

**UNITED STATES SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-JUDICIAL NOMINEES**

**PUBLIC**

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

Brandon Joseph Fremin (Oct. 1984 – present); adoption  
Brandon Joseph Barber (Feb. 1979 – Oct. 1984); adoption  
Brandon Joseph Himpler (April 9, 1974 – Feb. 1979)

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

United States Attorney, Middle 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.

Louisiana Department of Justice  
Office of the Louisiana Attorney General  
1885 North Third Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

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

1974; Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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.

Louisiana State University  
Paul M. Hebert Law Center  
Aug. 2000 – May 2003  
Juris Doctor: May 2003  
Bachelor of Civil Law: May 2003

Southeastern Louisiana University  
Aug. 1993 – Dec. 1998  
Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice: Dec. 1998  
Cum Laude

Louisiana State University  
Aug. 1992 – Dec. 1992

No degree received

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

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Compensated:**

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Director of the Criminal Division  
1/2016 – present

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802  
Section Chief, Assistant District Attorney  
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Assistant United States Attorney  
9/2012 (est.) – 10/2013 (est.)

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Assistant District Attorney  
8/2003 (est.) – 9/2012 (est.)

Baton Rouge City Court  
233 St. Louis Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802  
Law Clerk to the Honorable Alex Wall  
8/2002 (est.) – 6/2003 (est.)

Law Office of Antonio M. “Tony” Clayton  
3741 La. Highway 1 South  
Port Allen, Louisiana 70767

Law Clerk  
5/2002 (est.) – 8/2002 (est.)

deGravelles, Palmintier, Holthaus and Fruge, Attorneys at Law  
618 Main Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801  
Law Clerk  
5/2001 (est.) – 9/2001 (est.)

Office of the East Baton Rouge District Attorney, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
222 St. Louis Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802  
Criminal Investigator  
2/1999 (est.) – 8/2000 (est.)

Jack Mackerel's Dockside Café  
4520 South Sherwood Forest Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816  
Manager  
5/1998 (est.) – 2/1999 (est.)

Uncompensated:

Office of the United States Attorney, Middle District of Louisiana  
777 Florida Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801  
Special Assistant United States Attorney  
10/2013 (est.) – present

Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
4000 South Sherwood Forest Boulevard, #607  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816  
Extern  
1/2002 (est.) – 5/2002 (est.)

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.

12/1994 – 9/2002  
United States Marine Corps  
E-5 (Sergeant, Non-Commissioned Officer)  
Honorable Discharge

I have registered for selective service.

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

Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University

Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors Scholarship recipient, 2001 – 2003

Student member of the Wex Malone Inn of Court, 2002 – 2003

Southeastern Louisiana University

Dean's List for Academic Achievement, 1996 – 1998 (est.)

Cum Laude, 1998

United States Marine Corps

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, 2000

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, 1999

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, 1997

Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, 1997 (est.)

National Defense Service Medal, 1995 (est.)

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)

Baton Rouge Bar Association

Member (2005 – present)

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, Admitted September 26, 2003, Active

There have been no lapses in membership.

- b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require special admission to practice.

Federal District Court

Middle District of Louisiana, Admitted October 3, 2012, Active

State Court

Louisiana State Bar, Admitted September 26, 2003, Active

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.

National Sheriff's Association (2016 – 2017)

Louisiana District Attorney's Association (2002 – 2012; 2013 – 2015)

Catholic High School Men's Club (1998 – 2003; 2008 – 2010)

Our Lady of Mercy School Men's Club (2017 – present)

Wex Malone Inn of Court (2002 – 2003 (est.))

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

- b. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly 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 these organizations discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

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

- a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Supply four (4) copies of all published material to the Committee.

I have not written or edited any published material.

- 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 not written any such reports, memoranda or policy statements.

- 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 not given any testimony or official statements regarding matters of public policy or legal interpretation.

- 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 sometimes give speeches about the work of the Criminal Division of the Louisiana Department of Justice, general law enforcement issues and my experience as a prosecutor. Most of my remarks are given without notes, from a handwritten outline, or from a Power Point presentation. My general practice is to discard such outlines and notes. With assistance, I have sought to identify all responsive speeches and talks, and locate all responsive presentations, outlines and notes. Despite our efforts, there may be other materials that we have been unable to identify. I have located the following:

September 22, 2017  
Opening Remarks  
Sexual Offender Child Predator Enforcement Conference  
Louisiana State Police Headquarters  
7901 Independence Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806  
Copy not available.

February 22, 2017  
Arrest Warrants Presentation

Louisiana Justices of the Peace and Constables Annual Conference  
Crowne Plaza Executive Center  
4728 Constitution Avenue  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808  
Copy not available.

October 1, 2016  
Town Hall Meeting – Remarks on the Operations of the Criminal Division of the  
Louisiana Department of Justice  
River Rock Church  
19501 Highway 40  
Loranger, Louisiana 70446  
Copy not available.

April 20, 2016  
Miranda v. Arizona Presentation  
Carencro High School  
721 W Butcher Switch Road  
Lafayette, Louisiana 70507  
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March 2, 2016  
Presentation on Operations of the Criminal Division of the Louisiana Department  
of Justice  
Louisiana Sheriff's Association/Louisiana Sheriff's Institute – Course for Newly  
Elected Sheriffs  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
4914 Constitution Avenue  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808  
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February 24, 2016  
Arrest Warrants Presentation  
Louisiana Justices of the Peace and Constables Annual Conference  
Paragon Casino Resort  
711 Paragon Place  
Marksville, Louisiana 71351  
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February 15, 2016  
Introductory Remarks  
Louisiana District Attorney's Association's Midyear Meeting of Elected District  
Attorneys  
Grand Hotel Marriott Resort  
One Grand Boulevard, P.O. Box 639  
Point Clear, Alabama 36564

Copy not available.

- 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 given interviews about state prosecutions to local newspapers and television stations. With assistance, I have sought to identify and locate all responsive interviews or clips including a review of personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite our efforts, there may be other materials that we have been unable to identify, find or remember. I have located the following:

August 30, 2017  
The Advocate  
State v. Dale Dwayne Craig  
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March 10, 2017  
The Advocate  
State v. Kenny Matassa  
Interview found at:  
[http://www.theadvocate.com/baton\\_rouge/news/article\\_0f7f63a4-057b-11e7-bd1a-077f9d5c09fd.html](http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/article_0f7f63a4-057b-11e7-bd1a-077f9d5c09fd.html)

February 13, 2017  
The Advocate  
State v. Kenny Matassa  
Copy supplied

October 3, 2016  
The Advocate  
State v. Dale Dwayne Craig  
Copy supplied

August 9, 2016  
The Advocate  
State v. Chanda Hall  
Copy supplied

August 9, 2016  
Louisiana Record  
In re: Allyson Campbell  
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July 20, 2016  
The Ouachita Citizen  
In re: Allyson Campbell  
Copy supplied

June 10, 2016  
The Advocate  
State v. David Peralta  
Copy supplied

June 10, 2016  
WDSU News  
State v. David Peralta  
Copy supplied

April 13, 2016  
Louisiana Record  
State v. Bruce Greenstein  
Copy supplied

April 13, 2016  
The Advocate  
State v. Bruce Greenstein  
Copy supplied

April 8, 2016  
The Washington Times  
State v. Bruce Greenstein  
Copy supplied

April 29, 2010  
The Advocate  
State v. Alexander Hooks  
Copy supplied

July 17, 2009  
The Advocate  
State v. Duane Champagne  
Copy supplied

September 27, 2008  
The Advocate  
State v. Shauna Jenkins  
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August 19, 2008  
The Advocate  
State v. Duane Champagne  
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August 15, 2008  
The Advocate  
State v. Reginald Selders  
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October 20, 2007  
The Advocate  
State v. Patti Magee Reed  
Copy supplied

August 18, 2007  
The Advocate  
State v. Alexander Hooks  
Copy supplied

February 25, 2005  
The Advocate  
State v. George Hughes  
Copy supplied

August 25, 2004  
The Advocate  
State v. Charles Hills and Kevin Scott  
Copy supplied

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

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

I have been appointed to the following public offices:

- 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.

I have not been a member nor held office in nor rendered services to any political party. I have assisted an election committee in the election of Baton Rouge City Court Judge Alex Wall in 1999 (est.). My responsibilities were to place yard signs on the property of supporters of the candidate.

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

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

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

I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Alex Wall, Baton Rouge City Court; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; 2002 – 2003. This service occurred during my final year in law school and continued for a brief period after graduation from law school.

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

I have not practiced alone.

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

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- iv. whether you served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and, if so, a description of the 10 most significant matters with which you were involved in that capacity.

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator.

b. Describe:

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

From 2003 to 2012, I served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the East Baton Rouge District Attorney, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. During that time I assisted in managing a daily docket and conducted numerous grand jury investigations, pretrial hearings, motions and trials as sole counsel, lead counsel and as co-counsel.

From 2012 to 2013, I served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana. During that time I primarily prosecuted matters involving illegal drug trafficking, illegal firearms possession and violations of federal immigration laws. As an Assistant United States Attorney, I served as co-counsel in the jury trial of a defendant who was charged with illegally possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. The jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment.

From 2013 to present, I have served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana. As a Special Assistant, I served as co-counsel in the jury trial of a cocaine broker that resulted in a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment.

From 2013 to 2016, I served as a Section Chief in the Office of the East Baton Rouge District Attorney, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. As a Section Chief, I was responsible for managing a section of prosecutors and staff in addition to undertaking the responsibilities of an Assistant District Attorney as noted above.

From 2016 to present, I have served as the Director of the Criminal Division in the Louisiana Department of Justice, Office of the Louisiana Attorney General. As Director, I am responsible for all operations and management of a division of prosecutors, investigators and support staff numbering approximately 105 personnel.

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

I have, for the majority of my practice, represented the State of Louisiana in criminal matters, and I have also represented the United States of America in criminal matters. I also have supervised trial court litigation and appellate litigation in my role as Director of the Criminal Division in the Louisiana Department of Justice. All of my work has been related to criminal justice and criminal prosecutions.

- 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 a state prosecutor, from 2003 to 2012 and from 2013 to 2016, I appeared in court on a daily basis. As a federal prosecutor, from 2012 to 2013, I appeared in court less frequently. As Director of the Criminal Division at the Louisiana Department of Justice, from 2016 to present, I appear in court on an as needed basis.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- |                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. federal courts;         | 10% |
| 2. state courts of record; | 90% |
| 3. other courts;           | 0%  |
| 4. administrative agencies | 0%  |

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- |                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| 1. civil proceedings;    | 0%   |
| 2. criminal proceedings. | 100% |

- 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 30 cases to verdict in Louisiana State District Court in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. I have served as sole counsel, lead counsel and co-counsel. I have tried two cases to verdict in Federal District Court in the Middle District of Louisiana. I served as co-counsel in each of the Federal trials.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:

- |              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| 1. jury:     | 50% (est.) |
| 2. non-jury: | 50% (est.) |

- 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.

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

case. Also state as to each case:

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

1. State of Louisiana v. James McCray

Case ID: 07-01-0628  
19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana  
The Honorable Bonnie Jackson  
2005

Lead counsel:  
Barry J. Fontenot  
Assistant District Attorney  
Office of the East Baton Rouge District Attorney, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
222 St. Louis Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802  
(225) 389-3400

Principal Counsel for Opposing Party:  
Michael Mitchell  
Office of the Public Defender  
222 St. Louis Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802  
(225) 389-3150

The defendant entered a barber shop where he routinely visited. During the course of an armed robbery the defendant shot and killed the shop owner and a customer of the shop. This matter had been indicted and several pretrial hearings were conducted prior to my assistance in the case. I served as co-counsel and assisted lead counsel in the preparation of pretrial hearings and trial preparations and had an active role in all phases of trial as the second chair.

The case ultimately proceeded to trial where the jury returned a verdict of guilty of two counts of first-degree Murder. The penalty phase of the trial commenced and the jury voted to sentence the defendant to life imprisonment at hard labor.

2. State of Louisiana v. George Hughes

Case ID: 11-04-0609

19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana  
The Honorable Bonnie Jackson  
2004 – 2006

Co-counsel  
Stephen N. Pugh  
Assistant District Attorney  
Office of the East Baton Rouge District Attorney, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
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(225) 389-3400

Principal Counsel for Opposing Party:  
Scott Collier  
Office of the Public Defender  
222 St. Louis Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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(225) 389-3150

The defendant was charged by indictment with second-degree murder for the killing of his foster daughter's boyfriend. On the night of the killing, the defendant received a call from his foster daughter who indicated she and her live-in boyfriend were involved in an argument. The defendant, having knowledge of a tumultuous relationship between his daughter and the victim, armed himself with a .22 caliber handgun and went to his daughter's residence. When he arrived, he initiated an altercation with the victim and shot him once in the chest in the presence of his daughter and her infant child. The victim was killed immediately.

As lead counsel for the state, I worked very closely with the family of the victim throughout the process, presented the matter to the Grand Jury, litigated pretrial motions and tried the matter before a jury. At the conclusion of the trial, the defendant was convicted, as charged, of second-degree murder. He was later sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor.

### 3. State of Louisiana v. Frank Bell

Case ID: 10-06-0705; 10-06-0633; 10-06-0635; 04-09-0363  
19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana  
The Honorable Bonnie Jackson  
2006 – 2009

Principal Counsel for Opposing Party:  
Lyn Legier  
Office of the Public Defender  
222 St. Louis Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor



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The defendant was a California gang member who moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to live with his older brother who provided housing and a place of employment for the defendant. While at work, an altercation ensued between the defendant and another employee that led to a disagreement between the defendant and his older brother. The defendant, angered by the confrontations, decided to go back to California. Unable to obtain transportation, the defendant armed himself with a handgun and attempted, on two separate occasions, to rob two motorists of their vehicles. Shots were fired at each of the motorists in each of the incidents. Unable to obtain a vehicle through the failed robbery attempts, the defendant shot and killed his brother, stole his truck and fled to California. While in prison awaiting trial, the defendant armed himself with a razor blade and forced another inmate to perform oral sex on him.

The defendant was formally charged with second-degree murder for the killing of his brother; two counts of attempted armed robbery and two counts of attempted murder for the attempted robberies and shootings involving the motorists; and one count of forcible rape for the prison incident.

As sole counsel for the state, I conducted the Grand Jury presentation, litigated pretrial motions and prepared the matters for trial. One week prior to trial, a plea was negotiated and the defendant ultimately admitted responsibility for his acts. The defendant plead guilty to the following crimes: manslaughter, two counts of attempted armed robbery, two counts of illegal use of a weapon and one count of forcible rape. He was sentenced to a total of 85 years imprisonment at hard labor for his crimes.

#### 4. State of Louisiana v. Alexander Emery Hooks

Case ID: 08-07-0452  
19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana  
The Honorable Bonnie Jackson  
2007 – 2010

Principal Counsel for Opposing Party:  
Robert W. Gill  
Manasseh, Gill, Knipe and Belanger, PLC  
8075 Jefferson Highway  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809  
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The defendant went to his girlfriend's place of employment at a late hour and caused a disturbance. His girlfriend, the victim, reluctantly gave him a ride back to her apartment where an apparent struggle later ensued. During the struggle, the

defendant armed himself with a large kitchen knife and stabbed her in the head and facial area. Ultimately, the defendant cut the throat of the victim then left her at the scene where she died.

As sole counsel for the state, I presented the matter to a Grand Jury, which indicted the defendant for second-degree murder. I conducted pretrial matters and worked closely with the family of the victim throughout the process. The defendant elected to waive his right to a jury trial and chose to have the case tried before a judge. A trial was conducted which culminated in the defendant being found guilty of manslaughter. He was later sentenced to the maximum sentence of 40 years imprisonment at hard labor.

5. State of Louisiana v. Reginald Selders

Case ID: 08-08-0003  
19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana  
The Honorable Bonnie Jackson  
2008 – 2010

Principal Counsel for Opposing Party:  
Lyn Legier  
Office of the Public Defender  
222 St. Louis Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802  
(225) 389-3150

The defendant was involved in an altercation with the victim at a local nightclub, causing each of them to be forcibly removed by employees of the nightclub. The defendant and the victim were asked to leave the property and were forbidden from returning to the property that evening. The defendant, still angered by what transpired inside, immediately left the scene and returned a short time later to find the victim seated in his parked car near the club. The defendant produced a handgun and opened fire, killing the victim.

As sole counsel for the state, I presented the matter to a Grand Jury, which indicted the defendant for second-degree murder. The case proceeded to trial and on the fourth day of trial, the defendant agreed to plead guilty to manslaughter and accept a sentence of 30 years imprisonment at hard labor.

6. State of Louisiana v. Christopher Hawkins

Case ID: 05-09-0424  
19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana  
The Honorable Bonnie Jackson  
2009 – 2011

Principal Counsel for Opposing Party:  
A. Hays Town, III  
4008 Hyacinth Avenue  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808  
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The defendant was socializing with the victim at an apartment when a disagreement ensued. The victim left the apartment on foot and walked approximately one block away. The defendant entered a vehicle and travelled approximately one block when he spotted the victim. The defendant immediately exited the car, produced a handgun and fired shots into the victim as he walked away. The defendant fled, leaving the victim at the scene where he died.

As sole counsel for the state, I presented the matter to a Grand Jury, which indicted the defendant for second-degree murder. The case proceeded to a trial by jury that concluded with the defendant being convicted as charged for second-degree murder. He was later sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor.

7. State of Louisiana v. Hikeem Mumphrey

Case ID: 10-10-0272  
19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana  
The Honorable Bonnie Jackson  
2010 – 2011

Principal Counsel for Opposing Party:  
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The defendant was riding a bicycle at a late hour through a residential neighborhood when he observed the victim as she exited her vehicle after working a late shift at a local coffee shop. The defendant produced a handgun and robbed the young woman of her cell phone and other valuables.

As sole counsel for the state, I charged the defendant with one count of armed robbery with the use of a firearm, handled pretrial motions and worked closely with the victim throughout the process. The case proceeded to trial by jury, and on the fourth day of trial, the defendant agreed to plead guilty as charged to armed robbery with the use of a firearm and to accept a sentence of 30 years imprisonment at hard labor.

8. State of Louisiana v. Anthony Jerome Kinchen

Case ID: 07-10-0084  
19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana  
The Honorable Bonnie Jackson  
2010 – 2011

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The defendant was charged with committing two unrelated armed robberies of different victims at different locations. The first occurred at an ATM while a lone female customer attempted to withdraw funds from the ATM. The defendant produced a handgun and robbed the victim of withdrawn funds. The second robbery occurred at the home of the victim. The defendant forcefully entered an apartment occupied by the victim. Upon entering the residence, the defendant went upstairs where he forcefully entered a bedroom occupied by the victim and her five-year-old son. The defendant placed a gun to the head of the five-year-old and demanded money from the victim. The defendant fled the scene after receiving money and other valuables from the victim.

As lead counsel for the state, I presented the matter to a Grand Jury, which indicted the defendant for two counts of armed robbery with the use of a firearm. I handled pretrial motions and worked closely with the victims throughout the process. The case proceeded to trial by jury whereupon the defendant was found guilty as charged of two counts of armed robbery with the use of a firearm. He was later sentenced to a total of 40 years imprisonment at hard labor.

9. State of Louisiana v. Donald Ray Dickerson

Case ID: 07-13-0371  
19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana  
The Honorable Louis R. Daniel  
2012 – 2015

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The defendant was at a local gas station near the Louisiana State Capitol when the defendant attacked and severely beat the victim in the presence of the victim's wife and two minor daughters. The victim suffered devastating injuries including a blowout orbital fracture with a severe hematoma and a broken nose. The victim's wife and one of his daughters were also injured in the incident. There were allegations that the attack was racially motivated, which lead to the defendant being arrested for hate crimes in addition to second-degree battery.

The matter was formally charged prior to my return to the District Attorney's Office as Section Chief. Our office elected not to formally charge the defendant with a hate crime in favor of pursuing a conviction under Louisiana's Habitual Offender Statute which, considering the defendant's extensive criminal history, subjected the defendant to a potential life sentence. Co-counsel and I tried the matter before a jury, and the defendant was found guilty as charged for second-degree battery. The defendant was later sentenced pursuant to the Louisiana Habitual Offender Statute to life imprisonment.

I represented the state in this matter at pretrial hearings and at the jury trial.

10. United States v. Dwayne Reginald Patterson

Case ID: 12-CR-126  
Federal District Court, Middle District of Louisiana  
The Honorable James J. Brady  
2014

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The defendant, a resident of Houston, Texas, was identified as a broker for purchasers of cocaine in Baton Rouge, Louisiana within the Middle District of Louisiana. The DEA conducted an operation wherein agents allowed a confidential informant to operate under surveillance for the purpose of brokering the purchase of a large amount of cocaine. A deal to purchase cocaine was agreed upon and the defendant, and others invited by the defendant, ultimately showed up at an arranged location for the purpose of purchasing multiple kilograms of cocaine. Twenty-two thousand dollars and a loaded handgun were recovered from the arrestees.

As a Special Assistant United States Attorney, I served as co-counsel and assisted in preparing for trial and in all phases of a trial by jury. At the conclusion of the trial the defendant was convicted as charged with one count of possession or attempted possession with the intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine and one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine. He was later sentenced to 120 months in federal prison.

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

As an Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the East Baton Rouge District Attorney, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, my daily responsibilities included managing a high volume docket which included arraignments, motion hearings, status conferences, competency hearings, sentencing hearings and probation reviews and revocations among other things. Other duties included acting as the duty attorney when called upon, answering calls from the public, engaging in meetings with members of the public and responding to homicide scenes among other tasks. Additionally, I was active in mentoring and assisting new prosecutors in my section.

As a Section Chief in the Office of the East Baton Rouge District Attorney, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, I was responsible for managing, mentoring, training and evaluating attorneys and staff. In addition to my supervisory responsibilities, I also appeared in court on a daily basis with other attorneys in my section for the purpose of managing a daily docket. I

also, along with other leaders in the office, engaged in community outreach by meeting with local schools and civic groups in order to explain the role and functions of the District Attorney's Office.

As the Director of the Criminal Division of the Louisiana Department of Justice, I am responsible for all operations of the Criminal Division. A key component of my duties as Director is to oversee all stages of criminal trial and appellate litigation. Additional responsibilities include the management of a federally mandated Medicaid Fraud Control Unit that is responsible for investigating and prosecuting Medicaid fraud throughout the state of Louisiana. As such, I supervise criminal investigators in the unit and review every arrest warrant generated within the unit. I am also designated by the Louisiana Attorney General as the liaison to the Louisiana State Police for the purpose of reviewing and approving state wiretap applications. My work also involves consultation with several state agencies and with federal, state and local law enforcement officials and agencies.

In summary, I have spent my entire professional career representing the State of Louisiana and the United States in all aspects of the prosecution of criminal matters.

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

In 2016, I assisted in teaching a course on arrest warrants to Louisiana Justices of the Peace and Constables at the annual Louisiana Justices of the Peace and Constables Conference. I was part of a two-person panel and was responsible for assisting the primary presenter. Materials for this course were prepared by the primary presenter. Syllabus not available.

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

Aside from the state retirement plans listed in my current OGE-278 and my federal TSP, there are none.

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

No.

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

Please see my current OGE-278 as provided by the Office of Government Ethics.

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

See attached net worth statement.

22. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

In connection with the nomination process, I have consulted with the Office of Government Ethics and the Department of Justice's designated agency ethics official to identify potential conflicts of interest. Any potential conflict of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of an ethics agreement that I have entered with the Department's designated agency ethics official.

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

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



listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each. If you are not an attorney, please use this opportunity to report significant charitable and volunteer work you may have done.

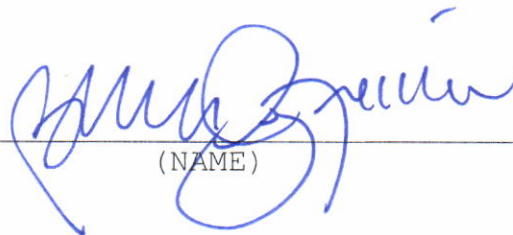
My professional and legal career has been exclusively in public service, to both the State of Louisiana and to the United States, and much of my work directly benefits the disadvantaged. Throughout my career I have counseled and mentored students and lawyers who have also devoted their time and careers to public service. Additionally, I am currently a volunteer coach for a youth basketball team.

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

OCT. 25, 2017

(DATE)



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