

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

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

David Ichiro Courcelle

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

United States Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana, 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.

1968; Sasebo, Japan (U.S. Naval Base)

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.

Loyola University Law School, 1992–1995
J.D. – May 1995

University of New Orleans, 1988–1992
B.A. – May 1992

Delgado Community College, 1986–1988
No degree received

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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City Attorney, August 2007–January 2015
City Magistrate, January 2007–July 2007
City Attorney, June 1999–December 2006
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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.

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.

AV Rating, Martindale-Hubbel, 2005–Present

Member of Law Review, Loyola University Law School, 1992–1995

Member of Moot Court, Loyola University Law School, 1992–1995

Board Member for Moot Court, Loyola University Law School, 1994–1995

Participant in two National Oralist Tournaments, Loyola University Law School, 1994 in 202–1995

Am Jur Award in Federal Civil Procedure, Loyola University Law School, 1992

Am Jur Award in Business Organizations, Loyola University Law School, 1993

Appointed Instructor for Legal Research and Writing, Loyola University Law School, 1993

Appointed Instructor for Moot Court, Loyola University Law School, 1993

Justice-Loyola University Court of Reviews, 1995

Appointed by the Chief Federal Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana to the “Merit Selection Panel” for a Federal Magistrate Judge, 2024

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.

Louisiana State 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.

Louisiana, October 1995

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 District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (October 1995)

United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana (October 1995)

All state courts in Louisiana (October 1995)

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.

Krewe of Pygmalion (2020–Present)

Krewe of Sparta (2013–2019)

Strive, Inc. (2012–2025, Board Member)

DeLaSalle High School Alumni Association (2010–Present)

“OTMAC” Over the Mountain Athletic Club (1998–Present)

Colonial Country Club (1998–2012)

Jefferson Bar Association (1995–Present)

Louisiana State Bar (1995–Present)

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 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.

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 been unable to locate any materials.

- 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.

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- 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 been unable to locate any materials.

- 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 any speeches or talks delivered, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. The few times that I have spoken, I spoke without notes or from a handwritten outline. I did not retain any handwritten outlines and have attached all that I could find. Despite my searches, there may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

Federal Bar Association
Eastern District of Louisiana
500 Poydras Street, Ste. B245
New Orleans, LA 70130
May 27, 2021

I was the moderator and participated in a panel discussion about the landmark United States Supreme Court case, *Korematsu v. United States*. I spoke without notes and there was no press coverage or transcript of the panel discussion of which I am aware. The agenda is attached hereto.

- 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 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 the following:

Covington man sentenced to 2 months in Jan. 6 riots. 'I sincerely regret my actions,' *The Times-Picayune*, September 13, 2024.
https://www.nola.com/news/northshore/covington-man-gets-2-months-in-jail-for-jan-6-riots/article_31fbacee-720b-11ef-bd52-57cc443fa6d7.html

New Orleans affiliate of Proud Boys and Oath Keepers pleads guilty in Jan. 6 riot at U.S. Capitol, *The Times-Picayune*, October 23, 2023.
https://www.nola.com/news/new-orleans-man-pleads-guilty-to-role-in-jan-6-riot-at-us-capitol-proud-boys-and-oath-keepers-matthew-lebrun/article_db15e49a-71ec-11ee-992e-a7d41f054200.html

Reggie's Bar, others sued by father of LSU student hit by car after night of underage drinking, *WAFB*, September 15, 2023.
<https://www.wafb.com/2023/09/15/reggies-bar-others-sued-by-father-lsu-student-hit-by-car-after-night-underage-drinking/>

Press Club of New Orleans scholarships in jeopardy after discovery of alleged embezzlement, *FOX 8 Live*, May 15, 2023.
<https://www.fox8live.com/2023/05/15/press-club-new-orleans-scholarships-jeopardy-after-discovery-alleged-embezzlement/>

Restaurateur Fouad Zeton pleads guilty to art theft fraud; implicates NOPD officer, *The Times-Picayune*, April 26, 2023.

https://www.nola.com/news/courts/political-rainmaker-fouad-zeton-pleads-guilty-to-art-fraud/article_4464566e-e3ab-11ed-8198-1b2d3652e17e.html

Convicted former Kenner building official under investigation again, *4WWL*, March 13, 2023

<https://www.wvlv.com/article/news/investigations/david-hammer/convicted-former-kenner-building-official-under-investigation-again-new-orleans-david-hammer/289-3318e666-5a60-4779-afeb-5eeab8a15330>

In staged accidents case, racketeering lawsuit is filed against New Orleans law firm, *The Times-Picayune*, February 9, 2021.

https://www.nola.com/news/courts/in-staged-accidents-case-racketeering-lawsuit-is-filed-against-new-orleans-law-firm/article_340c670e-6b29-11eb-8b78-47cba9031b11.html

LA judge indicted on 4 counts, including indecent behavior with juveniles, *FOX 8 Live*, June 25, 2018.

<https://www.fox8live.com/story/38504859/la-judge-indicted-on-4-counts-including-indecent-behavior-with-juveniles/?outputType=amp>

Lawyer: Holy Cross football player acted in self-defense during Bourbon Street brawl, *WDSU 6*, October 11, 2017.

<https://www.wdsu.com/article/lawyer-holy-cross-football-player-acted-in-self-defense-during-bourbon-street-brawl/12820807>

Jason Adams trial delayed, *FOX 8 Live*, April 28, 2017.

<https://www.fox8live.com/story/35278881/jason-adams-trial-delayed/>

Federal judge in BR refuses to recuse herself from criminal case, *The Advocate*, April 28, 2014.

https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/federal-judge-in-br-refuses-to-recuse-herself-from-criminal-case/article_5e219f34-43ea-505a-8100-aef7c8a8bdd6.html

Aaron Bennett back in jail after alleged bond violations, *FOX 8 Live*, August 14, 2013.

<https://www.fox8live.com/story/23130231/aaron-bennett-back-in-jail-after-alleged-bond-violations/>

Broussard's Ex-Wife Reaches Deal With Prosecutors, *WDSU News*, January 13, 2012.

<https://www.wdsu.com/article/broussard-s-ex-wife-reaches-deal-with-prosecutors/3355607>

Mandeville fires police sergeant accused of perjury; decision is being appealed, *The Times-Picayune*, July 21, 2010.

https://www.nola.com/news/crime_police/mandeville-fires-police-sergeant-accused-of-perjury-decision-is-being-appealed/article_9baa0b03-17d3-5fed-b112-b91eae3910e8.html

Former Citizens CEO Terry Lisotta scheduled for court today, *The Times-Picayune*, February 2, 2009.

https://www.nola.com/news/former-citizens-ceo-terry-lisotta-scheduled-for-court-today/article_71660c11-70f1-5311-b23d-0e6e2d8e91b9.html

Part 3: The Family Business, *CBS News*, October 28, 2004

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/part-3-the-family-business-28-10-2004/>

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.

June 1999–December 2006; City Attorney, City of Harahan, Louisiana,
Appointed by Mayor Vinny Mosca.

January 2007–July 2007; City Magistrate, City of Harahan, Louisiana,
Appointed by Mayor Paul Johnston.

August 2007–January 2015; City Attorney, City of Harahan, Louisiana,
Appointed by Mayor Paul Johnston.

February 2015–December 2018; City Prosecutor, City of Harahan, Louisiana,
Appointed by Mayor Tina Miceli.

June 2019–January 2020; Parish Attorney, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana,
Appointed by Parish President Michael Yenni.

- 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.

October 2002 Election

I was the Chairperson for the Committee to Elect Hans Liljeberg, Judge. I oversaw fundraising, mailouts, canvassing, and election day activities. This was a Louisiana Judicial Election for Division "N" in the 24th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana.

Not Paid

I do not have any significant services rendered to a political party.

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;

I have not practiced alone.

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

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- 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.

b. Describe:

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

In 1995, I began my law practice as a corporate attorney for State Farm Insurance Company. My practice consisted of insurance defense in areas of automobile accidents, property claims, and insurance coverage issues.

In 1998, I started my own law firm (Law Office of David I. Courcelle, LLC) with a partner. I began a civil and criminal practice which involved personal injury, contract litigation, corporate litigation, family law, property litigation, and criminal litigation, State and Federal.

In 1999, I was appointed City Attorney for the City of Harahan handling all municipal matters for the City of Harahan consisting of civil litigation, zoning issues, property issues, code enforcement, drafting ordinances and resolutions, and advising the Mayor and Council on all municipal matters. I also oversaw the prosecutor's office and acted as City prosecutor when needed. This was a part time position and the above practice was in addition to my private practice.

My practice continues as stated above for the last 27 years.

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

Beginning in 1998 and continuing through the present, I have typically represented individuals accused of State and Federal crimes, individuals injured in automobile accidents, domestic clients, and business clients, as well as municipal work and litigation.

- 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.

My practice consists of 98% litigation. As a result, I appear in court frequently.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. federal courts: | 35% |
| 2. state courts of record: | 50% |
| 3. other courts: | 10% |
| 4. administrative agencies: | 5% |

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 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 have personally tried over 125 cases to verdict. I was either sole or chief counsel on approximately 95% of the trials. Additionally, approximately 10% of the trials were as City Attorney for the City of Harahan. The remainder were cases tried in my private practice.

- iii. What percentage of these trials were:

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| 1. jury: | 10% |
| 2. non-jury: | 90% |

- 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:

- 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 of America v. Willard Purkel, Jr.

Case No. 23-cr-448-JEB

United States District Court for the District of Columbia

The Honorable Chief Judge James E. Boasberg

2024–2025

I solely represented Willard Purkel, Jr., in this criminal matter. Mr. Purkel was accused of committing a felony and four misdemeanors on January 6, 2021. Mr. Purkel trespassed over the restricted perimeter around the Capitol Grounds and walked north to the east side of the Capitol building. Mr. Purkel, attempting to get in, was part of a group that pushed against the officers, temporarily blocking the police from closing the doors. The defendant made contact with at least one officer, touching the officer as the defendant tried to push through, before the defendant himself was pushed back by another officer. Then, with the doors opened again to get rioters out of the building, Mr. Purkel lent his strength to a crowd that collectively managed to push its way in, streaming into the lobby outside the Rotunda. After a few minutes, Mr. Purkel left the Rotunda when instructed to do so by police. The Government asserted that Mr. Purkel used violence and threats of violence when entering the U.S. Capitol. This issue of “use of force and violence” was litigated and Judge Boasberg determined that Mr. Purkel did not commit an act of violence, allowing for a two-level decrease in his federal sentencing guidelines. Mr. Purkel ultimately pleaded guilty to Count One in the Indictment, Civil Disorder, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 231(a)(3) and received a 60-day sentence in the BOP.

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2. United States of America v. Matthew Lebrun

Case No. No. 22-cr-136-JMC
United States District Court for the District of Columbia
The Honorable Jia M. Cobb
2023–2024

I was chief counsel. Along with my associate, Scott C. Stansbury, we represented Matthew Lebrun in this criminal matter. Mr. Lebrun was accused of entering and remaining in a restricted building and on restricted grounds at the U.S. Capitol. He entered the Capitol through a window that was smashed by a co-defendant, Steven Miles. Mr. Lebrun spent approximately three minutes inside the Capitol building. Mr. Lebrun admitted to all the elements of Entering or Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) (Count Four). Specifically, Mr. Lebrun admitted that on January 6, 2021, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1), the defendant knowingly entered or remained in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority to do. Mr. Lebrun was ultimately charged with and pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor. He received a sentence of 60 days of house arrest and 24 months of probation.

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3. United States of America v. David Manno

Case No. 19-cr-836
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
The Honorable Katharine S. Hayden

2019-2021

I was lead counsel for David Manno in this criminal matter. Mr. Manno was charged with illegally accessing a healthcare company's online portal and downloaded more than 60,000 laboratory reports belonging to more than 30,000 patients. The company was a publicly traded company with its headquarters in New Jersey. Mr. Manno accessed the company's portal and sent more than 150,000 modified requests, which resulted in him obtaining the above laboratory reports. As a result of Mr. Manno's actions, the healthcare company was sued via a class action lawsuit and Mr. Manno was subsequently indicted for wire fraud. As a result of plea negotiations, Mr. Manno was charged in a Superseding Information, accepted responsibility, and pleaded guilty to violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2)(C), 18 U.S.C. § 1030(c)(2)(B)(iii), and 18 U.S.C. § 2. I filed a Motion for Variance and Downward Departure, which was granted by Judge Hayden. Accordingly, Mr. Manno was sentenced to probation for a term of three years and ordered to pay restitution.

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4. United States of America v. Aaron Bennett
Case No. 11-cr-253
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
The Honorable Stanwood Duval, Jr.
2011–2014

This criminal case arose from the prosecution against former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin. My client, Aaron Bennett, was charged with conspiracy to bribe former Plaquemines Parish Sheriff, Jeff Hingle. Mr. Bennet and his company, Benetech, LLC, entered into a contract with the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's office to provide project management services relating to specific requirements for recovery from damages due to previous and future natural disasters. Mr. Bennett submitted numerous invoices for payment, and following approval of same, gave Sheriff Hingle bribes/kickbacks in the form of cash. Mr. Bennett was ultimately convicted of

bribing Sheriff Jeff Hingle with \$30,000 in cash. I was chief legal counsel, and had two co-counsel listed below. A Motion for a variance and downward departure was filed on behalf of Mr. Bennett. The motion was granted by Judge Duval and Mr. Bennett received a sentence of 15 months in BOP.

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Provino Mosca (Deceased)

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5. State of Louisiana v. Terry Lisotta

Case No. 12-08-0115
19th Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge
The Honorable Richard Anderson
2009-2010

I represented, Terry Lisotta, who was the CEO of Louisiana Citizens insurance company. Louisiana Citizens was the insurance of last resort and was state-mandated to be more costly than private property insurance companies. Louisiana Citizens was created to provide insurance products for residential and commercial property applicants who were in good faith entitled, but unable, to procure insurance through the voluntary insurance marketplace.

Mr. Lisotta was charged criminally by the Louisiana Attorney General and accused of 14 counts of theft by fraud. The Legislative Auditor questioned \$106,000 of Lisotta's

expense reports from 2003-06. The Attorney General alleged that Mr. Lisotta spent thousands of dollars in questionable expenses not connected to running Louisiana Citizens Insurance Company, including reimbursements for conferences he did not attend or did not pay for, food and drinks for his daughter's prom party, LSU football tickets, first-class trips and golf clubs. After much litigation, Mr. Lisotta ultimately pleaded guilty to one count of theft by fraud and Judge Anderson sentenced Mr. Lisotta to 30 months in the Louisiana Department of Corrections. I was sole legal counsel for Mr. Lisotta.

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6. United States of America v. Raymond C. Reggie

Case No. 13-111
United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
The Honorable Shelly Dick
2013–2015

This was a criminal matter in which I, as lead counsel, along with my associate, Scott C. Stansbury, represented Mr. Raymond Reggie. Mr. Reggie was a media buying and advertising consultant for an automotive group (“SAG”) in Louisiana. The government alleged that Mr. Reggie, with the specific intent to defraud, devised and intended to devise a scheme to defraud, and to obtain money from SAG by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, promises, and representations, and for the purpose of executing the scheme, did knowingly cause interstate wire communications to be used between the Middle District of Louisiana and elsewhere. He was charged with five counts of wire fraud in a superseding indictment. Mr. Reggie was the former brother-in-law of Senator Ted Kennedy. I filed numerous motions, including a Motion to Recuse the Judge. Mr. Reggie had a stroke during the case. A Motion to Continue the Trial was filed due to his medical condition and denied. Mr. Reggie ultimately pleaded guilty to the five-count superseding indictment and received a sentence of 135 months in the BOP. My firm had to withdraw post plea due to an alleged conflict with a client that I had formerly represented. Mr. Reggie later filed a

Motion to Withdraw his plea based on an improper Rule 11 colloquy by the Judge, during the time period that Mr. Reggie was recovering from his stroke. The trial judge denied the Motion. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the trial judge and granted the Motion to Withdraw Plea. The matter was remanded to the Middle District. The trial judge recused. Mr. Reggie ultimately entered into a new plea agreement that provided him with a sentence of credit for time served.

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7. United States of America v. Karen Parker

Case No. 11-299
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
The Honorable Hayden Head
2011-2013

I solely represented Karen Parker in this criminal matter. Ms. Parker was the former wife of former Jefferson Parish President, Aaron Broussard. She was indicted for theft of federal funds, and conspiracy to commit theft and wire fraud of federal funds. Ms. Parker and Mr. Broussard were romantically involved when she was hired as a Paralegal Supervisor for the Parish of Jefferson. The government asserted that Ms. Parker had no experience as a paralegal and was hired due to her romantic relationship with Mr. Broussard. The government further alleged that Ms. Parker's salary was higher than allowed under the Parish Pay Plan. Ms. Parker was charged in the conspiracy with Mr. Broussard and the former Parish Attorney. Ms. Parker ultimately pleaded guilty to misprision of a felony and received a sentence of probation.

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8. State of Louisiana v. Jason Adams

Case No. 530-668
Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans
The Honorable Robin Pittman
2016–2018

I, along with my associate, Scott C. Stansbury, and co-counsel, Robert Jenkins, represented Jason Adams, who was prosecuted for vehicular homicide while operating his Lamborghini. I was lead counsel. Mr. Adams was at a local restaurant in New Orleans. Upon leaving, he gave an employee/bartender of the restaurant a ride in his Lamborghini. While driving, his vehicle lost control and crashed, resulting in the death of his passenger. Mr. Adams' blood alcohol level ("BAC") was alleged to be a .11, over the legal limit of .08. This case became known as the "The Lamborghini" case. The crux of the litigation involved the alleged BAC level. I filed Motions to Suppress as well as challenged the "chain of custody." The trial court ruled that the chain of custody was proper and allowed the BAC level to be used by the District Attorney's Office. Mr. Adams ultimately pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 10 years in the Louisiana Department of Corrections, with 5 years suspended.

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9. State of Louisiana v. Rodney Madere

Case No. 24-0346
29th Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Charles
The Honorable Connie Aucoin
2024

I, along with my associate, Scott C. Stansbury, represented Rodney Madere, who was the Chief Deputy for the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office. I was lead counsel. Mr. Madere was indicted on 26 counts consisting of payroll fraud, theft and abuse of office. After extended plea negotiations, Mr. Madere pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 months home confinement, and ordered to pay restitution.

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10. State of Louisiana v. Rhett Weidenbacher

Case No. 538-788
Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans

The Honorable Arthur Hunter
2018–Present

I, along with my associate, Scott C. Stansbury, represented Rhett Weidenbacher, a then high school student and potential college football player who was involved in a fight in the New Orleans French Quarter, and a second unrelated fight at a party. I was lead counsel. The French Quarter fight was caught on film and showed Mr. Weidenbacher and two co-defendants fighting with older men on Bourbon Street, after one of the men hurled a racial epithet at Mr. Weidenbacher's friend. Mr. Weidenbacher was charged with felony second degree battery for the French Quarter fight due to the severe injuries of an alleged victim, and misdemeanor simple battery for the fight at the party. I negotiated misdemeanor pleas for Mr. Weidenbacher and he received sentences of probation.

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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 served as the City Attorney for the City of Harahan for approximately 16 years. I advised and assisted the Mayor and City Council on various non-litigation matters, including but not limited to, drafting ordinances and resolutions, negotiating contracts on behalf of the City, assisted with various auctions and bids, procured insurances for the City, and handled human resources and labor law issues. I also assisted with training for our police department as well as dealt with a federal consent decree on behalf

of the city.

For the Parish of Jefferson, I served as the Parish Attorney as well as a Deputy Parish Attorney. I have advised the Parish President and Parish Council on issues similar to the above, but also supervised all litigation for the Parish of Jefferson and worked on special projects, such as bringing a world class sports surgery center to the Parish of Jefferson. I was also part of a team that acted as a legislative liaison for the Parish of Jefferson to our Louisiana State Legislature.

I have not performed and lobbying activities.

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.

None other than while I was in law school, I assisted the professors with teaching Legal Research and Writing and Argument skills in Moot Court.

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? 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 SF-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).

Please 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 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.

Throughout my career I have performed *pro bono* legal service. I have represented indigent clients in family and criminal matters, and handled legal matters for a non-profit. For example, I worked with Strive, Inc., an entity that provided services to individuals with mental and physical challenges. I provided legal services of approximately 30 hours to that organization, including handling claims for damages to their facilities when storms struck the coast of Louisiana. Another example was representation of an indigent individual who had several outstanding criminal matters pending against him for years. I assisted him with bringing all matters to a close. His criminal matters spanned over multiple jurisdictions and required approximately 25 hours of pro bono services. In the City of Harahan, I provided pro bono services to needy residents and assisted with writing their wills, reviewing documents, notarizing personal papers, and other miscellaneous issues. Over the years, I provided well over 35 hours of pro bono services to our residents.

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

8-5-25

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