With Barbara A. Smith Tyson, Caitlin M. Hartsell & Lauren Beeman, *Corporate Transparency Act Update: FinCEN Asks SCOTUS to Intervene*, Lexology, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, Jan. 3, 2025. Copy supplied.

American Dream, Osete for Judge, Oct. 17, 2024. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2RJUCVHjck>.

Seventy Days, Osete for Judge, Aug. 26, 2024. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/QUZ9VkcZtdU>.

In addition to the above YouTube videos, my campaign also published two videos on its Instagram account (@osete4judge), available at <https://www.instagram.com/osete4judge>.

Missouri House Bill 703: New Provisions Regulating Statewide Initiative Petition Circulators May End Up in the U.S. Supreme Court, Lexology, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, Apr. 3, 2023. Copy supplied.

Beginning in 2023, I maintained a website for my judicial campaign, Osete for Judge. The URL was www.oseteforjudge.com. The website also linked to the following campaign social media accounts, both of which are no longer active: Jesus Osete for Judge (Facebook page) and @OseteforJudge (account on X, formerly Twitter). I deactivated the website upon the conclusion of the campaign. Copy of website supplied.

Supreme Court Commentary Misses Mark, Columbia Missourian, Oct. 18, 2022. Copy supplied.

Tribute to my Grandfather, Nogales Int'l, Oct. 2, 2020. Copy supplied.

With Elaine Drodge Koch, *Request for Accommodation Will Not Support Retaliation Claim Under Missouri Human Rights Act, SCOMO Holds*, Lexology, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, Feb. 4, 2020. Copy supplied.

Leila Nadya Sadat, *Seeking Accountability for the Unlawful Use of Force* (2018). I assisted with editing citations. The book is available online, with a subscription, through

Cambridge University Press's Cambridge Core.

Extending the "Slayer Rule" to Four-Legged Legatees, 8 J. Animal & Env't L. 56 (2017). Copy supplied.

The Praetorians: An Analysis of U.S. Border Patrol Checkpoints Following Martinez-Fuerte, 93 Wash. U. L. Rev. 803 (2016). Copy supplied.

Effectiveness of Checkpoints Must Be Scrutinized, Nogales Int'l, Aug. 5, 2016. Copy supplied.

Voter Suppression Rears Its Ugly Head, Nogales Int'l, Mar. 29, 2016. Copy supplied.

I was on the editorial board of the *Washington University Law Review* and performed standard law review editing on several notes, comments, and articles for volumes 92 and 93, which are available at <https://journals.library.wustl.edu/lawreview/issues/>.

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 the best of my knowledge and recollection, I neither prepared nor contributed to the preparation of any reports, memoranda, or policy statements 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.

Although I have used my best efforts to identify responsive materials below, it is possible that, while holding leadership positions in state or federal government or while campaigning for office, I made other official statements or communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation.

Letter to Hon. Dale G. Caldwell, New Jersey Lieutenant Governor (July 21, 2026). Copy supplied.

Letter to Hon. Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of State (Apr. 17, 2026). Copy supplied.

Letter to Hon. Charles Grassley, Chairman, and Hon. Richard Durbin, Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, from Current and Former United States Department of Justice Officials in Support of the Confirmation of Brian Lea to be

a Judge on the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee (Dec. 12, 2025). Copy supplied.

Letter to Hon. Charles Grassley, Chairman, and Hon. Richard Durbin, Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, from Current and Former Missouri Attorney General's Office Personnel in Support of the Nominations of Judge Cristian Stevens, Joshua Divine, Maria Lanahan, and Zachary Bluestone to the Federal Judiciary (May 29, 2025). Copy supplied.

Letter to Hon. Charles Grassley, Chairman, and Hon. Richard Durbin, Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, from Current and Former Senior Personnel and Appellate Lawyers of the Missouri Attorney General's Office in Support of the Nomination of D. John Sauer to Serve as Solicitor General of the United States (Feb. 24, 2025). Copy supplied.

Letter to Hon. Merrick B. Garland, United States Attorney General (Nov. 7, 2022). 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.

Although I have used my best efforts to identify specific speaking engagements below, it is possible that, while holding leadership positions in state or federal government, I spoke to other groups and organizations that are not listed here. If so, these remarks would likely have been brief and extemporaneous, and I do not have any notes, transcripts, or recordings.

July 30, 2026: Speaker, "Inside the Department of Justice: Law, Policy, and Current Events," The Federalist Society, Kansas City Lawyer Chapter, Kansas City, Missouri. I discussed my experience working in the Department of Justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

July 23, 2026: Speaker, "Fireside Chat on the *Louisiana v. Callais* Decision," Annual Meeting, The American Legislative Exchange Council, Orlando, Florida. Outline supplied.

May 21, 2026: Panelist, "Alumni/Practitioner Panel," Georgetown Originalism Summer Seminar, Georgetown Center for the Constitution, Washington, D.C. I discussed my legal career and experience in the 2018 Georgetown Originalism Summer Seminar. I have no

notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Georgetown Center for the Constitution is 600 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

March 20, 2026: Panelist, "Enforcing the Rule of Law: Insights into Federal Litigation and Regulatory Frameworks," Senate Working Group Chiefs of Staff & Committee Staff Directors' Summit, America First Policy Institute, Palm Beach, Florida. I discussed my experience working in the Civil Rights Division and its role in enforcing federal civil rights laws. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the America First Policy Institute is 1341 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

September 25, 2025: Panelist, "Federalism Reignited: A View from DC," 2025 Kentucky Chapters Conference, The Federalist Society, Louisville, Kentucky. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-kieVeqjoY>.

August 7, 2025: Speaker, Swearing-In Ceremony, United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Washington, D.C. I gave brief remarks to family, friends, and colleagues after being sworn in as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, is 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530.

July 28, 2025: Speaker, HHS 35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act Event, United States Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHMQPnN0VYc>.

April 3, 2025: Speaker, "Supreme Court Rundown," The Federalist Society, University of Missouri-Kansas City Student Chapter, Kansas City, Missouri. I gave a midterm review of the Supreme Court's 2024 October Term, as well as a preview of the remaining cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

During my campaign for elected office in 2023 through 2024, I spoke at various events and to various groups about my candidacy. I have used my best efforts to list my speaking events. In addition to the specific events identified here, I may have given brief remarks at numerous regular meetings hosted by Republican-affiliated groups in Boone and Callaway Counties. The Boone County groups publicized such meetings at <https://boonecountyrepublicans.wordpress.com/upcoming-events/>, and the Callaway County groups publicized such meetings at <https://www.facebook.com/CallawayRepublicans/>. I may have also given brief remarks to other groups. Any remarks would have been extemporaneous and about my campaign, and I do not have any notes, transcripts, or recordings.

November 5, 2024: Speaker, Election Night Watch Party, Osete for Judge, Columbia, Missouri. I thanked my supporters. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Osete for Judge campaign was Post Office Box 7572, Columbia, Missouri 65205.

October 26, 2024: Speaker, Joint Meeting, Boone County Federated Republican Women and Callaway County Republican Women's Club, Columbia, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Boone County Federated Republican Women is Post Office Box 7253, Columbia, Missouri 65205, and the address of the Callaway County Republican Women's Club is Post Office Box 291, Fulton, Missouri 65251.

October 2024 (estimate): Speaker, Meeting, Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Centralia, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Missouri Cattlemen's Association is 2306 Bluff Creek Drive, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

October 21, 2024: Speaker, Candidate Meet and Greet, Columbia, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

October 15, 2024: Speaker, Meeting, Callaway County Republican Women's Club, Fulton, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Callaway County Republican Women's Club is Post Office Box 291, Fulton, Missouri 65251.

October 10, 2024: Speaker, Town & Country Dinner, Callaway County Farm Bureau, Auxvasse, Missouri. I gave the benediction before dinner. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Callaway County Farm Bureau is 407 Court Street, Fulton, Missouri 65251.

October 8, 2024: Speaker, "An Evening with Jesus Osete for Judge," Osete for Judge, Fulton, Missouri. Video supplied.

October 3, 2024: Speaker, Chili Supper, Boone County Pachyderm Club, Columbia, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Boone County Pachyderm Club is Post Office Box 1541 Columbia, Missouri 65205.

September 9, 2024: Speaker, Meet the Candidates, Columbia, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

September 7, 2024: Speaker, Annual Picnic, Callaway County Republican Central Committee, Fulton, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Callaway County Republican Central Committee is 1198 State Highway WW, Fulton, Missouri 65251.

August 21, 2024: Panelist, First-Year Student Event, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri. I gave remarks to incoming first-year law students about my law school experience. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Washington University School of Law is 1 Brookings Drive, Saint Louis, Missouri 63130.

August 15, 2024: Speaker, Fundraiser, Osete for Judge, Columbia, Missouri. Video supplied.

August 2024 (estimate): Speaker, Meeting, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #44, Fulton, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #44 is Post Office Box 564, Fulton, Missouri 65251.

July 23, 2024: Speaker, Ice Cream Social, Boone County Republican Central Committee, Columbia, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Boone County Republican Central Committee is Post Office Box 1541, Columbia, Missouri 65205.

June 28, 2024: Speaker, Strawberry Festival, Boone County Farm Bureau, Columbia, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Boone County Farm Bureau is 3304 West Broadway Business Park Court, Columbia, Missouri 65203.

June 12, 2024: Speaker, Reception, Columbia, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

May 21, 2024: Speaker, Meeting, Callaway County Republican Women's Club, Fulton, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Callaway County Republican Women's Club is Post Office Box 291, Fulton, Missouri 65251.

May 13, 2024: Speaker, Meeting, Boone County Federated Republican Women, Columbia, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Boone County Federated Republican Women is Post Office Box 7253, Columbia, Missouri 65205.

May 3, 2024: Speaker, Meeting, Columbia Pachyderm Club, Columbia, Missouri. I spoke about my campaign. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. I have been unable to locate a formal address for the Columbia Pachyderm Club, but the address for the National Federation of Pachyderm Clubs is 2726 Bissonnet Street, Suite 240-215, Houston, Texas 77005.

Spring 2024 (I do not recall the month): Speaker, Missouri Attorney General's Office Seminar, University of Missouri School of Law, Columbia, Missouri. I discussed my experience serving in the Missouri Attorney General's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the University of Missouri School of Law is 203 Hulston Hall, Columbia, Missouri 65211.

Spring 2024 (I do not recall the month): Panelist, Appellate Clinic, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri. I discussed my experience arguing before

the United States Supreme Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Washington University School of Law is 1 Brookings Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63130.

April 18, 2024: Speaker, Introduction, "An Evening with Hon. Amul Thapar," The Federalist Society, Jefferson City Lawyers Chapter, Rocheport, Missouri. I introduced the moderator and speaker. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

February 29, 2024: Speaker, Lincoln Days Banquet, Boone County Republican Central Committee, Columbia, Missouri. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eX5zzzTOjy8>.

October 23, 2023: Panelist, Career Panel, The Federalist Society, Washington University (St. Louis) Student Chapter, St. Louis, Missouri. I shared my experiences clerking, working in government, and working in the private sector. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

September 27, 2023: Panelist, "Supreme Court Preview," The Federalist Society, Jefferson City Lawyers Chapter, Jefferson City, Missouri. I gave a preview of the Supreme Court's 2023 October Term. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

September 18, 2023: Speaker, Fundraiser, Osete for Judge, Columbia, Missouri. Draft remarks supplied.

July 12, 2023: Speaker, "Supreme Court Update," Boone County Bar Association, Columbia, Missouri. I gave a recap of the Supreme Court's 2022 October Term. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Boone County Bar Association is 103 Ripley Street, Columbia, Missouri 65203.

April 6, 2023: Panelist, "The Latest on the Supreme Court," The Federalist Society, Northwestern University Student Chapter, Chicago, Illinois. I gave a midterm review of the Supreme Court's 2022 October Term, as well as a preview of the remaining cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

January 20, 2023: Panelist, "Post-*Dobbs* Abortion Legislation in Missouri," Missouri Chapters Conference, The Federalist Society, Jefferson City, Missouri. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzHSBerKkZM>.

December 9, 2022: Speaker, Annual Government Practice Institute, The Missouri Bar, Jefferson City, Missouri. I shared my experiences as a lawyer in state government. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Missouri Bar is 326 Monroe Place,

Post Office Box 119, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

Fall 2022 (I do not recall the month): Speaker, American Jurisprudence Class, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri. I discussed my legal career. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for William Jewell College is 500 College Hill, Liberty, Missouri 64068.

September 26, 2022: Panelist, "United States Supreme Court Term Preview," The Federalist Society, University of Missouri-Columbia Student Chapter, Columbia, Missouri. I gave a preview of the Supreme Court's 2022 October Term. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

September 13, 2022: Panelist, "2022 Supreme Court Update," The Federalist Society, Jefferson City Lawyers Chapter, Jefferson City, Missouri. I gave a preview of the Supreme Court's 2022 October Term. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

June 1, 2022: Speaker, "On Arguing Before the U.S. Supreme Court," Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Webinar. I discussed my experience arguing before the United States Supreme Court. Outline supplied.

February or March 2022 (estimate): Panelist, Annual Conference, Missouri Attorney General's Office, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. I talked about my experiences in the Solicitor General's Office as well as overseeing the Special Litigation unit. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Missouri Attorney General's Office is 207 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

October 13, 2021: Speaker, "U.S. Supreme Court – Major Case Preview, October 2021 Term," The Federalist Society, Jefferson City Lawyers Chapter, Jefferson City, Missouri. I gave a preview of the Supreme Court's 2021 October Term. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

October 4, 2021: Panelist, "SCOTUS October Term Preview," The Federalist Society, University of Missouri-Columbia Student Chapter, Columbia, Missouri. I gave a preview of the Supreme Court's 2021 October Term. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

August 9, 2021: Speaker, Introduction, Annual Dinner, Supreme Court of Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson City, Missouri. I introduced the keynote speaker, Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh Jr. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Supreme Court of Missouri Historical Society is Post Office Box 904, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

September 24, 2019: Moderator, "Social Clashes: Reflections on *Campbell v. Reisch* and Implications for Digital Free Speech," The Federalist Society, Jefferson City Lawyers Chapter, Jefferson City, Missouri. I moderated a discussion on *Campbell v. Reisch*. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

In 2018 or 2019, I, along with my co-clerks, went to El Dorado High School in El Dorado, Arkansas, and spoke to the student body about our experience clerking for Judge Bobby Shepherd. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of El Dorado High School is 2000 Wildcat Drive, El Dorado, Arkansas 71730.

In 2015 or 2016, I spoke on a panel with other law students who had secured clerkships and alumni who had clerked about our experiences applying for clerkships. It was hosted in St. Louis, Missouri, at Washington University School of Law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Washington University School of Law is 1 Brookings Drive, Saint Louis, Missouri 63130.

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The Jennifer Bukowsky Radio Show, Dec. 22, 2024. Audio available at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/jennifer-bukowsky-show-episode-86-hour-2/id1769202328?i=1000671583421>.

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KWOS News Radio, Oct. 28, 2024. Audio available at <https://kwos.com/audio-both-candidates-seeking-to-replace-retiring-judge-crane-in-mid-missouri-have-major-endorsements/>.

Wake Up Mid-Missouri, 93.9 FM The Eagle, Oct. 28, 2024. Audio available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Yatp0EE1m8&t=490>.

Columbia Today with Ted Farnen, KFRU 98.9 FM, Oct. 18, 2024. Audio available at <https://omny.fm/shows/columbia-today/jesus-osete-13th-circuit-judge-candidate>.

Kiana Fernandes & Lola Jahant, *Jesus Osete and Stephanie Morrell Run for Open Circuit Judge Seat*, Columbia Missourian, Oct. 8, 2024. Copy supplied.

Former Deputy Attorney General Jesus Osete Announces First Round of Endorsements for Circuit Judge, Mo. Times, Oct. 3, 2024. Copy supplied.

Mike Murphy, *Morrell vs. Osete in High-Profile Circuit Judge Race*, CoMo BUZ, Sep. 19, 2024. Copy supplied.

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In 2024, I completed the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County's candidate survey for its "Nonpartisan Voter Guide November 5, 2024." Copy supplied.

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This Week in Missouri Politics, Mo. Times, May 6, 2024. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nE9jfcjWyJQ>.

Scott Lauck, *Pulling Strings: Missouri Takes on Federal Efforts to Police Social Media*, Mo. Laws. Media, Mar. 13, 2024. Copy supplied.

In 2023, I responded to Ballotpedia's Survey "Jesus Osete (Missouri 13th Judicial Circuit Court Division 3, Missouri, candidate 2024)." Copy supplied.

On December 29, 2023, I participated in a radio interview with The Randy Tobler Show on 101.9 FM/94.1 FM NewsTalkSTL. I have been unable to locate a recording of this program.

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Elena Mathews, *Former State Deputy AG Seeks Circuit Judge Role to Serve Community*, Columbia Missourian, Dec. 26, 2023. Copy supplied.

Former Deputy Attorney General Jesus Osete Announces Candidacy for 13th Judicial Circuit, Division 3, Mo. Times, Dec. 20, 2023. Copy supplied.

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Laura Warfel, *Missouri Lawyers Awards 2023: Jesus A. Osete*, Mo. Laws. Media, Feb. 8, 2023. Copy supplied.

Annelise Hanshaw, *Missouri AG Says Lawsuit Shows 'Dystopian' Ties of Big Tech, Federal Agencies to Suppress Speech*, Mo. Indep., Jan. 20, 2023. Copy supplied.

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Community Briefs: NHS Hall of Fame Cancels Ceremony, Still Raising Funds, Nogales Int'l, Aug. 12, 2020. Copy supplied.

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Briefs: 'Gatherings' at Hilltop Gallery; Jazz Concert; Seminar Invitee; Sonography Grad, Nogales Int'l, Feb. 26, 2018. Copy supplied.

Nogalian to Serve as Clerk for Federal Appellate Judge, Nogales Int'l, Mar. 10, 2017. Copy supplied.

Samantha Munsey, *Postal Changes May Increase Work for Res Halls*, The Daily Wildcat, Oct. 6, 2011. Copy supplied.

Eliza Molk, *UA Gets Red Light on Speech*, The Daily Wildcat, Feb. 10, 2011. 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.

In Missouri, the Commissioner of Securities may act in a capacity similar to an administrative law judge for administrative enforcement actions under the Missouri Securities Act of 2003. *See* Mo. Rev. Stat. § 409.6-604. In 2022, Missouri Secretary of State John R. Ashcroft temporarily appointed me to serve as Acting Commissioner of Securities to issue orders in the following matters:

In re Until Tomorrow Drivetrains, LLC, No. AP-22-02 (Mo. Div. Sec.) (orders supplied);

In re H & Z Enters. Hi, LLC, No. AP-22-13, 2022 WL 16709638 (Mo. Div. Sec. Oct. 12, 2022);

In re Sean A. Brady, CRD # 4365173, No. AP-20-08, 2022 MO. SEC. LEXIS 23 (Mo. Div. Sec. Oct. 31, 2022); and

In re Devcoh, LLC, No. AP-22-10, 2022 WL 17682728 (Mo. Div. Sec. Nov. 3, 2022).

I was appointed because the Commissioner of Securities was recused from these matters. The matters involved enforcement actions under Missouri securities law. As Acting Commissioner, I did not preside over any hearings. To the best of my knowledge, no party ever sought judicial review of the orders that I issued, and so the orders were never reversed by a court. To be sure, the respondents in *In re H & Z Enterprises Hi, LLC* sought writs of prohibition and mandamus in Cole County Circuit Court to prevent the enforcement action from moving forward and argued, among other things, that Secretary Ashcroft had no authority to appoint me Acting Commissioner. *See H&Z Enters. Hi, LLC v. Jacoby*, No. 22AC-CC07238 (Mo. Cir. Ct.). But the court never ruled on the merits because the case was voluntarily dismissed with prejudice and the parties entered into a consent order to resolve the enforcement action after I had left the Missouri Secretary of State's Office.

I have not otherwise held judicial office.

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

i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials: _____ %
bench trials: _____ %

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings: _____ %
criminal proceedings: _____ %

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

c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).

d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.

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

f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.

h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

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

dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.

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

I have never recused while holding judicial office.

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

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

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

I have held the following public offices:

Deputy Attorney General for Special Litigation, Missouri Attorney General's Office (2021 – 2022), appointed by Attorney General Eric Schmitt.

General Counsel, Missouri Secretary of State's Office (2022 – 2023), appointed by Secretary of State John Ashcroft.

Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division (2025), appointed by Attorney General Pam Bondi.

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division (2025 – present), appointed by Attorney General Pam Bondi.

In 2024, I was unsuccessful in my campaign for Circuit Judge, Division 3, on the 13th Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri.

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.

Candidate, Osete for Judge, 2023 – 2024. I ran for the position of Circuit Judge, Division 3, on the 13th Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri.

At times, I have been a member of various political organizations, including: the University of Arizona College Republicans (2010 – 2013, estimated); the Boone County Republican Party (2021 – 2025, estimated); and the National Federation of Pachyderm Clubs (2021 – 2024, estimated) and its local chapters, the Boone County Pachyderm Club (2021 – 2024, estimated) and the Columbia Pachyderm Club (2021 – 2024 estimated). I regularly attended meetings and events.

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 2016 to 2018, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Zel M. Fischer of the Supreme Court of Missouri.

From 2018 to 2019, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Bobby E. Shepherd of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

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

I have not practiced law alone.

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

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Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP
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2020 – 2022

Missouri Attorney General's Office

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Deputy Attorney General for Special Litigation (2021 – 2022)

2022 – 2023

Missouri Secretary of State's Office

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2023 – 2025

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP

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Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights (2025)

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights (2025 – present)

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

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

- b. Describe:

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

My practice has focused on complex trial and appellate litigation as well as in-house advice. I have never focused exclusively on any specific substantive area of the law, but I have developed deep experience in a variety of areas over the years.

While practicing with Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP from 2019 to 2020, I managed complex discovery, took depositions, performed legal research, and drafted briefs, pleadings, and motions. I focused on civil commercial disputes

litigated in state and federal courts, at all stages of litigation, including successfully briefing and arguing a multimillion-dollar case on appeal.

From 2020 to 2023, I worked in state government. At the Missouri Attorney General's Office, I worked on constitutional and other complex cases in federal and state courts, both at trial and on appeal. I conducted discovery, engaged in pre-trial motions practice, filed briefs, tried cases, and argued appeals. I also supervised the Special Litigation unit that performed these tasks. At the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, I served as the chief legal advisor and managed all legal affairs for the office, providing counsel to the Secretary, senior staff, and division directors on elections, administrative law, statutory interpretation, rulemaking, and other matters under the office's jurisdiction (including business services, securities, records, libraries, notaries, and administrative rules). I was also responsible for overseeing and coordinating litigation (including drafting pleadings and managing outside counsel or coordination with the Attorney General's Office), drafting and reviewing ballot language and summaries for initiative and referendum petitions, reviewing proposed legislation, drafting and reviewing contracts, reviewing and responding to sunshine requests, and ensuring legal compliance across all operations.

I returned to the firm in 2023. From then until 2025, I represented clients in a range of complex litigation matters in state and federal courts, at all stages of litigation. I managed discovery and factual development in sprawling multi-party litigation, negotiated and litigated discovery disputes, worked with expert witnesses, drafted pleadings, motions, and briefs, took depositions, participated in trial proceedings, and handled appeals. My matters covered many substantive areas, including complex statutory issues, constitutional law, commercial litigation, tort law, and election law. Finally, I advised clients on legal issues outside of litigation and managed client relationships.

In May 2025, I joined the United States Department of Justice as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division. I was soon promoted to Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General. In this current role, I serve as the primary advisor to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, helping supervise the Division's overall enforcement of federal civil rights laws. Some of my duties include advising on major policies, aligning section work with Division priorities, developing litigation strategy, representing the Division externally, and coordinating high-level management and strategy across civil and criminal civil rights matters. I also provide counsel on difficult legal and litigation strategy questions and perform high-level review of trial and appellate briefs and other filings in civil and criminal matters.

- 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 as

well as in-house advice. My practice has been primarily civil, although I have worked on criminal cases as well. I have been and remain a generalist, although I have had areas of particular focus at different points in my career.

While practicing at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, I primarily represented businesses involved in commercial disputes in federal and state courts at all stages of litigation.

At the Missouri Attorney General's Office, my client was the State of Missouri and its officials and agencies. At the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, the Secretary was my client.

At the Department of Justice, my client is the United States of America.

- 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 at the Missouri Attorney General's Office, I worked predominantly on litigation, and I regularly appeared in court to argue cases. My work at the United States Department of Justice is also predominantly focused on litigation, but I personally appear in court less often. While in private practice, I occasionally appeared in court and also assisted in trial-level briefing regarding significant evidentiary, instructional, and legal issues to ensure issue preservation for appeal. As in-house counsel for the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, I only went to court if I was observing the agency's counsel.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1.	federal courts:	50%
2.	state courts of record:	50%
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 five cases to verdict, judgment, or final decision in state and federal courts of record. I was chief counsel for my client in one of those cases, and associate counsel for the remaining four cases.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

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| 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 have argued one case before the Supreme Court: *Biden v. Missouri*, No. 21A240. Copy of oral argument transcript supplied.

I have also served as counsel of record or significant co-counsel and filed merits briefs, amicus briefs, petitions, applications, and other documents. Briefs and other pleadings filed in the Supreme Court in cases in which I served as lead counsel or significant co-counsel are identified below. I have not included multistate amicus briefs authored or led by other States that Missouri joined while I was in the Missouri Attorney General's Office, unless I served as lead counsel or significant co-counsel. I also have not included miscellaneous, pro forma documents like motions for extension of time or response waivers.

Emergency Application Stage:

Allen v. Milligan, No. 25A1314, Brief for the United States as Amicus Curiae in Support of Applicant (May 27, 2026). Copy supplied.

Malliotakis v. Williams, No. 25A914, Brief for the United States as Amicus Curiae in Support of Applicants (Feb. 13, 2026). Copy supplied.

Tangipa v. Newsom, No. 25A839, Brief for the United States as Respondent in Support of the Application (Jan. 22, 2026). Copy supplied.

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Biden v. Missouri, No. 21A240, Response to Application for a Stay (Dec. 30, 2021). Copy supplied.

Biden v. Texas, No. 21A21, Opposition to Motion for a Stay Pending Appeal (Aug. 24, 2021). Copy supplied.

Certiorari Stage:

Roof v. U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Dist. of S.C., No. 25-7203, Brief for the United States in Opposition (July 15, 2026). Copy supplied.

Oropesa v. United States, No. 25-1262, Brief for the United States in Opposition (July 8, 2026). Copy supplied.

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Hutson v. United States, No. 24-1022, Brief for the United States in Opposition (Aug. 6, 2025). Copy supplied.

Missouri v. Biden, No. 21-1463, Petition for Writ of Certiorari (May 12, 2022). Copy supplied.

Biden v. Texas, No. 21-954, Brief in Opposition (Jan. 28, 2022). Copy supplied.

Sarasota Wine Mkt., LLC v. Schmitt, No. 20-1767, Brief in Opposition (Sep. 10, 2021). Copy supplied.

Schmitt v. Reprod. Health Servs. of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region, Inc., No. 21-3, Petition for Writ of Certiorari (June 30, 2021). Copy supplied.

Doe v. Parson, No. 20-385, Response to the Motion for the Disqualification of the Hon. Amy Coney Barrett, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States (Nov. 18, 2020). Copy supplied.

Merits Stage:

Watson v. Republican Nat'l Comm., No. 24-1260, Brief for the United States as Amicus Curiae Supporting Respondents (Feb. 17, 2026). Copy supplied.

Wolford v. Lopez, No. 24-1046, Brief for the United States as Amicus Curiae in Support of Petitioners (Nov. 24, 2025). Copy supplied.

Louisiana v. Callais, No. 24-109, Supplemental Brief for the United States as Amicus Curiae Supporting Appellees (Sep. 24, 2025). Copy supplied.

West Virginia v. B.P.J., No. 24-43, Brief for the United States as Amicus Curiae

Supporting Petitioners (Sep. 19, 2025). Copy supplied.

Olivier v. City of Brandon, No. 24-993, Brief for the United States as Amicus Curiae in Support of Vacatur (Sep. 9, 2025). Copy supplied.

Landor v. La. Dep't of Corr. and Pub. Safety, No. 23-1197, Brief for the United States as Amicus Curiae Supporting Petitioner (Sep. 3, 2025). Copy supplied.

Bost v. Ill. State Bd. of Elections, No. 24-568, Brief for the United States as Amicus Curiae in Support of Petitioners (July 29, 2025). Copy supplied.

Trump v. Anderson, No. 23-719, Brief of Amici Curiae the Secretaries of State of Missouri, Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Tennessee, and West Virginia (Jan. 18, 2024). Copy supplied.

Moore v. Harper, No. 21-1271, Brief of the Honorable John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State of Missouri, as Amicus Curiae (Sep. 2, 2022). Copy supplied.

Biden v. Texas, No. 21-954, Brief for Respondents (Apr. 7, 2022); Supplemental Brief for Respondents (May 9, 2022); Supplemental Reply for Respondents (May 13, 2022). Copies 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. *Tangipa v. Newsom*, 816 F. Supp. 3d 1081 (C.D. Cal.) (Lee, Staton & Hsu, JJ.), *injunction pending appeal denied*, 146 S. Ct. 1594 (2026).

Since 2025, I have served as lead counsel for the United States of America, as plaintiff-intervenor, in its challenge to California's mid-decade congressional redistricting map enacted via Proposition 50. The suit alleges some districts were racially gerrymandered, in violation of the Equal Protection Clause and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. A three-judge district court panel held a multi-day evidentiary hearing and, on January 14, 2026, denied a preliminary injunction by a 2-1 vote. The original plaintiffs sought an

emergency writ of injunction from the Supreme Court pending appeal, and the United States filed a brief in support thereof. On February 4, 2026, the Supreme Court summarily denied the application, allowing the new map to remain in effect. Although the appeal was later dismissed, the case (consolidated with a related challenge) continues in the district court toward further proceedings, including motions to dismiss. I have been responsible for pre-trial and trial strategy and overseeing the drafting of pleadings, motions, briefs, and written discovery. I have also supervised depositions and direct and cross examinations, and I have coordinated with co-counsel and opposing counsel on evidentiary stipulations.

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2. *UMB Bank, N.A. v. Kraft CPAs, PLLC*, No. 23-CV-00268 (W.D. Mo. Apr. 15, 2024) (Bough, J.).

From 2023 to 2024, I represented UMB Bank, N.A. in a diversity negligence action against a Tennessee accounting firm. The bank sought over \$16 million in damages.

After the accounting firm removed the case from state court to federal court, it sought dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction. The district court denied that motion, and it also denied a later motion to transfer the case to Tennessee. The parties eventually settled the case and stipulated to dismissal with prejudice. I substantially drafted pleadings, motions, and briefs throughout the case and conducted pre-trial discovery (including depositions).

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In 2023, I represented Tyler Technologies, Inc., a private, third-party contractor, in a putative class action suit brought by Jackson County, Missouri, property owners. They alleged that the contractor had negligently performed its contractual obligations during the 2023 real property assessment process. After the trial court denied the contractor's motion to dismiss the negligence claims, the contractor filed a petition for an extraordinary writ of prohibition to bar the trial court from taking any action other than dismissing the negligence claims with prejudice. After oral argument, a unanimous Missouri Supreme Court granted the petition, and the trial court subsequently dismissed the negligence claims with prejudice. I developed the writ strategy, drafted all motions, pleadings, and briefs at every level of the case, served as appellate preservation counsel at the trial court proceedings, and presented oral argument before the Missouri Supreme Court.

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4. *Conservation Comm'n v. Schmitt*, No. 20AC-CC00342 (Mo. Cir. Ct. Apr. 22, 2021)
(Walker, J.), *aff'd sub nom. Conservation Comm'n v. Bailey*, 669 S.W.3d 61 (Mo. 2023)
(Wilson, C.J., Russell, Breckenridge, Fischer, Draper, Powell & Ransom, JJ.).

From 2020 to 2022, I represented Missouri officials in a suit brought by the Conservation Commission over the legislature's removal of language authorizing the use of \$21 million in appropriated funds for certain purposes, including land acquisition and payments in lieu of taxes. After a bench trial, the court entered judgment in favor of the Commission. The Missouri Supreme Court, in a 4-3 decision, affirmed the judgment. I co-chaired the trial and presented oral argument at the Missouri Supreme Court, substantially drafted motions, pleadings, and briefs at all stages of the case, managed pre-trial discovery, and coordinated with opposing counsel on evidentiary stipulations.

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5. *United States v. Missouri*, 660 F. Supp. 3d 791 (W.D. Mo. 2023) (Wimes, J.), *aff'd*, 114 F.4th 980 (8th Cir. 2024) (Loken, Colloton & Kelly, JJ.), *cert. denied*, 146 S. Ct. 90 (2025).

In 2022, I represented Missouri in a challenge brought by the United States Department of Justice over the constitutionality of the Second Amendment Preservation Act (SAPA), which, among other things, prohibited the use of state resources to enforce federal laws that infringed the right to keep and bear arms. I developed the lead defenses to the suit (e.g., lack of standing, lack of a cause of action) and drafted briefs at the motion-to-dismiss and summary-judgment stages of the case. I also handled hearings before leaving the Missouri Attorney General's Office. The district court ultimately held SAPA unconstitutional, and the Eighth Circuit affirmed the judgment. The Supreme Court denied certiorari.

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6. *Tex. Gen. Land Off. v. Biden*, 619 F. Supp. 3d 673 (S.D. Tex. 2022) (Alvarez, J.), *rev'd and remanded*, 71 F.4th 264 (5th Cir. 2023) (Jones, Smith & Graves, JJ.), *preliminary injunction entered*, 722 F. Supp. 3d 710 (S.D. Tex. 2024) (Tipton, J.).

From 2021 to 2022, I represented Missouri as lead counsel in its and Texas's challenge to the Biden Administration's refusal to spend funds appropriated by Congress to construct a physical barrier system along the southwest border, in violation of the 2019 and 2020 Consolidated Appropriations Acts. After the case was consolidated with a related challenge, the district court dismissed the States' suit. That decision was later reversed by the Fifth Circuit. On remand, the district court transferred the case to another district judge, who entered a preliminary injunction in favor of the States. The litigation is ongoing. I developed the legal theories for the case and substantially drafted pleadings, motions, and briefs (including preliminary injunction briefing) and the first round of Fifth Circuit briefing.

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7. *Texas v. Biden*, 554 F. Supp. 3d 818 (N.D. Tex.) (Kacsmaryk, J.), *aff'd*, 20 F.4th 928 (5th Cir. 2021) (Barksdale, Engelhardt & Oldham, JJ.), *rev'd and remanded*, 597 U.S. 785 (2022).

From 2021 to 2022, I represented Missouri in its and Texas's challenge against the Biden Administration's decision to terminate President Trump's "Remain in Mexico" policy. The States challenged the termination of the policy as arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and also brought a statutory challenge. I co-chaired the bench trial, after which the district court held that the termination was unlawful and permanently enjoined the termination decision. Both the Fifth Circuit and Supreme Court then denied the federal government's stay motions. After the Fifth Circuit affirmed the injunction on the merits, the Supreme Court granted certiorari. In a 5-4 vote, the Supreme Court reversed the Fifth Circuit's decision. The litigation is ongoing on remand, where the district court agreed to stay the termination decision pending resolution of the APA claims. I developed the legal theories of the case, substantially drafted pleadings, motions, and briefs at the district court level, coordinated with Texas's counsel in filing and litigating the case in the district court, and shared significant drafting responsibilities with Texas's counsel for briefing in the Fifth Circuit and for emergency-stage, cert-stage, and merits-stage briefing in the Supreme Court.

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From 2021 to 2022, I represented Missouri in its and other States' challenge to the Biden Administration's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for healthcare workers. The States contended that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services lacked statutory authority

to enact the regulation imposing the vaccine mandate under the major questions doctrine and other interpretive principles, and that the adoption of the mandate violated the Administrative Procedure Act. I led Missouri's efforts in securing a preliminary injunction at the district-court level and defeating the federal government's request for a stay pending appeal at the Eighth Circuit. After the Supreme Court took the unusual step of granting oral argument on the federal government's stay application (I briefed and argued the case on behalf of Missouri), the Court, in a 5-4 vote, granted a stay of the district court's preliminary injunction blocking the mandate. The lower courts then upheld the validity of the mandate on remand, citing the Supreme Court's decision on the stay motion, and the Supreme Court denied our petition for certiorari to review that merits decision.

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9. *Doyle v. Tidball*, No. 21AC-CC00186 (Mo. Cir. Ct. June 23, 2021) (Beetem, J.), *rev'd*, 625 S.W.3d 459 (Mo. 2021) (Draper, C.J., Wilson, Russell, Powell, Breckenridge, Fischer & Ransom, JJ.).

In 2021, I represented Missouri officials in a suit that challenged the Missouri legislature's refusal to fund Medicaid expansion. After a bench trial, the trial court entered judgment in the Missouri officials' favor, finding the constitutional amendment authorizing Medicaid expansion unconstitutional. The Missouri Supreme Court reversed the judgment, and, on remand, the trial court entered a final permanent injunction. I co-chaired the trial and appeal, substantially drafted pleadings, motions, and briefs at all stages of the case, and coordinated with opposing counsel on evidentiary stipulations.

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10. *I.D. v. Parson*, No. 21AC-CC00309 (Mo. Cir. Ct. Nov. 8, 2021) (Beetem, J.).

In 2021, I represented Missouri officials in a suit that challenged Missouri's early exit from a federal program awarding enhanced pandemic unemployment benefits under the CARES Act. After a hearing, the trial court denied the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction, finding that the plaintiffs had failed to show a likelihood of success on the merits and that the balance of harms and public interest favored the Governor's policy decision to promote workforce reentry. Following the expiration of the benefits and the Biden Administration's decision to not extend them, the defendants moved to dismiss the suit as moot, which the trial court granted and entered final judgment. The plaintiffs did not appeal the judgment. I handled all hearings and drafted all motions, briefs, and proposed orders that the trial court would eventually adopt as its own.

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

I have been involved in a wide range of legal activities, including extensively negotiating high profile settlements—sometimes on the eve of or during a jury trial (despite substantial drafting of motions in limine, *Daubert* motions, jury instructions, and trial briefs). I have also provided advice to various individuals and entities, including high-ranking public officials and Fortune 500 companies, on myriad regulatory and administrative law matters and on their obligations in response to court rulings. I also regularly oversee civil and criminal investigations that ultimately do not result in litigation or a charging decision.

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 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.

Nothing other than what is disclosed in my attached Net Worth Statement.

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.

No.

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 transmitted 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 any litigation in which I have been involved. I also will evaluate any other real or potential conflict, or relationship that could give rise to the appearance of a conflict, on a case-by-case basis and determine appropriate actions with the advice of parties and their counsel, 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 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.

While in private practice, I provided pro bono legal services. For example, from 2019 to 2020, I provided pro bono services to Kevin Strickland by performing legal research, pursuing investigative leads, and drafting a habeas corpus petition. In 2021, a Missouri trial judge exonerated Mr. Strickland, who had spent 43 years in prison, and ordered his release. From 2023 to 2024, I was counsel of record for a coalition of eleven state secretaries of state, who submitted an amicus brief before the United States Supreme Court in *Trump v. Anderson*, 601 U.S. 100 (2024), challenging Colorado’s removal of President Trump from the 2024 ballot.

Having been in government service for most of my career, I have generally been precluded from providing pro bono legal services. Accordingly, I have found other ways to positively contribute to my community beyond my public service. I try to perform as much educational work as possible. I speak at law schools and bar associations, volunteer my time helping moot attorneys who are arguing before appellate courts, and mentor young students and lawyers.

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 December 2024, I contacted the offices of Senators Josh Hawley and Eric Schmitt seeking consideration for federal court vacancies in Missouri. Senator Hawley’s staff interviewed me in January 2025 in Washington, D.C. I also spoke to members of Senator Hawley’s judicial advisory committee.

In November 2025, an official from the White House Counsel’s Office invited me for an interview. In December 2025, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel’s Office and the Department of Justice’s Office of Legal Policy at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

In May 2026, and following Judge Greg Kays’s announcement that he would take senior status on the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, an official from the White House Counsel’s Office contacted me and asked if I wanted to be considered for this vacancy. I confirmed my interest. In June 2026, Senators Hawley’s and Schmitt’s offices interviewed me in Washington, D.C. In July 2026, I was notified by the White House Counsel’s Office that I was still under consideration. Since then, I have

been in contact with officials from the White House Counsel's Office and the Office of Legal Policy regarding the nomination.

On August 20, 2026, President Trump called to inform me that he planned on nominating me for a position on the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

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.

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I, JESUS ARMANDO OSETE, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

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