

UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

PUBLIC

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

David Cleveland Joseph

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

United States District Court Judge for the Western District of Louisiana

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.

300 Fannin Street, Suite 3201
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

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

May 6, 1977
Dallas, Texas

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.

U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Basic Course, Charlottesville, Virginia
May 2005 – September 2005
Certificate received, September 2005, *Honor Graduate*

Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, August 2000 – May 2003
Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Civil Laws, May 2003, *Order of the Coif*

University of Oklahoma, August 1995 – May 2000
Bachelor of Business Administration May 2000

6. **Employment Record:** List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or description.

COMPENSATED EMPLOYMENT

United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Louisiana
300 Fannin Street, Suite 3201
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101
United States Attorney
March 2018 – present

United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Louisiana
800 Lafayette Street, Suite 2200
Lafayette, Louisiana 70501
Assistant United States Attorney
August 2014 – March 2018

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
1601 Bryan Street
Dallas, Texas 75201
Senior Attorney, Professional Liability and Financial Crimes
January 2012 – August 2014

National Guard/Reserve
1920 Harry Wurzbach Hwy
San Antonio, Texas 78209
CPT, Trial Defense Service
August 2011 (estimated) – May 2013 (estimated)

Kane, Russell, Coleman & Logan, P.C.
1601 Elm Street
Dallas, Texas 75201
Litigation Attorney
May 2011 – January 2012

Fulbright & Jaworski LLP
2200 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75201
Litigation Associate
August 2008 – May 2011

United States Army
Taylor Hall, Bldg. 462
462 Hamilton Road
Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503
JAG Officer

May 2005 – May 2008¹

United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
777 Florida Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801
Law Clerk to the Honorable John V. Parker
September 2004 – May 2005
Louisiana Supreme Court
400 Royal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
Law Clerk to the Honorable Jeffery P. Victory
August 2003 – August 2004

Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP
451 Florida Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801
Law Clerk
Summer 2002

Watson, Blanch, Wilson & Posner, LLP
505 North Boulevard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
Law Clerk
Summer 2002

Kean Miller LLP
400 Convention Street #700
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
Law Clerk
Summer 2001, Spring 2002

Louisiana Army National Guard
8686 General Chennault Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70807
Soldier in 239th Military Police Company
August 2000 – July 2003

UNCOMPENSATED EMPLOYMENT

Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center
1 S Campus Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803
Guest Lecturer

¹ During the two-month period between leaving the Army JAG Corps and beginning private law practice in Texas, I was taking a preparation course for the July 2008 Texas Bar Examination. I was previously only licensed to practice in Louisiana.

August 2016 – December 2017

Session of Elders
Westminster Presbyterian Church
8200 Devonshire Drive
Dallas, Texas 75225
Elder
August 2012 – July 2014

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

I have registered for selective service. My military service is as follows:

1997 – 2000
Oklahoma Army National Guard
Private First Class and Specialist
Honorable Discharge

2000 – 2003
Louisiana Army National Guard
Specialist
Honorable Discharge

2005 – 2008
United States Army
First Lieutenant and Captain
Honorable Discharge

2011 – 2013
United States Army Reserve
Captain
Honorable Discharge

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.

To the best of my recollection, I have received the following awards:

Environmental Protection Agency, Bronze Medal for Commendable Service (2018)

Special Act Award, U.S. Attorney's Office (2016, 2017)

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Mission Achievement Award (2012 and 2013)

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Monetary Award (2013)

Army Commendation Medal (2008)

Judge Advocate General's Award for Professional Merit (2005) (attaining second highest academic standing in the 167th JAG Officer Basic Course)

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (2005)

Order of The Coif, Louisiana Chapter (2003)

Louisiana Law Review (2001 – 2003)

Phi Beta Kappa (2003)

Louisiana State University Law Chancellor's List (2002 and 2003)

Russell B. Long Federal Courts Award by the Federal Bar Association (2003)

Individual law school awards for attaining highest grade in:

White Collar & Corporate Crime (2002)

Federal Courts (2002)

Mineral Rights (2001)

Successions & Donations (2001)

Torts (2000)

Honors College, University of Oklahoma (1995 – 2000)

Army Achievement Medal (1998 and 2001)

Oklahoma Good Conduct Ribbon (1999 and 2000)

Army Service Ribbon (1998)

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

Louisiana State Bar Association

Member (2003 – present)

Texas Bar Association

Member (2008 – present)

Lafayette Bar Association
Member (2015 – present)

Shreveport Bar Association
Member (2018 – present)

Federal Bar Association
Member (2018 – present)

Dallas Bar Association
Member (2008 – 2012)

10. Bar and Court Admission:

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

Louisiana State Bar Association, Admitted October 12, 2003, active

Texas State Bar Association, Admitted November 7, 2008, voluntarily assumed Inactive status in 2015

Except as noted, there have been no lapses in memberships.

- 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.

Federal Courts

United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Admitted March 12, 2009, active

United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Admitted January 14, 2010, voluntarily inactive since January 14, 2015

United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Admitted January 20, 2010, active

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Admitted October 21, 2009, active

United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, Admitted July 11, 2011, voluntarily inactive since July 11, 2014

State Courts

Louisiana State Bar Association, Admitted October 12, 2003, active

Texas State Bar Association, Admitted November 7, 2008, voluntarily inactive since 2015

Georgia Supreme Court, admitted *pro hac vice* on January 15, 2014, in connection with *FDIC v. Loudermilk, et al.*, Case No. S14Q0454, a litigation which has been resolved

Except as noted, there have been no lapses in membership.

11. Memberships:

- a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

To the best of my recollection:

Cheney C. Joseph, Jr. Memorial Classroom Dedication Steering Committee,
Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center (2016 – 2017)

City Club of Lafayette, Louisiana (2014 – present)

Park Cities YMCA Youth Soccer Coach, Dallas, Texas (2010 – 2012)

Member of Westminster Presbyterian Church's Session of Elders, Dallas, Texas,
(2012 – 2014)

Friends of the Dallas Library (2008 – 2011)

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

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

I have done my best to identify all books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces and other published material, including a thorough review of my personal files, and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

Priority One: Building Safer Communities, U.S. Department of Justice, April 22, 2019. Copy supplied. Reprinted in multiple outlets.

Priority One: Protecting Our Communities, U.S. Department of Justice, May 3, 2018. Copy supplied. Reprinted in multiple outlets.

Contributor to *The Pocket Constitutionalist*, Paul R. Baier & Co. Silver Anniversary Fifth Edition, Baton Rouge: Claitor's Publishing Division, 2003. Copy not available.

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

I have done my best to identify any reports, memoranda, or policy statements I prepared or contributed to, including a thorough review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have not located any responsive materials.

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

I have done my best to identify any testimony, official statements, or other communications related, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, including a thorough review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have not located any responsive materials.

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

I have done my best to identify transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered, including through a review of personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Most of my remarks are extemporaneous. I frequently use the text of a speech from a prior event, speak without notes, or speak from a handwritten outline. I did not retain the majority of the handwritten outlines and have attached all that I could find. Despite my searches, there may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

November 11, 2019: Keynote Speaker, VFW Veteran's Day Event, Rayville, Louisiana. I spoke about Veteran's Day. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is 406 West 34th Street Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

October 28, 2019: Guest Speaker, Bossier Bar Association, Bossier City, Louisiana. I spoke regarding human trafficking. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Louisiana State Bar Association is 601 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130.

October 25, 2019: Panelist, Federal Jurisdiction in Indian Country, Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Copy of Power Point supplied.

August 15, 2019: Guest Speaker, North Shreveport Lions Club, Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of remarks supplied.

August 8, 2019: Welcoming Remarks, PSN Training, U.S. Department of Justice, Lafayette, Louisiana. Copy of remarks supplied.

August 5, 2019: Welcoming Remarks, PSN Training, U.S. Department of Justice, Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of remarks supplied.

July 10, 2019: Panelist, U.S. Attorney's Offices and Cooperative Criminal Justice, Louisiana District Attorney's Association 42nd Annual Conference, Destin, Florida. Copy of Power Point supplied.

June 13, 2019: Welcoming Remarks, Fentanyl 101 Seminar, Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office, Lafayette, Louisiana. I offered welcoming remarks at this seminar. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office is 1825 West Willow Street, Lafayette, Louisiana.

May 16, 2019: Guest Speaker, Annual Police Memorial Service, Lafayette Police Department, Lafayette, Louisiana. Copy of remarks supplied. Press coverage supplied.

May 2, 2019: Panelist, Federal Public Defender CJA Seminar, John M. Shaw United States Courthouse, Courtroom 1, 800 Lafayette Street, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501. I participated in a panel discussion on current prosecution trends and practices with a Q&A session following. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address for the Office of the Federal Public Defender is 102 Versailles Boulevard, Suite 816, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501.

April 25, 2019: Welcoming Remarks, National Association of Attorneys General Presidential Initiative Summit, Lafayette, Louisiana. Copy of remarks supplied.

April 24, 2019: Guest Speaker, Lafayette Crime Stopper's Banquet, Lafayette Crime Stoppers, Lafayette, Louisiana. Copy of remarks supplied.

April 11, 2019: Panelist, "Reasonable Expectation of Privacy – Does It Still Exist?" Louisiana Judicial College: 2019 Spring Judges Conference, Lake Charles, Louisiana. Copy of remarks supplied.

April 8, 2019: Guest Speaker, Annual Proclamation Ceremony – National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of remarks supplied. Press coverage supplied.

March 18, 2019: Presentation of Fallen Officer Letter to Mother of fallen Shreveport Police Officer Chateri' Payne, 3901 Eileen Lane, Shreveport, Louisiana. I presented a Fallen Officer Letter to the mother of a fallen police officer. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Shreveport Police Department is 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

March 15, 2019: Welcoming Remarks, New Iberia Police Department Training, New Iberia, Louisiana. Copy of remarks supplied.

December 10, 2018: Guest Speaker, Loyola's Law Studies Class, Juniors and Seniors, Loyola College Prep, 921 Jordan Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. No prepared remarks.

November 30, 2018, Introductory Remarks, Introduction of AUSA Karen King as next Lafayette Federal Bar Association president, Federal Bar Association, Lafayette, Louisiana. Copy of remarks supplied.

November 14, 2018, Speaker, "The Rising Counterintelligence Threat," CenturyLink Board of Directors, Monroe, Louisiana. I gave a presentation at a regularly scheduled Board meeting on the rising counterintelligence threat posed by China. The PowerPoint presentation shown to them is law enforcement sensitive.

October 25, 2018: Speaker, FBI Citizens' Academy, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana. Copy of remarks and handout supplied.

October 17, 2018: Speaker, Louisiana Sheriff's Association, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I spoke about Department of Justice priorities and collaboration with state and local law enforcement. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association is 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802.

September 13, 2018: Speaker, Louisiana Homicide Seminar & Conference, Louisiana Homicide Investigators Association, Lake Charles, Louisiana. Copy of remarks supplied.

July 19, 2018: Welcoming Remarks, South Central U.S. Human Trafficking Conference, Louisiana State University-Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of remarks supplied.

July 18, 2018: Remarks, FBI retirement event, Lafayette, Louisiana. I gave brief remarks thanking a retiring agent for his service to the office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is 935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20535.

May 10, 2018: Panelist, Federal Public Defender CJA Seminar, Lafayette, Louisiana. I participated in a panel discussion on DOJ policies and prosecution issues/trends with a Q&A session following. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Office of the Federal Public Defender is 102 Versailles Boulevard, Suite 816, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501.

May 2, 2018: Guest Speaker, Shreveport Bar Association luncheon, Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of remarks supplied.

April 19, 2018: Remarks, FBI retirement event, Lafayette, Louisiana. I gave brief remarks thanking a retiring agent for his service to the office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is 935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20535.

April 17, 2018: Speaker, Louisiana Narcotic Officers Association Training, Bossier City, Louisiana. Copy of Power Point supplied.

April 6, 2018: Remarks, AUSA James Cowles retirement event, Shreveport, Louisiana. I gave brief remarks thanking AUSA Cowles for his years of service and dedication to the Department of Justice and the WDLA U.S. Attorney's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recordings. The address of the U.S. Department of Justice is 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530. Press coverage supplied.

May 25, 2017: Presentation, Regional BSA Officers Meeting, Petroleum Club, Lafayette, Louisiana. Copy of Power Point and handout supplied.

March 9, 2017: Presentation, Regional BSA Officers Meeting, Pioneer Club, Lake Charles, Louisiana. I used the same PowerPoint and handout supplied for the May 25, 2017 event.

September 28, 2016: Presentation, Law Enforcement Coordination Meeting, Fort Polk, Louisiana. Organized and led roundtable discussion with local, federal, and military law enforcement regarding jurisdictional and procedural issues relevant to criminal conduct occurring on Fort Polk, Louisiana and the adjacent national forest. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the U.S. Department of Justice is 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530.

July 21, 2016: Instructor, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations, Suspicious Activity Report Review Team Regional Conference, F. Edward Hebert Federal Building, New Orleans, Louisiana. Copy of Power Point supplied.

April 15, 2016: Lecturer, Identity Theft Conference, United States Air Force, Judge Advocate Generals Corps, Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois. Copy of Power Point supplied.

January 28, 2015: Instructor, Federal Jurisdiction in Indian Country, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, Tribal Headquarters, Marksville, Louisiana. Copy of Power Point supplied.

May 13-14, 2013; June 3-4, 2013; August 19-20, 2013: Lead Instructor, Deposition Training for FDIC Corporate Witnesses in Professional Liability Litigation, FDIC Regional Office, Dallas, Texas. Copies of agendas and available presentation materials supplied.

2012 – 2013: Course Instructor, “Fundamentals of Litigation” Training for FDIC Division of Resolutions and Receiverships, FDIC Regional Office, 1601 Bryan Street, Dallas, Texas. Taught FDIC professional liability investigators the fundamental components of civil litigation in federal court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the FDIC is 1601 Bryan Street, Dallas, Texas 75201.

October, 2012: Lecturer, 2012 FDIC Professional Liability Conference, L. William Seidman Center, 3501 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia. Taught FDIC attorneys a segment on the legality and utility of tolling agreements in civil litigation. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the FDIC is 3501 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

2006 – 2008: Instructor, Annual Department of Defense Ethics Course Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Assisted in instructing all military and civilian personnel at Fort Sill the fundamentals of the Joint Ethics Regulation. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Department of Defense is Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301.

2006 – 2007: Instructor, Command Financial Advisor’s Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Taught U.S. Army non-commissioned officers the basics of bankruptcy law, debtor and creditor rights, and spousal support obligations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Department of Defense is Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301.

2006 – 2008: Instructor, International Law and the Law of War, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Taught Soldiers deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan the fundamentals of the laws of war and the various international conventions to which the United States was a signatory. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Department of Defense is Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301.

2007 – 2008: Instructor, Military Justice from a Command Perspective, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Taught new Army commanders the scope of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the military commander’s role in instituting criminal charges. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Department of Defense is Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301.

2007 – 2008: Instructor, Military Justice for Basic Trainees, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Taught Soldiers in Initial Entry Training the basics of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and its applicability to all service members. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Department of Defense is Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301.

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

they are available to you.

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

Former Lake Charles Police Officer Sentenced to 18 Months in Federal Prison for Civil Rights Violation, U.S. Department of Justice, November 19, 2019. Copy supplied.

Attorney General Barr Announces Launch of Project Guardian - A Nationwide Strategic Plan to Reduce Gun Violence, U.S. Department of Justice, November 13, 2019. Copy supplied.

Delhi Farmer Sentenced for Lying to Various Business and Government Entities to Steal Nearly \$18 Million, U.S. Department of Justice, November 7, 2019. Copy supplied.

Monroe Couple Sentenced to 69 Years Collectively in Prison for Armed Robbery Bank Spree, U.S. Department of Justice, November 7, 2019. Copy supplied.

U.S. Attorney David C. Joseph Announces Launch of Northwest Louisiana Human Trafficking Task Force, U.S. Department of Justice, November 5, 2019. Copy supplied.

I appeared in two public service announcements relating to human trafficking and Project Safe Neighborhoods. Copies of the videos will be supplied to the Committee. I have also supplied the scripts.

Man from Ville Platte Sentenced for Killing Endangered Whooping Crane, U.S. Department of Justice, November 1, 2019. Copy supplied.

Drug Take Back, NBC 10 News, October 26, 2019. Recording available at <https://www.myarklamiss.com/video/drug-take-back/4049240/>

U.S. Attorney David C. Joseph Encourages Citizens to Participate in DEA's 18th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, U.S. Department of Justice, October 24, 2019. Copy supplied.

Department of Justice Awards More than \$85.3 Million in Grants to Address School Violence, U.S. Department of Justice, October 22, 2019. Copy supplied.

Emily Enfinger, *Shreveport gang activity: What's being done to stop it?*, Shreveport Times, October 11, 2019. Recording available at <https://www.shreveporttimes.com/story/news/crime/2019/10/11/u-s-attorney->

david-joseph-talks-shreveport-gang-activity/3911031002/

Former Jefferson Parish Justice of the Peace Sentenced to Three Years in Federal Prison for Corruption and Financial Fraud, U.S. Department of Justice, October 10, 2019. Copy supplied.

U.S. Attorney David C. Joseph Announces Progress in Making Our Communities Safer Through Project Safe Neighborhoods, U.S. Department of Justice, October 9, 2019. Copy supplied.

Qui Tam Lawsuit and Federal Investigation Results in Half a Million Dollar Settlement to Resolve False Claims Act Liabilities, U.S. Department of Justice, September 26, 2019. Copy supplied.

Federal Jury Convicts Texas Man of Possessing AR-15 Rifle in His Car After Having Been Previously Convicted of Multiple Felonies, U.S. Department of Justice, September 11, 2019. Copy supplied.

3 Investigates: Illegal firearms in Louisiana, KTBS 3, Sept 5, 2019. Recording available at https://www.ktbs.com/news/3investigates/investigates-illegal-firearms-in-louisiana/article_cd1d35ea-cffd-11e9-a7ef-33522b061cc2.html.

"Block Boyz" gang leader and last two members sentenced to serve time in federal prison, U.S. Department of Justice, August 30, 2019. Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

"Block Boyz" gang leader, 2 members sentenced to federal prison, KTBS 3, August 30, 2019. Recording available at https://www.ktbs.com/block-boyz-gang-leader-members-sentenced-to-federal-prison/video_ace95d4e-9921-5652-b514-e81e270caeb3.html.

"You do the crime, you do the time" said US Atty. David Joseph regarding the convictions of the Block Boyz Gang, Talk of the Town with Tom Pace, August 30, 2019. Recording available at <https://www.shrevetalk.com/you-do-the-crime-you-do-the-time-said-us-atty-david-joseph-regarding-the-convictions-of-the-block-boys-gang-tom-pace-reports-audio-podcast-8-30-2019/>

Scott Ferrell, Notorious Shreveport gang members get lengthy prison sentences, Shreveport Times, August 30, 2019. Recording available at <https://www.shreveporttimes.com/story/news/crime/2019/08/30/u-s-attorney-announces-lengthy-sentencing-block-boyz-gang-members/2164006001/>

Ville Platte Business Owner Sentenced for Filing False Tax Returns and Failing to Pay Taxes, August 21, 2019. Copy supplied.

Former Lake Charles Police Officer Pleads Guilty to Using Excessive Force, U.S.

Department of Justice, August 15, 2019. Copy supplied.

Federal jury convicts northeast Louisiana couple for armed bank robbery spree, U.S. Department of Justice, August 1, 2019. Copy supplied.

Interview and Q&A, KADN TV-15, August 13, 2019, 1500 Eraste Landry Road, Lafayette, Louisiana. I spoke about Elder Fraud. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings.

Federal Jury Convicts Northeast Louisiana Couple for Armed Bank Robbery Spree, U.S. Department of Justice, August 1, 2019. Copy supplied.

Federal Jury Convicts Three Monroe Residents of Illegal Drug Trafficking, U.S. Department of Justice, July 22, 2019. Copy supplied.

Delhi Farmer Pleads Guilty to Lying to Various Business and Government Entities to Steal Nearly \$17 Million, U.S. Department of Justice, July 16, 2019. Copy supplied.

Natchitoches Man Sentenced to 25 Years in Prison for Methamphetamine, Firearm Offenses, U.S. Department of Justice, June 26, 2019. Copy supplied.

Former Avoyelles Correction Center Warden and ex-wife sentenced to prison for stealing taxpayer money for personal benefit, U.S. Department of Justice, June 17, 2019. Copy supplied.

Zach Parker, *OPSO task force makes 106 arrests*, The Ouachita Citizen, June 12, 2019. Copy supplied.

Opelousas Man Charged with Federal Hate Crimes for Setting Fire to Three St. Landry Parish Churches, U.S. Department of Justice, June 12, 2019. Copy supplied.

Ashley Mott, *106 in custody after May OPSO task force action*, News Star, June 11, 2019. Copy supplied.

Former Supervisor at Louisiana Correctional Facility Sentenced for Role in Conspiracy to Violate Civil Rights of Inmates, U.S. Department of Justice, June 5, 2019. Copy supplied.

Drug Trafficker From Central Louisiana Convicted at Trial by Jury, U.S. Department of Justice, May 30, 2019. Copy supplied.

Jan Swift, David Joseph: *U.S. Attorney for the Western District of LA*, Tape Discover Lafayette Podcast, May 30, 2019. Recording available at <https://player.fm/series/discover-lafayette-1814016/david-joseph-u-s-attorney-for->

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U.S. Attorney David C. Joseph announces settlement with Louisiana drug distributor, resolving claims it failed to report suspicious opioid orders to DEA, U.S. Department of Justice, May 24, 2019. Copy supplied.

Mike Curley, Pharma Co. Inks \$22M Deal Ending Opioid Reporting Claims, Law360, May 24, 2019. Copy supplied.

Former Louisiana Corrections Officers Sentenced for Roles in a Conspiracy to Cover up Abuse of Inmates, U.S. Department of Justice, May 15, 2019. Copy supplied.

Katie Gagliano, Law enforcement works to 'dry up supply' of loose prescription drugs with take back day, Acadiana Advocate, April 27, 2019. Copy supplied.

In-depth look at "Drug Take Back Day", KALB, April 26, 2019. Recording available at <https://www.kalb.com/video?vid=509135172>.

U.S. Attorney David C. Joseph partners with DEA in its 17th annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, U.S. Department of Justice, April 25, 2019. Copy supplied.

Department of Justice Releases Reports Focused on Improving Safety and Wellness of the Nation's 800,000 Law Enforcement Officers, U.S. Department of Justice, April 17, 2019. Copy supplied.

Statement of U.S. Attorney David C. Joseph on Church Burnings in St. Landry Parish, U.S. Department of Justice, April 10, 2019. Copy supplied.

Former Supervisor at Richwood Correctional Center Pleads Guilty in Violating Civil Rights of Five Inmates, U.S. Department of Justice, March 13, 2019. Copy supplied.

Former Avoyelles Correctional Center warden pleads guilty fraud charges, U.S. Department of Justice, March 13, 2019. Copy supplied.

Grace Toohey, Ex-warden Nate Cain pleads guilty mid-trial in federal corruption case, just as ex-wife was set to testify, The Advocate, March 13, 2019. Copy supplied.

Brooke Buford, 'Guilty, Sir:' Nate Cain pleads guilty as ex-wife prepares to testify, KALB, March 13, 2019. Recording available at: <https://www.kalb.com/content/news/Guilty-sir-Nate-Cain-pleads-guilty-as-ex-wife-prepares-to-testify-507105741.html>

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Louisiana Takes Part in Largest-Ever Nationwide Elder Fraud Sweep, U.S. Department of Justice, March 8, 2019. Copy supplied.

Jury Convicts Former Jefferson Parish Justice of the Peace of Financial Fraud, U.S. Department of Justice, February 27, 2019. Copy supplied.

United States Attorney announces violent crime reduction in Northeast Louisiana, U.S. Department of Justice, February 25, 2019. Copy supplied.

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I have not held judicial office.

- a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment? _____
- i. Of these, approximately what percent were:
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| jury trials: | _____ % |
| bench trials: | _____ % [total 100%] |
| civil proceedings: | _____ % |
| criminal proceedings: | _____ % [total 100%] |
- b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.
- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature 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 (3) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).
- 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.
- e. Provide a list of all 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.
- 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.
- 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. 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.

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:

I have not held judicial office.

- 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.

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.

United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, March 2018 to Present, appointed in 2018 by President Donald J. Trump.

- 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.

In 1994, as a high school Junior and member of my high school's Young Republicans, I assisted in handing out signs and flyers on behalf of Frank Keating's successful campaign for Governor of Oklahoma. Otherwise, I have not been a member nor rendered services to any political party or election committee.

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 served as a clerk to the Honorable Jeffery P. Victory, Louisiana Supreme Court from 2003 to 2004.

I served as a clerk to the Honorable John V. Parker, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana from 2004 to 2005.

- 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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- 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 2003 to 2005, I served as a judicial law clerk for the Louisiana Supreme Court and United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, conducting legal research and writing and preparing draft opinions.

From 2005 to 2008, I served as an officer in the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps, where my practice focused on criminal, operational, and administrative law.

From 2008 to 2012, I entered private law practice in Dallas, Texas, where I focused on commercial litigation. My job entailed all aspects of civil litigation, including conducting depositions, engaging in motion practice in state and federal court, and otherwise representing corporate and individual clients in dispute resolution.

From 2012 to 2014, I worked for the Professional Liability and Financial Crimes Section of the FDIC. While there, I investigated and pursued professional liability and fraud claims on behalf of the FDIC as receiver

for failed banks to recover losses and promote accountability for wrongful conduct by the banks' directors and officers. I also investigated and pursued claims against attorneys, accountants, and appraisers that had performed negligent work on behalf of failed banks. In this position, I retained, supervised, and managed outside counsel to assist the FDIC in its mission.

From 2014 to 2018, I served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana. In this position, I prosecuted a wide variety of offenses, with a focus on fraud and other white-collar crimes, public corruption, firearms offenses, and crimes committed on the district's military installations. I also led the District's Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) review team and serve as the District's military liaison with Fort Polk Army Post.

In 2018, I was appointed United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana. As United States Attorney, I supervise an office of approximately forty Assistant U.S. Attorneys who are responsible for prosecuting federal crimes affecting the District, including firearm and drug cases, gang violence, human trafficking, white collar crime, public corruption, terrorism, and civil rights violations. The office also defends the United States in civil cases and collects debts owed to the United States.

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

With the exception of four years in private practice, I have represented the United States and its agencies throughout my legal career. During my career in the military, I focused primarily on criminal law and continue in that specialty as an Assistant United States Attorney. While in private practice, I focused on civil litigation with my typical clients being medium to large corporations or privately-held companies. As an FDIC attorney, my focus was on director and officer liability litigation, attorney malpractice litigation, and accountant malpractice litigation.

- c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

My practice has focused exclusively on litigation. The frequency of my court appearances has varied from year to year. I most frequently appeared in court in my position as an Assistant United States Attorney (in which I typically had court appearances multiple times a week) and as an officer in the United States Army JAG Corps. As United States Attorney, I am the chief federal prosecutor for the district. Although I personally maintain a criminal docket, the litigation is

handled primarily by Assistant United States attorneys.

i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. federal courts: | 60% |
| 2. state courts of record: | 30% |
| 3. other courts: | 0% |
| 4. administrative agencies: | 10% |

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. civil proceedings: | 40% |
| 2. criminal proceedings: | 60% |

d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

I have tried approximately 20 cases to verdict, judgment, or final decision, three of which I was co-counsel and the remainder of which I was either sole counsel or chief counsel.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

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| 1. jury: | 33% |
| 2. non-jury: | 67% |

e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply four (4) copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

I have not practiced before the Supreme Court 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:

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

1. United States v. Taylor
Case No. 17-CR-00324 (W.D. La.)
March 2017 – September 2018
District Judge: Hon. Jay Zainey
United States District Court
Eastern District of Louisiana

The Defendant, Ryan Taylor detonated an explosive device containing chlorine gas on the morning of April 12, 2017 in the Kisatchie National Forest, which was used by Fort Polk Army Installation as a training ground for Soldiers. Three U.S. Army Soldiers who were conducting a training exercise nearby heard the explosions and found Taylor standing near his vehicle filming the explosion with his cell phone. They then questioned Taylor and reported the incident to military police. Upon arriving at the site of the explosion, Fort Polk military police investigators examined the scene and began collecting samples at the blast site. One investigator filled a plastic bag with a rock coated in an unknown substance. The bag immediately popped, and the investigator's plastic gloves and boots began to melt. He also began to experience difficulty breathing and his skin started burning. Law enforcement later detained Taylor at Fort Polk and searched his vehicle. During the search, investigators found remnants of the explosive device and chlorine residue, which one investigator inhaled and touched, causing him to be hospitalized. During the course of the investigation, law enforcement agents found bomb-making notes, materials and chemical residue in Taylor's vehicle, apartment and storage building. The two victims who inhaled the chlorine gas were treated multiple times for their injuries and effectively ended their military careers. Taylor pleaded guilty to the illegal manufacture and use of a chemical weapon and was sentenced on September 24, 2018 to 135 months in prison. I was lead counsel in this matter.

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2. United States v. Speights
Case No. 15-CR-00046 (W.D. La.)
January 2015 – January 2017
District Judges: Hon. Donald E. Walter
Hon. Patricia Minaldi

United States District Court
Western District of Louisiana

This was a rape trial in which the defendant was a civilian and the victim was an Army officer stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana. On the night of October 20, 2013, the defendant, the victim, and a female friend went out to a nightclub. When the group left the nightclub several hours later, the victim was intoxicated. At trial, the victim testified that she had no memory of anything that occurred from the time that the group left the nightclub until she woke up in the middle of the night in a "dream-like" state to find the defendant sexually assaulting her. She further testified that she awoke in the morning to find bleeding, soreness, and other signs of sexual activity and went to the hospital for a SANE exam (although no forensic evidence was recovered). The defendant acknowledged in an interview with an FBI agent that he had engaged in sexual intercourse with the victim, but claimed the sexual intercourse was consensual. After a short deliberation, the defendant was convicted as charged and subsequently sentenced to 121 months imprisonment. I represented the United States as co-counsel, handling approximately one-half of the trial responsibilities.

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3. United States v. Blount
Case No. 15-CR-00143 (W.D. La.)
July 2015 – July 2017
District Judge: Hon. Dee D. Drell
United States District Court
Western District of Louisiana

This case was initiated after receiving a report from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) indicating that the defendant, who had previously been barred from the financial services industry, was again engaged in brokerage activities through his business, Professional Retirement Consultants, LLC. In what amounted to a classic Ponzi scheme, Blount solicited and received a total of \$5.8 million from "investors" during the period from January 1, 2010, through January 31, 2014. However, no securities, commodities, or other investments were purchased by Blount on behalf of the investors. Instead, Blount deposited the investor funds into several bank accounts controlled by him and used the money for his own personal expenses and to make

“lulling payments” to investors designed to mimic returns on their purported investments. The Ponzi scheme involved 73 victims from which the defendant stole over \$5.8 million. Blount pleaded guilty to wire fraud and was sentenced on July 12, 2017 to 188 months in prison. He was ordered to pay \$4,313,173.22 in criminal restitution. I was sole counsel in this matter.

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4. United States v. Wood Group PSN
Case No. 16-CR-00145 (W.D. La.)
January 2016 – March 2017
District Judge: Hon. Dee D. Drell
United States District Court
Western District of Louisiana

In the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, federal agents initiated an investigation into allegations that Wood Group PSN, an oil services contractor who managed over 40 oil and gas platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, had been falsifying offshore drilling platform safety inspections. During the period investigated, Wood Group reported to regulators that it had conducted routine safety inspections of its platforms as required by law. However, helicopter aviation logs of the transportation company that Wood Group used to transport its employees to the platforms revealed that Wood Group employees had not conducted certain inspections and had falsified the corresponding inspection forms. Wood Group pleaded guilty to making false statements to regulators and was sentenced on February 23, 2017, to three years of organizational probation and fined \$7 million. I represented the United States as co-counsel.

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5. United States v. Hebert, et. al.
Case No. 17-CR-00039 (W.D. La.)
February 2017 – Present
District Judge: Hon. Donald E. Walter
United States District Court
Western District of Louisiana

On November 6, 2017, after a nine-day jury trial, the United States obtained a conviction on all counts against a Louisiana veterinarian and a Nebraska pharmacy who conspired to make money by selling and instructing others to administer an unapproved opioid to racehorses for the purpose of cheating at the racetrack. From November 2010 to December 2012, Kohll's Pharmacy & Healthcare Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska, distributed a synthetic form of the drug Dermorphin, an opioid unapproved by the FDA that is 40 times more powerful than morphine, to Louisiana veterinarian Kyle Hebert and others in order to illegally enhance the performance of racehorses. Hebert then put the drug into syringes and gave the loaded syringes to racehorse trainers charged with the horses' care. Each trainer was instructed that the drug should be injected into the jugular vein of the racehorses an hour before race time. Dermorphin acts as a strong painkiller and masks horses' pain and any pre-existing injuries. Depending on dosage, it can also act as a stimulant when injected into horses. Hebert was sentenced to 15 months in prison and ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine. The Nebraska pharmacy was sentenced to five years of corporate probation and ordered to pay a \$200,000 fine. I represented the United States as co-counsel, handling approximately one-half of the trial responsibilities.

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6. United States v. Nelson, et al
Case No. 12-CR-00224 (W.D. La. 2014)
August 2014 – January 2015
District Judge: Hon. Richard T. Haik
United States District Court
Western District of Louisiana

Within the first month of my arrival at the United States Attorney's Office, I was asked to serve as co-counsel in the re-trial of an armed robbery case, after a jury had been unable to reach a verdict as to the defendant in a previous trial. The defendant and two other men had been indicted on October 24, 2012, by the Grand Jury on charges that they took part in an armed robbery on April 8, 2011, at a casino located in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. During the trial, I was asked by lead counsel to handle many of the government witnesses, including the government's DNA forensic expert. After a three-day federal trial that ended August 1, 2014, and a brief deliberation, the federal jury found Jones guilty of Hobbes Act armed robbery. He was sentenced on September 19, 2014, to 46 months in prison.

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7. United States v. Zavala
Case No. 16-CR-00053 (W.D. La.)
March 2016 – May 2017

District Judge: Hon. Donald E. Walter
United States District Court
Western District of Louisiana

In 2014, officials at several Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) detention centers informed law enforcement that a company owned and managed by the defendant had been mailing large numbers of letters advertising immigration-related services to ICE detainees. Enclosed in each of the envelopes was a letter, written in the Spanish language, offering immigration assistance and a business card providing the defendant’s contact information. Suspecting fraud, federal agents were able to obtain financial records disclosing that the defendant had received a large number of wire transfer transactions (including inter-bank wire transfers and Western Union and Money Gram payments) from immigration detainees or their family members. Agents were able to locate 14 of the individuals who had originated the wire transfers to the defendant. They all recounted that they had sent money to the defendant to obtain immigration assistance for relatives who were then being held in ICE detention centers. In each case, the defendant would promise to represent the detainees in immigration court at deportation proceedings, assist them in obtaining work permits, assist them in “bonding out” of detention facilities, or otherwise provide representation on their immigration cases. Additionally, on more than one occasion, the defendant falsely represented to family members of ICE detainees that he was a licensed attorney and would represent the detainee in that capacity. After the defendant received the requested payments from the detainees’ family members, he would cease all contact with the subject family member, fail to show up at immigration proceedings as promised, and otherwise fail to take any demonstrable action on behalf of the subject ICE detainee. In many instances the detainees were then removed from the United States and thus unable to assert civil or criminal claims against the defendant.

The defendant ultimately pled guilty to mail fraud and was sentenced to one year of imprisonment and ordered to pay restitution to the victims. Due to the defendant’s cooperation with the government, I was also able to prosecute the individual who first introduced the defendant to the scheme. *See United States v. Donald Domingue*, Case No. 16-CR-00216 (W.D. La.). This prosecution resulted in Domingue’s conviction and sentence to an 18-month term of imprisonment. I represented the United States as lead counsel in both matters.

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8. United States v. Le
Case No. 16-CR-00202 (W.D. La.)
September 2015 – July 2016
District Judge: Hon. Donald E. Walter
United States District Court

Western District of Louisiana

In January of 2014, law enforcement became aware that large amounts of cash had been withdrawn from bank accounts owned by the Vietnamese Buddhist Association of Southwest Louisiana, a/k/a Tihn Do Temple (the "Temple") at a casino in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The Temple is a Buddhist church located in Lafayette, Louisiana with approximately 50 regular parishioners. The defendant was a Vietnamese national who spoke only the Vietnamese language, and who served as the presiding monk of the Temple. A subsequent HSI forensic accountant's audit of the two bank accounts owned by the defendant and three owned by the Temple revealed that a total of \$374,789.79 had been withdrawn by the defendant at or near local casinos during the period from January 2013 to August 2014. Of this amount, \$263,464.36 was withdrawn from the Temple's bank accounts, and \$111,325.43 was withdrawn from the defendant's personal bank accounts. Review of records obtained from casinos indicated that the defendant exchanged approximately \$2 million in cash for chips during the relevant time period.

A one-count criminal complaint charging wire fraud was filed on September 10, 2015, after agents discovered that the defendant was attempting to fly out of the United States. He was arrested at New York LaGuardia Airport on September 14, 2015, while en route to Canada. A four-count indictment was subsequently returned by the Federal Grand Jury on September 23, 2015. The defendant pleaded guilty to Wire Fraud on March 17, 2016, and, on July 25, 2016, was sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment and ordered to pay \$263,463.36 in criminal restitution. The defendant filed an appeal as to the amount of court-ordered restitution, which was denied in a *per curiam* opinion by the Fifth Circuit issued on August 16, 2017. I represented the United States as lead counsel.

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9. United States v. Mendez, et al.
Case No., 14-CR-00208 (W.D. La.)
November 2014 – July 2015
District Judge: Hon. Donald E. Walter
United States District Court
Western District of Louisiana

After receiving information from the Drug Enforcement Administration, local law

enforcement arrested two individuals that had driven into Louisiana from Texas with cocaine and methamphetamines hidden in the side panels of their truck. The case subsequently proceeded to a jury trial as one of the defendants, in which I represented the United States as lead counsel. After a two-day trial that ended on March 11, 2015, the defendant, a Guatemalan citizen living in Texas, was convicted by a jury of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute approximately 15 kilograms of cocaine, and possession with intent to distribute approximately 516 grams of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to a total of 120 months in prison.

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10. FDIC v. Loudermilk, et al.
Case No. 12-CV-04156 (N.D. Ga.)
December 2012 – June 2014
District Judge: Hon. Thomas J. Thrash, Jr.
United States District Judge
Northern District of Georgia

This investigation and litigation, on which I filed suit and was the managing attorney from 2012 to 2014 (and which was thereafter inherited by FDIC Counsel Stuart Tonkinson) stemmed from the December 4, 2009, failure of Buckhead Community Bank in Atlanta Georgia. In 2012, the FDIC sued nine former directors and officers of Buckhead Bank for negligence and gross negligence in recommending or approving imprudent commercial real estate loans. The defendants moved to dismiss the complaint on the ground, among others, that the Georgia business judgment rule precluded the FDIC from asserting negligence claims against them. As there was no precedential law on the issue, the U.S. District Court Judge certified the question to the Georgia Supreme Court. In a unanimous decision issued on July 11, 2014, the Georgia Supreme Court ruled that the business judgment rule does not automatically protect directors and officers of failed banks from negligence lawsuits if they make decisions in bad faith or without

using due diligence. On October 25, 2016, a jury in the Northern District of Georgia entered a verdict against eight of the defendants (the ninth settled before trial). The Court entered a judgment for \$4,986,993, plus costs and post-judgment interest.

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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.)

I have not engaged in any lobbying activity on behalf of clients or organizations.

As a law clerk for Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Jeffrey P. Victory, my primary responsibilities included drafting opinions, conducting legal research, and evaluating and summarizing writ applications. I also assisted Justice Victory in analyzing certain proposed revisions to the Louisiana Rules of Professional conduct that the Louisiana State Bar Association submitted for consideration by the Supreme Court.

While in private practice, I typically handled large corporate litigation as associate counsel. As an example, from 2009 to 2011, I was part of a litigation team representing a major American aluminum manufacturer in a multiyear litigation. The litigation involved a customer's allegations of accelerated, widespread corrosion in its retail products, resulting in claims against my client for breach of contract and breach of warranty. The customer sought in excess of \$250 million in damages. An adverse verdict would have forced our client into bankruptcy. After dozens of depositions of fact and expert witnesses and substantial motions practice, the case settled on favorable terms to our client.

On behalf of the FDIC, I negotiated numerous settlements prior to filing suit by asserting pre-litigation claims against former directors and officers of failed banks. I also asserted pre-litigation claims against attorneys, accountants, and real estate appraisers who performed negligent professional services – thereby causing loss to the failed financial institutions. Examples of these settlements include:

A \$3.3 million settlement with the former directors and officers of the Bank of Hiawasse, Hiawasse, Georgia, for their negligence in originating numerous high-risk commercial real estate and acquisition and development loans, resulting in the failure of the bank.

A \$2.15 million settlement with a major regional accounting firm for their negligence in providing auditing services to Westsound Bank, Bremerton, Washington, despite the fact that a significant fraud scheme were ongoing during the course of the audit. This fraud scheme greatly contributed to the failure of the bank.

A \$1.3 million settlement with the former directors and officers of the Town Community Bank & Trust, Antioch, Illinois, for their negligence in originating numerous high-risk real estate loans, resulting in the failure of the bank.

A \$790,000 settlement with the Georgia law firm of Smith, Welch, and Brittain for negligent services provided to their client, McIntosh Commercial Bank, Carrollton, Georgia in connection with certain real estate transactions.

A \$3.25 million settlement with the former directors and officers of the Statewide Bank, Covington, Louisiana, for their negligence in using depositor money to purchase sub-investment grade mortgage-backed securities, significantly contributing to the failure of the Bank.

A \$2.5 million settlement with the former directors and officers of the Bank of Wyoming, Thermopolis, Wyoming, for their negligence in originating numerous high-risk real estate loans, resulting in the failure of the bank.

Also while at the FDIC, I developed and implemented a corporate witness training program across the agency to train employees to serve as deposition and trial witnesses on behalf of the FDIC in professional liability litigation.

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.

August 2016 – December 2017

Guest Instructor, Criminal Law and Procedure Class, Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center

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Copy of syllabus provided.

Co-taught a three-hour criminal procedure course to second and third-year law students

April 2011

Guest Lecturer, Constitutional Law, Department of Law, United States Military Academy West Point, New York

Copy of syllabus not available.

Assisted a professor with a lecture on basic constitutional law to undergraduate cadets

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.

No.

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 mandated Financial Disclosure Report and will supply a copy to this Committee.

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.

If confirmed, I will recuse myself in any litigation handled by the United States Attorney's Office while I was serving as United States Attorney.

With respect to financial holdings, I will actively screen cases for potential financial recusal questions, disqualifying myself anytime I, or anyone in my household, has a financial interest in the subject matter of the controversy, in a party to the proceeding, or in any other interest that could substantially be affected by the outcome of the proceeding. *See* 28 U.S.C. Section 455(b)(4).

- 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 will carefully review and address any real or potential conflicts by reference to 28 U.S.C. Section 455, Canon 3 of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and any and all other applicable laws, rules, practices, judicial decisions, or Judicial Conference opinions.

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.

Since my appointment as United States Attorney, I have not engaged in the practice of law outside of my government service.

While an AUSA, I served as a judge in the local high school moot court competition through the Lafayette Bar Association. I also participate, along with my spouse (who is a breast radiologist), in various Breast Cancer Awareness activities in the Lafayette, Louisiana community. Most of my career has been dedicated to military and public service as JAG Officer, an Attorney with the FDIC, and AUSA with the Western District of Louisiana.

During my time in private practice, I served on the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel in the Northern District of Texas on a pro bono basis to provide federal criminal legal representation to indigent defendants. I also volunteered on a periodic basis to serve the Dallas community by providing pro bono legal advice through the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP), which coordinates the provision of free legal help and access to the justice system for low-income people.

While living in Dallas, I served the homeless community of Dallas, Texas through Westminster Presbyterian Church's ministry to provide one dinner a month at The Bridge North Texas Homeless Shelter. I also participated as a teacher in Junior Achievement in Dallas, Texas on an annual basis – teaching one day of curriculum to elementary school students in Dallas County public schools.

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.

On September 20, 2019, I received a call from Senator John N. Kennedy asking me to consider serving as a federal district court judge. On September 27, 2019, I informed Senator Kennedy that I would be honored to be considered.

On October 4, 2019, I spoke with Senator Bill Cassidy and he informed me that he supported me for the judicial position. Later that day, Senator Kennedy's office informed me that the White House Counsel's Office would contact me to schedule an interview. I was interviewed by the White House Counsel's Office and the Office of Legal Policy on October 9, 2019.

On October 21, 2019, I received a call from the White House Counsel's Office

informing me that I had been recommended to the White House for the position. Later that day, I received forms and materials needed to initiate an FBI background investigation. Since then, I have been in periodic contact with the White House Counsel's Office and the Department of Justice.

- 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.