

**UNITED STATES SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-JUDICIAL NOMINEES**

**PUBLIC**

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

Vishal Jagatbhai Amin

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

U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator

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

Office Address: 2138 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515

Residence: Arlington, VA

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

July 6, 1978; Detroit, MI

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.

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law; J.D., May 2004; (2002-04)

Case Western Reserve University; no degree (2001-02)

The Johns Hopkins University; BA in Neuroscience and Anthropology, May 2000;  
(1996-2000)

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.

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Republican National Committee. Senior Judicial Analyst and Counsel (2010)  
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The White House. Associate Director (2006-09)  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20502

U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the Secretary. Special Assistant and Associate Director for Policy (2005-06)  
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U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Confidential Assistant and Attorney Advisor (2005)  
600 Dulany Street (Madison West, 10th Floor), Alexandria, VA 22314

U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the Secretary. Legal Intern (2004-2005)  
1401 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20230

U.S. Air Force, Office of the Judge Advocate. Legal Intern (2003)  
101 Heritage Drive, Scott Air Force Base, IL 62221

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 Military. I have registered for the selective service.

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

Associate Editor, Washington University Global Studies Law Review (2002-04)

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.

None

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

- a. List the date(s) you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.

New York Bar (2005-Present)

- 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.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (2012-Present)

**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.

Johns Hopkins University Second Decade Society (2010-2014)

- b. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminate 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.

No

**12. Published Writings and Public Statements:**

I have done my best to identify the relevant information. There may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find or remember.

- 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.

N/A

- 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.

N/A

- 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.

N/A

- 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.

Remarks to the Texas Bar Association in San Antonio, TX (March 2006). I do not have notes from this event.

Technology Policy Institute 2013 Aspen Forum. (August 19, 2013). Patents and IT – What Needs Fixing?

<https://techpolicyinstitute.org/events/aspen2013/>

I do not have notes from this event

American Intellectual Property Law Association Annual Meeting (October 24, 2014). Panel discussion on enacting, implementing, and interpreting patent laws.

<http://www.aipla.org/learningcenter/library/papers/am/AM2014/Pages/2014amSessionMaterlis.aspx>

I do not have notes from this event

SXSW, How Public Policy Protects Patents and Startups (March 15, 2015).

[http://schedule.sxsw.com/2015/events/event\\_IAP35283](http://schedule.sxsw.com/2015/events/event_IAP35283)

I do not have notes from this event

- 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.

National Law Journal, Legal Times (September 15, 2014).

<http://www.nationallawjournal.com/legaltimes/id=120669819397/Vishal-Amin>

**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.

Senior Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary  
(2011-present)

Associate Director, The White House (2006-09). Appointment in the  
Administration of President George W. Bush

Special Assistant and Associate Director for Policy, U.S. Department of  
Commerce (2005-06). Schedule C appointment in the Administration of President  
George W. Bush

Confidential Assistant and Attorney Advisor, U.S. Department of Commerce  
(2005).  
Schedule C appointment in the Administration of President George W. Bush

- 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.

To the best of my recollection these are the activities that I have participated in.

Volunteered for the 2004 Bush-Cheney campaign in Michigan

Volunteered for the Republican National Committee during the 2008 (St. Louis, MO) and 2012 (Richmond, VA) elections

Employed at the Republican National Committee, as Senior Judicial Analyst and Counsel in 2010.

Have participated in phone banks for the Republican National Committee, National Republican Senatorial Committee and National Republican Congressional Committee, but cannot recall specific dates.

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;

N/A

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

N/A

- 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.

N/A

b. Describe:

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

Most of my career has been in public service. My start in government began while I was in law school, when I interned in the Office of the Judge Advocate General at Scott Air Force Base. There I had the opportunity to work with Air Force officers and enlisted personnel in a variety of capacities, from providing basic legal advice to Air Force personnel, to handling legal matters affecting Scott AFB, to seeing the legal and policy work that Air Force Officers handled at Air Mobility Command and U.S. Transportation Command. Those experiences helped guide me toward my legal career path in public service.

In 2004, when I first came to Washington, I began as a legal intern at the U.S. Department of Commerce, in the Commerce Secretary's policy and strategic planning office. In the spring of 2005, I joined the Administration of President George W. Bush as a schedule C appointee at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). There I worked on both international and domestic intellectual property matters, including trade issues and learning about the overall operations of the USPTO. Later that year, I was asked to return to the Commerce Secretary's office to handle intellectual property and trade issues, and help setup the Administration's Intellectual Property Coordination efforts. There I helped develop U.S. trade enforcement strategies with emerging markets to promote increased market access for U.S. industry, led inter-agency initiatives, outreach with the private sector and participated in bilateral and multilateral negotiations with our international trading partners.

In late 2006, I joined the White House, where I served in a variety of roles in the Office of Presidential Speechwriting, Office of Public Liaison, and the Domestic Policy Council (DPC). At the White House, I continued working on economic and trade issues, including intellectual property law & policy.

Following my time in the Bush Administration, I worked at the Republican National Committee, and then the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary. On House Judiciary, I continue to serve as a Senior Counsel to the Chairman and the Committee, handling a range of legislative and oversight issues dealing with intellectual property, international trade, technology, cybersecurity, and competition.

During my tenure on the House Judiciary committee, I have worked on a number of initiatives, including organizing trade enforcement oversight hearings, focused on intellectual property enforcement, trade secret theft, digital trade, non-tariff trade barriers and market access for American manufacturers and innovators. Throughout most of my tenure on House Judiciary, the work has been on a bicameral and bipartisan basis to

advance policy in both the domestic and international arena, to promote American innovation and economic growth.

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

See Response to Question 14(b)(i), above

- 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.

N/A

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. federal courts: \_\_\_\_\_%
- 2. state courts of record: \_\_\_\_\_%
- 3. other courts: \_\_\_\_\_%
- 4. administrative agencies: \_\_\_\_\_%

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. civil proceedings: \_\_\_\_\_%
- 2. criminal proceedings: \_\_\_\_\_%

- 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.

N/A

- i. What percentage of these trials were:

- 1. jury: \_\_\_\_\_%
- 2. non-jury: \_\_\_\_\_%

- 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.

N/A

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:

N/A

- 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.

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.)

See Response to Question 14(b), above.

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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

N/A

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).

See OGE-278.

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

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.

I have no conflicts-of-interest. I will work closely with the appropriate ethics officials and will follow their legal advice if any conflict were to arise.

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

I will work closely with the appropriate ethics officials and will follow their legal advice.

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 work load, 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.

I have been in public service for most of my career.