

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-JUDICIAL NOMINEES

PUBLIC

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

William Ellis Boyle

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

United States Attorney, Eastern District of North Carolina, 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.

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

1976; Edenton, NC

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.

Wake Forest School of Law, 2002 – 2005
J.D. – May 2005

Davidson College, 1994 – 1998
B.A. – May 1998

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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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.

United States Army
Captain (Date of Rank: Approximately February 2002)
July 1998 – July 2002
Honorable Discharge

I 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.

None of the recognition for my academic or professional career fits the categories of this question.

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 State Bar Disciplinary Hearing Commission, 2023 – 2025

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, September 2005

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 (February 2007)

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (March 2007)

United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina (February 2006)

United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina (November 2006)

United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina (August 2008)

Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indian Tribal Court (October 2023)

All state courts in North Carolina (February 2006)

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.

North Carolina Heroes Fund (2016 – August 2025)
Chairman (January 2025 – August 2025)

American Foundations Committee (2019 – August 2025)

Federalist Society Triangle Division (2010 – Present)

NC Zoo Society (2017 – Present)

Ralston Arboretum (2020 – Present)

Biltmore Estate annual membership (2023 – Present)

Big Brothers (2007 – 2009)

West End Association (2007 – 2010)

Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference (2006 – Present)

Leadership Winston-Salem (2007 – 2008)

Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership (2008 – 2010)

- 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, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located none.

- 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 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, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located none.

- 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 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, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located none.

- 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 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, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located none.

- 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.

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Adam Benson, *North Carolina drug kingpin sentenced to 40 years in prison*, WBTW, August 20, 2025, <https://www.msn.com/en-us/crime/general/north-carolina-drug-kingpin-sentenced-to-40-years-in-prison/ar-AA1KSnCS?ocid=BingNewsVerp>.

Dan Kane, *US Attorney nominee pledges support for President Trump agenda in Raleigh office*, The (Raleigh) News and Observer, August 14, 2025, <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/us-attorney-nominee-pledges-support-for-president-trump-agenda-in-raleigh-office/ar-AA1KvJi7?ocid=BingNewsVerp>.

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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.

I have not run for public office.

I have held the following appointed positions:

2005 – 2006: Judicial Law Clerk; U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia; Appointed by Judge Claude M. Hilton.

2010 – 2013: Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina; Appointed by Eric Holder.

2013 – 2014: General Counsel and later also Deputy Secretary; North Carolina Department of Public Safety; Appointed by Pat McCrory.

2025 – Present: Interim U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina; Appointed by General Bondi.

- 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.

2014 – 2017: Wake County Board of Elections,
Chairman (2016)

I have not held a position or played a formal role in a political campaign.

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 clerked for the Honorable U.S. District Court Judge Claude Hilton in the Eastern District of Virginia (September 2005 – August 2006)

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

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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.

September 2006 – November 2010, Womble Carlyle Sandridge and Rice PLLC, 1 W. Fourth St. Winston-Salem, NC 27101, Counsel

November 2010 – February 2013, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of North Carolina, 310 New Bern Ave., Raleigh, NC 27601, Assistant United States Attorney

February 2013 – April 2014, North Carolina Department of Public Safety, 512 Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC 27601, Counsel and Deputy Secretary

May 2015 – December 2022, Knott and Boyle PLLC, 4800 Six Forks Rd, STE 100, Raleigh, NC 27609, Counsel

January 2023 – August 2025, Ward and Smith PA, 751 Corporate Center Dr. Raleigh, NC 27607, Counsel

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.

I was appointed to the Property Tax Commission on July 31, 2025, but resigned on August 11, 2025, before I was sworn in. I have not served in any judicial office.

b. Describe:

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

I have practiced as a civil litigator in various roles that changed depending on who my employer was as described in more detail in subsection ii.

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

In 2005 – 2006, I clerked for the Honorable U.S. District Court Judge Claude Hilton in the Eastern District of Virginia. He was a trial court judge who handled all manner criminal and civil matters that were assigned to him. I primarily split the civil docket with my co-clerk and reviewed the information filed with the Court to develop Judge Hilton's response to contested matters.

In 2006 – 2010, I was an Associate at Womble Carlyle Sandridge and Rice in Winston-Salem. My work included representing local businesses in civil legal disputes. I prosecuted a criminal matter on behalf of the Forsyth County District Attorney in North Carolina Superior Court as part of a program that allowed Womble associates to get some jury trial experience. I defended several North Carolina Sheriff defendants in civil rights-based tort claims in state and federal courts.

In 2010 – 2013, I was the Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of North Carolina. I worked primarily in the civil division of the office. I primarily focused on Adam Walsh Act cases to civilly commit sexually dangerous persons at the end of their prison sentence, as designated by the Bureau of Prisons pursuant to 18 USC § 4248. I also defended the United States in various claims brought against it, including several FTCA claims, and represented the United States' interests in several bankruptcy matters.

In 2013 – 2014, I was the General Counsel at the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (DPS). For the last seven months, I had two roles serving as both General Counsel and Deputy Secretary. I supervised the other lawyers in DPS, and the North Carolina Attorney General lawyers assigned to represent DPS in litigation throughout the State and

federal courts. I also provided advice to the Secretary and assisted in supervising the various departments which included the State Highway Patrol, Alcohol Law Enforcement agency, the prison and parole system, the juvenile justice system, emergency management, and the National Guard.

In 2014 – 2015, I had a solo practice at Ellis Boyle Law, PLLC. I handled civil matters on behalf of individual clients and began my working relationship with Joe Knott. That led to us formally forming a partnership and pursuing several medical malpractice cases on behalf of our injured patient clients.

In 2015 – 2022, I founded and worked at Knott and Boyle. I worked primarily on North Carolina state court cases against medical providers. I also had some other plaintiff side personal injury cases, to include some civil rights claims against law enforcement agencies, and a few cases where I was paid for hourly work in business litigation matters.

In 2023 – 2025, I worked at Ward and Smith. I worked on many North Carolina state court cases against medical providers. I also had some other plaintiff side personal injury cases, to include some civil rights claims against law enforcement agencies. I developed a practice in other civil claims where I was paid for hourly work in business litigation or constitutional matters.

- 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.

The overwhelming majority of my practice has been in litigation over the years. Even during my time at the Department of Public Safety, I was directly involved with the significant litigation load that involved the Department in employment issues, tort claims, and civil rights issues. My practice has led me to appear in courts quite frequently other than my time at DPS, and even then, I would occasionally go to court to observe the North Carolina Attorney General lawyers who were assigned to represent the Department in court proceedings. I have tried over 10 jury trials and at least 20 bench trials in various settings.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
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| 1. federal courts: | 40% |
| 2. state courts of record: | 52% |
| 3. other courts: | 0% |
| 4. administrative agencies: | 8% |
- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
- | | |
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| 1. civil proceedings: | 99% |
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2. criminal proceedings: 1%

- 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 tried 11 cases to jury verdict as either sole or chief counsel. I tried approximately 25 bench trials to a final decision before federal judges, administrative law judges, and the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
- | | |
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| 1. Jury: | 30% |
| 2. non-jury: | 70% |

- 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 practiced 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:

- the date of representation;
- the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
- the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

(1) **Short v. Sheriff Hartman et al.**

Case No. 21-1396

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

GREGORY and HEYTENS, Circuit Judges, and Deborah L. BOARDMAN,

United States District Judge for the Maryland District

2018 – 2025

I represented the estate of a woman who died while in Sheriff's custody in the Davie County Jail. We sued various sheriff defendants and the health care provider for the

Jail. The provider defendants settled near the conclusion of discovery. The District Court dismissed the case on a long dormant 12(c) Motion at the conclusion of discovery after sheriff defendants had fully briefed summary judgment, and we appealed. The Fourth Circuit reversed and established that the Kingsley “objective” standard applied to deliberate indifference claims for detainees in a pre-conviction status in local jails in the Fourth Circuit. On remand, the sheriff defendants eventually resolved the claims with my client.

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(2) Kloepfer and Mahler v. Cherokee County Sheriff et al.

Case No. 2:12-cr-00292-SSV-DEK
US District Court for the Western District of North Carolina
The Honorable Cogburn
2023 – 2025

I was the lead counsel in this case. The Defendants shot my client as he exited his home, unarmed, with his hands up. We pursued a combined civil rights and state tort claim against Defendants in federal court. We proceeded through motions practice discovery and were at the summary judgment stage when the case resolved with Defendants paying a combined \$10,025,000.

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(3) Michael Blackman v. Dr. Singh

Case No. 19-CV-624
Wake County Superior Court
The Honorable Paul Ridgeway
2019 – 2025

I represented Mr. Blackman in a medical malpractice claim against Dr. Singh related to a needle piercing the patient's spinal cord during a pain management procedure. There were several discovery motions filed and argued, and depositions taken. We engaged in years of discovery and tried a 2-week trial with a defense verdict at the end.

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(4) Ackley v. Dr. McBride et al.

Case No. 19 CVS 12452
Mecklenburg County Superior Court
The Honorable Todd Pomeroy
2019 – 2024

I represented Mr. Ackley in a medical malpractice claim against Dr. McBride related to a surgical procedure to clean out a motorcycle-induced foot injury. The patient eventually suffered an amputated left foot. There were motions filed and argued, and depositions taken. We engaged in years of discovery and tried a 2-week trial with a defense verdict.

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(5) Lisette Leon v. Van Ooteghem.

Case No. 19CV3424
Johnston County Superior Court
The Honorable Marvin Blount
2019 – 2024

I represented Mrs. Leon in a medical malpractice claim against a physician's assistant, Van Ooteghem, and Rex Hospital. This case was related to a missed diagnosis of a severed tendon in her finger after a cooking accident. We engaged

in years of discovery, settled with the hospital defendant, and tried a 2-week trial with a hung jury.

Opposing Counsel:

John Minier
Yates McLamb
Law firm is defunct

(6) Morgan Billings vs Dr. Henderson.

Case No. 16CV599
Chatham County Superior Court
The Honorable John Hardin
2016 – 2022

I represented Mrs. Billings on behalf of the estate of her mother, Sonja Pokemire, in a medical malpractice claim against Dr. Henderson. There were several motions filed and argued, and depositions taken. We had a 2-week trial with a defense verdict.

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(7) Alonzo Gutierrez v. WakeMed.

Case No. 18CV4053
Johnston County Superior Court
The Honorable Becky Holt
2018 – 2021

I represented Mr. Gutierrez in a premises liability claim against WakeMed. An employee struck him from behind with a portable x-ray machine as he walked down a hallway in the Emergency Department causing him to suffer back injuries. There were several motions filed and argued, and depositions taken. We engaged in years of discovery and tried a 6-day trial with a plaintiff's verdict.

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(8) Pam Hill v. Dr. Boone et al.

Case No. 17CV3251
Wake County Superior Court
The Honorable Stephan Futrell
2017 – 2021

I represented Mrs. Hill in a medical malpractice claim against Dr. Boone related to foot surgery that he performed which inserted a screw in the top of her foot that pierced through the bottom of the bone too far causing serious soft tissue injury in the bottom of her foot. There were several motions filed and argued, and depositions taken. We engaged in years of discovery and tried a 2-week trial with a defense verdict. We appealed and basically won the issue related to presenting surveillance video evidence, but the court of appeals said it was harmless error and did not remand for retrial.

Opposing Counsel:

John Minier
Yates McLamb
Law firm is defunct

(9) Margaret Light v. Prasad.

Case No. 15CV16972
Wake County Superior Court
The Honorable Allen Baddour
2015 – 2018

I represented Mrs. Light in a medical malpractice claim against Dr. Prasad related to his abandonment of her when he left his practice. He continued to prescribe lisinopril for her blood pressure issues without ever monitoring her kidney function. Eventually, she suffered severe kidney disease and required dialysis. There were several motions filed and argued, and depositions taken. We engaged in years of discovery and tried a 2-week trial with a defense verdict. We appealed the decision, but did not prevail on appeal.

Opposing Counsel:

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(10) Kelly v. United States.

Case No. 7:10-cv-00172, 809 F. Supp. 2d 429
United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

The Honorable Louise Flanagan
2010 – 2013

A teenager went to Camp Lejeune for ROTC trip and fell off an obstacle during physical training, suffering serious injury. The family sued the United States Marine Corps (Navy) claiming FTCA liability. I represented the United States and successfully defended based on the Feres doctrine and lack of waiver. It was argued at the Fourth Circuit on appeal, and eventually the United States prevailed at summary judgment on remand.

Opposing Counsel:

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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 lobbied. I had the opportunity to represent many clients who had been injured and sought damages from the tortfeasors. While I listed many of the trials above, in many cases I did not need to go to trial because I succeeded in convincing the defendant to simply settle with my clients. When I worked at the Department of Public Safety, I gave advice to the Secretary and Division heads while also overseeing the many different complex litigation matters brought against the Department in federal and state courts and in administrative agencies.

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.

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.

None.

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. My father is a District Court Judge in the EDNC, and we have worked with the DOJ and AOC to resolve any conflicts by virtue of him recusing from cases that the EDNC USAO has appeared. 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 service and generally contributing to society as my civic duty. The matters on which I have worked have varied. During 2006 – 2010, I represented veterans who were working to optimize their VA benefits. I have continued to support veterans through my work with the NC Heroes Fund as a board member from 2016 – 2025.

AFFIDAVIT

I, W. Ellis Boyle, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

October 29, 2025

(DATE)

W. Ellis Boyle

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[Handwritten Signature]

(NOTARY)

SHERRY N DUNCAN
Notary Public - North Carolina
Wake County
My Commission Expires Oct 20, 2030