UNITED STATES SENATE
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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

Brian Scott Meyers

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

United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina

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.

Terry Sanford Federal Building
310 New Bern Avenue
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

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

1977; Durham, North Carolina

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

2001 – 2004, University of Richmond School of Law; J.D. (*cum laude*), 2004

1995 – 1999, Davidson College; B.A., 1999

1997 (August – December), Saint Louis University-Madrid; 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.

2020 – Present
United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina
Terry Sanford Federal Building

310 New Bern Avenue
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
United States Magistrate Judge

2008 – 2020
United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina
150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 2100
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
Executive Assistant United States Attorney (2017 – 2020)
Assistant United States Attorney (2008 – 2020)

2015 – 2017
Executive Office for United States Attorneys
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20530
National Security and Cybercrime Coordinator (on detail from U.S. Attorney's Office)

2008 – 2012
United States Marine Corps
Captain, Individual Ready Reserve

2005 – 2008
United States Marine Corps
Marine Corps Air Station New River
Joint Law Center
Jacksonville, North Carolina 28545
Officer-in-Charge, Legal Assistance (August 2005 – July 2006)
Chief Trial Counsel (July 2006 – January 2008)

2005 (May – August)
United States Marine Corps
Naval Station Newport
Naval Justice School
360 Elliot Street
Newport, Rhode Island 02841
First Lieutenant, Student

2004 – 2005
United States Marine Corps
Marine Corps Base Quantico
The Basic School
24164 Belleau Avenue
Quantico, Virginia 22134
First Lieutenant, Student

Summer 2003
United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina
Terry Sanford Federal Building
310 New Bern Avenue
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
Summer Law Clerk

2002 – 2004
United States Marine Corps
First Lieutenant, Individual Ready Reserve

Summer 2002
United States Marine Corps Officer Candidates School
Marine Corps Base Quantico
2189 Elrod Avenue
Quantico, Virginia 22134-5033
Second Lieutenant (commissioned on August 9, 2002)
Officer Candidate (May – August 2002)

1999 – 2001
The Honorable Jesse A. Helms
United States Senator
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Legislative Assistant (2001)
Legislative Correspondent (1999 – 2000)

Other Affiliations (uncompensated):

2009 – 2019
Davidson College Alumni Association
Raleigh, North Carolina Chapter
Co-Chair (uncompensated)

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.

2008 – 2012, United States Marine Corps, Individual Ready Reserve, Captain, Honorable Discharge

2004 – 2008, United States Marine Corps, Captain, Honorable Discharge

2002 – 2004, United States Marine Corps, Individual Ready Reserve, First Lieutenant

2002 (May – August), United States Marine Corps, Second Lieutenant (commissioned on August

9, 2002); Officer Candidate (May – August 2002)

I registered for the Selective Service upon turning 18 years old.

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.

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Case of the Year in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina
Operation Spiderweb (2018)
Operation Fire Ants (2010)

United States Marine Corps
Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2007)
Certificates of Appreciation (2007, 2008)
Naval Justice School, *Honors Graduate* (2005)

University of Richmond School of Law
Degree conferred *cum laude* (2004)
Book Award for Highest Grade: Agency and Partnership (2004)
Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business (2002 – 2004)
Editor-in-Chief (2003 – 2004)
Editorial Board, Senior Associate (2002 – 2003)

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.

North Carolina Bar Association, Member (2004 – 2005)

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
Appointed Member (non-voting), Judicial Council of the Fourth Circuit (three-year term begins December 2026)
Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference (2023 – present)

United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina
Appointed Member, Criminal Justice Act Panel Committee (2021 – present)
Appointed Member, Umbrella Rules Committee (2021 – present)
Co-Chair, Civics Outreach Committee (2026 – present)
Member, HOPE Court (2025 – 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.

North Carolina, 2004

There have been no lapses in membership.

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

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2010
United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, 2004
United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, 2011

There have been no lapses in membership.

United States Marine Corps
Certified Trial Counsel and Defense Counsel for USMJ Courts-Martial (2005)
Certified Legal Assistance Officer (2005)

There were no lapses in either military certification. Each applied only from the date of certification through the end of my service in the military in 2012.

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.

Davidson College Alumni Association – Raleigh, North Carolina Chapter
Co-Chair (2009 – 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.

To the best of my knowledge, the organization listed above does not currently discriminate, or did not formerly discriminate, 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.

United States Magistrate Judge Brian S. Meyers – Biography, United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, February 3, 2025.

As the Executive Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina, I managed the Legal Programs Division which included media and public messaging. In that position, I oversaw the drafting and publication of all press releases and posting to the official X/Twitter account of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina (@USAO_EDNC), and supervised the individuals responsible for the same. From approximately November 2017 through June 2020, the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina issued approximately 800 press releases. The press releases are available at https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr. I likely reviewed, approved, drafted, and/or edited a majority of the press releases during this period of time. I did not independently retain any copies of the press releases and do not have any notes.

From approximately November 2017 through June 2020, as the Executive Assistant United States Attorney, I likely reviewed, approved, drafted, or edited a majority of the posts made to the X/Twitter account of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina (@USAO_EDNC). The X/Twitter posts from this period of time are available at https://x.com/usao_ednc. I did not independently retain any copies of the posts and do not have any notes.

While in law school, I edited several journal articles in Volume 3 and 4 of the Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business. The authors of these materials were responsible for their substantive contents. I have no record of the articles I edited as an editorial board member.

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.

None.

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.

None.

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.

I have not maintained a comprehensive list of speeches, talks, or public appearances. To my best recollection and through searches of my records and publicly available information, I have found the following responsive materials:

2021 – present: Presiding Judge, Bar Admission Ceremonies, United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina. I have presided over numerous admissions ceremonies for lawyers joining or re-joining the Eastern District of North Carolina where I discuss court practices and the district itself. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina is Terry Sanford Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 310 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

February 20, 2026: Panelist, "A View from the Bench – Magistrate Judges' Panel," 2026 Annual Continuing Legal Education Program, Eastern District of North Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Raleigh, North Carolina. I spoke on a panel of United States Magistrate Judges from the Eastern District about federal practices and the role of a magistrate judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association is 4250 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 301, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

February 28, 2025: Panelist, "A View from the Bench – Magistrate Judges' Panel," 2025 Annual Continuing Legal Education Program, Eastern District of North Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Raleigh, North Carolina. I spoke on a panel of United States Magistrate Judges from the Eastern District about federal practices and the role of a magistrate judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association is 4250 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 301, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

February 26, 2025: Final Round Judge, Duke Law Mock Trial Twiggs Beskind Cup, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina. I served as a judge for the final round of this mock trial competition of Duke Law students. At the conclusion of the competition, I provided comments to the students competing and attending. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Duke University School of Law is 210 Science Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27708.

April 21, 2023: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony. I administered the oath of citizenship to the applicants for naturalization. In conjunction with the ceremony, I offered general remarks of congratulation to the individuals on becoming citizens and on the importance of our constitutional system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Raleigh-Durham Field Office, 301 Roycroft Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27703.

February 24, 2023: Panelist, "A View from the Bench – Magistrate Judges' Panel," 2023 Annual Continuing Legal Education Program, Eastern District of North Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Raleigh, North Carolina. I spoke on a panel of United States Magistrate Judges from the Eastern District about federal practices and the role of a magistrate judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association is 4250 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 301, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

November 18, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony. I administered the oath of citizenship to the applicants for naturalization. In conjunction with the ceremony, I offered general remarks of congratulation to the individuals on becoming citizens and on the importance of our constitutional system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Raleigh-Durham Field Office, 301 Roycroft Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27703.

October 26, 2022: Moot Court Judge, Duke Pretrial Litigation Class Oral Arguments, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina. I and another magistrate judge presided over oral arguments made by law students competing in the class which was taught by another magistrate judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Duke University School of Law is 210 Science Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27708.

May 20, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony. I administered the oath of citizenship to the applicants for naturalization. In conjunction with the ceremony, I offered general remarks of congratulation to the individuals on becoming citizens and on the importance of our constitutional system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Raleigh-Durham Field Office, 301 Roycroft Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27703.

March 17, 2022: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony. I administered the oath of citizenship to the applicants for naturalization. In conjunction with the ceremony, I offered general remarks of congratulation to the individuals on becoming citizens and on the importance of our constitutional system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Raleigh-Durham Field Office, 301 Roycroft Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27703.

March 31, 2021: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony. I administered the oath of citizenship to the applicants for naturalization. In conjunction with the ceremony, I offered general remarks of congratulation to the individuals on becoming citizens and on the importance of our constitutional system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Raleigh-Durham Field Office, 301 Roycroft Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27703.

February 19, 2021: Panelist, "A View from the Bench – Magistrate Judges' Panel," 2021 Annual Continuing Legal Education Program, Eastern District of North Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Raleigh, North Carolina. I spoke on a panel of United States Magistrate Judges from the Eastern District about federal practices and the role of a magistrate judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association is 4250 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 301, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

October 27, 2020: Presiding Judge, Naturalization Ceremony. I administered the oath of citizenship to the applicants for naturalization. In conjunction with the ceremony, I offered general remarks of congratulation to the individuals on becoming citizens and on the importance of our constitutional system. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Raleigh-Durham Field Office, 301 Roycroft Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27703.

February 28, 2020: Panel Moderator, "Protecting Places of Worship – Law Enforcement Panel," United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina and Fayetteville Police Department, Fayetteville, North Carolina. This panel was part of a program for local leaders of places of worship regarding safety and security. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina is 150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 2100, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

September 17, 2019: Presenter, "Opening Remarks," North Carolina Cyber Executive Summit hosted by Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Raleigh, North Carolina. I gave opening remarks regarding the prosecution of cybercrimes to a group of North Carolina business executives. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Charlotte Field Office, is 7915 Microsoft Way, Charlotte, North Carolina 28273.

August 27, 2019: Presenter, "Opening Remarks," 20th Annual Southern States Victim Assistance Training Conference, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. I gave opening remarks at this training conference for victim assistance professionals and law enforcement regarding the impact of their work on lives of victims and families. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina is 150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 2100, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

April 25, 2019: Co-Presenter, "Seeking Justice for Those Who Protect Us: Working with Military Victims and Families from a Prosecutorial and Investigative Perspective," Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma, 16th Hawaii International Summit, Honolulu, Hawaii. I presented to psychologists, counselors, social workers, and other trauma specialists regarding unique aspects of investigating and prosecuting cases involving military victims. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the Institute

on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma is 11526 Sorrento Valley Rd., Suite A-2, San Diego, California 92121.

August 23, 2018: Presenter, "Opening Remarks," Survive & Thrive Protecting You and Your Fellow Officers Training Conference hosted by the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance, Raleigh, North Carolina. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance is 999 North Capitol Street, Northeast, Washington, D.C. 20531.

2008 – 2013: I conducted numerous training sessions for lawyers, law enforcement officers, and judges from Kosovo. The topics included investigating and prosecuting narcotics, organized crime, human trafficking, money laundering/financial crime, terrorism, public corruption, and electronic surveillance. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. These trainings occurred at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 800, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601. The current address for the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina is 150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 2100, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

November 17, 2010: Presenter, "Title III Wiretap Investigations and Electronic Surveillance," 13th Annual Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Conference, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Sunset Beach, North Carolina. I spoke to local, state, and federal law enforcement officers about managing federal wiretap investigations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina is 150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 2100, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

October 2010 (for approximately 4 days): As part of an initiative with the Department of Justice, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance, and Training, I conducted training, along with several other Assistant United States Attorneys, for lawyers and law enforcement officers in Pristina, Kosovo on narcotics investigations and prosecutions. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The training took place in various court offices and law enforcement offices in Pristina, Kosovo.

September 2005 – January 2008: Presenter, Various Legal Briefings to Servicemembers and Family Members, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Joint Law Center, Jacksonville, North Carolina. Throughout the time I served on active duty in the United States Marine Corps while stationed at Marine Corps Air Station New River in the Joint Law Center, I regularly gave pre- and post-deployment briefings to servicemembers and their families on various legal issues. The nature and timing of the briefings were dependent upon the needs of the requesting unit. The subject matter included, but was not limited to, rules of engagement, wills and powers of attorney, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, and family readiness. Most of the briefings took place at Marine Corps Air Station New River, however a few occurred at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. In addition, the Joint Law Center offered a weekly class on wills and powers of attorney taught by one of the judge advocates in the Joint Law Center. I frequently taught these

classes, rotating approximately weekly with two to four other judge advocates. The address for the Joint Law Center on Marine Corps Air Station New River is 216 Bancroft Street, Jacksonville, North Carolina 28545.

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.

None.

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 Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, October 2020 to present, selected by Merit Selection Panel and appointed to the position by the district judges for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

The authority and jurisdiction of a United States Magistrate Judge derive primarily from the Federal Magistrates Act of 1968 (28 U.S.C. §§ 631-639) and is further delineated in the Federal Rules of Criminal and Civil Procedure, particularly Fed. R. Crim. P. 58 and 59 and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 and 73, and any applicable local rules of a district. I may preside over consent jury and bench trials in civil cases and Class A misdemeanors; consent Social Security appeals; and preliminary criminal matters, including initial appearances, preliminary hearings, and detention hearings. I also review and issue search warrants, arrest warrants, criminal complaints, and like submissions in criminal matters; conduct proceedings on felony guilty pleas when referred by a district judge; handle a broad range of non-dispositive motions, including discovery motions, motions to withdraw, and motions to strike; and issue memoranda and recommendations on a full range of dispositive motions referred by the district court. I also hold settlement conferences in civil cases when referred by the district court.

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

I have presided over four trials that have gone to verdict or judgment since taking the bench in October 2020. Each was a criminal bench trial for a Class A misdemeanor.

i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	0%
bench trials:	100%

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings:	0%
criminal proceedings:	100%

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

As a United States Magistrate Judge, my opinions are generally not selected for publication. In nearly six years as a magistrate judge, I have issued more than 8,100 orders and memoranda and recommendations. All reported and unreported opinions I have issued are filed and stored on CM/ECF, the federal court Case Management/Electronic Case Files system. Below, I have done my best to provide citations to opinions that are accessible on Westlaw or Lexis through October 10, 2026.

Baines v. Equifax, Inc., et al., 5:25-cv-454-BO-BM, 2026 WL 2839239 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 11, 2026).
Gregory v. Bisignano, 2:25-cv-47-M-BM, 2026 WL 2903372 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 11, 2026).
Collie v. Bisignano, 5:25-cv-199-M-BM, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 225016 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 11, 2026).
Murdock v. Barnes, 2:24-cv-51-M-BM, 2026 WL 2920873 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 11, 2026).
Phillips v. Creative Website Studios, 5:23-cv-568-BO, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 222235 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 11, 2026).
Finch v. Bisignano, 5:25-cv-118-M-BM, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 225021 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 11, 2026).
Snow v. Bisignano, 5:25-cv-407-M-BM, 2026 WL 2901548 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 10, 2026).
Dennis Walston v. Bisignano, 5:25-cr-563-FL, 2026 WL 2858270 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 5, 2026).
Veltri v. Bisignano, 7:25-cv-596-FL-BM, 2026 WL 2856184 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 4, 2026).
Jennifer Hardiman v. Bisignano, 5:25-cv-257-FL-BM, 2026 WL 2856180 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 4, 2026).
Sandra Ashley v. Bisignano, 4:25-cv-165-FL-BM, 2026 WL 2856182 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 4, 2026).
Spencer v. Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, 7:25-cv-1502-M-BM, 2026 WL 2661926 (E.D.N.C. Aug. 25, 2026).
Gilmore, v. Mark Wall, et al., 5:26-cv-80-M-BM, 2026 WL 2661930 (E.D.N.C. Aug. 19, 2026).
Emrit, et al. v. Maria Cherniavska, et al., 5:26-cv-11-FL-BM, 2026 WL 2653112 (E.D.N.C. Aug. 19, 2026).
Gilbert Bryan v. Equifax, Inc., 5:25-cv-578-M-BM, 2026 WL 2939697 (E.D.N.C. Aug. 14, 2026).
Gilbert Bryan v. Transunion LLC, 5:25-cv-595-FL-BM, 2026 WL 2934984 (E.D.N.C. Aug. 13, 2026).
Jones v. United States, 5:15-cr-89-FL, 5:25-cv-308-FL, 2026 WL 1999294 (E.D.N.C. July 10, 2026).
Alford v. Nelson, 7:24-cv-1041-BO-BM, 2026 WL 957663 (E.D.N.C. Mar. 10, 2026).
Alford v. Department of Commerce, 7:25-cv-418-BO-BM, 2026 WL 957667 (E.D.N.C. Mar. 10, 2026).
United States v. Oakley, 5:25-cr-73-FL, 2026 WL 660718 (E.D.N.C. Mar. 9, 2026).
Danzy v. CSX Transportation Inc., 5:23-cv-621-BO-BM, 2026 WL 660713 (E.D.N.C.

Mar. 9, 2026).
Suggs v. Prince Court LLC, 4:25-cv-112-FL-BM, 2026 WL 847126 (E.D.N.C. Mar. 3, 2026).
Baines v. Equifax, Inc., 5:25-cv-454-BO, 2026 WL 757788 (E.D.N.C. Mar. 1, 2026).
Baines v. Logs Legal Group LLP, 5:25-cv-455-BO, 2026 WL 1172090 (E.D.N.C. Mar. 1, 2026).
Skinner v. Commissioner of Social Security, 4:25-cv-38-FL-BM, 2026 WL 709999 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 27, 2026).
Jones v. Commissioner of Social Security, 2:25-cv-6-FL, 2026 WL 710620 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 27, 2026).
Hudson v. Bisignano, 2:24-cv-50-FL, 2026 WL 710619 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 27, 2026).
Williams v. Bisignano, 5:24-cv-485-FL, 2026 WL 680984 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 20, 2026).
Baines v. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 5:25-cv-297-BO, 2026 WL 554737 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 9, 2026).
Stephens v. Phiyaw, 5:24-cv-516-M-BM, 2026 WL 696774 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 5, 2026).
Anderson v. Hillcrest of Fayetteville, NC Inc., 5:25-cv-107-BO-KS, 2026 WL 632494 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 3, 2026).
Sanders v. Tata Consultancy Services, 5:25-cv-267-BO-BM, 2026 WL 607255 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 3, 2026).
Dabbs v. Social Security Administration, 5:24-cv-722-FL, 2026 WL 710000 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 1, 2026).
Galloway v. Federal Bureau of Investigation, 5:25-cv-838-M-BM, 2026 WL 391444 (E.D.N.C. Jan. 23, 2026).
Clabough v. Jones, 2:24-cv-62-M-BM, 2026 WL 1172257 (E.D.N.C. Jan. 22, 2026).
Riegel v. Nash County Board of Education, 5:25-cv-378-BO-BM, 2026 WL 620419 (E.D.N.C. Jan. 20, 2026).
Garland v. Ramada by Wyndham Raleigh, 5:25-cv-601-M-BM, 2026 WL 391442 (E.D.N.C. Jan. 13, 2026).
Flenner v. Wake Cnty. Pub. Sch. Sys., 5:25-cv-351-BO-BM, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 119130 (E.D.N.C. Jan. 6, 2026).
Hashem v. Park Communications, LLC, 5:25-cv-252-BO-BM, 2025 WL 3027231 (E.D.N.C. Oct. 29, 2025).
Baines v. Carrington Mortg. Servs., LLC, 5:25-cv-297-BO, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 231298 (E.D.N.C. Oct. 16, 2025).
Baines v. Logs Legal Group LLP, 5:25-cv-455-BO, 2025 WL 3263868 (E.D.N.C. Oct. 16, 2025).
Baines v. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 5:25-cv-456-M, 2025 WL 3263860 (E.D.N.C. Oct. 16, 2025).
Lesane v. Wake County Child Support Enforcement Agency, 5:25-cv-212-FL-BM, 2025 WL 3475587 (E.D.N.C. Oct. 16, 2025).
Young v. Alltran Financial, LP, 7:23-cv-1665-BO, 2025 WL 5074233 (E.D.N.C. Oct. 8, 2025).
Williams v. Bisignano, 5:25-cv-131-BM, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 191786 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 29, 2025).
Thomas v. Bisignano, 4:24-cv-94-BM, 2025 WL 2793795 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 29, 2025).
Harris v. Bisignano, 5:24-cv-355-BM, 2025 WL 2754727 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 28, 2025).

Wainright v. Bisignano, 7:24-cv-586-BM, 2025 WL 2754726 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 26, 2025).
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Berry-Sylla v. Kijakazi, 5:20-cv-511-FL, 2022 WL 1132167 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 22, 2022).
Newman v. North Carolina Insurance Underwriting Association, 5:20-cv-610-FL, 2022 WL 1132172 (E.D.N.C. Feb. 17, 2022).
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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. *United States v. McRae*, No. 7:23-cr-74-FL, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 139480 (E.D.N.C. May 6, 2024), *memorandum and recommendation adopted*, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 138565 (E.D.N.C. Aug. 5, 2024).

McRae was charged in a bill of indictment with possession of a firearm by a prohibited person in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(l). Defendant moved to suppress evidence obtained from the warrantless search of his vehicle during a traffic stop, and statements that he made to or in the presence of law enforcement. I held an evidentiary hearing and then authored a memorandum and recommendation for the district judge. I

recommended denying defendant's motion to suppress, concluding that the automobile exception to the warrant requirement applied and defendant's Fifth Amendment rights were not violated with regard to his statements. The memorandum and recommendation was affirmed and adopted by the district judge.

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2. *In re Novo Nordisk A/S*, No. 7:25-MC-1-M-BM, 2025 WL 1448204 (E.D.N.C. May 20, 2025).

Novo Nordisk A/S sought an order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1782 to conduct discovery in support of pending foreign proceedings. After considering the discretionary factors set forth by the Supreme Court in *Intel Corp. v. Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.*, 542 U.S. 241 (2004), *inter alia*, I found that the Novo Nordisk A/S had satisfied the § 1782(a) statutory and discretionary factors, and I granted the request. Given the *ex parte* nature of the motion, I expressly issued my order without prejudice to any subsequent objections to the subpoenas. After receiving leave to intervene, KBP Biosciences Pte. Ltd. filed a motion to vacate my § 1782 order, and the target of the discovery filed a motion to quash the subpoenas against him. After analysis of the parties' arguments, including consideration of the Supreme Court's holding in *ZF Auto. US, Inc. v. Luxshare, Ltd.*, 596 U.S. 619 (2022) and *Intel Corp.*, 542 U.S. 241, I denied the motion to vacate and the motion to quash.

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3. *Obataiye-Allah v. Faust, et al.*, No. 5:22-ct-3079-D, 2023 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 163489 (E.D.N.C. Aug. 14, 2023), *memorandum and recommendation adopted*, 2023 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 161828 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 13, 2023).

A state inmate in the North Carolina Department of Adult Correction, proceeding *pro se*, filed a complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, alleging violations of his Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment rights by various defendants during his incarceration. I held an evidentiary hearing and then authored a memorandum and recommendation recommending that the inmate's complaint be dismissed without prejudice for failure to

exhaust administrative remedies. The memorandum and recommendation was adopted by the district judge.

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4. *Handy v. Bisignano*, No. 5:24-cv-331-BM, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 187837 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 25, 2025).

The parties consented to magistrate judge jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Plaintiff filed a complaint and brief arguing that the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) erred in her consideration of plaintiff's major depressive disorder under the standards articulated in *Shelley C. v. Comm. of Soc. Sec.*, 61 F.4th 341, 361-62 (4th Cir. 2023) and *Arakas v. Comm., Soc. Sec. Admin.*, 983 F.3d 83, 97-98 (4th Cir. 2020). I issued an order finding that the ALJ's failure to fully discuss the waxing and waning nature of plaintiff's symptoms frustrated my evaluation of whether the ALJ's decision was supported by substantial evidence. I therefore granted plaintiff's brief and remanded the matter to the Commissioner for a new hearing.

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5. *The Cincinnati Insurance Company v. Trane Inc. et al.*, No. 7:20-cv-68-BM (E.D.N.C. Mar. 31, 2023). Copy of order on motion for summary judgment supplied.

This case involved a fire, that allegedly originated in an HVAC, at a property insured by plaintiff. The HVAC was manufactured and sold by Trane Inc. and Trane U.S. Inc. (collectively "Trane"), but it allegedly had a circuit board or other component parts that were manufactured, designed, or sold by Emerson Electric Co. and White-Rodgers (collectively "Emerson"). Trane, as a crossclaim plaintiff, filed a crossclaim against crossclaim defendant Emerson contending that pursuant to their supply agreement, Emerson was required to indemnify Trane for the costs of the action. After settling with the underlying plaintiff, the crossclaim parties consented to magistrate judge jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). I issued an opinion denying Trane's motion for summary judgment, finding there was a genuine issue of material fact whether the circuit board in question was one that Emerson sold under the supply agreement. The remaining parties subsequently settled the case.

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6. *Williams v. City of Goldsboro, et al.*, 5:22-cv-374-BM (E.D.N.C.). Copy of order on motion for summary judgment supplied.

I presided over this case in its entirety with the parties' consent under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Plaintiff, a former councilmember of the City of Goldsboro, filed a complaint asserting claims under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1981 and 1983, as well as state law claims for abuse of process, malicious prosecution, and defamation against the City of Goldsboro and a fellow councilmember. The plaintiff subsequently withdrew his § 1981 and defamation claims. I resolved multiple preliminary matters in the case and held hearings on pre-trial motions prior to the dispositive motions stage of the proceedings. Defendants filed a motion for summary judgment, which I subsequently granted finding that plaintiff failed to proffer any evidence or forecast any evidence, which would create a genuine issue of material fact as to any of his remaining claims. Judgment was entered in favor of the defendants.

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7. *Crooks v. O'Malley*, No. 5:22-cv-401-BM, 2024 WL 3649602 (E.D.N.C. Mar. 29, 2024).

The parties consented to magistrate judge jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Plaintiff filed a complaint and brief arguing that the Administrative Law Judge erred by (i) failing to duly account for plaintiff's upper extremity limitations when evaluating plaintiff's residual functional capacity as required by Social Security Ruling 96-8p; and (ii) failing to comply with the regulations in evaluating certain prior administrative medical findings. I held a hearing during which counsel for both parties were heard. I subsequently issued an order affirming the Administrative Law Judge's decision because (i) the failure to discuss plaintiff's radiculopathy in the upper left extremity was harmless in light of the fact that the record, including plaintiff's testimony, did not indicate any functional loss resulting from this condition, and (ii) the prior administrative medical findings were adequately discussed in accordance with applicable standards. I therefore denied plaintiff's brief and affirmed the final decision of the Commissioner.

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8. *United States v. Brown*, 5:23-mj-01928-BM (E.D.N.C.). Copy of judgment supplied.

I presided over the criminal bench trial in this case. The defendant was charged with driving while impaired, a Class A misdemeanor; careless and reckless driving; and operating a motor vehicle with an open container of alcohol, each in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 13, assimilating the respective North Carolina General Statute. The defendant was an active-duty servicemember at the time of the offense conduct which took place at Fort Bragg. After hearing the evidence presented at trial and the arguments of the government and defense, I found the defendant guilty on all counts and sentenced him that same day. Following the close of the government's evidence, the defendant made a motion for judgment of acquittal with a detailed legal argument specifically with regard to the charge of operating a motor vehicle with an open container of alcohol. After considering the arguments and the evidence presented, I denied the motion. No appeal was filed.

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9. *Human Rights Defense Center v. Ishee, et al.*, 5:21-cv-469-FL (E.D.N.C.). Copies of relevant filings supplied.

In this case, plaintiff, a non-profit organization that publishes monthly periodicals, brought a suit against the state department of adult correction asserting claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for violation of plaintiff's rights under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution by withholding plaintiff's publications from distribution to prisoners. Following the district court granting in part and denying in part plaintiff's motion for summary judgment, the parties filed a joint status report requesting a court-hosted settlement conference prior to the trial in this matter. The district judge granted the request and designated me to conduct a court-hosted settlement conference. I conducted a settlement conference and, due to the complexities of the case, continued working with the parties in my role as a neutral facilitator during multiple settlement conferences that followed. The parties ultimately reached a settlement resolving the case in its entirety, filling a stipulation of dismissal and a copy of their settlement agreement.

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10. *Torres, et al. v. Sampson County Board of Education*, 7:22-cv-99-BM (E.D.N.C.). Copy of redacted order approving settlement supplied.

In this case, plaintiffs, the parents of their minor child, brought claims seeking attorney's fees and costs incurred in obtaining a favorable decision by a North Carolina Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") on an administrative complaint under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et seq. ("IDEA"). In a related case that was pending before the court, the defendant sought judicial review of the underlying decision of the Administrative Law Judge as an aggrieved party under IDEA, 20 U.S.C. § 1415(i)(2)(A). In 2024, in the related case the district court affirmed the ALJ's decision, awarding judgment in favor of the parents and their minor child. The

defendant appealed the district court's decision to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, however the defendant filed a stipulated motion to voluntarily dismiss the appeal and it was granted. Subsequently, the parties consented to magistrate judge jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) in the fee case. The parties reached an agreement to resolve the case and filed a joint motion for approval of a settlement for the benefit of a minor. I held two hearings with the parties, and after reviewing the relevant material, issued an order approving the settlement for the benefit of a minor.

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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.

1. *McCollum, et al. v. Robeson County, et al.*, No. 5:15-cv-451-BO (E.D.N.C. Jan. 30, 2026) (copy supplied), *memorandum and recommendation adopted* (E.D.N.C. Mar. 9, 2026) (copy supplied).

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2. *Clabough v. Jones*, No. 2:24-cv-62-M-BM, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 57860 (E.D.N.C. Jan. 22, 2026), *report and recommendation adopted sub nom. Seth Whitaker Clabough as. Ex'r of the Est. of v. Jones*, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 56826 (E.D.N.C. Mar. 18, 2026).

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3. *Corolla Pool & Spa Inc. v. Corolla Brad LLC*, No. 2:24-cv-54-BM, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 182589 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 17, 2025).

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8. *Briggs v. Juul Labs, Inc.*, No. 5:22-cv-121-D, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 98488 (E.D.N.C. June 3, 2024)

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9. *Norris v. Fat Burgers Sports Bar & Grill, LLC*, No. 7:22-cv-144-D, 2023 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 201170 (E.D.N.C. Nov. 9, 2023)

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10. *Obataiye-Allah v. Faust, et al.*, No. 5:22-ct-3079-D, 2023 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 163489 (E.D.N.C. Aug. 14, 2023), *memorandum and recommendation adopted*, 2023 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 161828 (E.D.N.C. Sep. 13, 2023)

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

To the best of my knowledge, certiorari has not been requested 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.

In *Wendell v. Franklin Cnty.*, No. 5:23-cv-581-M-BM, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 280640 (E.D.N.C. Apr. 23, 2025), *memorandum and recommendation adopted in part and rejected in part*, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 125438 (E.D.N.C. June 4, 2026), I submitted a memorandum and recommendation recommending that several of a *pro se* plaintiff's claims be dismissed and several be allowed to proceed. Specifically, I recommended that several of the *pro se* plaintiff's claims be generously construed as state law claims under North Carolina law. The plaintiff objected to this recommendation explaining that she sought exclusively to assert claims under federal law. In light of the plaintiff's position, the district judge rejected my recommendation that certain of plaintiff's allegations be construed as state law claims, construing two of them as 42 U.S.C. § 1983 causes of action and dismissing the remainder as they did not sound in any federal claim.

In *Sorensson v. Dollar Gen. Corp.*, No. 4:23-cv-11-FL-BM, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 151134 (E.D.N.C. June 10, 2024), *memorandum and recommendation rejected*, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 149034 (E.D.N.C. Aug. 20, 2024), a *pro se* plaintiff alleged that employees and customers at a Dollar General store racially profiled, assaulted, and falsely accused her of shoplifting, resulting in her arrest. Dollar General Corporation moved to dismiss for insufficient process, lack of personal jurisdiction, and failure to state a claim. I filed a memorandum and recommendation recommending dismissal of

some claims for failure to state a claim but found that others were sufficient to survive a motion to dismiss under Rule 12(b)(6). I also found that plaintiff's failure to contest defendant's representations regarding a lack of personal jurisdiction could subject plaintiff's complaint to dismissal. Considering *Krupski v. Costa Crociere S. p. A.*, 560 U.S. 538, 556 (2010), and the Fourth Circuit's encouragement of special solicitude for pro se litigants, however, I recommended that the court (i) allow plaintiff to amend her complaint to state the correct defendant or otherwise explain the basis for personal jurisdiction over defendant Dollar General Corporation, and (ii) deny the motion to dismiss as moot without prejudice. The district judge rejected my recommendation finding that in light of the previous leave to amend which plaintiff had been given, there was no basis to conclude that granting plaintiff an additional opportunity to amend her complaint would prove fruitful. The district judge therefore granted the motion to dismiss and dismissed the complaint without prejudice for lack of personal jurisdiction.

In *Baines v. Carrington Mortg. Servs., LLC*, No. 5:25-cv-297-BO, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 231298 (E.D.N.C. Oct. 16, 2025), *memorandum and recommendation adopted in part and rejected as moot in part*, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 229809 (E.D.N.C. Nov. 20, 2025), and in *Baines v. Logs Legal Group LLP*, 5:25-cv-455-BO, 2025 WL 3263868 (E.D.N.C. Oct. 16, 2025), *memorandum and recommendation adopted in part and rejected as moot in part*, 2025 WL 3258782 (E.D.N.C. Nov. 21, 2025), each filed by the same pro se litigant, I recommended, *inter alia*, that the plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* be denied and that she be allowed to pay the filing fee by a specific date, but before the district judge ruled, the plaintiff mooted my recommendation by paying the filing fee on the relevant date. The district judge, therefore, rejected the remainder of my memorandum and recommendation as moot.

United States v. St. John, No. 5:21-cr-196-BO (E.D.N.C. May 24, 2021). Copies supplied. The defendant was indicted on three counts of receipt and one count of possession of child pornography. The government moved for the defendant's pre-trial detention, and I held a hearing. At the hearing, each party presented evidence, including the testimony of an HSI special agent for the government, and a proposed third-party custodian for the defendant. After considering the evidence and arguments by each side, I determined that there were no conditions of release that could be set that would reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant and the safety of any other person and the community. I provided my detailed reasons orally on the record during the hearing and in a written order, including evidence presented that defendant accessed child pornography on a shared family computer undetected for many years, defendant's admitted technological knowledge, and defendant's statement to law enforcement that he "cannot stop." The defendant appealed, and the government did not file a response. Considering the issue of detention *de novo*, the district judge determined conditions of release could be set.

United States v. Pierce, No. 5:22-cr-172-BO (E.D.N.C. August 18, 2022). Copies supplied. The defendant was charged by criminal complaint with one count of cyberstalking in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2261A(2) and later indicted on the same charge. The defendant was arrested at an airport in New York upon arrival from Japan, en route

to North Carolina where the victim resided and where the defendant had no ties. The government sought the defendant's pre-trial detention, however at the time of the detention hearing the parties agreed to jointly recommend conditions of release. Proceeding on the court's own motion pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(2), I ordered that the defendant be detained pending trial for the reasons stated in detail in the record and in my written order, including that while in custody in New York, the defendant had another inmate send a text message to the alleged victim using that inmate's contraband cellphone. The defendant appealed, and considering the issue of detention *de novo*, the district judge determined conditions of release could be set.

United States v. Jimmie Lee Thorne, Jr., No. 4:23-cr-31-BO (E.D.N.C. June 26, 2023). Copies supplied. The defendant was indicted on one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g). The government moved for the defendant's pre-trial detention, and a hearing was held before me. At the hearing, each party presented evidence, including the testimony of a law enforcement officer for the government, and a proposed third-party custodian for the defendant. After considering the evidence and arguments by each side, I determined that there were no conditions of release that could be set that would reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant and the safety of any other person and the community. I provided my detailed reasons orally on the record during the hearing, including that the defendant had a serious criminal history, a history of violence, and prior violations of court-imposed supervision. As stated in the written detention order, I found that the proposed release plan was not suitable. The defendant appealed, and the government filed a detailed response in opposition. The district judge held a hearing on the motion and found that after considering the issue of detention *de novo*, that the government had failed to establish by a preponderance of the evidence that defendant was a risk of flight or by clear and convincing evidence that defendant was a danger to another person or the community.

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.

As a United States Magistrate Judge, many of my opinions are not selected for publication. In nearly six years as a magistrate judge, I have issued more than 8,100 orders and memoranda and recommendations. All reported and unreported opinions I have issued are filed and stored on CM/ECF, the federal court Case Management/Electronic Case Files system. I have provided citations, where available, to Westlaw or Lexis. I estimate that the approximately 250 opinions that appear in Westlaw and/or Lexis.

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.

United States v. McRae, No. 7:23-cr-74-FL, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 139480 (E.D.N.C. May 6, 2024), *report and recommendation adopted*, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 138565

(E.D.N.C. Aug. 5, 2024)

Suggs v. Prince Court LLC., No. 4:25-cv-112-FL-BM, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 65944 (E.D.N.C. Mar. 2, 2026), *report and recommendation adopted*, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 64780 (E.D.N.C. Mar. 26, 2026)

Clabough v. Jones, No. 2:24-cv-62-M-BM, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 57860 (E.D.N.C. Jan. 22, 2026), *report and recommendation adopted sub nom. Seth Whitaker Clabough as Ex'r of the Est. of v. Jones*, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 56826 (E.D.N.C. Mar. 18, 2026)

Riegel v. Nash. Cnty. Bd. of Educ., No. 5:25-cv-378-BO-BM, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 45775 (E.D.N.C. Jan. 20, 2026), *report and recommendation adopted*, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 44523 (E.D.N.C. Mar. 3, 2026)

Woolens v. Collier, No. 7:23-cv-932-M, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 232646 (E.D.N.C. Dec. 10, 2024), *report and recommendation adopted*, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8061 (E.D.N.C. Jan. 15, 2025)

Dunn v. Holden, No. 5:23-cv-12-M-BM, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 176083 (E.D.N.C. Aug. 23, 2024), *report and recommendation adopted*, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 185633 (E.D.N.C. Oct. 10, 2024)

Rodriguez v. Roberson, No. 5:23-cv-745-M-BM, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 152705 (E.D.N.C. July 29, 2024), *report and recommendation adopted*, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 149916 (E.D.N.C. Aug. 21, 2024)

Gerald v. O'Brien, No. 5:23-cv-468-FL, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 60480 (E.D.N.C. Jan. 26, 2024), *report and recommendation adopted sub nom. Gerald v. Judge*, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 59016 (E.D.N.C. Apr. 1, 2024)

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 never 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.

As a United States Magistrate Judge, I have sought to comply with 28 U.S.C. § 455, disqualifying myself in specific circumstances commanded by the statute and in any case where my impartiality might reasonably be questioned. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina does not employ an automatic recusal system. The recusal system is based on identified conflicts such as cases upon which I worked or was involved as an Assistant United States Attorney, whether or not I had been an attorney of record; my wife's place of work; financial interests or holdings; and personal conflicts. I am required to maintain a conflict list within CM/ECF, the federal court Case Management/Electronic Case Files system, and I routinely review and update the list. This system is managed by the Clerk of Court. To assist in screening cases for conflicts, I receive regular CM/ECF reports listing cases for which I may have a potential conflict based upon my self-identified conflicts list. This report is reviewed, and if a conflict or potential conflict is identified, I recuse myself *sua sponte* from that matter as appropriate. I and my chambers staff review each case and matter that is assigned to me, or that I reasonably believe may come before me. I also continue to review cases as they proceed to determine whether a conflict may have arisen.

To the best of my knowledge, there has been one instance in which a litigant sought my recusal on the basis of an alleged conflict of interest. In *Douse v. United States of America and Greylock McKinnon Associates*, No. 5:24-cv-277-M-BM (E.D.N.C. Jul. 15, 2025), I issued an order denying the *pro se* plaintiff's motion to recuse the Clerk of Court, and a memorandum and recommendation recommending, *inter alia*, that the court grant defendants' motions to dismiss the plaintiff's claims for relief. The district judge adopted the memorandum and recommendation in full. Plaintiff then filed a motion seeking (i) reconsideration of the order adopting the memorandum and recommendation, and (ii) my recusal from the case based upon an alleged conflict of interest stemming from my working in the same courthouse as the Clerk of Court. The district judge issued an order denying the motion for reconsideration and for my recusal, finding that the plaintiff failed to demonstrate any viable basis upon which I should consider recusing from the case.

For each of the cases listed below, I recused myself *sua sponte* because of my financial interests or holdings; my wife's place of work; or a personal conflict:

Shamblee v. Prestonwood Country Club, No. 5:20-cv-568-BR (E.D.N.C.)
Doe v. Varsity Brands, No. 5:22-cv-430-BO (E.D.N.C.)
Taylor, et al. v. Bank of America, et al., No. 5:24-cv-560-M-RJ (E.D.N.C.)
Cousin-Sabra v. Smith, No. 5:25-cv-705-BO-BM (E.D.N.C.)

Artis et al., v. Murphy-Brown, LLC, No. 7:14-cv-237-BR (E.D.N.C.)
Barden et al., Murphy-Brown Holdings, LLC et al., No. 7:20-cv-85-D (E.D.N.C.)

For each of the cases listed below, I recused myself *sua sponte* because of my prior work at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina and Department of Justice as attorney, supervisor, or manager:

United States v. Harrell, No. 2:11-cr-42-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Clanton, et al., No. 2:15-cr-9-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Deloatch, No. 2:20-cr-17-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Freeman, No. 2:21-cr-30-1D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Smallwood, et al., No. 2:22-cr-3-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Harrell, No. 2:24-cr-15-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Gray, No. 2:25-cr-2-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Staine, et al., No. 4:02-cr-60-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. White, No. 5:26-cr-192-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Johnson, No. 4:07-cr-59-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Brown, et al., No. 4:09-cr-42-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Santibanez-Pelayo, No. 4:09-cr-61-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Mitchell, No. 4:10-cr-1-1H (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Ussery, Jr., No. 4:10-cr-30-1H (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Parker, No. 4:10-cr-34-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Bell, No. 4:11-cr-23-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Hockaday, 4:11-cr-85-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Gray, 4:12-cr-54-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Koonce, et al., 4:18-cr-78-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Bynum, No. 4:19-cr-39-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Davis, No. 4:19-cr-52-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Faulkner, No. 4:19-cr-59-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Green, No. 4:20-cr-5-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Stancil, No. 4:20-cr-19-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Hatch, Jr., No. 4:20-cr-44-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Harrell, No. 4:20-cr-45-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Tovar-Zapata, No. 4:20-cr-62-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Miller, No. 4:20-cr-117-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Willie et al., No. 4:21-cr-21-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Wilson, et al., No. 4:21-cr-53-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Willis, No. 4:22-cr-70-D-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Melvin, No. 4:21-cv-73-1D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Thorton, No. 4:22-cr-26-1D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Ward, No. 4:22-cr-31-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Prichard, No. 4:22-cr-76-F (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Howard, No. 4:22-cr-85-BO-KS (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Shaw, et al., No. 4:22-cr-88-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Jones, No. 4:23-cr-22-D-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Hill, No. 4:26-cr-12-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Silver, et al., No. 5:04-cr-62-M (E.D.N.C.)

United States v. Bunnells, No. 5:06-cr-155-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Taylor, et al., No. 5:07-cr-102-F (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Valencia-Adata, No. 5:08-cr-75-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Melvin, No. 5:08-cr-164-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Caldwell, No. 5:08-cr-321-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Parker, No. 5:09-cr-21-1BR (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Kearney, No. 5:09-cr-121-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Ewing, No. 5:09-cr-151-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Battle, No. 5:09-cr-10-9-1H (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Reeves, No. 5:09-cr-204-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Broughton, No. 5:10-cr-46-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Jones, No. 5:10-cr-74-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Steed, No. 5:10-cr-117-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Vick, No. 5:10-cr-235-1BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Whitley, No. 5:10-cr-236-1D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Davis, No. 5:10-cr-251-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Daniels, No. 5:11-cr-57-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Watson, No. 5:11-cr-75-1BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Lucas, No. 5:11-cr-230-1FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Jones, No. 5:11-cr-293-1BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Savage, et al., No. 5:12-cr-351-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Johnson, No. 5:12-cr-396-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Smith, No. 5:13-cr-115-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Richardson, No. 5:13-cr-211-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Inoue, No. 5:14-cr-62-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Morales-Silva, No. 5:14-cr-67-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Penaloza-Millan, No. 5:14-cr-70-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Neal, No. 5:14-cr-213-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Talley, No. 5:13-cr-296-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Arrollo-Silva, No. 5:14-cr-124-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Battle, No. 5:14-cr-204-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Boylan, No. 5:15-cr-48-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Banks, No. 5:15-cr-176-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Smith, No. 5:16-cr-12-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Smith, No. 5:16-cv-123-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Hall, No. 5:16-cr-244-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Brown, 5:16-cr-326-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Brown, No. 5:17-cr-103-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Salvador-Morales, No. 5:17-cr-162-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Diboh, No. 5:17-cr-176-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Anderson, No. 5:17-cr-195-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Biongo, et al., 5:17-cr-253-1FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Thompson, No. 5:17-cr-297-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Adams, No. 5:17-cr-406-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Reese, Jr., No. 5:18-cr-78-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Alston, No. 5:18-cr-193-D (E.D.N.C.)

United States v. Downey, et al., No. 5:18-cr-196-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Thompson, No. 5:18-cr-214-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Corbin, No. 5:18-cr-217-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Rogers, et al., No. 5:18-cr-231-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Thomas, No. 5:18-cr-235-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Brockington, No. 5:18-cr-251-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Rebollar-Echieverria, No. 5:18-cr-274-D
United States v. Adefemi, No. 5:18-cr-294-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Patterson, No. 5:18-cr-506-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Boleslawski, No. 5:19-mj-1905-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Upchurch, No. 5:19-cr-6-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Battle, No. 5:19-cr-27-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Gaddy, No. 5:19-cr-45-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Zetina-Martinez, No. 5:19-cr-86-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. McNeill, No. 5:19-cr-104-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. McFayden, No. 5:19-cr-141-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Taylor, No. 5:19-cr-155-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Sizemore, No. 5:19-cr-162-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Cuevas, Jr., et al., No. 5:19-cr-194-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Byrd, No. 5:19-cr-207-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Escalante, et al, No. 5:19-cr-220-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Collius, No. 5:19-cr-232-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Freeman, et al., No. 5:19-cr-258-1BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Calleja-Ventura, No. 5:19-cr-314-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Reams, No. 5:19-cr-327-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. McNeill, No. 5:19-cr-354-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Maxwel, et al., No. 5:19-cr-395-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Hodge, No. 5:19-cr-404-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Walden, No. 5:19-cr-407-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Huggins, No. 5:19-cr-441-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Martinez, No. 5:19-cr-461-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Wilson, No. 5:19-cr-496-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Escamilla, No. 5:19-cr-506-1FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Parker, No. 5:19-cr-531-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Valenzuela, No. 5:20-cr-12-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Speight, No. 5:20-cr-28-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Melvin, No. 5:20-cr-56-D-KS (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Lane, No. 5:20-cr-74-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Marrow, No. 5:20-cr-88-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Garcia-Lopez, No. 5:20-cr-96-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Fields, No. 5:20-cr-155-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Willis, No. 5:20-cr-156-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Tajiboy-Velasquez, No. 5:20-cr-159-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Ramirez-Negron, No. 5:20-cr-160-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Rosaio-Rios, No. 5:20-cr-162-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Mireles-Medrano, No. 5:20-cr-164-D (E.D.N.C.)

United States v. Carranza-Mata, et al. No. 5:20-cr-183-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Hernandez, No. 5:20-cr-186-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Truesdale, No. 5:20-cr-190-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Whitted, No. 5:20-cr-203-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Morgan, No. 5:20-cr-220-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. McClain, No. 5:20-cr-222-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Rhodes, No. 5:20-cr-264-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Stanford, No. 5:20-cr-268-BR (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Davis, No. 5:20-cr-269-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Williams, No. 5:20-cr-279-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Holden, No. 5:20-cr-289-1BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Dublan-Isidro, No. 5:20-cr-344-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Ford, No. 5:20-cr-351-1FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Powell, No. 5:20-cr-389-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Best, et al., No. 5:20-cr-413-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Oden, No. 5:20-cr-456-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Sullivan, No. 5:20-cr-483-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Patel, No. 5:20-cr-515-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. May, et al., No. 5:20-cr-543-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Bryant, No. 5:20-cr-545-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Williams, No. 5:20-cr-547-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Luh, No. 5:21-mj-2264-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Herrera-Robles, No. 5:21-cr-7-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Autry, No. 5:21-cr-30-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Alford, et al., No. 5:21-cr-34-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Garfield, No. 5:21-cr-50-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Richardson, No. 5:21-cr-79-1D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Lee, et al., No. 5:21-cr-115-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Parker, et al., No. 5:21-cr-136-M (E.D.N.C.)
Unites States v. Kiptoo, No. 5:21-cr-165-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Talbert, No. 5:21-cr-169-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Martin, No. 5:21-cr-170-D-KS (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Anderson, No. 5:21-cr-171-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Johnson, et al., No. 5:22-cr-195-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Davis, No. 5:21-cr-234-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Grant, No. 5:21-cr-253-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Edwards, No. 5:21-cr-289-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Foreman, et al., No. 5:21-cr-289-D (E.D.N.C.)
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United States v. Borkowski, No. 5:21-cr-303-D (E.D.N.C.)
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United States v. Burrows, No. 5:21-cr-326-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Palma, No. 5:21-cr-344-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Espinal-Pineda, No. 5:21-cr-345-D (E.D.N.C.)

United States v. Briley, No. 5:21-cr-355-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Fort, No. 5:21-cr-364-1FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Wesley, No. 5:21-cr-381-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Oxendine, No. 5:21-cr-388-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Dari et al., No. 5:21-cr-394-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Lyons, No. 5:21-cr-396-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Garcia-Osuna, No. 5:21-cr-405-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Piquant, No. 5:21-cr-417-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Pittman, No. 5:21-cr-420-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Newsome, No. 5:21-cr-428-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Merino-Zetina, No. 5:21-cr-435-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Wright, No. 5:22-mj-1552-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Noyola, et al., No. 5:22-cr-10-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Kalmar, No. 5:22-cr-13-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Velasco-Hernandez, No. 5:22-cr-16-1BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Alhumaidi, No. 5:22-cr-22-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Kennedy, No. 5:22-cr-24-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Palma, No. 5:22-cr-29-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Thompson, No. 5:22-cr-36-D-RJ (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Dari, No. 5:22-cr-50-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Wynn, No. 5:22-cr-73-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Diboh, No. 5:22-cr-89-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Terrell, et al., No. 5:22-cr-96-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Morales-Alvear, et al., No. 5:22-cr-113-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Lopez-Rodriguez, No. 5:22-cr-128-BO-KS (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Pittman, et al., No. 5:22-cr-138-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Wright, No. 5:22-cr-140-D-RJ (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. McCrimmon, 5:22-cr-151-D-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Garrett, No. 5:22-cr-182-D-RJ (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Glover, et al., No. 5:22-cr-205-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Willis, No. 5:22-cr-237-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. McArthur, No. 5:22-cr-250-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Clark, et al, No. 5:22-cr-266-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Serpas-Vasquez, No. 5:22-cr-279-BO-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Nunez, No. 5:22-cr-303-D-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Smith, No. 5:22-cr-319-M-KS (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Pineda-Diaz, No. 5:22-cr-326-D-RJ (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Pineda, No. 5:22-cr-327-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Castaneda, No. 5:22-cr-330-D-RJ (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Lovely, No. 5:22-cr-332-M-RJ (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Williams, No. 5:23-cr-2-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Soumano, et al., No. 5:23-cr-34-FL-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Ford, No. 5:23-cr-39-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Wiggins, No. 5:23-cr-44-D-KS (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Bell, et al., No. 5:23-cr-52-D-KS (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Malloy, No. 5:23-cr-62-BO-RJ (E.D.N.C.)

United States v. Woodard, No. 5:23-cr-69-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Caudle, No. 5:23-cr-80-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Williams, No. 5:23-cr-84-M-BM (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Baza-Solis, No. 5:23-cr-86-FL-BM (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Williams, No. 5:23-cr-87-D-RJ (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Johnson, No. 5:23-cr-93-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Renteria-Rios, No. 5:23-cr-115-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Davis, No. 5:23-cr-117-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Johnson, No. 5:23-cr-131-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Refueio, et al., No. 5:23-cr-170-D-KS (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Battle, No. 5:23-cr-171-Fl-BM (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. McIntyre, No. 5:23-cr-184-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Warren, No. 5:23-cr-186-D-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Monroe, No. 5:23-cr-188-D-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Burton, No. 5:23-cr-189-D-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Coronel-Leon, No. 5:23-cr-196-D-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Watson, No. 5:23-cr-226-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Jones, No. 5:23-cr-227-BO-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Smith, No. 5:23-cr-232-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Hinton, No. 5:23-cr-238-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Jones, No. 5:23-cr-250-M-RJ (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Reid, No. 5:23-cr-280-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Edwards, No. 5:24-cr-73-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Vines, No. 5:24-cr-76-D-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Rogers, No. 5:24-cr-83-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Macaluso, No. 5:24-cr-97-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Sanders, No. 5:24-cr-117-D-RJ (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Lane, No. 5:24-cr-179-M-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Scott, et al., No. 5:24-cr-196-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Bazemore, No. 5:25-cr-201-D-RN (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Fort, No. 5:25-cr-226-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Whitted, No. 5:26-cr-112-M-RJ (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Thompson, No. 5:26-cr-182-M-KS (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. William, No. 5:26-cr-192-FL, (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Dial, No. 7:07-cr-84-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Porter, No. 7:10-cr-112-1D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Aroya, No. 7:12-cr-38-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Best, No. 7:12-cr-64-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Taylor, No. 7:15-cr-46-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. James, No. 7:16-cr-69-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Greene, No. 7:18-cr-27-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Frink, No. 7:18-cr-33-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Faircloth, No. 7:18-cr-101-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Galloway, No. 7:18-cr-206-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Ruiz, No. 7:19-cr-19-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Pierce, et al., No. 7:20-cr-20-BO (E.D.N.C.)

United States v. Brown, No. 7:19-cr-199-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Halbeisen, No. 7:20-cr-33-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Sinclair, No. 7:20-cr-40-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Cruz, et al., No. 7:20-cr-45-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v, James, et al., 7:20-cr-79-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Thatch et al., No. 7:20-cr-105-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Jones, No. 7:20-cr-122-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. McMillan, et al., No. 7:20-cr-199-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Johnson, No. 7:20-cr-200-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Sherman, No. 7:21-cr-70-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Gales, et al., No. 7:21-cr-88-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Fennell-Best, No. 7:21-cr-101-M (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Townsell, No. 7:21-cr-109-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Soliz, et al., No. 7:21-cr-113-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Callahan, et al., No. 7:21-cr-138-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Brinson, No. 7:18-cr-184-Fl (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Galan, No. 7:22-cr-10-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Jordan, No. 7:22-cr-12-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Nixon, No. 7:22-cr-47-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. McNeil, et al., No. 7:22-cr-25-FL (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Gonzalez, et al. No. 7:22-cr-86-M-KS (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Oilvey, No. 7:22-cr-121-M-RJ (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Goodman, No. 7:23-cr-6-BO (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Burney, No. 7:23-cr-39-M-KS (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Arroyo, No. 7:23-cr-64-D-RJ (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Hines, No. 7:24-cr-50-D (E.D.N.C.)
United States v. Miller, et al., No. 7:25-cr-21-D (E.D.N.C.)
Clinton v. United States, No. 2:21-cv-33-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Walker v. United States, No. 2:23-cv-64-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Claton v. United States, No. 2:23-cv-48-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Whitehurst v. Robb, et al., No. 4:21-cv-76-M (E.D.N.C.)
Alston v. Dejoy, No. 4:22-cv-111-D-BM (E.D.N.C.)
The Estate of Travis Terrell Morris v. Sheriff Fred Hughes, III, et al., No. 4:23-cv-39-M-BM (E.D.N.C.)
Taylor v. United States, No. 4:23-cv-126-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Clarke v. United States, No. 4:23-cv-179-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Rodgers v United States, No. 4:23-cv-201-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Miller v. United States, No. 4:24-cv-44-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Wade v. United States, No. 4:24-cv-62-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Green v. United States, No. 4:24-cv-127-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Rice v. United States, No. 4:24-cv-169-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Willie v. United States, No. 4:25-cv-48-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Pitts v. Hedges, No. 5:16-cv-127-BO (E.D.N.C.)
Howard v. Saul, No. 5:20-cv-266-BM (E.D.N.C.)
Mojarrad v. City of Raleigh, No. 5:20-cv-396-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Spearman v. United States, No. 5:20-cv-429-FL (E.D.N.C.)

Mayhew v. United States, No. 5:20-cv-452-Fl (E.D.N.C.)
Saddler v. United States, No. 5:21-cv-16-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Ripley v. United States, No. 5:21-cv-25-FL (E.D. N.C.)
Martin v. United States, No. 5:21-cv-69-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Denton v. United States, No. 5:21-cv-81-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Harris v. Kijakazi, No. 5:21-cv-112-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Griffin v. United States, No. 5:21-cv-140-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Brinson v. Walton, No. 5:21-cv-166-M (E.D.N.C.)
Parrish v. United States, No. 5:21-cv-297-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Mayberry v. Woodard, et al., No. 5:21-cv-393-D (E.D.N.C.)
Caballero v. United States, No. 5:22-cv-13-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Wanda Allen v. Sheriff Gerald Baker, No. 5:22-cv-93-M (E.D.N.C.)
Simmons v. Cooper, No. 5:22-cv-113-M (E.D.N.C.)
Watson v. United States, No. 5:22-cv-141-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Ferguson v. Dejoy, No. 5:22-cv-202-BO (E.D.N.C.)
Rogers v. Harnett County, et al., No. 5:22-cv-208-BO (E.D.N.C.)
Barnes v. Foss, et al., No. 5:22-cv-210-M (E.D.N.C.)
Clay v. City of Rocky Mount, et al., No. 5:22-cv-244-BO (E.D.N.C.)
EEOC v. Walmart, No. 5:22-cv-252-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Mayo v. Rocky Mount Police Department, No. 5:22-cv-289-M-BM (E.D.N.C.)
Jenkins v. United States, No. 5:22-cv-292-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Jennings v. United States, No. 5:22-cv-305-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Ulmer v. United States, No. 5:22-cv-328-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Taylor-Loper v Sam's Club/Walmart Association, No. 5:22-cv-361-M (E.D.N.C.)
Ragland v. Gregory, No. 5:22-cv-443-BO (E.D.N.C.)
Giggetts v. United States, No. 5:22-cv-488-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Polidi v. Boente, et al., No. 5:22-cv-519-M-BM (E.D.N.C.)
Walker v. USA, et al., No. 5:23-cv-53-BO (E.D.N.C.)
Cromarties v. Daughty, No. 5:23-cv-202-BO (E.D.N.C.)
Escamilla v. United States, No. 5:23-cv-245-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Shealey v. United States, No. 5:23-cv-404-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Sharp v. United States, No. 5:23-cv-456-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Strange v. United States, No. 5:23-cv-457-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Fitzgerald v. Blango, et al., No. 5:23-cv-679-M (E.D.N.C.)
McDougal, et al. v. Wake County, No. 5:23-cv-689-D-BM (E.D.N.C.)
Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson v. Lenovo (United States), Inc. et al., No. 5:23-cv-714-M-KS (E.D.N.C.)
Earquhart v. United States, No. 5:23-cv-722-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Fort v. United States, No. 5:24-cv-41-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Ford v. United States, No. 5:24-cv-60-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Daniels v. United States, No. 5:24-cv-152-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Hollingsworth v. United States, No. 5:24-cv-211-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Biongo v. United States, No. 5:24-cv-345-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Mabry v. United States, No. 5:24-cv-348-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Hall v. United States, No. 5:24-cv-393-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Springer v. United States, No. 5:24-cv-424-FL (E.D.N.C.)

Corbin, et al. v. 3M Company, et al., No. 5:24-cv-520-M-BM (E.D.N.C.)
Sandro-Cuevas, Jr. v. United States, No. 5:24-cv-575-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Miller v. Walmart, No. 5:24-cv-606-M-BM (E.D.N.C.)
Tomlinson v. Wal-Mart Associates, No. 5:25-cv-53-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Curtis v. United States, No. 5:25-cv-158-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Wright v. United States, No. 5:25-cv-180-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Lytch v. United States, No. 5:25-cv-204-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Abernant v United States, No. 5:25-cv-215-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Lewis v. United States, No. 5:25-cv-722-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Fozard v. United States, No. 5:26-cv-243-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Lawrence Wilder v. Wilmington North Carolina Police Department, et al., No. 7:09-cv-36-BO (E.D.N.C.)
Velez v. Whitley, No. 7:20-cv-20-D (E.D.N.C.)
Hardin v. Fuqua, et al., No. 7:20-cv-232-BO (E.D.N.C.)
Butler v. United States, No. 7:21-cv-137-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Johnson v. United States, No. 7:22-cv-104-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Aqua North Carolina, Inc. v. Corteva, Inc. et al., No. 7:23-cv-16-M-BM (E.D.N.C.)
Mullen v. Krammes, et al., No. 7:23-cv-117-FL (E.D.N.C.)
McMillian v. United States, No. 7:23-cv-168-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Davis v. United States, No. 7:23-cv-177-1FL (E.D.N.C.)
Brinson v. United States, No. 7:23-cv-487-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Lennon v. United States, No. 7:23-cv-1224-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Graham v. United States, No. 7:24-cv-104-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Greenough v. New Hanover County, et al., No. 7:24-cv-248-M-BM (E.D.N.C.)
Jacobs v. United States, No. 7:24-cv-685-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Chapman v. United States, No. 7:24-cv-769-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Gatlin v. United States, No. 7:24-cv-828-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Lee v. United States, No. 7:24-cv-1157-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Kim v. United States, No. 7:25-cv-942-FL (E.D.N.C.)
Fennell v. International Longshoremen's Association, et al., No. 7:25-cv-1294-D-BM (E.D.N.C.)
Columbus County v. The Chemours Company, et al., No. 7:25-cv-1566-M-BM (E.D.N.C.)
Locklear v. United States, No. 7:25-cv-1574-FL (E.D.N.C.)

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. I have had no unsuccessful candidacies for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether

compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and responsibilities.

None.

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

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

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

I have not served as a law clerk.

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;

2005 – 2008
United States Marine Corps
Marine Corps Air Station New River
Joint Law Center
Jacksonville, North Carolina 28545
Officer-in-Charge, Legal Assistance (2005 – 2006)
Chief Trial Counsel (2006 – 2008)

2008 – 2020
United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina
150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 2100
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
Assistant United States Attorney (2008 – 2017)
Executive Assistant United States Attorney (2017 – 2020)

2015 – 2017
Executive Office for United States Attorneys
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20530
National Security and Cybercrime Coordinator (on detail from U.S. Attorney's Office)

2020 – Present
United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina
Terry Sanford Federal Building
310 New Bern Avenue
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
United States Magistrate Judge

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.

During my legal practice, I did not serve 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.

In 2004, following my graduation from law school, I served in the United States Marine Corps as an officer and judge advocate. I was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station New River in Jacksonville, North Carolina and my duties as a lawyer included: (i) from 2005 to 2006, representing service members and their families on various civil and statutory matters, and (ii) from 2006 to 2008, prosecuting and trying criminal cases under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, conducting administrative hearings and administrative separation boards, and providing legal advice to commanding officers on board the duty installation. In the Staff Judge Advocate's absence, I served as acting Director of the Joint Law Center and acting Staff Judge Advocate of Marine Corps Air Station New River. Throughout this entire period, I gave pre-deployment and post-deployment briefings and advice on legal matters including rules of engagement and family law.

At the end of my active military service in 2008, I served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina. From 2008 until approximately 2011, I was in the Drug and Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Section, primarily prosecuting narcotics offenses and organized crime. From 2011 to 2015, I worked extensively on multiple public corruption investigations and prosecutions, ranging from campaign finance violations to law enforcement corruption; national security related matters; and cases involving gang kidnapping and violence.

Throughout the course of my work at the United States Attorney's Office, I managed the use of electronic surveillance techniques, including wire and electronic intercepts, emergency wiretaps, and GPS tracking orders; and utilized traditional investigative tools, such as search warrants, confidential informants,

and undercover officers. In addition to litigating criminal cases, I served in several collateral roles within the United States Attorney's Office, including assisting in the administration and implementation of the North Carolina Initiative of the Atlanta High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) as the North Carolina HIDTA attorney (2008 – 2010), and serving as the district *Giglio* Requesting Official, handling issues arising from law enforcement officer misconduct.

From 2015 to 2017, I served in a detail position as the National Security and Cybercrime Coordinator for the Executive Office for United States Attorneys at the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. In this role, I did not carry a case load. I served as the national liaison within the United States Department of Justice for the 93 United States Attorneys and their offices, providing legal and programmatic advice and assistance on matters relating to national security, cybercrime, and intellectual property, including program assessment and administration, resource management, training and strategy. I also supported the Subcommittees on Terrorism/National Security and Cyber/Intellectual Property of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee. In addition, I reviewed and assisted with proposing legislation and congressional testimony related to national security and cyber matters.

From November 2017 to 2020, I was the Executive Assistant United States Attorney for the EDNC, serving as Chief of Staff and Counsel to the United States Attorney. In this position, I managed the Legal Programs Division, which included the Litigation Support Section and Victim Witness Section, and I oversaw all programs, resources, support, training, and public messaging for the office.

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

While in the United States Marine Corps, from approximately 2005 to 2006, I was the Officer-in-Charge of Legal Assistance at Marine Corps Air Station New River. My clients were service members (both active and retired) and their families whom I represented on a range of civil and statutory matters including family law matters, separations and divorces, wills and powers of attorney, and contract disputes.

From July 2006 to January 2008, I served as the Chief Trial Counsel for the Air Station, prosecuting cases under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. My client was always the United States.

At the United States Attorney's Office, as well as at the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., my client was always the United States. I worked closely with law enforcement officers from broad range of agencies, including, but not limited to, local police departments and sheriff's offices, the North

Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Secret Service, and United States Postal Inspection Service.

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.

Throughout my career, my practice has consisted almost entirely of litigation work.

From 2006 to 2008, in the United States Marine Corps, I estimate that nearly 100% of my practice was in litigation, consisting primarily of prosecuting criminal cases under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and representing the government in administrative separation boards. I frequently appeared in military court and administrative hearings.

From 2008 to 2015, at the United States Attorney's Office, I served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division. In this position, I was engaged in federal criminal litigation nearly 100% of the time. I appeared frequently in United States District Court, averaging 12 to 15 days in court per month, and appearing before a federal grand jury approximately 2 to 4 times per month.

While detailed to the United States Department of Justice as the National Security and Cybercrime Coordinator at the Executive Office for United States Attorneys from 2015 to 2017, my practice involved providing legal and programmatic advice and assistance to United States Attorneys and their offices in the litigation of national security, cybercrime, and intellectual property matters. My duties also involved developing and implementing national training programs and classes for federal prosecutors and law enforcement in these areas.

From November 2017 to October 2020, I was the Executive Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of North Carolina. Although I did not carry a caseload, and did not appear in court, I regularly engaged as a manager in legal and strategic discussions regarding the investigation and litigation of cases in the United States Attorney's Office. I also served as the Criminal Discovery Coordinator, a role that often involved working with Assistant United States Attorneys to answer discovery related questions and determine the best route forward in particular cases. In addition, I assisted in, and conducted, the empaneling of multiple federal grand juries.

i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1.	federal courts:	100%
2.	state courts of record:	0%
3.	other courts: Military Court:	100%
4.	administrative agencies:	0%

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. civil proceedings: 0%
2. criminal proceedings: 100%

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 estimate that as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, I handled seven trials, two as sole counsel, four as associate counsel, and one as chief counsel. To the best of my best recollection and based upon a review of the limited records that I have, I estimate that as a prosecutor in the United States Marine Corps, I tried two general courts-martial, one as sole counsel and one as chief counsel; and approximately 12 special courts-martial, serving as sole counsel for the majority of the trials. Additionally, in the United States Marine Corps, I prosecuted over 44 summary courts-martial and 15 administrative separation boards.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

1. jury: 95%
2. non-jury: 5%

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.

None.

17. **Litigation**: Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

a. the date of representation;

b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and

c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

1. *United States v. Melton, et al.*, No. 5:14-cr-72-D (E.D.N.C.) (Dever, J.). Representation: 2014 – 2015.

In 2014, Melton, a founder of the Bloods street gang, conspired with eight others to kidnap the father of a local state prosecutor in retaliation for his state conviction that resulted in a life sentence. Melton planned the kidnapping while in state custody, arranging for some of his co-defendants to travel from Georgia to kidnap the state prosecutor. The prosecutor's father was kidnapped instead, and brought to Georgia where he was held in captivity for several days. I served as the lead prosecutor on this case during the active kidnapping investigation in 2014 through indictment and prosecution until May 2015, when I began a detail at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. During the investigation of the active kidnapping, working with Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I sought and obtained verbal authorization from the Deputy Attorney General for multiple emergency Title III wiretap orders and various emergency electronic evidence orders which facilitated the successful rescue of the victim by the FBI. I negotiated many of the plea agreements with the co-defendants. Melton was eventually convicted and received a life sentence.

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2. *United States v. Sherifi, et al.*, No. 7:12-cr-20-FL (E.D.N.C.) (Britt, J.). Representation: 2012 – 2013.

H. Sherifi ("Sherifi") was convicted of terrorism crimes in 2011 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. While in custody pending sentencing for those convictions, Sherifi plotted the murder of FBI agents and informants who had testified against him at trial. Sherifi conspired with co-defendants S. Sherifi and Elshiekh to hire someone to commit the murders, and to provide Sherifi proof in jail that the murders had been committed. The "hitman" hired by the co-defendants was an undercover law enforcement officer. Following the indictment of Sherifi and his co-defendants, I served as the lead prosecutor on this case through jury trial and sentencing, with co-counsel from the United States Attorney's Office and the National Security Division. During this prosecution, I handled issues related to the review and handling of classified material, the Classified Information Protection Act, and Special Administrative Measures. S. Sherifi and Elshiekh pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment and 42 months' imprisonment, respectively. Sherifi was convicted at a jury trial and sentenced to life imprisonment.

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3. *United States v. Edwards*, No. 1:11-cr-161-CCE (M.D.N.C.) (Eagles, J.). Representation: 2011 – 2012.

John Edwards, former United States Senator and Presidential candidate, was indicted on six counts: one count of conspiracy to violate the federal campaign finance laws and to make false statements to the Federal Election Commission (FEC); four counts of accepting and receiving illegal campaign contributions from two donors in 2007 and 2008; and one count of concealing those illegal donations from the FEC. The indictment alleged that while he was a Presidential candidate, Edwards conspired to accept campaign contributions of more than $900,000, exceeding the legal limits, in an effort to advance his candidacy and conceal from the public facts that he believed would harm his candidacy. I was a member of the four-attorney prosecution team during the grand jury investigation, indictment, and trial. One of my primary roles on this case was managing all discovery and discovery-related matters, including all discovery productions, motions, and hearings before the court. The district judge denied all pretrial motions to dismiss, and the case proceeded to jury trial lasting approximately five weeks. The jury acquitted Edwards on one count and deadlocked on the remaining five, resulting in the court declaring a mistrial. The United States did not seek a retrial.

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4. *United States v. Carillo-Rivas*, No. 5:09-cr-152-FL-1 (E.D.N.C.) (Flanagan, J.). Representation: 2009 – 2011.

Carillo-Rivas was charged by indictment with five counts: (1) distribution and possession with intent to distribute a quantity of cocaine; (2) possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense; (3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; (4) possession of a firearm by an illegal alien; and (5) re-entry of an alien with an aggravated felony conviction. Law enforcement made two controlled purchases of cocaine from Carillo-Rivas, and upon his arrest, law enforcement officers found a loaded handgun in

his waistband and more cocaine in his pockets. A jury convicted him on all counts at trial. Carillo-Rivas was sentenced to 12.5 years' imprisonment. I handled this case from criminal complaint and indictment through trial, sentencing, and on appeal. The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, Judges Paul V. Niemeyer, Robert Bruce King, and Senior Judge Clyde H. Hamilton, affirmed.

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5. *United States v. Cannady*, No. 5:08-cr-258-FL (E.D.N.C.) (Dever, J.). Representation: 2008 – 2009.

Cannady was charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine base and oxycodone. During a traffic stop, Cannady was found with approximately 100 grams of cocaine base and 100 oxycodone pills, attempted to flee from local law enforcement, and had a history of doing so. He had a prior conviction in the Eastern District of North Carolina for conspiracy to manufacture, distribute, and possess with intent to distribute cocaine and cocaine base, and a violent criminal history. I handled the case from investigation to guilty plea to sentencing. Cannady pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 32 years in prison. Cannady's sentence was commuted to a term of 280 months by an executive grant of clemency on January 17, 2025.

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6. *United States v. Bracamontes, et al.*, No. 7:10-cr-30-M (E.D.N.C.) (Fox, J.).

Representation: 2008 – 2010.

I was co-counsel on a multi-year federal, state, and local investigation and prosecution of a methamphetamine trafficking organization supplied directly by a Mexican drug cartel. The organization was led by Bracamontes, an illegal alien, and operated in and around small rural towns in eastern North Carolina in an attempt to avoid detection by law enforcement. Bracamontes was charged in this case with six co-defendants. Each of his co-defendants pleaded guilty and the court sentenced them to the following terms of imprisonment: Villa to 24 months' imprisonment, Montoya-Gonzales to 37 months' imprisonment, White to 33 months' imprisonment, Rayo to 52 months' imprisonment, Giona to 52 months' imprisonment, and Miller to 42 months' imprisonment. Bracamontes proceeded to a jury trial. On the second day of trial, he decided to plead guilty to the four charges against him: (1) conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine; (2) conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute a quantity of cocaine and 50 grams or more of cocaine base; (3) possession with intent to distribute a quantity of cocaine and 50 grams or more of cocaine base; and (4) illegal entry into the United States. The court sentenced Bracamontes to 364 months' imprisonment. This case was part of a larger investigation which resulted in the federal conviction of over 16 drug traffickers.

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7. *United States v. Burney*, No. 7:12-cr-68-M (E.D.N.C.) (Dever, J.). Representation: 2013 – 2014.

I assumed the role of prosecutor in this case just prior to the jury trial of Burney, a previously federally convicted felon charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute more than 28 grams of cocaine base, and with possession with intent to distribute a quantity of cocaine base, cocaine, and hydrocodone. When approaching a driver's license checkpoint in rural eastern North Carolina, Burney threw an item out of

his car window, a sock later determined to contain cocaine, hydrocodone, and a cocaine base in approximately 55 individually packaged bags. Burney then sped through the checkpoint and led law enforcement on a high-speed chase, before officers forced him to stop. During the jury trial, a gang member attending the trial approached a government witness waiting outside the courtroom to testify, in an attempt to tamper with the witness's testimony. As a result, the court issued a bench warrant for obstruction of justice for the individual, who was separately prosecuted, and ultimately pleaded guilty to a drug distribution charge. The jury found Burney guilty, and the court sentenced Burney to 137 months' imprisonment. In 2014, Burney was resentenced to 97 months' imprisonment, following his appeal of his conviction and sentence, and the government's consent motion to vacate the conspiracy count based upon the sufficiency of the evidence and resentence on the count of possession with intent to distribute a quantity of cocaine base, cocaine, and hydrocodone.

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8. *United States v. Avilez*, No. 7:08-cr-28-D (E.D.N.C.) (Dever, J.). Representation: 2008 – 2010.

This prosecution was part of a multi-year federal, state, and local investigation and prosecution of a drug trafficking organization operating in and around Goldsboro, North Carolina, and supplied directly from Mexico by a drug cartel. The organization was estimated to have imported at least 20 to 30 kilograms of cocaine per month into eastern North Carolina, facilitated by Avilez. Avilez operated a convenience store as a base for the narcotics trafficking and he laundered the proceeds through the store and various bank accounts. Avilez pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 188 months' imprisonment. I was the sole prosecutor on this case during the investigation, guilty plea, and sentencing. The overall investigation, for which I served as co-counsel, resulted in the federal conviction of 26 drug traffickers, 12 of whom received sentences exceeding 10 years' imprisonment, including one of 24 years. The charges included: distribution and conspiracy to distribute cocaine, crack cocaine, marijuana, and methamphetamine; domestic and international money laundering; illegal possession of firearms; and other federal crimes.

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9. *United States v. Pintard*, No. 5:04-cr-13-BO (E.D.N.C.) (Boyle, J.). Representation: 2010 – 2012.

Pintard, a Bahamian national, was the leader of a cocaine trafficking organization based in Freeport, Bahamas, responsible for the importation of over 1000 kilograms of cocaine into the United States and the laundering of millions of dollars in drug proceeds in the early 2000s. He was indicted in the Eastern District of North Carolina in 2004 on drug and money laundering charges, and placed in a fugitive status. I became co-counsel on this case in 2010 when law enforcement received information that Pintard was leaving the Bahamas by plane with a layover in Canada. I worked closely with the Department of Justice Office of International Affairs, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and Canadian law enforcement to secure a provisional arrest warrant in Canada. Pintard was arrested on the provisional warrant when he arrived in Canada. I then worked with the Department of Justice Office of International Affairs and American and Canadian law enforcement authorities to secure his extradition to the United States. During this same period of time, Pintard retained counsel in the Eastern District of North Carolina and I negotiated Pintard's plea, which included his agreement to forfeit $3,000,000 in drug proceeds. Pintard was ultimately extradited to the United States in 2011. He pleaded guilty to conspiring to import more than five kilograms of cocaine to the United States and conspiring to commit money laundering. Although I did not make a notice of appearance in the case, throughout the plea and sentencing I continued working on the case with the lead prosecutor who handled the court proceedings. Pintard was sentenced to 240 months' imprisonment.

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10. *United States v. Rivera-Leyva, et al.*, No. 7:09-cr-126-F (E.D.N.C.) (Fox, J.). Representation: 2009 – 2011.

This case involved the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force investigation and prosecution of a methamphetamine and cocaine trafficking organization, supplied from cartel sources in Mexico, and operating in eastern North Carolina and elsewhere. The investigation involved multiple federal wiretaps and electronic surveillance, as well as numerous undercover controlled purchases of narcotics, confidential informants, and cooperating witnesses. As a part of this investigation, a controlled purchase of five kilograms of cocaine was arranged with Rivera-Leyva and Cruz-Santander, and subsequently all the charged defendants were involved in delivery of five kilograms of cocaine. Each was arrested shortly after the delivery, and multiple firearms were found during the arrests either on a defendant's person or in their vehicles. I handled this case with co-counsel from the inception of the investigation through sentencing. Each defendant pleaded guilty to a drug conspiracy charge and possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. The defendants were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from 84 months to 180 months.

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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.)

Throughout my entire career of federal public service, I have sought to set the example for dispensing justice through a commitment to supporting, defending, and upholding the rule of law and the Constitution of the United States.

As an Assistant United States Attorney, in addition to litigating criminal cases, I served in several collateral roles within the United States Attorney's Office, including assisting in the administration and implementation of the North Carolina Initiative of the Atlanta High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) as the North Carolina HIDTA attorney (2008 – 2010), and serving as the district Giglio Requesting Official, handling issues arising from law enforcement officer misconduct.

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As a United States Magistrate Judge, I serve as co-chair of the district court's civics outreach committee, I help to coordinate efforts in the Eastern District of North Carolina and the circuit to build and to expand civics outreach efforts with local educators and students.

I have not performed any lobbying activities, and I am not and have never been 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.

None.

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.

Because of my federal government service, I will be entitled to receive a pension under the Federal Employees Retirement System. In addition, as a magistrate judge, I have the option of switching from FERS to the Judicial Retirement System annuity once I am close to retirement.

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 transmitted to the Senate, I will file my mandated Financial Disclosure Report and supply a copy to this Committee.

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.

As a United States Magistrate Judge, I maintain a list of potential conflicts that is regularly updated. If fortunate enough to be confirmed as a United States District Judge, I will continue to evaluate any other real or potential conflicts of interest, or any other relationships that could give rise to the appearance of impropriety, on a case-by-case basis, and determine appropriate action with the advice of the 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.

The Eastern District of North Carolina employs a recusal system that requires the court to examine cases for potential conflicts. I am required to maintain a conflict list within CM/ECF, the federal court Case Management/Electronic Case Files system, and I routinely review and update the list. I will continue to maintain and update my conflict lists and abide by the conflict rules found at 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.

For my entire professional career, I have worked for the federal government representing the people of the United States. As such, I have generally been restricted from engaging in pro bono work. Every day I have worked to support and defend the United States Constitution and to uphold the rule of law. During my career at the United States Department of Justice, I served on the faculty at the National Advocacy Center of the Department of Justice, teaching new federal prosecutors and my peers.

I have mentored law student and college student interns while at the United States Attorney's Office, and now as a United States Magistrate Judge. I have also volunteered to judge multiple moot court programs for grade school and up to law school. I currently serve as the Co-Chair of the Civics Outreach Committee for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. In early 2026, the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit asked me to lead and help coordinate efforts in the Eastern District of North Carolina and the circuit to build and to expand civics outreach efforts with local educators and students.

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.

There is no selection commission of which I am aware to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts in the Eastern District of North Carolina. In September 2025, Senator Budd's office contacted me to ask if I would be interested in being considered for federal judicial positions in North Carolina. The following day, a representative from Senator Budd's office conducted a phone interview. On July 16, 2026, Senator Budd's office contacted me again and asked if I was interested in being considered for a judicial position in the Eastern District of North Carolina. Senator Budd's office conducted a phone interview later that same day. On July 22, 2026, Senator Tillis' office contacted me and asked if I was interested in being considered for a judicial position in North Carolina. On July 24 and August 5, I had virtual interviews with representatives from Senator Tillis' office. On August 24, 2026, the White House Counsel's Office contacted me to schedule an interview, which took place on August 31, 2026. On September 18, 2026, the White House Counsel's Office informed me that I was being considered for possible nomination to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Since then, I have been in contact with officials from the White House Counsel's Office and the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice regarding the nomination.

On October 1, 2026, President Trump called me to inform me that he planned to nominate me for a position on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

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

No.

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I, BRIAN SCOTT MEYERS, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

October 9, 2026
(DATE)

(NAME)

(NOTARY)

My commission expires 12/7/2027

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