

UNITED STATES SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-JUDICIAL NOMINEES

PUBLIC

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

Brian Michael Gootkin

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

United States Marshal, District of Montana, Department of Justice

3. **Address**: List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state where you currently reside.

5 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601

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

1969; Meriden, CT

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.

University of Virginia, 2010

No degree received.

Park College, 1990-1993

No degree received.

Eastern Washington University, 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.

January 2021 – Present

Director  
Montana Department of Corrections  
5 South Last Chance Gulch  
Helena, MT 59601

October 1993 – December 2020  
Gallatin County Sheriff's Office  
615 South 16<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Bozeman, MT 59715

October 2012 – December 2020	Sheriff
October 2010 – October 2012	Undersheriff
July 2005 – October 2010	Lieutenant
October 1999 – July 2005	Sergeant
October 1993 – October 1999	Deputy Sheriff

Uncompensated Affiliations

June 2013 – December 2020  
Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officers Association  
320 Jackson Street  
Helena, MT 59601

July 2006 – December 2020	Board Member
June 2013 – June 2014	President

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 registered for selective service.

United States Air Force (Honorable Discharge)

1992 – 1993	Senior Airman
1991 – 1992	Airman 1 <sup>st</sup> Class
1989 – 1991	Airman

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.

I do not have any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, or any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

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.

I am not an attorney.

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.

I am not an attorney.

- 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.

I am not an attorney.

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.

Bozeman Kiwanis, Member, 2010 – 2012

- b. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

To my knowledge, none of these organizations discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

Kiwanis Clubs admitted men only until the 1987 Supreme Court decision *Rotary International v. Rotary Club of Duarte*. As long as I have been a member, the organization welcomed male and female members.

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 published materials, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

Brian Gootkin, *Gallatin County Sheriff Responds to ACLU Report Alleging Bias in Arrests*, KBZK (Aug. 12, 2020). Copies supplied.

Brian Gootkin, *Gallatin County Sheriff Brian Gootkin Explains Montana Sheriffs' Op-Ed*, KBZK (July 20, 2020). Copies supplied.

- 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 reports, memoranda, or policy statements as described, 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.

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

I have done my best to identify all testimony, official statements, or other communications as described, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be other items I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

Mont. Judges Ass'n, *DOC Overview*, presented at the Montana Judges Association Meeting (Oct. 9, 2025) (Billings, Mont.). Copies unavailable.

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Mont. Pub. Safety Interim Budget Comm., *DOC Update*, video recording of committee meeting (Mar. 13, 2024) (Helena, Mont.), available here: <https://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00309/Harmony/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20240313/1/50100?startposition=20240313080040&mediaEndTime=20240313162215&viewMode=3&globalStreamId=4> .

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Mont. Law and Justice Interim Comm., *DOC Update*, (Aug. 29, 2022) (Helena, Mont.), available here: <https://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00309/Harmony/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20220913/-1/44732>.

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- 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 speeches and talks as described, including thorough a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. I have not located any responsive items. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember.

- 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 thorough a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

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

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

December 2012 – December 2016                      Elected Sheriff of Gallatin County

December 2016 – December 2020                      Elected Sheriff of Gallatin County

January 2021 – Present

Appointed by Governor Greg  
Gianforte: Criminal Justice  
Oversight Council

- 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 held any memberships or offices, nor rendered any services to a political party or election committee.

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 am not an attorney.
  - ii. whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and dates;  
  
I am not an attorney.
  - 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.  
  
I am not an attorney.
  - 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 am not an attorney.
- b. Describe:
  - i. the general character of your law practice and indicate by date when its character has changed over the years.  
  
I am not an attorney.

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

I am not an attorney.

- 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.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. federal courts;
2. state courts of record;
3. other courts;
4. administrative agencies

I am not an attorney.

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. civil proceedings;
2. criminal proceedings.

I am not an attorney.

- 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. What percentage of these trials were:

1. jury;
2. non-jury.

I am not an attorney.

- 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 am not an attorney.

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;

I am not an attorney.

- b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and

I am not an attorney.

- c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

I am not an attorney.

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

I am not an attorney.

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

I have not taught any classes.

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

I currently receive retirement benefits from Gallatin County through the state of Montana Sheriff Retirement System. I have no arrangements in the future to be compensated for any financial or business interest.

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

I do not have plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment.

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

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

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

22. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

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

If I am confirmed, any potential conflict of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of an ethics agreement that I have entered with the Department's designated agency ethics official. If confirmed, I will continue to consult with the Department of Justice's ethics office and will recuse myself from any matter in which recusal is required.

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

serving the disadvantaged.” Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each. If you are not an attorney, please use this opportunity to report significant charitable and volunteer work you may have done.

Between 2007-2016, I volunteered with the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Council based in Great Falls, MT. In that capacity, I participated in the planning and implementation of various events, such as the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run, which is a signature event that has raised millions of dollars over the years.