

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

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

John P. Heekin

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

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

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

1982; Fort Myers, Florida

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.

Columbus School of Law, the Catholic University of America (CUA), 2008-2011
Juris Doctor, May 2011

Bucknell University, 2001-2005
Bachelor of Arts, May 2005

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

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

I have not served in the United States military. I have registered for selective service.

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

Academic Scholarship, Columbus School of Law, the Catholic University of America, 2011

CUA Student Scholars Award, Catholic University of America, 2010

Outstanding Staff Member Award, *The Journal of Contemporary Health Law & Policy*, Columbus School of Law, the Catholic University of America, 2010

Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Fraternity, 2005

National Honor Society, 1997

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.

Florida Bar Association
District of Columbia Bar Association

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

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

Florida, January 2012

District of Columbia, April 2014

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.

Supreme Court of the United States (January 2018)

United States District Court, Northern District of Florida (March 2018)

All state courts in Florida (January 2012)

All local courts in the District of Columbia (April 2014)

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.

Republican National Lawyers Association (2019 – present)

Palm Beach County Bar Association (2011 – 2013)

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies (2009 – present)

- 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.

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.

Leashing the Internet Watchdog: Legislative Restraints on Electronic Surveillance in the U.S. and U.K., Am. Intelligence J., Vol. 28, No. 1, p. 40-58 (2010). Copy available at <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44327129>.

ADHD and the New Americans with Disabilities Act: Expanded Legal Recognition for Cognitive Disorders, 2 Wm. & Mary Pol'y Rev. 171 (2010). Copy 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 any reports, memoranda, or policy statements I have prepared or contributed to, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. I have not identified or 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 relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. I have not identified or 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 my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. I have located the following public speaking events in which I was involved:

Broward County Lawyers Chapter
Federalist Society for Law & Public Policy Studies
Timpano Los Olas
450 E. Las Olas Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301
April 14, 2023

I participated in a panel discussion with attorneys who had previously served as General Counsel to the Governor of Florida, during which we relayed our personal experiences serving in that role. I spoke without notes, and there was no press coverage or transcript of the panel discussion of which I am aware.

Columbus School of Law Student Scholar Series Presentation
Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America
3600 John McCormack Road, Northeast
Washington, D.C. 20064
April 22, 2010

I presented a scholarly paper written as part of a law school class. The paper was subsequently published by the American Intelligence Journal in Fall 2010. I did not retain any notes or written remarks used in this presentation, but a recording of the event is available through the following webpage:

https://scholarship.law.edu/student_scholar/6/

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

I have done my best to identify all interviews given, including through a review of my personal files, and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have not identified or located any responsive materials.

13. Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:

- a. List chronologically any public offices you have held, other than judicial offices,

including the terms of service and whether such positions were elected or appointed. If appointed, please include the name of the individual who appointed you. Also, state chronologically any unsuccessful candidacies you have had for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

I have not run for public office.

- 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 a position or played a role in a political campaign.

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

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

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

I have not clerked for a judge.

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

I have not practiced alone.

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

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

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator.

- v. Whether you have held any judicial office, including positions as an administrative law judge, on any U.S. federal, state, tribal, or local court and if so, please provide the name of the court, the jurisdiction of that court, whether the position was appointed or elected, and the dates of your service.

I have not held any judicial office.

b. Describe:

- i. the general character of your law practice and indicate by date when its character has changed over the years.
- ii. your typical clients and the areas at each period of your legal career, if any, in which you have specialized.

In January 2012, I began my law practice as a criminal prosecutor in the 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Palm Beach County. My client was the State of Florida, and I prosecuted state crimes in state court.

In May 2013, I joined the Executive Office of the Governor as an Assistant General Counsel. My client was the Governor of Florida and the Governor's office, and I was responsible for the provision of general legal counsel to the Governor and members of his staff while overseeing a

portfolio of issues impacting Executive agencies under the supervision and control of the Governor. In this capacity, I oversaw active litigation pursued by the Executive agencies within my portfolio, as well as litigation by and against the Governor and the Governor's office.

In 2019, I began serving as General Counsel to a United States Senator, providing constitutional analysis, legal counsel, ethics guidance, and advice across a broad spectrum of policy areas.

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

As an Assistant State Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida, my practice consisted entirely of state criminal litigation, with daily appearances in court for case management hearings, motions practice, and jury and non-jury trials of misdemeanor state criminal offenses.

As an Assistant General Counsel, and later Chief Deputy General Counsel, to the Governor, I infrequently appeared in state court on behalf of the Governor on an as-needed basis.

As General Counsel to the U.S. Senator, I have not appeared in court.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. federal courts | 0% |
| 2. state courts of record | 100% |
| 3. other courts | 0% |
| 4. administrative agencies | 0% |

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. civil proceedings | 5% (approximate) |
| 2. criminal proceedings | 95% (approximate) |

- 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 to verdict, judgment, or final decision a total of 37 cases in state court, serving as either sole counsel or co-counsel for all cases.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:

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| 1. Jury | 95% |
| 2. Non-jury | 5% |

- 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 argued orally 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. Aramis Donell Ayala v. Rick Scott, Governor
Case No.: SC2017-0653
Florida Supreme Court
April 2017 – September 2017

The State Attorney for Florida's Ninth Judicial Circuit (Aramis Ayala) sued the Florida Governor, challenging his authority to issue executive reassignments of capital criminal cases arising in the Ninth Circuit to other State Attorneys in adjacent circuits. The Governor's executive reassignments became necessary after Ms. Ayala adopted a blanket policy for her office declining to enforce Florida's capital punishment law in any case, irrespective of the aggravating circumstances of the charged capital offense. My work largely consisted of drafting responsive pleadings on behalf of the Florida Governor and preparing the Governor's General Counsel for oral argument before the Florida Supreme Court.

After oral arguments, the Florida Supreme Court denied Ayala's petition for a writ of quo warranto, holding the Governor was acting squarely within his constitutional and statutory authority to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed" and to discharge that duty through assignments of state attorneys. The Court held Ayala's blanket refusal to pursue the death penalty in any eligible case, irrespective of the particular aggravating circumstances presented, was not a valid exercise

of prosecutorial discretion, and provided the Governor with “good and sufficient reason” to reassign such cases to ensure Florida’s laws were faithfully executed.

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2. Florida v. Georgia
Case No.: No. 142, Orig.
The Supreme Court of the United States
2013 – 2018

This case was an Original Action filed directly with the Supreme Court of the United States in the most recent iteration of long-running “water wars” between the states through which the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint river system flows. Florida contended upstream consumption by Georgia along the Chattahoochee and Flint rivers had resulted in sustained, diminished flows of water into the Apalachicola River, which was vital to the health of the marine ecosystem of the Apalachicola Bay, including the prized Apalachicola oyster fishery. Diminished water flows into the Apalachicola Bay had materially altered its salinity, causing a near-total collapse of the oyster fishery industry on which generations of Apalachicola oysterman had relied. Although I was not counsel of record in this case, I represented the interests of the Florida Governor in supporting and overseeing outside counsels’ pursuit, development, filing, and argument of the case.

After trial proceedings before two separate Special Masters appointed by the Court, and two oral arguments before the Supreme Court of the United States, Florida’s claims were ultimately denied.

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3. James Michael Hand, et al. v. Rick Scott, et al.
Case No.: 4:17-CV-00128
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
The Honorable Mark Walker

This case, brought by a class of convicted felons seeking the restoration of civil rights, challenged the discretionary exercise of the executive clemency power by the Florida Governor and Florida Cabinet, sitting as the Board of Executive Clemency. I was not counsel of record in the litigation, but as the Governor's clemency advisor and his Chief Deputy General Counsel, I was directly involved in preparing our legal counsel to defend the actions of the Florida Board of Executive Clemency as consistent with the historical exercise of the executive clemency power, as recognized and respected by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The district court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, but that ruling was stayed by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals on a finding the plaintiffs had failed to allege, much less demonstrate, that Florida's clemency scheme had a discriminatory purpose or effect. Ultimately, the case was dismissed as moot following a voter referendum on restoration of civil

rights for felons that modified the state constitution.

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4. State of Florida v. David Warren Fiessinger, Jr.
Case No.: 2010-CT-037421ASB
Palm Beach County Court, 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida
The Honorable August Bonavita
Date: January 2012 – February 2012

This case was my first jury trial on a charge of Driving Under the Influence, involving impairment caused by both alcohol and a controlled substance, which was the defendant's second DUI within a 5-year period. At trial, defense counsel pursued a novel attempt to introduce and certify an expert witness to provide testimony against the Standardized Field Sobriety Tasks employed by law enforcement during DUI investigations. Although accompanied by co-counsel, I led all aspects of this criminal prosecution, including a last-minute deposition of the proposed expert witness who had not been previously disclosed by defense counsel. Based on that deposition, I was able to disqualify the expert witness's proposed testimony and strike him from the witness list.

Following the trial, the jury returned a guilty verdict against the defendant. The defendant was sentenced to be incarcerated in the county jail for a brief period, followed by a term of probation, with statutorily defined conditions applicable to DUI in Florida.

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5. State of Florida v. Daniel David Aguilar
Case No.: 2011-MM-005475ASB
Palm Beach County Court, 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida

The Honorable August Bonavita
Date: January 2012 – March 2012

This case was my first criminal jury trial involving an elderly victim witness who had been the target of a road rage incident that resulted in the defendant repeatedly punching the victim while their vehicles were stopped at a traffic light. Although the attack did not result in serious injury, the victim was understandably hesitant to face his attacker in court, which required multiple pretrial meetings to prepare the victim to deliver his testimony. I served as sole counsel.

Following the trial, the jury returned a guilty verdict against the defendant. The defendant was sentenced to be incarcerated in the county jail for a brief period of time, followed by a term of probation.

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6. State of Florida v. Wayne G. Doucet & State of Florida v. Bryan E. Chapman
Case Nos.: 2012-MM-006252AMB; 2012-MM-006252BMB
Palm Beach County Court, 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida
The Honorable Frank Castor
Date: July 2012 – September 2012

In this case the co-defendants were represented by separate attorneys but opted to proceed to trial together, creating a complex case presentation at trial. The co-defendants were each charged with two counts of battery for an incident in which they mutually attacked the victim with hands, fists, and feet, and later retrieved a pellet rifle from their nearby house, which they used to shoot the victim in the head. After the attack, the victim had moved out of the state, but agreed to return to testify at trial. During a lunch break in the trial, the co-defendants contacted the victim to offer him financial compensation in exchange for not returning to the courtroom to testify, in hopes that his failure to appear would lead to the criminal charges being dropped. The victim notified my office of the attempted witness tampering, which was promptly brought to the attention of the trial judge, and permitted to be used as impeachment evidence on cross-examination. I handled all aspects of this criminal prosecution, with co-counsel acting in a support role.

Following the trial, the jury returned guilty verdicts against both co-

defendants. Both defendants were sentenced to be incarcerated in the county jail for 120 days, followed by a period of probation.

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7. State of Florida v. Daniel Bonebrake
Case No.: 2012-CT-011695ASB
Palm Beach County Court, 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida
The Honorable Marni Bryson
December 2012 – January 2013

The defendant was charged with Driving Under the Influence Causing Property Damage, with an enhancement due to a substantially elevated blood-alcohol content, and this was his second DUI charge within a five-year period, warranting further enhancement of the penalties he faced. The case required expert testimony regarding the instrumentation used to determine the defendant's blood-alcohol concentration, as well as the rate at which alcohol is metabolized in the human body to approximate the defendant's level of intoxication at the time of the automobile accident he caused. I handled all aspects of this criminal prosecution.

Following the trial, the jury returned a guilty verdict. The defendant was sentenced to be incarcerated in the county jail, followed by a term of probation with statutorily defined conditions applicable to DUI in

Florida.

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8. State of Florida v. Keith R. Jeffery
Case No.: 2011-CT-032410AMB
Palm Beach County Court, 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida
The Honorable Barry Cohen
March 2012 – April 2012

The defendant was charged with Driving Under the Influence, but had refused to submit to a breath test to determine the level of alcohol in his system, and there was no video evidence of the officer's interaction with and assessment of the defendant at the time of the traffic stop. Without video evidence, the case required extensive, detailed testimony from the officer describing the entire interaction, and rehabilitation of the officer's testimony after intense cross-examination by an experienced defense counsel. I served as sole counsel in the prosecution of this case.

Following the trial, the jury returned a guilty verdict. The defendant was sentenced to a term of probation with statutorily defined conditions applicable to DUI in Florida.

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9. State of Florida v. Willie Charles Trice
2012-MM-012138AMB
Palm Beach County Court, 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida
The Honorable Frank Castor
September 2012 – October 2012

The defendant was charged with battery after attacking the minor victim in order to steal the victim's bicycle. It required substantial pretrial contact with the crime victim, who spoke only Spanish, to prepare him to confront his attacker and testify in court. My co-counsel and I

divided responsibility for the case preparation and presentation.

Following the trial, the jury returned a guilty verdict. The defendant was sentenced to a term of probation.

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10. State of Florida v. Barris A. Cameron
2012-MM-009874ASB
Palm Beach County Court, 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida
The Honorable Frank Castor
January 2013

The defendant was charged with Driving Under the Influence, and the video evidence of the officer's interaction showed the defendant becoming increasingly belligerent and combative toward the officer during the Standardized Field Sobriety Tasks. When the officer attempted to make the arrest, the defendant became physically aggressive and actively resisted the officer's attempts to place him in custody, requiring the officer to deploy a taser to subdue the defendant. Defense counsel deceptively used the video evidence of the physical struggle to detain the defendant in his opening statement, asserting the arresting officer had used unlawful force, in an attempt to taint the jury against the arresting officer. This required substantial rehabilitation of the officer's credibility on the witness stand, as well as the introduction and exhibition of the full video to demonstrate the proper context of the arrest for the jury. I served as sole counsel in the prosecution of this

case.

Following the trial, and after seeing the entire context of the officer's interaction with the defendant, the jury returned a swift guilty verdict. The defendant was sentenced to a term of probation with statutorily defined conditions applicable to DUI in Florida.

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

While working in the Office of the General Counsel in the Executive Office of the Governor, I oversaw the executive assignment of state prosecutors to handle particular criminal cases in other jurisdictions throughout the state when the interests of justice warranted such action, as well as the extradition of fugitives who faced criminal prosecution in other states. Both required a review of the underlying circumstances necessitating executive action by the Governor, with an eye toward protecting the due process rights of criminal defendants while ensuring the interests of justice were fulfilled.

From 2013 – 2015, I also served as General Counsel to the Florida Governor and Florida Cabinet sitting as the Administration Commission and Land & Water Adjudicatory Commission, in which capacity they heard and resolved administrative disputes related to Florida's land-use regulations and laws. My clients were the Florida Governor, the Florida Attorney General, the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Florida Chief Financial Officer sitting collectively as those administrative adjudicatory bodies. I was responsible for providing legal advice and guidance to each officer on pending matters and drafting orders addressing and resolving claims heard by the bodies.

From 2015 – 2019, I served as the Clemency Advisor to the Florida Governor, responsible for reviewing petitions seeking various forms of executive clemency from individuals convicted of felonies. In this capacity, I reviewed the criminal records and court proceedings of felons seeking executive clemency and provided counsel to the Governor to guide his consideration of petitions for pardons, commutations of sentences, and restoration of civil rights. In this capacity, I also reviewed capital clemency

petitions, attended capital clemency interviews with death row inmates, and advised the Governor on the issuance of death warrants for inmates who had exhausted appellate review of their convictions and sentences.

From 2016 – 2018, I served as Counsel to the Opa-locka Financial Emergency Board, which had been established by the Florida Governor to oversee the financial affairs of a financially distressed Florida municipality. In this capacity, I provided legal advice and guidance to the Board members on a range of issues, including but not limited to compliance with Florida's Sunshine and public records laws.

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 courses.

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

I have no future arrangements 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.

None.

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

Please refer to 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).

Please see attached Net Worth Statement.

22. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

During the nomination process, I consulted with the Department of Justice's ethics office and Designated Ethics Officer to identify any potential conflicts. If confirmed, I will continue to consult with that office and will recuse myself from any matter in which recusal is required.

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

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

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

The entirety of my legal career has been spent in positions of public service, advancing the interests of my community and state in various capacities over the past 14 years. Although I recognize the value of acting on behalf of the disadvantaged in need of legal representation, as a public sector employee, I have been prohibited from performing pro bono legal work.

AFFIDAVIT

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

6/4/2025
(DATE)

[Signature]
(NAME)

[Signature]
(NOTARY)

