

UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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

Michelle Williams Court (née Michelle Annette Williams)

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

United States District Judge for the Central District of California

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.

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Department 1
111 North Hill Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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

1966; Great Falls, Montana

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.

1990 – 1993, Loyola Law School; J.D., 1993

1984 – 1988, Pomona College; B.A., 1988

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.

2012 – present
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Department 1
111 North Hill Street

Los Angeles, California 90012
Supervising Judge, Civil Division (2023 – present)
Assistant Supervising Judge, Civil Division (2021 – 2022)
Judge (2012 – present)

2002 – 2012
Bet Tzedek Legal Services
3250 Wilshire Boulevard, 13th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90010
Vice President & General Counsel (2009 – 2012)
Director of Litigation (2004 – 2009)
Deputy Director of Litigation (2002 – 2004)

2006
Loyola Law School
919 Albany Street
Los Angeles, California 90015
Adjunct Professor

2000 – 2002
Milberg, Weiss, Bershad Hynes & Lerach (now Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips
Grossman LLC)
800 South Gay Street, Suite 1100
Knoxville, Tennessee 37929
Associate

1999 – 2000
United States Department of Housing & Urban Development
300 North Los Angeles Street, Suite 4054
Los Angeles, California 90012
Fellow

1995 – 1999
Litt & Marquez (now McLane, Bednarski + Litt)
975 East Green Street
Pasadena California 91106
Associate

1994 – 1995
ACLU of Southern California
1313 West Eighth Street
Los Angeles, California 90017
Attorney

1993 – 1994
Gilbert, Kelly, Crowley & Jennett (now Freeman Mathis & Gary)

550 South Hope Street, Suite 2200
Los Angeles, California 90071
Associate (1993 – 1994)
Summer Associate (1992)

Summer 1991
National Health Law Program
3701 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 750
Los Angeles, California 90010
Summer Clerk

1989 – 1990
Chase Home Mortgage Corporation (this entity no longer exists)
Quality Control Coordinator

1988 – 1989
AIDS Project Los Angeles
3741 South La Brea Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90016
Program Assistant (1988 – 1989)

Other affiliations (uncompensated):

2013 – present
Los Angeles Law Library
301 West First Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
President, Board of Trustees (2024 – present)
Trustee (2013 – present)

2023 – present
Association of Business Trial Lawyers
8502 East Chapman Avenue, Suite 443
Orange, California 92869
Member, Board of Governors

2010 – 2012
Abode Communities
1149 South Hill Street, Suite 700
Los Angeles, California 90015
Board Member

2008 – 2009
Bright Star Schools
600 South La Fayette Park Place, Suite 302
Los Angeles, California 90057

Board Member

2009 – 2011

Los Angeles Public Interest Law Journal

No physical address

Board Member

1997 – 1999

Liberty Hill Foundation

6420 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700

Los Angeles, California 90048

Board Member

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 did not serve in the military. I was not required to register 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.

Los Angeles County Bar Association, Black History Month Honoree (2024)

Pomona College, Blaisdell Distinguished Alumni Award (2023)

California Women Lawyers, Joan Dempsey Klein Distinguished Jurist Award (2023)

Beverly Hills Bar Association, Ronald M. George Award for Judicial Excellence (2023)

Armenian Bar Association, Award for Outstanding Leadership and Dedication to the Legal Profession (2023)

Los Angeles Superior Court, Presiding Judge's Leadership Award (2020)

California Association of Black Lawyers, Legendary Champion of Justice Award (2018)

American Law Institute, Elected Member (2016 – present)

Loyola Law School, Board of Governors Recognition Award (2011)

Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Distinguished Service Award (2008)

Southern California Super Lawyers

“Super Lawyer” (2008 – 2012)

“Rising Star” (2006)

Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journal, “Top 20 Lawyers Under 40” (2006)

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.

American Association for Justice (1995 – 2005)

American Bar Association (1994 – present)

American Bar Foundation, Fellow (2006 – present)

American Law Institute (2016 – present)

Members Consultative Groups:

Principles of the Law, High-Volume Civil Adjudication

Restatement of the Law, Constitutional Torts

Principles for a Data Economy

Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law

Association of African American California Judicial Officers, Founding Member (2017 – present)

Black Women Lawyers Association (1993 – 2000)

California Association of Black Lawyers (1993 – 2000; 2012 – present)

California Judges Association (2012 – present)

California Reinvestment Coalition (1998 – 2011)

California Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions (2023 – present)

California Women Judges, President (2023 – present)

California Women Lawyers (2003 – 2006)

Amicus Committee, Chair (2003 – 2006)

Board of Governors (2003 – 2006)

Secretary (2005 – 2006)

California Women Lawyers Foundation (2005 – 2006)

Central District Judicial Advisory Committee to Senator Barbara Boxer (2009 – 2012)

Consumer Attorneys of California (1995 – 2005)

Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles (1995 – 2005)

Governor Gavin Newsom’s Judicial Selection Advisory Committee (2019 – present)

Judicial Council of California

Voting Member (2023 – present)

Rules Committee, Vice Chair (2023 – present)

Technology Committee (2023 – present)

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee (2017 – present)

Information Technology Advisory Committee Advancing the Hybrid Courtroom Workstream (2022 – 2023)

Information Technology Advisory Committee Tactical Plan Update Workstream (2021 – 2022)

Information Technology Advisory Committee Remote Appearances Workstream (2018 – 2020)

Language Access Implementation Plan Taskforce (2015 – 2019)

Commission on the Future of California’s Court System (2015 – 2017)

Probate Conservatorship Taskforce (2006 – 2007)

Langston Bar Association (1993 – 2000)

Legal Aid Association of California (2002 – 2011)

Los Angeles County Bar Association (1994 – present)

Litigation Section Executive Committee (2016 – present)

Los Angeles Lawyer Editorial Board (2010 – 2016)

Los Angeles Superior Court

Executive Committee (elected 2019 and 2020)

Budget Committee (2023 – present)

Facilities Strategic Planning Committee (2023 – present)

Technology Committee, Chair (2018 – present; member 2012 – present)

Judicial Education Seminars Governing Committee (2017 – present)

Judicial Mentor Committee (2020 – present)

Bench and Bar Committee (2018 – present)

Rules Committee (2017 – 2022)

Commissioner Selection Committee (2015 – 2017)

National Association of Women Judges (2012 – present)

National Bar Association (1993 – present)

State Bar of California (1993 – 2012)

State Bar Commission of Judicial Nominee Evaluations (2005 – 2007)

Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (2000 – present)

Board of Governors (2002 – 2007; 2010 – 2015)

Financial Development Committee, co-chair (2002 – 2003)

Judicial Appointments Committee

Public Action Grant Committee, Chair (2003 – 2007)

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.

California, 1993

There have been no lapses in membership, although, because I am currently serving as a Superior Court Judge, I am not considered a licensee of the California State Bar.

- 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 Ninth Circuit, 1996

United States District Court for the Central District of California, 1993

United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, 1993

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 1993

United States District Court for the Southern District of California, 1993

Because I am a Superior Court Judge, I am not presently admitted to practice in any court. Prior to being sworn in as a judge, however, I was admitted, with no lapses in membership, to practice in the above courts.

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.

Chancery Club (2009 – present)

City Club on Bunker Hill (2009 – 2012)

Faircrest Heights Neighborhood Association (1998 – present)

Families with Children from Guatemala (2003 – 2010)

Pacific Council on International Policy (2008)

- b. The American Bar Association's Commentary to its Code of Judicial Conduct states that it is inappropriate for a judge to hold membership in any organization that invidiously discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion, or national origin. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

To the best of my knowledge, none of the organizations listed above currently 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.

Based upon my recollection and a thorough review of my files and searches of publicly available databases, I have identified the following responsive materials, but it is possible that there are a few that I have been unable to recall or identify.

It takes a village: The Coda to the Personal Injury Hub and a look at Proactive Case Management, Advocate Magazine (Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles), February 2024. Copy supplied.

Civil litigation in a post-pandemic world, Advocate Magazine (Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles), July 2021. Copy supplied.

Mindfulness in the face of trauma, Advocate Magazine (Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles), March 2021. Copy supplied.

We the People: 100 years of Perspective on the 19th Amendment, Los Angeles Daily Journal, September 17, 2020. Copy supplied.

Are we there yet? The Road to (True) Trial Readiness, Advocate Magazine (Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles), July 2019. Copy supplied.

From the Bench: A Guide to the Presentation of Your Case, Advocate Magazine (Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles), July 2018. Copy supplied.

Get Online, Not in Line: A Look at the Technology Innovations that will Drive the LASC to a More Efficient Future, Advocate Magazine (Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles), July 2016. Copy supplied.

With Betty F. Malks, Donna M. Strobel, Yolanda Leung, Janet R. Morris, Gus May, Shawna Reeves, Molly Davies, Heidi Cartan, and Meredith L. Philyaw, *Changing Systems to Address Elder Abuse: Examples from Aging Services, the Courts, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and the Faith Community*, Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect, 1540-4129, Volume 22, Issue 3, 2010. Copy supplied.

In addition, I edited three of Bet Tzedek's legal consumer guides: "Caring for a Relative's Child — A Guide for Kinship Caregivers" (2002) [a guide covering adoption, guardianship, public benefits and available services]; "Nursing Home Companion — California Nursing Home Laws and Practices" (2003); and "Assisted Living Companion" (2006, 2007) [a guide covering resident rights and available benefits and services]. These guides have since been updated and edited by other authors and I do not have copies of the versions I edited.

- 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.

Based upon my recollection and a thorough review of my files and searches of publicly available databases, I have not identified any responsive materials, but it is possible that there are a few that I have been unable to recall or identify.

- 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.

Based upon my recollection and a thorough review of my files and searches of publicly available databases, I have identified the attached responsive materials. It is possible that there are a few that I have been unable to recall or identify.

- 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.

Based upon my recollection and a thorough review of my files and searches of publicly available databases, I have identified the following responsive materials, but it is possible that there are a few that I have been unable to recall or identify.

February 9, 2024: Panelist, "The Perils of Code of Civil Procedure § 2025.620," Association of Southern California Defense Counsel Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California. Notes supplied.

January 27, 2024: Speaker, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles Annual Installation and Awards Dinner, Los Angeles, California. Notes supplied.

January 17, 2024: Judge and facilitator, Los Angeles Superior Court Dorsey High School Teen Court, Los Angeles, California. I conducted Teen Court at Dorsey High School. Teen Court is a Los Angeles Superior Court Community Outreach initiative that operates as a voluntary diversion program for minors accused of minor offenses. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Dorsey High School is 3537 Farmdale Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90016.

December 7, 2023: Speaker, Attorney Swearing-In Ceremony, Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. I administered the oath of office to new admittees to the State Bar of California. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles is 634 South Spring Street, Suite 902, Los Angeles, California 90014.

November 1, 2023: Panelist, "A Supreme Chat: Women Judges on the Path to the Bench & Insights into Effective Advocacy," American Bar Association, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on a panel about my path to the bench. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Bar Association is 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

October 27, 2023: Panelist, "Personal Injury Update," The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters. Notes supplied.

October 17, 2023: Honoree, California Women Lawyers Joan Dempsey Klein Distinguished Jurist Award presentation (virtual event). I gave remarks and accepted the Distinguished Jurist Award. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for California Women Lawyers is 2520 Venture Oaks Way, Suite

150, Sacramento, California 95833.

October 14, 2023: Panelist, “Judicial Breakout Session,” Association of Business Trial Lawyers 49th Annual Seminar - The Finer Points: Practical Skills in Impractical Situations, Kona, Hawaii. I spoke on a judicial panel discussing the balance between litigation strategy and effective case management. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Association of Business Trial Lawyers is 8502 East Chapman Avenue, Suite 443, Orange, California 92869.

October 6, 2023: Panelist, “Combating Juror Perceptions of Women Lawyers in the Courtroom,” Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles. Notes supplied.

September 27, 2023: Honoree, Beverly Hills Bar Association Ronald M. George Award for Judicial Excellence. Notes supplied.

August 31, 2023: Panelist, “Judges Roundtable,” Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Nevada. I spoke on a panel with other judges about the state of Southern California courts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles is 888 West Sixth Street, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017.

August 30, 2023: Speaker, “Rule of Law and the U.S. Judicial System,” U.S. Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program, Los Angeles, California. I held a question-and-answer session with judicial officials from Benin, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Guinea, Haiti, Kenya, Morocco, Senegal, and Zambia. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the U.S. Department of State is 2201 C Street, Northwest, Washington, DC 20520.

July 13, 2023: Panelist, “What You Need to Know About the Legislative Developments Authorizing Remote Proceedings, Court Technology and the Pursuit of Equal Access,” Los Angeles County Bar Association and the Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on a panel discussing legislative changes authorizing remote proceedings in California state courts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Los Angeles County Bar Association is 444 South Flower Street, Suite 2500, Los Angeles, California 90071. The address for the Los Angeles Superior Court is 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

June 8, 2023: Panelist, “Pathways to the Bench,” California Lawyers Association, Los Angeles, California. I spoke in a panel about my path to the bench. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the California Lawyers Association is 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, California 94105.

June 3, 2023: Panelist, “Employment Law Symposium,” Los Angeles County Bar

Association, Los Angeles, California. Notes supplied.

June 1, 2023: Panelist, "Meet the Los Angeles Superior Court Leadership," Beverly Hills Bar Association (virtual event). I spoke on a panel with the Presiding Judge, Assistant Presiding Judge and Chief Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Superior Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Beverly Hills Bar Association is 9420 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite B-100, Beverly Hills, California 90212.

May 30, 2023: Honoree, Armenian Bar Association Award for Outstanding Leadership and Dedication to the Legal Profession. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EV6KgPb-h0o>.

April 29, 2023: Honoree, Blaisdell Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony, Pomona College, Claremont, California. Notes supplied.

April 26, 2023: Speaker, Introduction of Presiding Judge Samantha Jessner, Los Angeles Law Library Beacon of Justice Gala. Notes supplied.

April 20, 2023: Speaker, "Los Angeles Superior Court Civil Division Update," Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. I presented an update on the status of case filings, management, and disposition rates in the civil division of the Los Angeles Superior Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles is 888 West Sixth Street, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017.

March 25, 2023: Panelist, "Trial Skills Seminar," Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on a panel about the state of the civil division of the Los Angeles Superior Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles is 888 West Sixth Street, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017.

March 20, 2023: Panelist, "Fireside Chat," Los Angeles County Bar Association. Notes supplied .

December 12, 2022: Speaker, Attorney Swearing-In Ceremony, Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. I administered the oath of office to new admittees to the California Bar. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles is 634 South Spring Street, Suite 902, Los Angeles, California 90014.

November 10, 2022: Panelist, "What can we do Better at Trial," Beverly Hills Bar Association. Notes supplied.

November 1, 2022: Panelist, "Personal Injury Update," The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters. Notes supplied.

October 26, 2022: Panelist, "The Competitive Edge of a Diverse Trial Team: Tips from the Bench and Bar," American Bar Association, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on a panel with judges and attorneys about trial best practices. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Bar Association is 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

September 17, 2022: Panelist, "Civil Law Update," California Judges Association. Notes supplied.

September 3, 2022: Panelist, "Advanced Trial Skills," Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles. Notes supplied.

June 15, 2022: Speaker, Bet Tzedek Legal Services Judicial Officer Speaker Series, Los Angeles, California I spoke about my experience as a trial court judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Bet Tzedek Legal Services is 3250 Wilshire Boulevard, 13th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90010.

March 16, 2022: Panelist, "The Future of Litigation as we Emerge from COVID-19," Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles. Notes supplied.

February 1, 2022: Panelist, "Civil Litigation II, Jury Trials," California Judges Association and The Rutter Group, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on a panel discussing jury trial best practices. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the California Judges Association is 2520 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 150, Sacramento, California 95833. The address for The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters is 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, Minnesota 55123.

December 1, 2021: Panelist, "COVID Legal Issues That Will Be with Attorneys Long after the Virus is Gone," USC Institute for Corporate Counsel. Notes supplied.

November 10, 2021: Panelist, "Personal Injury Update," The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters (virtual event). I moderated a panel discussing recent opinions affecting personal injury law in state and federal courts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters is 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, Minnesota 55123.

November 8, 2021: Judge, Mock Trial, Constitutional Rights Foundation. I served as a judge in a mock trial program for high school students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Constitutional Rights Foundation is 601 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, California 90005.

September 2, 2021: Panelist, "Jury Selection," Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles. Notes supplied.

August 7, 2021: Panelist, "Trial Skills," Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles. Notes supplied.

June 25, 2021: Speaker, Bet Tzedek Legal Services Judicial Officer Speaker Series, Los Angeles, California. I spoke about my experience as a trial court judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Bet Tzedek Legal Services is 3250 Wilshire Boulevard, 13th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90010.

March 25, 2021: Speaker, "Handling Bench Trials," Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on a panel about jury trial best practices. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles is 888 West Sixth Street, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017.

March 4, 2021: Panelist, "Women in Legal Tech: Rosie the Pivoter," American Bar Association. Notes supplied.

January 19, 2021: Panelist, "Legal Aid in the Judiciary: The Experience from Public Interest to Judgeship," Legal Aid Association of California (virtual event). I participated in a panel of former public interest attorneys discussing our paths to the bench. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Legal Aid Association of California is 350 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 701, Oakland, California 94612.

November 16, 2020: Panelist, "Personal Injury Update," The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters, virtual. I moderated a panel discussing recently published opinions affecting personal injury law in state and federal courts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters is 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, Minnesota 55123.

November 13, 2020: Judge, Greene Broillet & Wheeler National Civil Trial Competition, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California. I served as a judge in this invitational mock trial tournament. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Loyola Law School is 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, California 90015.

October 8, 2020: Panelist, "Sex, Gender and Race Bias in the Courtroom and Across the Table," California Employment Lawyers Association. Notes supplied.

August 18, 2020: Panelist, "The 19th Amendment at the Intersection of Race and Gender," National Association of Women Judges, Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Recording available at <https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/19th-amendment/the-19th-amendment-at-the-X9YW4kRyTDe>.

February 22, 2020: Panelist, "Professional Witnesses Take the Stand: Admissibility Issues after Sargon and Sanchez," California Judges Association and The Rutter Group, Los Angeles, California. Notes supplied.

December 10, 2019: Panelist, "Personal Injury Update," The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters, Los Angeles, California. I moderated a panel discussing recent opinions affecting personal injury law in state and federal courts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters is 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, Minnesota 55123.

November 14, 2019: Judge, Mock Trial, Constitutional Rights Foundation, Los Angeles, California. I served as a judge in a mock trial program for high school students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Constitutional Rights Foundation is 601 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, California 90005.

November 12, 2019: Panelist, "Personal Injury Update," The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters, San Francisco, California. I moderated a panel discussing recent opinions affecting personal injury law in state and federal courts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters is 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, Minnesota 55123.

November 6, 2019: Panelist, "Symposium on Free Press and the Judiciary," Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on a panel with other judges about the importance of an independent judiciary. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Loyola Law School is 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, California 90015.

September 11, 2019: Panelist, "No Judge Left Behind: Technology Education for Judicial Officers," National Center for State Courts. Notes supplied.

August 31, 2019: Panelist, "Premises Liability," Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles. Notes supplied.

December 6, 2018: Panelist, "Personal Injury Update," The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters, Los Angeles, California. I moderated a panel discussing recent opinions affecting personal injury law in state and federal courts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters is 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, Minnesota 55123.

November 27, 2018: Panelist, "Personal Injury Update," The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters, San Francisco, California. I moderated a panel discussing recent opinions affecting personal injury law in state and federal courts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters is 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, Minnesota 55123.

September 29, 2018: Panelist, “Persevering Past Discrimination,” Consumer Attorneys of California and Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on a panel discussing resilience strategies for litigators. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Consumer Attorneys of California is 770 L Street, Suite 1200, Sacramento, California 95814. The address for Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles is 888 West Sixth Street, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017.

April 27, 2018: Honoree, California Association of Black Lawyers Legendary Champion of Justice Award, Oakland, California. Notes supplied.

April 7, 2018: Panelist, “Bridging the Gap 2018: From Books to Billable – A Primer for Success!,” Los Angeles County Bar Association, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on this panel designed to help first- and second-year attorneys make the transition from law student to legal professional. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Los Angeles County Bar Association is 444 South Flower Street, Suite 2500, Los Angeles, California 90071.

February 10, 2018: Panelist, “How Technology is Affecting Litigation: Cybersecurity Issues for Judges and Lawyers,” California Judges Association and The Rutter Group, Los Angeles, California. Notes supplied.

December 5, 2017: Panelist, “Personal Injury Update,” The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters, Los Angeles, California. I moderated a panel discussing recent opinions affecting personal injury law in state and federal courts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters is 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, Minnesota 55123.

November 28, 2017: Panelist, “Personal Injury Update,” The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters, San Francisco, California. I moderated a panel discussing recent opinions affecting personal injury law in state and federal courts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters is 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, Minnesota 55123.

September 2, 2017: Panelist, “Professional Negligence,” Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Nevada. Notes supplied.

June 6, 2017: Panelist, “Expert Witnesses,” Forensic Expert Witness Association, Los Angeles, California. Notes supplied.

April 27, 2017: Speaker, “Dialogues on Freedom,” Los Angeles County Bar Association, Los Angeles, California. I spoke at a local high school as a part of the Los Angeles County Bar Association’s Dialogues on Freedom program to engage youth around issues of constitutional law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Los Angeles County Bar Association is 444 South

Flower Street, Suite 2500, Los Angeles, California 90071.

March 15, 2017: Panelist, "Civil Litigation Walk Through - Best Pretrial Practices," Los Angeles County Bar Association, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on a panel about litigating cases in the Los Angeles Superior Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Los Angeles County Bar Association is 444 South Flower Street, Suite 2500, Los Angeles, California 90071.

December 1, 2016: Panelist, "Personal Injury Update," The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters, Los Angeles, California. I moderated a panel discussing recent opinions affecting personal injury law in state and federal courts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters is 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, Minnesota 55123.

November 29, 2016: Panelist, "Personal Injury Update," The Rutter Group/Thompson Reuters, San Francisco, California. Notes supplied.

November 1, 2016: Panelist, Medical-Legal Partnerships, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California. I presented a guest lecture to law students about medical-legal partnerships, which address the legal barriers impacting patients' health by integrating the expertise of lawyers into health care settings to help clinicians address health care system imbalances. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for UCLA School of Law is 385 Charles E. Young Drive East, Los Angeles, California 90095.

November 12, 2015: Guest Lecturer, Transition to Practice, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California. I presented a guest lecture to third-year law students about participating in public interest litigation in private practice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for UCLA School of Law is 385 Charles E. Young Drive East, Los Angeles, California 90095.

October 30, 2015: Panelist, Personal Injury Hub Brown Bag Lunch, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Los Angeles, California. I spoke about practices in the court's personal injury hub. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Los Angeles County Bar Association is 444 South Flower Street, Suite 2500, Los Angeles, California 90071.

July 20, 2015: Speaker, "The Court's Impact on Marriage: Exploring the Difference in the Law When the Spouses are the Same Sex," National Bar Association, Los Angeles, California. I spoke about the application of California family law in cases filed by petitioners in same sex relationships. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the National Bar Association is 1816 12th Street, Northwest, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20009.

July 16, 2015: Speaker, Joint Taskforce on Women in the Profession, Los

Angeles County Bar Association and Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on a panel that discussed the status of women in the legal profession. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Los Angeles County Bar Association is 444 South Flower Street, Suite 2500, Los Angeles, California 90071. The address for Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles is 634 South Spring Street, Suite 902, Los Angeles, California 90014.

June 11, 2015: Panelist, "Strategies for Achieving Diversity in the Judiciary," California Endowment, Los Angeles, California. I spoke about ways to increase diversity on the bench through education, outreach, and mentoring. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the California Endowment is 1000 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

October 14, 2014: Panelist, Medical-Legal Partnerships, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California. I presented a guest lecture to law students about the practice of poverty law and the importance of multidisciplinary approaches to public service. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for UCLA School of Law is 385 Charles E. Young Drive East, Los Angeles, California 90095.

September 20, 2014: Panelist, "Beyond the Boys Club: Achieving Career Success in Male-Dominated Fields," Mount St. Mary's University, Los Angeles, California. I spoke at the Women's Leadership Conference on a panel discussing resilience strategies for women in business, law, and other professions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for Mount St. Mary's University is 12001 Chalon Road, Los Angeles, California 90049.

November 7, 2013: Guest Lecturer, Transition to Practice, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California. I presented a guest lecture to third-year law students about participating in public interest litigation in private practice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for UCLA School of Law is 385 Charles E. Young Drive East, Los Angeles, California 90095.

October 15, 2013: Guest Lecturer, Medical-Legal Partnerships, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California. I presented a guest lecture to law students about the practice of poverty law and the importance of multidisciplinary approaches to public service. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for UCLA School of Law is 385 Charles E. Young Drive East, Los Angeles, California 90095.

June 26, 2013: Panelist, "Prosecuting Fiduciary Duty Cases," Beverly Hills Bar Association, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on a panel on asserting fiduciary duty claims in family law cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Beverly Hills Bar Association is 9420 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite

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November 20, 2012: Guest Lecturer, Transition to Practice, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California. I presented a guest lecture to third-year law students about participating in public interest litigation in private practice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for UCLA School of Law is 385 Charles E. Young Drive East, Los Angeles, California 90095.

April 14, 2012: Mock Trial Judge, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California. I presided over a mock trial. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Loyola Law School is 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, California 90015.

February 2, 2012: Panelist, How to Effectively Network, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on a panel discussing networking practices for newly-admitted attorneys. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Loyola Law School is 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, California 90015.

November 3, 2011: Honoree, Board of Governors Award, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California. I gave a speech while accepting the Board of Governors Award. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Loyola Law School is 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, California 90015.

June 2–4, 2011: Instructor, Deposition Skills, National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Los Angeles, California. I taught a three-day deposition skills program. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for NITA is 325 West South Boulder Road, Suite 1, Louisville, Colorado 80027.

April 13, 2011: Guest Lecturer, Writing Skills, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California. I spoke on a panel discussing brief writing best practices for new lawyers. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Loyola Law School is 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, California 90015.

February 7, 2011: Speaker, You Can Do It Conference, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California. I spoke at this conference on a panel discussing work-life balance. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for UCLA School of Law is 385 Charles E. Young Drive East, Los Angeles, California 90095.

January 20, 2011: Speaker, Bet Tzedek Legal Services Annual Dinner Gala, Los Angeles, California. I spoke at this gala in my capacity as Vice President and General Counsel about the history and mission of the organization. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Bet Tzedek Legal Services is 3250 Wilshire Boulevard, 13th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90010.

January 2009 (specific date unknown): Speaker, “The Naranjo Family - A

Mother's Struggle to Save Her Sons," Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Beverly Hills, California. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xv0WK3jf5E4&t=47s>.

- 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.

Ricardo Pineda, Judicial Profile: *Judge Michelle Court, the 'phone a friend' for LA civil court judges*, DAILY J. (March 8, 2024). Copy supplied.

Pomona College, *2023 Pomona College Alumni Awards Announced*, (Announcement on website). Copy supplied.

Mary-Christine (M.C.) Sungaila, *May it Please the Court: Podcasting, Legal Storytelling, and Diversity on the Bench*, 64 ORANGE COUNTY LAWYER 34, July 2022. Copy supplied.

Merete Rietveld and Kartik Raj, *California Court Sustainability*, L.A. LAWYER (January 2022). Copy supplied.

Interview, The Portia Project Podcast (December 8, 2021). Video available at <https://www.portiaprojectpodcast.com/episodes/episode-2-michelle-william-court>.

Blake Edwards, *Judicial Profile: Michelle Williams Court*, DAILY J. (June 12, 2013). Copy supplied.

Jack Leonard, *Conservator Reform Awaits Capitol Action; As deadline nears, an aide says the governor seeks a legislative deal on the effort to protect seniors from guardians*, L.A. TIMES, August 24, 2006, at B1. Copy supplied.

Jack Leonard, *Gov. Opposes Licensing Conservators; Schwarzenegger's office tells a top state court official it has strong objections to the plan. A veto would scuttle a larger reform package*, L.A. TIMES, August 5, 2006, at B1. Copy supplied.

Jack Leonard and Robin Fields, *Conservator Reform Faces a Tough Road; The Judicial Council and elder rights groups like the proposals before the Legislature, but there is no money set aside to implement them*, L.A. TIMES, June 25, 2006, at B3. Copy supplied.

Paul Nolan, *Born to Serve*, 2006 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RISING STARS MAGAZINE, June 16, 2006. Copy supplied.

Jack Leonard, *Bill to Protect Seniors Gains; The Assembly quickly OKs a measure to license conservators and provide closer supervision of dependent adults*, L.A. TIMES, January 27, 2006, at B1. Copy supplied.

David Robb, *Ex NRG workers win racial harassment suit*, THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER, August 30, 1996. Copy supplied.

City News Service, *Racial Harassment*, August 28, 1996. Copy supplied.

13. **Judicial Office:** State (chronologically) any judicial offices you have held, including positions as an administrative law judge, whether such position was elected or appointed, and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court.

Since February 2012, I have served as a judge for the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. I was appointed to that position by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. on December 27, 2011; sworn in as a judge on February 6, 2012; and began working on the bench on February 7, 2012. In 2014, I was elected without opposition to a successive six-year term. In 2020, I was again elected without opposition to a successive six-year term. The Los Angeles County Superior Court is a California state court of general jurisdiction. From February 2012 to July 2015, I presided over a family law calendar. From July 2015 to December 2022, I presided over a civil calendar. From January 2021 to December 2022, I also served as an Assistant Supervising Judge of the Civil Division. Since December 2022, I have served as the Supervising Judge of the Civil Division. As Supervising Judge, I am responsible for the management and administration of the civil division and its approximately 135 judges and commissioners. The Civil Division is divided into several case types including complex litigation, asbestos litigation, general jurisdiction litigation, limited jurisdiction (including evictions), small claims, and a mandatory settlement program.

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

I have presided over approximately 200 trials.

- i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	15%
bench trials:	85%

- ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings:	100%
criminal proceedings:	0%

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

See attached lists of citations.

- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).

1. *Khan v. Hologram, Inc.*, No. BC654017 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2019), *aff'd sub nom. Khan v. David*, No. B305849 and No. B308727, 2022 WL 1702702 (Cal. Ct. App. May 27, 2022).

I presided over a jury trial in this Fair Employment and Housing Act case in which plaintiff alleged that during the time she worked for one or more of the defendants she was subjected to sexual harassment, violent acts because of her sex, battery, and sexual battery by the individual defendant. Defendants denied all of plaintiff's allegations. Before trial, the individual defendant refused to respond to multiple discovery requests. I heard multiple discovery motions and ordered the defendant to pay sanctions for failure to comply with my orders requiring him to comply with the law. Defendant persisted in his refusal to comply with my orders or pay the sanctions I ordered. At trial, he engaged in insulting behavior toward the jury, the court, plaintiff, and counsel. When present during trial, the defendant repeatedly disrupted the proceedings by engaging in multiple profane outbursts despite repeated warnings to cease doing so. The jury rendered a verdict for plaintiff in the amount of \$58,250,000 in compensatory and punitive damages. The verdict was affirmed on appeal.

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2. *Belen v. Ryan Seacrest Prod., LLC*, No. 19STCV26534 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2020), *aff'd*, 65 Cal. App. 5th 1145 (2021). Opinion supplied.

Plaintiff, a model and celebrity, brought this action against reality show production and media companies, asserting claims including invasion of privacy, misappropriation of name or likeness, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and negligence, arising from their airing of footage of her nearly fully naked body without her consent. Plaintiff alleged that defendants, while filming a reality television show focusing on another model participating in a fashion show, included filming scenes on the wardrobe changing areas in which the participating models undress and change. Plaintiff alleged defendants showed her changing clothes in a private dressing area designated for the female models in the fashion show, with her nearly completely nude body exposed, and showed plaintiff walking down the runway during the fashion show as she is modeling in which other models referred to her by a sexually derogatory term. After the episode aired, plaintiff was contacted by several friends who asked whether she knew she appeared unclothed on the episode. Defendants answered the complaint and filed a special motion to strike the complaint as a strategic lawsuit against public participation under the anti-SLAPP statute. I denied the motion and defendants appealed.

The Court of Appeal affirmed my decision to deny the motion, but struck the negligent infliction of emotional distress claim as duplicative of the negligence cause of action. Upon remand, the case settled.

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3. *Do v. Raytheon Co.*, No. BC603539 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2018), *aff'd*, No. B293950, 2020 WL 6305009 (Cal. Ct. App. Oct. 27, 2020).

I adjudicated this Fair Employment and Housing Act case in which plaintiff alleged sexual orientation discrimination and harassment and failure to accommodate the resulting stress and post-traumatic stress disorder. The facts presented to the jury were nuanced and required me to craft careful jury

instructions to ensure plaintiff's claims against the individual defendant and the entity defendant were adjudicated fairly and separately. Prior to trial, I decided several discovery motions including a motion for electronically stored information, a motion for issue sanctions, and a motion for summary judgment. I presided over the trial, after which the jury found in favor of the entity and individual defendants on plaintiff's discrimination and harassment claims but found the entity defendant liable for failure to reasonably accommodate and failure to engage in the interactive process. The jury awarded plaintiff compensatory damages of \$1 million and \$750,000 in punitive damages. I denied the defendants' motion for new trial and motion for judgment notwithstanding the verdict and defendants appealed. The verdict was affirmed by the Court of Appeal.

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4. *Valles v. Kim*, Nos. (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2018), *aff'd*, No. B296274, 2020 WL 5088021 (Cal. Ct. App. Aug. 28, 2020). Decision supplied.

I adjudicated this case which arose from a dispute over an exclusive easement for parking in which plaintiffs sought quiet title and cancellation of deed. Plaintiffs owned Lot A and operated a manufacturing business there. Plaintiffs also leased an adjacent lot, Lot B, for employee parking. Ownership of Lot B changed over the years and each conveyance included an exclusive easement for parking on Lot B in favor of plaintiffs. Beginning in 2003, plaintiffs used Lot B for non-other purposes without permission of the owner of Lot B. Defendants later purchased Lot B and demanded that plaintiffs stop using Lot B for purposes outside of the scope of the easement. After receiving evidence concerning decades of use and a convoluted chain of title, I found plaintiffs' use of Lot B satisfied the elements of adverse possession and granted plaintiffs an ownership interest in Lot B. The Court of Appeal affirmed.

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5. *Kornegay v. City of Los Angeles*, No. BC667056 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2020).

I presided over a jury trial in this Fair Employment and Housing Act case in which plaintiff alleged the City and one of her superior officers at the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) created a hostile work environment. Plaintiff claimed gender discrimination, retaliation for engaging in protected activities, and breach of a legal duty to protect her from illegal harassment. Plaintiff sued the City and an individual officer and, as part of her case, alleged the City failed to take all reasonable steps to prevent the harassment from occurring. Before trial, I adjudicated discovery motions, conducted informal discovery conferences, and denied defendants' motion for summary judgment after finding there were triable issues of fact. I presided over the trial and the jury rendered a defense verdict.

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6. *Kenney & Kropff v. Montebello Unified Sch. Dist.*, No. BC678131 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2019). Decision supplied.

This was a bench trial of a breach of contract action arising out of the defendant's termination of its Legal Services Agreement with plaintiff and alleged violation of the Brown Act (Gov. Code §54950.5, *et seq.*). Plaintiff alleged it was terminated after it wrote a confidential and privileged memorandum to the superintendent and the Board of Education of the Montebello Unified School District alleging fraudulent and criminal conduct by people associated with the school board and that the communication was authorized pursuant to Government Code §54952.2(b)(2). Defendant denied breach of contract or violation of the law. I handled this case from filing to judgment. This matter involved interpretation of the interplay between various provisions of the Government Code and Education Code and how those provisions should be interpreted consistent with public policy. I found the defendant voted to terminate the retainer agreement in closed session and notified the plaintiff of its decision to terminate the retainer agreement effective in 90 days as required by the contract. I further found that the plaintiff was an independent contractor functioning as an employee and the decision to terminate the agreement made in closed session did not violate the applicable provision of the Government Code. Moreover, I found that even if that decision was improperly made in closed session, plaintiff failed to timely commence an action to invalidate the decision. Because the plaintiff performed legal services as agreed, the defendant paid the resulting invoices as agreed, and defendant performed as agreed concerning termination of the agreement, I found in favor of the defendant.

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7. *Anaya v. Superior Indus. Conveyors, Inc.*, No. BC594187 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2018), *aff'd sub nom. Anaya v. General Equipment & Supplies, Inc.*, No. B291274 (consolidated with B292138) 2019 WL 4945729 (Cal. Ct. App. Oct. 8, 2019).

I handled this product liability/wrongful death action brought by the family of a man killed at work after his body became caught in an industrial rock crushing machine. Plaintiffs sued several defendants, but by the end of the trial only the distributor defendant remained in the case. Before trial, I adjudicated and denied two motions for summary judgment, ruled on a motion for good faith settlement, and conducted hearings to approve the settlements made with the children of the decedent. The jury reached a \$30 million verdict for plaintiffs. The verdict was affirmed by the Court of Appeal.

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8. *Richman v. City of Los Angeles*, No. BC595258 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2019).

I handled the pretrial case management and jury trial of this case in which plaintiff alleged the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) used excessive force in an encounter between plaintiff and multiple LAPD officers responding to plaintiff's home following a 911 call made by a third party not at the residence. Plaintiff's claim was based on the allegation the responding officers lacked probable cause, considering the conflicting information they received, to forcibly remove plaintiff from his home, without a warrant, at gunpoint, and under threat the LAPD would send in SWAT and gas his house if he did not come out voluntarily. Defendant asserted statutory immunities. The central issue in the trial was whether the decision-making officers on the scene had an adequate factual basis to order plaintiff out of his home and detain him. The jury reached a defense verdict.

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9. *Arvizu v. City of Pasadena*, No. BC550929 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2016), *aff'd*, 21 Cal. App. 5th 760 (2018). Opinion supplied.

I adjudicated defendant's motion for summary judgment in this case, in which a park user sued the City of Pasadena for serious injuries suffered after falling from a concrete wall adjacent to a trail in a city park. The city moved for summary judgment under the recreational use statute, which states that an owner of real property does not owe a duty of care to keep the premises safe for entry or use by others for any recreational purpose or to give any warning of hazardous conditions. I granted the City's motion for summary judgment and my decision was affirmed by the Court of Appeal.

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10. *Morin v. Stricklin*, No. BC600519 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2017).

I presided over a jury trial in this breach of contract case in which plaintiff claimed defendant attempted termination of a long-term tenancy in violation of both an agreement not to evict without cause and a city ordinance. Defendant claimed he was asserting his constitutional and statutory right to remove the property from the rental market pursuant to code and denied breach of any agreement with plaintiff. The jury found in favor of the defendant.

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- d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.

1. *Kim v. New Life Oasis Church*, No. BC722458 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2023).
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2. *Chicago Title Ins. Co. v. Stiller*, No. 20STCV17442 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2023). Opinion supplied.

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3. *Red & White Distrib. v. Osteroid Enterprises*, No. BC500304 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2023). Opinion supplied.

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4. *Zeng v. Dai*, No. BC603512 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2022). Opinion supplied.

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5. *Lopez v. Carrillo*, No. 19STCV14229 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2022). Opinion supplied.

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6. *Hammond v. Fin. Indus. Industry Regul. Auth.*, No. 18STCP02942 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2021). Opinion supplied.

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7. *Belen v. Ryan Seacrest Prod.*, No. 19STCV26534 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2020). Opinion previously supplied in response to Question 13c.

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8. *Kenney & Kropff v. Montebello Unified Sch. Dist.*, No. BC678131 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2019). Opinion previously supplied in response to Question 13c .

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9. *Valles v. Kim*, No. BC642256 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2018). Opinion previously supplied in response to Question 13c.

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10. *Arvizu v. City of Pasadena*, No. BC550929 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. 2016).
Opinion previously supplied in response to Question 13c.

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

I reviewed my files and legal databases and did not locate any cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.

- f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

Knowles v. Longwood Mgmt. Corp., No. 19STCV31526 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. May 11, 2021, Feb. 15, 2022) (decisions supplied), *rev'd*, No. B314165 and No. B321047, 2024 WL 33300 (Cal. Ct. App. Jan. 3, 2024), *as modified on denial of reh'g* (Cal. Ct. App. Jan. 24, 2024), *as modified on denial of reh'g* (Cal. Ct. App. Jan. 24, 2024). This appeal involves two related cases, both brought pursuant to the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 as representative actions on behalf of the state. In the first case, I dismissed 39 of the 40 defendants on the grounds that the plaintiff had not adequately alleged that those defendants were his employers. The appellate court affirmed the dismissal of these defendants. The second case named the same 40 defendants and contained identical claims seeking penalties for alleged violations of the state wage and hour laws. I sustained without leave to amend defendants' demurrer to the second complaint and entered a judgment dismissing the case with prejudice. The appellate court affirmed, in part, and held that the second complaint sufficiently alleged employment relationships between plaintiff and two of the defendants named in the second complaint. The Court of Appeal further held that the dismissed defendants were entitled to an award of costs. Upon remand, this case proceeded to arbitration.

Mikuriya v. Hernandez, No. BC556252 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Feb. 3, 2021, Feb. 11, 2021) (decisions supplied), *rev'd sub nom. Cooley v. Hernandez*, No. B312211, 2023 WL 4144727 (Cal. Ct. App. June 23, 2023). The plaintiff, as personal representative of plaintiff and decedent T. Mikuriya, filed a motion to substitute into the case and to enforce a settlement agreement on behalf of the decedent. I denied the motion on the ground of lack of jurisdiction based on a finding that plaintiff failed to meet the statutory requirements to assume that role. The appellate court reversed, finding the defendants treated plaintiff as a party to the action and were not prejudiced by her failure to file a motion for substitution.

Kling v. Varastehpour, No. BC682319 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Mar. 10, 2020) (verdict supplied), *rev'd*, No. B308292, 2023 WL 3050625 (Cal. Ct. App. Apr. 24, 2023). This case involved neighboring properties. Plaintiffs sought damages for a tree that fell from defendant's property onto plaintiffs' property, damaging trees, vegetation, and structures. Plaintiffs also sought damages for foliage from defendant's property that had overgrown onto plaintiffs' property, including a tree, that allegedly caused skin rashes. The jury found in plaintiffs' favor on all causes of action against defendant and awarded identical damages to both plaintiffs. The Court of Appeal found that the jury was likely confused by the testimony and jury instructions and remanded for a new trial. Upon remand, plaintiff dismissed the case.

Basith v. Lithia Motors, Inc., No. 21STCV01725 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Oct. 4, 2021) (decision supplied), *rev'd*, 90 Cal. App. 5th 951 (Apr. 21, 2023). A former employee brought an employment discrimination claim against a car dealership and the dealership filed a motion to compel arbitration. I ruled that arbitration contract was procedurally unconscionable and denied the motion. The Court of Appeal decided this case together with another unrelated case involving the same contract. The court held that an arbitration agreement is enforceable as long as it lacks substantive unconscionability. Plaintiff ultimately dismissed this case.

Miralda v. Wu, No. BC640698 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Jan. 8, 2021) (decision supplied), *rev'd*, No. B306324 and No. B313954, 2022 WL 16630188 (Cal. Ct. App. Nov. 2, 2022), *reh'g denied* (Cal. Ct. App. Nov. 30, 2022). This case arose out of a wage and hour dispute between the plaintiff and his former employer. Defendant and his attorney engaged in discovery abuse and defendant failed to demand a jury trial or timely post jury fees, as required by statute. At the final status conference, I ruled that the matter would proceed as a bench trial. The Court of Appeal reversed the order denying a jury trial on the ground that a second defendant, who was no longer a party to the case at the time of trial, had posted jury fees. Defendant has filed for bankruptcy protection. The bankruptcy stay has dissolved and the case is currently pending in the trial court and awaiting a date for trial.

Cade v. City of Santa Monica, No. 20STCV11832 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Nov. 17, 2021, May 26, 2022, and May 27, 2022) (decisions supplied) *rev'd sub nom. City of Santa Monica v. Superior Court*, No. B316941, 2022 WL 15165217 (Cal. Ct. App., Oct. 26, 2022). City of Santa Monica (City) filed a motion for summary judgment or, in the alternative, summary adjudication in an employment discrimination action brought by a former employee. I granted summary adjudication of some causes of action and denied summary judgment on others based upon a finding of disputed material facts. The Court of Appeal disagreed, found the City showed its reasons for its employment-related decisions were legitimate and nonretaliatory, and that the employee failed to counter the showing.

Optional Cap., Inc. v. DAS Corp., No. BC474472 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. July 9, 2019) (judgment on special verdict supplied) *rev'd*, No. B301524, 2022 WL 884021 (Cal. Ct. App. Mar. 25, 2022), *review denied* (Cal. Ct. App. June 15, 2022); No. BC474472 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Jan. 19, 2021) (decision supplied), *rev'd*, No. B307445 and No. B307906, 2022 WL 4462206 (Cal. Ct. App. Sept. 26, 2022). In this case, two creditors asserted competing claims to stolen money which was in the possession of the defendant. Following trial, the jury found defendant knowingly received the stolen funds, but did not transfer property with the intent to defraud its creditors and did not engage in conduct constituting malice, oppression, or fraud. The appellate court reversed the jury verdict, finding that no substantial evidence supported the finding that DAS knew the \$12.6 million belonged to plaintiff and subsequently reversed the award of fees and costs.

Covert v. FCA USA, LLC, No. BC629240 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Nov. 26, 2019) (decision supplied), *rev'd*, 73 Cal. App. 5th 821 *as modified* (Jan. 11, 2022), *reh'g denied* (Cal. Ct. App. Jan. 25, 2022), *review denied* (Cal. Ct. App. Mar. 30, 2022), *as modified* (Cal. Ct. App. Jan. 11, 2022), *reh'g denied* (Cal. Ct. App. Jan. 25, 2022), *review denied* (Cal. Sup. Ct. Mar. 30, 2022). In this case, a jury found in favor of the plaintiff against the manufacturer and seller of a vehicle for breach of warranty. Prior to trial, plaintiff rejected two settlement offers. The jury found for plaintiff, but awarded an amount lower than the settlement offers. Following trial, I denied the manufacturer's motion to tax costs, partially granted the plaintiff's motion for attorney's fees, granted plaintiff's motion to tax costs, and denied plaintiff's motion for prejudgment interest pursuant to the requirements of the breach of warranty fee shifting statute. Since the settlement offer exceeded the verdict, the Court of Appeal remanded the case to the trial court for consideration of whether the manufacturer's settlement offer was premature and therefore not made in good faith for purposes of determining whether plaintiff was entitled to fees and costs under the applicable fee shifting statute. On remand, plaintiff waived his claim for attorney's fees, costs, and expenses and stipulated to dismiss the action with prejudice.

Ultimate Action, LLC v. Nov. First P'ship, No. 20STCV17040 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Oct. 21, 2020) (decision supplied), *rev'd*, No. B308448, 2021 WL 5936039 (Cal. Ct. App. Dec. 16, 2021). Plaintiff Ultimate Action, LLC brought a derivative lawsuit to challenge various actions defendants, including the November First Partnership, took in managing another entity of which plaintiff and defendants were part owners. Ultimate Action, LLC then moved for an order disqualifying the subject entity's former law firm from representing all defendants in this lawsuit. I denied the motion. The appellate court affirmed my order denying the motion as it pertained to the November First Partnership and most other defendants, and reversed the order as to the defendant property manager with which the defendants had contracted to manage the subject entity. Litigation is ongoing in the trial court.

Ross v. Fox, No. BC576879 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. June 24, 2019) (decision and verdict supplied), *rev'd*, B298873, 2021 WL 3748002 (Cal. Ct. App. Aug. 25, 2021), *as modified on denial of reh'g* (Cal. Ct. App. Sept. 16, 2021). Plaintiff Ross and his adult children filed this action for breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, securities fraud, and financial elder abuse (of Mr. Ross), alleging the Fox defendants made misrepresentations in Fox's investment offering materials to conceal their taking of millions of dollars of profits, fees, and commissions from plaintiffs. A jury found in favor of plaintiffs and awarded compensatory and punitive damages. In addition, I awarded rescission damages. I granted defendants' motion for new trial on the ground that the jury's verdict finding defendants liable for fraud and related claims, but not financial elder abuse, was inconsistent. The Court of Appeal reversed that ruling. On remand, the case settled.

Alvarez v. Altamed Health Servs. Corp., No. 19STCV13921 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Mar. 2, 2020) (decision supplied), *rev'd*, 60 Cal. App. 5th 572, *as modified* (Cal. Ct. App. Mar. 4, 2021). An employee brought claims against her employer, including wrongful termination in violation of public policy, arising from her termination. The employer filed a motion to compel arbitration, which I denied based on procedural and substantive unconscionability grounds. The appellate court reversed, finding, in part, that while the agreement suffered from substantive unconscionability, those provisions were severable. The court further found that failure to provide the plaintiff with copy of its rules for arbitration did not render the arbitration agreement procedurally unconscionable, and that plaintiff knowingly waived her right to jury trial and agreed to arbitration. Upon remand, the case proceeded to arbitration and was later dismissed following settlement.

Emens v. California Cath. Conf., No. BC723908 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Apr. 17, 2019) (decision supplied), *rev'd*, No. B297322, 2020 WL 7066264 (Cal. Ct. App. Dec. 3, 2020), *as modified on denial of reh'g* (Cal. Ct. App. Dec. 24, 2020). I partially granted and partially denied an anti-SLAPP motion to strike portions of a complaint against several entities of the Catholic church filed by a man who alleged he was molested by a Catholic monsignor as a child. I struck some but not all of the allegations underlying the plaintiff's causes of action. The defendant organizations appealed, arguing the motion should have been granted, the allegations should have been struck, and that therefore the complaint should have been dismissed in its entirety. The Court of Appeal affirmed my rulings on the anti-SLAPP motion and remanded with directions to dismiss the causes of action at issue with leave to amend. On remand, the entire case settled.

Consumer Advoc. Grp., Inc. v. Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc., No. BC574929 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Jan. 29, 2019) (decision supplied), *rev'd*, No. B295783, 2020 WL 5886010 (Cal. Ct. App. Oct. 5, 2020). Plaintiff issued several Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65) violation notices to defendant alleging defendant knowingly exposed consumers to carcinogens. Plaintiff followed the notices with several Proposition 65

enforcement lawsuits to stop defendant from selling products with the chemicals without warning consumers. In response, Harbor Freight Tools filed a separate action for declaratory relief seeking a finding and order that plaintiff's Proposition 65 notices were defective because its products did not violate Proposition 65. Consumer Advocacy Group then filed a motion to strike in the declaratory relief case. I granted the motion on the ground that Harbor Freight Tools could not show a probability of success on the merits in its declaratory relief action because I intended to decline jurisdiction over the declaratory relief action if the anti-SLAPP motion was denied. The Court of Appeal reversed, on grounds not raised by any party in the trial court, holding that, while I did not abuse my discretion in stating my intention to decline to exercise jurisdiction over the declaratory relief action, since Harbor Freight Tool's declaratory relief action was not barred as a matter of law by the existence of other actions or the possibility of litigating the claims in the declaratory relief action, I was required to consider where the action had minimal merit.

Williams v. City of Pasadena, No. BC572234 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. June 6, 2016) (decision supplied), *rev'd*, No. B277317 2018 WL 3046400 (Cal. Ct. App. June 20, 2018). I granted summary judgment to the City of Pasadena on a dangerous condition on public property claim asserted against it arising out of a trip and fall on a public street. The Court of Appeal reversed, reasoning that because the City neither argued nor adduced evidence to show that, as a matter of law, its employees were not responsible for creating the street condition, summary judgment in favor of the City should be reversed. Upon remand, the entire case settled.

D.M. v. Armando B., No. BF052646 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. May 7, 2015) (decision supplied), *rev'd*, No. B265367, 2016 WL 5765588 (Cal. Ct. App. Oct. 4, 2016). After a duly noticed hearing, I granted mother sole physical and legal custody of her children but denied mother's request for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1101. Mother requested a finding of abandonment by the father pursuant to Family Code § 7822, which I denied. The Court of Appeal found the proper standard was articulated instead in Family Code § 3402 and remanded for findings consistent with that order.

In re Marriage of Nelson, No. BD603233 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Aug. 11, 2015) (decision supplied), *rev'd*, No. B266745, 2016 WL 3962233 (Cal. Ct. App. July 22, 2016). I issued a temporary child support order and order for attorney's fees in favor of the appellant based on evidence of income and expenses, need, and other factors as required by statute. The appellant sought more money than awarded and appealed. The Court of Appeal reversed, ordering the court to reconsider the evidence of funds available for support and fees.

In re Marriage of Randolph, No. BD469356 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Jan. 5, 2015) *rev'd*, No. B262489, 2017 WL 876265 (Cal. Ct. App. Mar. 6, 2017). (I am unable to retrieve a copy of my decision in my files or the court's case management

system.) For several years following the dissolution of their marriage, the parties continued to live in the family residence. During that time the wife used her separate property to make monthly payments on the home loan and pay property taxes. After the sale of the residence and distribution of the proceeds, the wife sought reimbursement from husband. I granted the request for reimbursement pursuant to Family Code § 2556. The Court of Appeal found the request should have been evaluated pursuant to the parties' stipulated judgment on reserved issues.

T.W. v. G.S., No. PF004541 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. June 12, 2014) (decision supplied), *rev'd*, No. B257777, 2015 WL 5602206 (Cal. Ct. App. Sept. 23, 2015). After review of a report from an expert child custody evaluator, testimony from the parents, and argument from minor's counsel, I granted father's request for restraining orders preventing mother from removing the parties' daughter from Los Angeles County absent either the consent of the father or permission from the court, based on a finding that there was evidence to support a finding there was a risk mother would abduct the child. The Court of Appeal disagreed, found there was insufficient evidence to support this finding, and reversed the issuance of the orders.

In re Marriage of Hopkins, No. BD419266 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. June 12, 2015), *rev'd*, No. B253345 and No. B254984, 2015 WL 1412627 (Cal. Ct. App. Mar. 26, 2015). (I am unable to retrieve a copy of my decision in my files or the court's case management system.) In this dissolution of marriage case, Ms. Hopkins obtained a judgment on reserved issues against her former husband for spousal support and attorney's fees. Ms. Hopkins filed an amended complaint in joinder against Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Hopkins as trustee of the Thomas J. Hopkins Living Trust, Ms. Camp, and Ms. Camp as trustee of the LC Irrevocable Trust, all of whom had an interest in income that was subject to division. Default judgment was entered in favor of Ms. Hopkins, which included damages for all accrued and unpaid spousal support at the time of collection and attorney's fees. The Court of Appeal upheld the entry of judgment but held the judgment was limited to unpaid spousal support due and owing at the time of entry of judgment.

In re Marriage of Bazar, No. BD458883 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Mar. 1, 2012), *rev'd*, No. B239592, 2013 WL 2948416 (Cal. Ct. App. June 17, 2013). (I am unable to retrieve a copy of my decision in my files or the court's case management system.) In this dissolution of marriage case, the parties entered into a marital settlement agreement (MSA) which included a provision for spousal support. After the MSA was executed, but before it was confirmed in a judgment, the payor spouse sought to modify the amount of spousal support to be paid. I granted the request, applying the prejudgment legal standard for modifying support orders. Despite the prejudgment procedural posture of the case, the Court of Appeal reversed, finding that the proper standard to apply was the post-judgment standard because the parties had entered into a Marital Settlement Agreement and the parties' behavior implied they intended the terms of the

agreement were permanent despite the failure to incorporate the Marital Settlement Agreement into the judgment entered over a year later.

- g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.

The Los Angeles Superior Court does not maintain any readily accessible database of written decisions. Instead, case files are stored in the Los Angeles County Superior Court's case management system. I estimate that I have issued three to four dozen written statements of decision, some of which are sealed.

- h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

I have not issued any significant written opinions on federal or state constitutional issues.

- i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.

I have not sat by designation on any federal court of appeals.

14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

- a. whether your recusal was requested by a motion or other suggestion by a litigant or a party to the proceeding or by any other person or interested party; or if you recused yourself sua sponte;
- b. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal;
- c. the procedure you followed in determining whether or not to recuse yourself;
- d. your reason for recusing or declining to recuse yourself, including any action taken to remove the real, apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other ground for recusal.

Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 170.6 allows for any party or attorney to an action to file a

peremptory challenge against any judicial officer. No showing of actual bias need be made under CCP § 170.6. A different section of the CCP, § 170.1, governs challenges for cause. Recusal under CCP § 170.6 is mandatory if the proponent of the motion meets the procedural standards set forth under that section. I am unaware of the number of peremptory challenges that have been filed against me, as no list is maintained of those challenges.

In my service as a Superior Court judge, I have been asked to recuse myself for cause pursuant to CCP § 170.1 approximately five times. In each instance, the basis for the request was disagreement with an order I issued. Because the requests demonstrated that no legal grounds for disqualification existed, they were stricken pursuant to CCP § 170.4(b).

I have, however, recused myself sua sponte on one occasion in 2014 or 2015 while I was assigned to the family law division. While on search warrant and emergency protective order duty, I signed a warrant in conjunction with a serious domestic violence incident resulting in the hospitalization of the victim and a partial lockdown of the hospital. A few days later, the victim filed a request for a temporary restraining order and that request was randomly assigned to me in the family law division. Because of the nature of the allegations, I knew this was the same matter in which I authorized the warrant. Since I had spoken with the arresting officer in connection with the warrant request, I recused myself sua sponte from the family law matter. I do not recall the name of this case.

15. **Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:**

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

Aside from serving as a Superior Court judge, I have not held public office. I have had no unsuccessful candidacies for public office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

- b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and responsibilities.

Other than my own campaigns, I have not held a position or played a role in any campaigns.

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

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

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

I have not served as clerk to a judge.

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

I have not practiced law alone.

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

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Associate

1999 – 2000

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2000 – 2002

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Vice President & General Counsel (2009 – 2012)
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2012 – present
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Judge (2012 – present)

- 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.

From 1993 to 1994, I worked as an associate at Gilbert, Kelly, Crowley & Jennett. As an associate, I represented defendants in automobile accident cases where the defendant's insurance carrier suspected insurance fraud. My duties involved all phases of pre-trial discovery, case management and motion practice.

From 1994 to 1995, I worked as a project attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. As a project attorney, I worked on the team representing individual and organizational plaintiffs in Native American and workplace dispute cases. My duties included taking and defending depositions and sitting second chair at two trials.

From 1995 to 1999, I worked as an associate at Litt & Márquez. As an associate, I was responsible for the litigation, settlement, trials, and appeals of multi-plaintiff and class action employment and housing cases.

From 1999 to 2000, I worked as a Community Builder Fellow, Civil

Rights Specialist at the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development. I was one of six post-graduate fellows selected nationwide to work on Fair Housing Act policy and enforcement initiatives as part of the HUD/Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Community Builder Fellowship.

From 2000 to 2002, I worked as a senior associate at Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach. As an associate, I worked on pretrial litigation in consumer and civil rights class actions alleging unfair business practices including insurance discrimination, employment discrimination and mortgage lending fraud.

From 2002 to 2012, I worked as Deputy Director of Litigation, Director of Litigation, interim CEO, and Vice President and General Counsel of Bet Tzedek Legal Services. Bet Tzedek Legal Services is one of the premier legal services organizations in the United States with a focus on poverty law. As Vice President and General Counsel, I directed the legal work of more than 30 staff attorneys and advocates, supervised the Human Resources and Pro Bono departments, and worked in partnership with the President/CEO in implementing the strategic vision of the organization. In addition to providing direct services to low income, elderly and/or disabled clients, the firm engaged in substantial impact litigation affecting the rights of tenants statewide, worked in collaboration with the legislature to secure protections against elder abuse, acted as a convener for other groups working on substantive areas of law within its expertise, helped coordinate a Los Angeles-area response to assist people traveling to Southern California in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and pioneered the Holocaust Survivors' Justice Network, recognized by the American Bar Association in 2009 with its Pro Bono Publico Award for outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged.

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

As an associate at Gilbert, Kelly, Crowley & Jennett, I represented defendants in automobile accident cases where the defendant's insurance carrier suspected insurance fraud.

As a project attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, I represented individual and organizational plaintiffs in Native American burial site disputes and workplace dispute cases.

As an associate at Litt & Márquez, I represented plaintiffs in multi-plaintiff and class action employment and housing cases.

As a Community Builder Fellow, Civil Rights Specialist at the United

States Department of Housing & Urban Development, I did not represent clients; rather my work focused on Fair Housing Act policy initiatives.

As a senior associate at Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach, I represented plaintiffs in class actions alleging unfair business practices including insurance discrimination, employment discrimination and mortgage lending fraud.

In my various roles at Bet Tzedek Legal Services I supervised the firm's poverty law practice. While I was there, the firm's practice was focused on eight areas: elder law, housing law, real estate law, employment rights, public benefits, consumer law, senior outreach, and Holocaust reparations.

- 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.

As an associate at Gilbert, Kelly, Crowley & Jennett (1993 – 1994), I made court appearances daily. One hundred percent of my practice was devoted to litigation.

As a project attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union (1994 – 1995), I sat second chair at two sexual harassment trials in state court. One hundred percent of my practice was devoted to litigation.

As an associate at Litt and Marquez (1995 – 1999), I had primary case responsibility for all of my cases, handling oral argument on all motions. In cases proceeding to trial, I shared trial responsibility with a named partner. Approximately 90 percent of my practice was devoted to litigation.

As a Fellow with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (1999 – 2000), I served as one of six post-graduate fellows selected nationwide to work on Fair Housing Act policy and enforcement initiatives and did not engage in litigation.

As an associate at Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes and Lerach (2000 – 2002), I was primarily responsible for conducting discovery and did not appear in court. One hundred percent of my practice was devoted to litigation.

As Vice President & General Counsel, Interim President/CEO, Director of Litigation, and Deputy Director of Litigation at Bet Tzedek Legal Services (2002 – 2012), I supervised all of the litigation in the office and occasionally argued motions in court. Approximately 10 percent of my time was devoted to litigation.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
1. federal courts: 20%
 2. state courts of record: 80%

- 3. other courts: 0%
- 4. administrative agencies: 0%

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 - 1. civil proceedings: 100%
 - 2. criminal proceedings: 0%

- 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 four cases to verdict as an attorney. I was co-lead counsel in three of the cases and associate counsel in a fourth.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
 - 1. jury: 50%
 - 2. non-jury: 50%

- 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 did not practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

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

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

- 1. *United States v. City of Walnut*, No. CV-06774-GW (C. D. Cal)

The Justice Department filed this case against the City of Walnut and alleged the City discriminated against the Zen Center of Walnut through application of its land use ordinance and policies in violation of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized

Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA). Specifically, the government alleged the City used its ordinance and policies illegally to prevent the Zen Center from building a new house of worship in the community. Without objection from any party, the Zen Center intervened in the case. I supervised and directed the team of lawyers in my office representing the Zen Center. This case went to a settlement conference which resulted in a non-monetary settlement which included an agreement for training on the applicable law, an agreement by the City to retain an expert advisor if an application for a land use implicating RLUIPA is filed in the future, and mechanisms for enforcement.

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2. *Geter v. Graham*, No. BC316425, (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part*, No. B192236 and No. B180239, 2007 WL 2851412 (Cal. Ct. App., Oct. 3, 2007).

My office and pro bono counsel represented the plaintiffs against their landlord, contesting his attempt to evict them from their rent-controlled residences. Plaintiffs alleged that, upon purchasing the subject apartment building, defendant attempted to nearly double their rent in violation of the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO). Plaintiffs refused to pay the increased rent because they were current with their rent payments as determined by the RSO and other local housing laws and, in response, defendant initiated unlawful detainer actions against them. Plaintiffs filed this unfair business practices case asserting claims for malicious prosecution, abuse of process, violations of local housing and rent control laws, intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress, and unfair business practices. Defendant denied all claims. I supervised the litigation and trial. After a bench trial, the court awarded plaintiffs \$94,165 in civil penalties, compensatory damages, and punitive damages plus attorney's fees and costs. The Court of Appeal affirmed but reduced the award slightly to correct a calculation error made by the trial court.

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3. *People v. Chairez et al.*, No. BC353327 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.).

My office was co-counsel in this civil case brought by the Los Angeles City Attorney and a community organizing organization arising out of defendants' alleged failure to maintain safe living conditions for their tenants in an apartment building in South Los Angeles. My office represented tenants in the affected buildings and a junior attorney in my office and I participated in the City's case on behalf of our clients. Plaintiffs contended that defendants' conduct in engaging in a long-term pattern of property neglect and tenant abuse constituted a public nuisance and was an unfair business practice in violation of the law. Defendants denied all claims. I supervised pre-trial litigation and participated in all strategy and settlement activities. The case settled in private mediation, resulting in the preservation of safe and affordable housing in four apartment buildings owned and/or controlled by defendants.

Dates of representation: 2006 – 2008

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4. *Zavala v. Tliche et al.*, No. LS011054 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.).

My co-counsel and I represented plaintiff, a live-in domestic worker, in this action against her former employer for unpaid wages. I supervised a junior attorney and tried the case with her. Plaintiff prevailed in her administrative case before the Labor Commission and defendant filed a de novo appeal in the Superior Court. After a bench trial, the court entered verdict in favor of plaintiff for unpaid wages, civil penalties, interest and fees and costs.

Dates of representation: 2002 – 2003

Judge: Honorable Sandy R. Kriegler

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5. *Biggs v. Best & Kreiger, et al.*, No. 94-cv-00106-RT-JR (C. D. Cal.), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part*, 189 F.3d 989 (9th Cir. 1999).

I was counsel for plaintiffs in this civil action brought on behalf of three members of the Biggs family against a private law firm and several public officials for retaliation against the family for their political speech and activities in support of a Republican candidate for elective office. I was primarily responsible for discovery and briefing on the cross-motions for summary judgment and the briefing in the Court of Appeals. Ms. Biggs was an associate at Best, Best & Krieger, which was retained to provide services as the contract city attorney to the City of Redlands. Two Redlands city council members learned about the political activities of the Biggs family and threatened to fire the law firm unless the Biggses stopped their political activities. While Ms. Biggs stopped her activities, her husband and daughter continued. Upon realizing that the political activities of Ms. Biggs's husband and daughter were continuing, the firm fired Ms. Biggs. In response, the family filed this civil rights case, alleging violation of the First Amendment. Defendants denied all claims. The district court granted summary judgment to the City as to Ms. Biggs's claims only, denying it as to the claims brought by her husband and daughter, and all parties appealed.

The Court of Appeals determined that, despite her status as an associate in a law firm that provided services to a municipality on a contract basis, Ms. Biggs occupied a "policymaker" position and, as such, could be terminated for political reasons under either of the two analyses used at the time to evaluate the constitutionality of terminations in that context. The court further held that the family members' claims were derivative of Ms. Biggs's claim and therefore disposed of the entire action because of defendants' qualified immunity.

Dates of representation: 1995 – 1999

Judge: Honorable Robert J. Timlin

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6. *Hampton v. National Research Group, Inc., et al.*, No. BC116069 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.).

My firm represented the plaintiffs in this employment discrimination and harassment case. Plaintiffs alleged the defendant corporation maintained a racially hostile work environment caused by daily use of racial epithets, jokes, and other unwelcome comments by co-workers and a supervisor. Defendants contended that the conduct alleged was not unwelcome and, on those grounds, denied liability. After a six-week trial, the jury found in favor of the plaintiffs and awarded them \$1 million in compensatory and punitive damages plus attorney's fees and costs. Defendants appealed and argued for the first time that the conduct forming the basis of the finding of

harassment and discrimination was speech protected by the First Amendment. The case settled while the appeal was pending. As co-lead counsel, I was responsible for all pre-trial litigation and tried the case in equal partnership with another attorney in my firm.

Dates of representation: 1995 – 1999

Judge: Honorable Valerie Baker Fairbank

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7. *McClure v. City of Los Angeles*, No. CV-92-2776-E (C.D. Cal)

My firm represented a woman and her son in their Fair Housing Act case which alleged the City of Long Beach blocked their efforts to open boarding homes for Alzheimer's patients as a result of pressure from residents of neighboring communities. Specifically, the complaint alleged the city harassed plaintiffs through multiple building code citations at six houses being converted into boarding facilities. Plaintiffs alleged this harassment resulted in the end of construction, foreclosure and, eventually, bankruptcy. I worked on pretrial research and document analysis. The case went to trial after I left the firm. The jury found in favor of plaintiffs and awarded more than \$22 million. Defendants appealed. The case settled for \$20 million while the appeal was pending.

Dates of representation: 1995 – 1999

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8. *Person Identification Numbers 62-375 v. Hous. Auth. of the City of Los Angeles et al.*,
No. CV02810-RAP-RNB (C. D. Cal)

My firm represented the plaintiffs in this civil rights lawsuit brought by approximately 300 tenants in several public housing complexes who were the victims of racially motivated violence perpetrated by other tenants. All of the plaintiffs were isolated minority residents in their respective buildings, e.g., Latino residents in a building predominantly occupied by African American residents or African American residents in a building predominantly occupied by Latino residents. Plaintiffs alleged the violence occurred because of the Los Angeles Housing Authority's residential site policies and failure to provide adequate security for isolated minority residents. Defendants denied all claims. All the plaintiffs involved in this case were identified in this lawsuit by "person identification number" to protect them from retaliation and ongoing harm. I was associate counsel in this case and was primarily responsible for pretrial discovery and mediation of the case. The case settled in private mediation through a comprehensive structural relief settlement agreement and payment to plaintiffs of \$1.3 million.

Dates of representation: 1996 – 1998

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9. *Zuniga v. Hous. Auth. of the City of Los Angeles*, No. BC063576 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.).

My firm represented members of a Latino family who were survivors of a racially motivated firebomb attack on their residence perpetrated by African American residents of the same public housing complex. Plaintiffs brought a civil action against the City of Los Angeles and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles for negligence, negligent supervision, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligent infliction of emotional distress, wrongful death, loss of consortium, breach of the covenant of quiet enjoyment, nuisance, and federal civil rights violations. Defendants denied all claims. I was associate counsel in this case and was primarily responsible for pretrial discovery and mediation of the case. The case settled before trial for \$1.4 million.

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10. *Native American Heritage Comm'n v. Bd. of Trustees of the California State Univ.*,
No. BC087212 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.).

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), a California state agency, and several individual members of the Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe brought this action against California State University, Long Beach, to prevent the University from building a shopping center over a sacred and historic Native American burial site. The trial court granted summary judgment in favor of the University on the grounds that the statutes authorizing the NAHC to seek an injunction against another state entity in this context were facially unconstitutional. The Court of Appeal reversed and remanded the matter for trial. Before the case could be tried, the University abandoned its plans to develop the site. I was co-counsel for plaintiffs on this case and was primarily responsible for pretrial discovery.

Dates of representation: 1994 – 1995

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

My most significant legal activities revolve around court leadership, branch wide administration, the administration of justice, teaching, judicial selection panels, and mock trial/moot court programs.

Since 2023, I have served as a voting member of the Judicial Council of California, which is the policymaking body of the California courts. I also serve as Vice-Chair of its Rules Committee and as a member of its Technology Committee.

In 2007 and from 2015 to the present, I have served on several Judicial Council advisory bodies, including the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee, the Language Access Implementation Plan Taskforce, the Probate Conservatorship Taskforce, and the Technology Tactical Plan Update Workstream.

I have served as a member of the California Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions since 2023. The Committee provides judicial ethics advisory opinions and advice to judicial officers and candidates for judicial office.

I have been a member of the American Law Institute (ALI) since 2016. ALI publishes Restatements of the Law, Principles of the Law, and Model Codes. I am a participant in the Members Consultative Groups for Principles of the Law, High-Volume Civil Adjudication; Restatement of the Law, Constitutional Torts; Principles for a Data Economy; and Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law.

I currently serve as President of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Law Library which serves the legal needs of the public, self-represented litigants, and the legal community through its relationships with the court, legal aid foundations, pro bono organizations, bar associations and public libraries. I have been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2013 and have served as its President since March 2024.

In 2019 and in 2020, I was elected to the Los Angeles Superior Court Executive Committee. Chaired by the Presiding Judge, the Executive Committee is authorized to act for and on behalf of the judges on any matters affecting the court as to which the judges have the power to act, other than the adoption of an amendment to the rules applicable to the Executive Committee. As Supervising Judge of the Civil Division, I currently serve on the Executive Committee as an ex officio member.

I have served on the court's Technology Committee since 2012 and have chaired the committee since 2018. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, technology committee leadership worked closely with court administration to rapidly develop a low-cost, remote appearance platform to facilitate safe access to justice.

Since 2017, I have served as a member of the court's Judicial Education Seminars Governing Committee. This committee is responsible for planning and implementing the court's robust education seminars. Each year, the committee offers approximately 50 seminars in all case types and subject matters of relevance and interest to judges. I also serve as faculty for the California Center for Judicial Education and Research and am certified to teach its Qualifying Ethics program and New Judge Orientation program.

Since 2017, I have served on several other court committees, including the Bench and Bar Committee (which meets regularly with the presidents of local bar associations to discuss court operations, policies, and other matters of mutual concern), the Judicial Mentor Committee (which is charged assisting in the recruitment and development of a qualified and diverse judicial applicant pool), and the Rules Committee (which is responsible for reviewing and vetting all proposed changes to the Los Angeles Superior Court Local Rules and making recommendations to the Executive Committee and Presiding Judge for adoption).

I have been active in the Los Angeles County Bar Association as an attorney and as a judge. I served on the Access to Justice Committee as an attorney from 2010 to 2012 and since 2018 have participated in the annual Dialogues on Freedom program, created by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy to provide high school students with an opportunity to explore the concepts of freedom, law and justice by exploring scenarios that students might experience at school, at home, or in their neighborhoods.

From 2014 to 2017, I served by appointment of the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court on the Commission on the Future of California's Court System which was convened to perform a detailed evaluation of the way the state's trial courts were functioning and making recommendations for improvement with a focus on improving

access to justice. I served on the Civil Working Group and chaired the Self-Represented Litigant Subcommittee.

Throughout my legal career, I have volunteered to preside over many moot court programs and competitions. In conjunction with Loyola Law School, I have presided over trials as part of programs for at-risk high school students. I have also presided over mock trials in connection with the Los Angeles Superior Court's partnership with the Constitutional Rights Foundation and, most recently, I judged a round of the Greene Broillet & Wheeler National Civil Trial Competition, an invitational tournament open to all ABA-accredited law schools that have demonstrated excellence in mock trial competitions and/or demonstrated excellence in the training of law students in litigation skills.

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

I co-taught a Poverty Law Seminar at Loyola Law School during the fall semester of 2006. We curated and presented a curriculum covering law and practice in the areas of housing, employment, health care, elder law, public benefits, and kinship care. I am unable to locate a copy of the syllabus.

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

None.

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

None.

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

When my nomination is formally submitted to the Senate, I will file my Financial Disclosure Report and will supplement this Questionnaire with a copy of that Report.

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

A conflict of interest could arise from any matter arising from a case I handled as a Superior Court Judge. I will evaluate any real or potential conflict, or relationship that could give rise to the appearance of such a conflict, on a case-by-case basis and determine appropriate action, including recusal, where necessary.

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

If confirmed, I would address any actual or potential conflicts of interest by applying the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, and any other relevant laws, canons, rules, practices, and guidelines.

25. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each.

Given the restrictions that currently apply to me as a Superior Court Judge under the California Code of Judicial Ethics, my involvement in community affairs has largely been limited to that associated with my role as a judge.

I have served on the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Law Library since 2013. The Law Library is the second largest public law library in the United States and serves the public and the legal community with an emphasis on serving self-represented litigants.

Because I believe it is important to be involved in the community I serve, I participate in mentoring programs, mock trial programs (particularly programs aimed at reaching underserved communities), Teen Court, our court's Power Lunch Program (which introduces high school students to the legal system and the many career opportunities it offers) and the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Dialogues on Freedom.

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Legal Services from 2002 to 2012 were free of charge to the client.

26. **Selection Process:**

- a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

In November 2020, I was contacted by a member of then-Senator Kamala Harris's Judicial Selection Commission and was asked about my interest in an applying for nomination to the district court. On December 7, 2020, I submitted my application to Senator Harris and to Senator Dianne Feinstein. On March 26, 2021, I was interviewed by Senator Alex Padilla's Judicial Commission for the Central District of California. On April 26, 2021, I was interviewed by Senator Dianne Feinstein's Judicial Commission for the Central District of California. I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's office on August 25, 2021. On January 19, 2024, I was contacted by Senator Laphonza Butler's office and was asked if I was interested in pursuing nomination to the district court. On January 25, 2024, I was interviewed by Senator Butler's Chief Counsel. On January 31, 2024, I was interviewed by Senator Butler. On February 9, 2024, an attorney from the White House Counsel's Office advised me that I was being considered for a vacancy in the Central District of California. On February 11, 2024, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. Since February 11, 2024, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On April 24, 2024, the President announced his intent to nominate me.

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

No.