

**UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-JUDICIAL NOMINEES**

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**Kevin R. Holmes
U.S. Attorney Nominee, Western District of Arkansas**

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

Kevin Richmond Holmes

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

United States Attorney, Western District of Arkansas, U.S. Department of Justice

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.

21st Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney
1526 Construction Way
Van Buren, AR 72956

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

1978; Fort Smith, AR

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.

University of Arkansas School of Law, 2001 – 2003
J.D. – May 2004

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1999 – 2001
Bachelor of Arts – May 2001

Westark College, 1997 – 1999

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.

21st Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney
1526 Construction Way
Van Buren, AR 72956
Elected Prosecuting Attorney, January 2023 – Present
Paid

Southeastern Conference
2201 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd
North Birmingham, AL 35203
Football Replay Official, June 2023 – Present
Paid

Sunbelt Conference
1500 Sugar Bowl Drive
New Orleans, LA 70112
Football Replay Official, June 2020 – June 2023
Paid

Kevin R. Holmes, PA
402 E. Main Street
Van Buren, AR 72956
Attorney, April 2004 – December 2022
Paid

State of Arkansas
300 Main Street
Van Buren, AR 72956
Part-Time Public Defender, July 2008 – November 2022
Paid

Jenkins Law Firm, PLLC
1209 Highway 71N
Alma, AR 72921
Law Clerk/Junior Partner, May 2001 – February 2008
Paid

Senator Tim Hutchinson
Washington, DC
Staff Assistant, July 1999 – February 2001
Paid

Weldon, Williams and Lick Printing Company
711 N. A Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Customer Service/Order Clerk, August 1997 – May 1999
Paid

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

I have not served in the U.S. military. I have registered for selective service.

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

I have not received any honors or awards.

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.

Arkansas Bar Association
Crawford County Bar Association

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.

Arkansas, March 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 Eighth Circuit, October 2005
United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, May 2004
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, May 2004
All state courts in Arkansas, March 2004

There have been no lapses in membership.

11. **Memberships:**

- a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which

you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

Southeastern Conference Football Officials Association, Member, 2023 – Present
Federalist Society, Member, 2004 – 2017
National Republican Lawyers Association, Sustaining Member, 2017

In addition, I have made financial contributions to charitable organizations over the years. Such organizations may list me as a member by virtue of my financial contribution. I have not listed above any organization to which I gave funds and did not otherwise participate in programmatic activities.

- b. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

To my knowledge, none of these organizations discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

12. Published Writings and Public Statements:

- a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Supply four (4) copies of all published material to the Committee.

I have done my best to identify all books, articles, letters to the editor, editorial pieces and other published material, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, I have not found any items attributable to me but there may be materials that I have been unable to identify, find or remember.

- b. Supply four (4) copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

I have done my best to identify any reports, memoranda and policy statements,

including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, I have not found any items attributable to me but there may be materials that I have been unable to identify, find or remember.

- c. Supply four (4) copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

I have done my best to identify any testimony, official statements or other communication relating to matters of public policy or legal interpretations, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, I have not found any items attributable to me but there may be materials that I have been unable to identify, find or remember.

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

I have done my best to identify transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. I frequently speak without notes or speak from a handwritten outline. I did not retain handwritten outlines. Despite my searches, I have not found any items attributable to me but there may be materials that I have been unable to identify or find. I am able to remember the following dates, times and organizations to which I spoke and provide material used during that presentation as follows:

SCARS (Saving Children and Reviving Souls) – October 24, 2025
1120 W. Monroe Ave., Lowell, AR

I participated in a panel discussion regarding at-risk youth protection with two other prosecuting attorneys and the Arkansas Secretary of State. I spoke without notes and there was no press coverage or transcript of the panel discussion of which I am aware.

Van Buren Citizens Police Academy – September 29, 2025
300 Main Street, Van Buren, AR

As the Elected Prosecuting Attorney, I presented to the Van Buren Citizens Police

Academy Fall Session and provided information about the Prosecuting Attorney's office, the role of prosecutors, the types of cases we handle, and spoke about specific cases that the Van Buren Police Department had assisted with. I spoke without notes, but did make a Power Point presentation that is attached.

Alma Youth Police Academy – July 22, 2025

804 Fayetteville Avenue, Alma, AR

As the Elected Prosecuting Attorney, I presented to the Alma Youth Police Academy which is made up of junior high and high school students and provided information about the Prosecuting Attorney's office, the role of prosecutors, the types of cases we handle, and spoke about specific cases that the Alma Police Department had assisted with. I spoke without notes, but did make a Power Point presentation that is attached.

Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center – May 2, 2025

3111 S. 70th Street, Fort Smith, AR

I spoke as part of a continuing education course to mental health professionals and answered questions regarding their role in the Court system and the different type of cases in which they might be involved. I spoke without notes, but did make a Power Point presentation that is attached.

Van Buren Citizens Police Academy – March 31, 2025

300 Main Street, Van Buren, AR

As the Elected Prosecuting Attorney, I presented to the Van Buren Citizens Police Academy Spring Session and provided information about the Prosecuting Attorney's office, the role of prosecutors, the types of cases we handle, and spoke about specific cases that the Van Buren Police Department had assisted with. I spoke without notes, but did make a Power Point presentation that is attached.

Alma Citizens Police Academy Graduation – April 1, 2024

804 Fayetteville Avenue, Alma, AR

I spoke to the graduating class of the Alma Citizens Police Academy. The Citizens Police Academy is a weeks-long program where local citizens get to learn more about police work inside their community. The class was made up of about 12 – 17 local citizens. I spoke from handwritten notes but did not retain a copy and there was no press coverage or transcript of what I am aware.

Van Buren Citizens Police Academy – March 14, 2023

800 Fayetteville, Van Buren, AR

As the Elected Prosecuting Attorney, I presented to the Van Buren Citizens Police Academy and provided information about the Prosecuting Attorney's office, the role of prosecutors, the types of cases we handle, and spoke about specific cases that the Van Buren Police Department had assisted with.

River Valley City Elders Organization – July 14, 2023

2700 Cavanaugh Road, Fort Smith, AR

I had been in office approximately 7 months, and I discussed different laws and programs put in place to better serve our community and punish offenders and the approach our office was taking to seek maximum sentences against child predators while also providing compassion against those suffering from drug addiction. I also answered questions from those in attendance. I spoke without notes, but did make a Power Point presentation that is attached.

Crawford County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) – May 8, 2023
1112 Main Street, Van Buren, AR

CASA is a group that assist children in court proceedings such as DHS. I spoke with the Court about ways to assist children that may be in DHS custody and who also may be the victims in criminal cases. I spoke without notes, but did make a Power Point presentation that is attached.

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

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

Husband of suspect arrested in kidnapping conspiracy, shares their side of the story (5News) December 4, 2025
<https://youtu.be/le-F1f0GQXY?si=1sSxxH8wq5XM0OHo>.

Consequences of making school shooting threats (5News) September 16, 2024,
youtube.com/watch?v=3Dw77yPNc7M&themeRefresh=1.

Van Buren lawyers campaign for prosecuting attorney (SWTimes) March 23, 2022,
www.swtimes.com/story/news/2022/03/23/van-buren-lawyers-campaign-prosecuting-attorney/9411644002/.

Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney: Q&A with candidates Kevin Holmes and Robert Presley II (Talk Business & Politics) May 10, 2022,
<https://talkbusiness.net/2022/05/crawford-county-prosecuting-attorney-qa-with-candidates-kevin-holmes-and-robert-presley-ii/>.

Arkansas judge denies murder case retrial amid allegations of juror misconduct (40/29 News) February 20, 2024,
<https://www.4029tv.com/article/eathan-cypert-retrial-jurors/46870593>.

Study: Alcohol Sales in Crawford County Would Have \$5.8 Million Economic

Impact (5News) May 9, 2016,
www.5newsonline.com/article/news/local/outreach/back-to-school/study-alcohol-sales-in-crawford-co-would-have-5-8-million-economic-impact/527-363f5024-5559-4b32-8b9b-a9ce4011141b.

13. Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:

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

Crawford County, Arkansas, Unsuccessful Campaign for Justice of the Peace, 2002

Crawford County, Arkansas, Successful Campaign for Justice of the Peace, 2004

Crawford County, Arkansas, Successful Campaign for Justice of the Peace, 2006

Arkansas, Unsuccessful Campaign for State Representative, 2010

Van Buren, Arkansas, Unsuccessful Campaign for Van Buren City Attorney, 2010

21st Judicial District, Arkansas, Unsuccessful Campaign for Prosecuting Attorney, 2020

21st Judicial District, Arkansas, Successful Campaign for Prosecuting Attorney, 2022

Special Justice to the Arkansas, Supreme Court, July 2015
I was appointed to serve on one case by Governor Asa Hutchinson.

- 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.

College Students for Bush, George W. Bush for President Campaign, 2000

Chairman, College Republicans of Westark College, 1999

14. Legal Career: Answer each part separately.

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

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

I have not clerked for a judge.

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

From February 2008 to December 2002, I practiced alone, sharing office space with another attorney. I rented office space at 615 N. Plaza Drive, Van Buren, AR and 402 E. Main Street, Van Buren, AR. My work consisted of general practice matters.

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

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

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator.

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

Special Justice to the Arkansas Supreme Court, July 2015

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b. Describe:

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

Initially, I worked as an associate in a firm handling civil litigation, employment matters, personal injury, some appellate matters, and other general practice activities including domestic relations and probate matters. Upon leaving that firm, I became a solo-practitioner and continued to do general practice in civil litigation, personal injury, domestic relations, probate matters and small and mid-size business representation and was also a part-time public defender. Upon getting elected as Prosecuting Attorney, my law practice shifted to felony and misdemeanor prosecution.

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

In 2004, I became an attorney and joined as an associate with Jenkins Law Firm, PLLC, where my work included civil litigation, employment matters, personal injury, some appellate matters, and other general practice activities including domestic relations and probate matters. I was later promoted to junior partner before I left. We also represented small and mid-size businesses. During this time, I had the opportunity to argue cases before the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals and Arkansas Supreme Court. I worked with N. Donald Jenkins, Jr., and other associates that came into the firm for shorter periods of time.

In 2008, I left Jenkins Law Firm and continued my career as a solo-practitioner sharing an office with another attorney, Carl W. Hopkins. My area of practice continued to be general practice in civil litigation, personal injury, domestic relations, probate matters and small and mid-size business representation. During this time, I also served as a part-time public defender where I represented indigent clients.

In 2023, I was elected the Prosecuting Attorney and began to exclusively represent the State of Arkansas in prosecuting criminal defendants in

100% of the felony cases in my judicial district, along with handling civil forfeitures. I also oversee the prosecution of 80% of the misdemeanor cases in the same judicial district.

- 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.
 - i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 - 1. federal courts: 2%
 - 2. state courts of record: 95%
 - 3. other courts: 0%
 - 4. administrative agencies: 3%
 - ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 - 1. civil proceedings: 50%
 - 2. criminal proceedings: 50%
- 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. What percentage of these trials were:
 - 1. jury: 15%
 - 2. non-jury: 85%
- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply four (4) copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

I have not argued orally before the Supreme Court.

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

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

(1) State of Arkansas v. Anthony Keith

Circuit Court of Crawford County, Arkansas (17CR-22-785)

I represented the State of Arkansas in the case beginning January 1, 2023. The case was tried before the Hon. Judge Marc McCune and the Defendant was represented by Adam Rose, 2907 E. Joyce Blvd, Fayetteville, AR (479) 957-9819.

Anthony Keith was a known criminal around town that was getting favorable treatment by previous prosecuting attorneys by serving as a confidential informant for drug buys. Despite serving as a CI, he would continue to victimize citizens including elderly victims which happened in this case. He offered to sell a vehicle on consignment for an elderly gentleman, he forged the title and sold the vehicle and never gave the victim any money. He was convicted of both forgery and theft of property and was sentenced by a jury to 20 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections.

(2) State of Arkansas v. Ivan Santos

Circuit Court of Crawford County, Arkansas (17CR-22-534)

Arkansas Court of Appeals (CR-24-4)

I represented the State of Arkansas in the case as lead counsel beginning January 1, 2023, and was assisted by Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys Will Cosner, Shane Griffin, Haskell Baker and Monica Didion. The case was tried before the Hon. Judge Marc McCune and the Defendant as represented by the Crawford County Public Defender's Office, Arron Glass, 300 Main Street, Van Buren, AR (479) 471-3270.

Ivan Santos was intoxicated and driving the wrong direction on Interstate 40 when he struck 6 motorcycles, killing 3 people and injuring 3 others. Santos was taken to the hospital where drug test were performed on his blood and determined that Santos was under the influence of drugs. Santos pled guilty and a jury trial was held to render sentence. Santos was sentenced to 90 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections. On appeal, the Arkansas Court of Appeals affirmed the convictions and sentence.

(3) State of Arkansas v. Keith Gregory

Circuit Court of Crawford County, Arkansas (17CR-23-84)

Arkansas Court of Appeals (CR-24-180)

I represented the State of Arkansas in the case as lead counsel beginning January 4, 2023, with Haskell Baker, former Deputy Prosecuting Attorney as co-counsel. The case was tried before the Hon. Judge Marc McCune and the Defendant was represented by David Powell, 541 N. Greenwood Ave., Fort Smith, AR (479) 769-2273.

Keith Gregory was arrested after his daughter found a picture of herself naked on her father's cell phone locked screen. Law enforcement searched the Defendant's other

devices and found numerous other pictures that were identified as his daughter and her friends while in the shower at the Defendant's house that he shared with his daughter. Law enforcement was able to identify 6 total victims, and each had multiple different pictures and videos. Gregory was sentenced to 240 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections. On appeal, the Arkansas Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction and sentence.

(4) State of Arkansas v. Eathan Cypert

Circuit Court of Crawford County, Arkansas (17CR-22-658)
Arkansas Supreme Court (CR-24-375)

I represented the State of Arkansas as lead counsel beginning January 1, 2023, with Will Cosner, Haskell Baker and Shane Griffin serving as co-counsel. The case was tried before the Hon. Judge Mike Medlock, and the Defendant was represented by Adam Rose, 2907 E. Joyce Blvd, Fayetteville, AR (479) 957-9819.

Eathan Cypert's wife was found murdered outside their home. Cypert was identified as a potential suspect and was found the next morning. Cypert denied involvement and claims he had been at a casino the night before. Cypert's cell phone and wallet were both found inside the home where the murder occurred. Cypert's clothes also tested positive for gunshot residue and his AR-15 style rifle he regularly shot on the property was missing. Cypert was tried and sentenced to life in prison plus 15 years on a firearm enhancement. On appeal, the Arkansas Supreme Court affirmed the conviction and sentence.

(5) State of Arkansas v. Luis Artero

Circuit Court of Crawford County Arkansas (17CR-23-252)
Arkansas Court of Appeals (CR-24-392)

I represented the State of Arkansas as lead counsel beginning April 4, 2023, with Monica Didion serving as co-counsel. The case was tried before the Hon. Judge Marc McCune, and the Defendant was represented by Carl Bush, 6302 South Wilkerson Street, Suite C7, Fayetteville, AR (479) 242-2292.

Luis Artero was accused of sexually assaulting his granddaughter. Despite attempts to plea the case to avoid further trauma to the victim, the Defendant refused to accept a plea offer so the case was tried before a jury and the Defendant was convicted of sexual assault in the 2nd degree and sentenced to 20 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections plus a 7-year enhancement for committing the offense in the presence of a child. The Arkansas Court of Appeals affirmed the convictions but remanded the sentence to have the child enhancement removed.

(6) State of Arkansas v. Michael Hall

Circuit Court of Crawford County, Arkansas (17CR-24-280, 17CR-24-281 and 17CR-24-332).

I represented the State of Arkansas as lead counsel beginning June 11, 2024. The case

was presided over by Hon. Judge Candice Settle. The Defendant was represented by Cory Bridges, 1405 Fayetteville Road, Suite C, Van Buren, AR (479) 279-0221.

Michael Hall was an OnlyFans character and online celebrity who went by the name "ApolloStone." Law enforcement began getting reports of violence and potential human trafficking activity and took numerous reports at his address. Upon further investigation, law enforcement confirmed human trafficking activity, aggravated assaults and terroristic threatening. Hall's bond was revoked because he continued to make contact with victims after being issued a no contact order and he spent over 120 days in jail awaiting trial. Hall was given a suspended sentence to avoid trial with certain conditions and almost immediately violated the conditions and was put back in jail with the help of the US Marshal's service. Hall was ultimately convicted at a hearing and sentenced to 32 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections. The case is currently on appeal to the Arkansas Court of Appeals.

(7) State of Arkansas v. Nicholas Lippert

Circuit Court of Crawford County, Arkansas (17CR-24-21)

I represented the State of Arkansas as lead counsel beginning January 18, 2024, with Monica Didion as co-counsel. The case was tried before the Hon. Judge Mike Medlock and the Defendant was represented by Benjamin Catterlin, 117 Parkwood Street, Lowell, AR (479) 571-0110.

Nicholas Lippert came to Arkansas from Washington State to visit his estranged biological father. He was in Arkansas for less than 11 months, but while here raped his then 7-year-old half-brother. He fled back to the State of Washington where he raped another young boy and was sentenced to the Washington Department of Corrections. While in the Washington Department of Corrections he transitioned from a male to a female. Upon being released from his 9-year sentence in Washington State, he was returned to Arkansas to stand trial for his criminal activity. Defendant was sentenced to 240 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections. The case is currently on appeal to the Arkansas Court of Appeals.

(8) State of Arkansas v. Rachael Dukes

Circuit Court of Crawford County, Arkansas (17CR-24-278)

I represented the State of Arkansas as lead counsel beginning June 11, 2024, with Will Cosner, Lena Pinkerton, Michael Rabey, Monica Didion and Shane Griffin as co-counsel. The case was tried before the Hon. Marc McCune and the Defendant was represented by the Crawford County Public Defender's Office, Arron Glass, Ashley James and David Harris, 300 Main Street, Van Buren, AR (479) 471-3270.

Rachael Dukes' 4 months old son was found unresponsive and 911 was called. Emergency responders and law enforcement were dispatched but ultimately the child died at the hospital. An investigation was conducted including collection of evidence. Upon testing at the Arkansas State Crime Lab, the child's blood tested positive for

methamphetamine as did the last bottle fed to him. Defendant's 2 other children were removed by the Dept of Human Services. Hair follicle tests were done on those children which also tested positive. Defendant was convicted at a jury trial of murder 1st degree and introduction of a controlled substance into the body of another and was sentenced to 60 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections. The case is currently on appeal to the Arkansas Court of Appeals.

(9) State of Arkansas v. Derek Blasingame

Circuit Court of Crawford County, Arkansas (17CR-22-571)

I represented the State of Arkansas beginning January 1, 2023. The case was presided over by the Hon. Judge Marc McCune and the Defendant was represented by the Crawford County Public Defender's Office, Arron Glass, 300 Main Street, Van Buren, AR (479) 471-3270.

Derek Blasingame was driving a stolen vehicle and law enforcement attempted to pull him over. Blasingame fled from law enforcement and ultimately caused one of the officers to lose control of his vehicle, crashing it and flipping numerous times. Blasingame was a habitual offender who had been sent to prison numerous time prior. Defendant pled guilty to the charges and was sentenced to 50 years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections.

(10) State of Arkansas v. James Stephens

Circuit Court of Crawford County, Arkansas (17CR-23-23)

I represented the State of Arkansas beginning January 10, 2023. The case was presided over by the Hon. Judge Marc McCune and the Defendant was represented by John Everett, 12217 W. Highway 62, Farmington, AR (479) 267-0292.

James "Jimmy" Stephens was an elected Sheriff in Johnson County, Arkansas, approximately 40 minutes from the location of his arrest. Stephens was under investigation by the FBI and other agencies and was stopped in Crawford County by the Arkansas State Police in his county-provided vehicle with illegal prescription pills, marijuana and his county-issued weapon. Stephens was arrested and investigated. Despite speculation he might be involved in other criminal activity, it appeared that Stephens was just an addict and was treated as one, and was given a suspended sentence, made to pay fines and costs, and surrender his law enforcement certification and resign from office.

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

I have not been involved in any other legal activities that would fall within the scope of Question No. 16.

17. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide four (4) copies to the committee.

I have not taught any courses on a full-time basis. From time to time, I have been asked to serve to make presentations to law enforcement on legislative updates after legislative sessions where the criminal or civil laws change and impact law enforcement.

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

I have no arrangements in the future to be compensated for any financial or business interest.

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

I do not have any plans to pursue outside employment during my service to the federal government.

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

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

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

22. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

- a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, affiliations, pending and

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

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

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

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

23. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each. If you are not an attorney, please use this opportunity to report significant charitable and volunteer work you may have done.

Throughout my career, I have been committed to performing pro bono legal services. From 2012 to 2022, I served as legal advisor to the 1st Choice Pregnancy Medical Center on a pro bono basis. Since being involved in public service, I have been limited as to what pro bono services I can provide, but I routinely provide legal counsel to my church's governing board and members of our congregation.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Kevin Richmond Holmes, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

12/9/25

(DATE)

Kevin Holmes

(NAME)

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