

UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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

Anne Hwang

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

United States District Judge for the Central District of California

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

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Spring Street Courthouse, Department 32
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Los Angeles, California 90012

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

1975; Los Angeles, California

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.

1999 – 2002, University of Southern California Law School; J.D., 2002

1993 – 1997, Cornell University; B.A., 1997

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.

2019 – present

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Los Angeles, California 90012
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Judge (2019 – present)

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Office of the Federal Public Defender, Central District of California
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Chief Deputy Federal Public Defender (2018)
Los Angeles Trial Chief Deputy Federal Public Defender (2016 – 2018)
Supervising Deputy Federal Public Defender (2014 – 2016)
Deputy Federal Public Defender, Los Angeles (2010 – 2014)
Deputy Federal Public Defender, Santa Ana (2006 – 2010)
Intern (Fall 2001)

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Irell & Manella LLP
1800 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 900
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Litigation Associate

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Southern Center for Human Rights
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Intern

Summer 2000
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
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Office of the Mayor, City of Los Angeles
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Assistant

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Sogang Language Program
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English Teacher

7. **Military Service and Draft Status:** Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including

dates of service, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for selective service.

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

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

Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Trailblazer-in-the-Law Award (2018)

Order of the Coif, University of Southern California Law School (2002)

Southern California Law Review, Articles Editor (2001 – 2002)

Warren J. Ferguson Award for Best Essay (2002)

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.

California Asian Pacific American Judges Association (2019 – present)
Law School Committee, Co-Chair (2023 – present)

California Judges Association (2019 – present)
Civil Law and Procedure Committee, Member (2023 – present)
Criminal Law and Procedure Committee, Co-Chair (2022 – 2023)

Korean American Bar Association (2022 – present)

Los Angeles County Bar Association (2019 – present, intermittently)
Criminal Justice Section, Executive Committee, Member (2019 – 2022)
Litigation Section, Executive Committee, Member (2023 – present)

Los Angeles Criminal Justice American Inn of Court (2020 – present)

Los Angeles Superior Court Committees (2020 – present)
Automation (Technology) Committee (2021 – present)
Bail Committee (2021 – 2022)
Bench and Bar Committee (2020)
Community Outreach Committee (2020)
Rules Committee (2020 – present)
Trial Jurors Committee (2021 – present)

Los Angeles Superior Court Judges Association (2019 – present)

National Asian Pacific American Judicial Council (2023 – 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.

California, 2002

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

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

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2003)

United States District Court for the Central District of California (2002)

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

11. **Memberships:**

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

Cornell Alumni Association (intermittently)

Los Angeles Athletic Club (2021 – present)

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

Long before I joined the Los Angeles Athletic Club, it limited its membership; however, any exclusionary member policies were eliminated before my membership began. To the best of my knowledge, none of these organizations currently discriminates 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.

None.

- 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.

None.

- 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.

None.

- 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 searched my records, electronic databases, and the internet in an effort to identify all events responsive to this question, but there may be other events I have not been able to recall or identify.

January 17, 2024: Panelist, Judicial Externships and Clerkships with the Los Angeles Superior Court, University of Southern California Law School, Los Angeles, California. I spoke to law students about externship and post-graduate employment opportunities with the Los Angeles Superior Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Southern California Law School is 699 West Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90089.

November 11, 2023: Panelist, View from the Top: Lessons in Leadership from the Public Sector, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Annual Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana. I spoke about my leadership experience at the Office of the Federal Public Defender. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association is 1612 K Street, Northwest, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006.

December 9, 2022: Panelist, Recognizing and Interrupting Implicit Bias in the Courtroom, Korean American Bar Association webinar (virtual), Los Angeles, California. I spoke to attorneys about implicit bias. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Korean American Bar Association is 1110 North Virgil Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90029.

May 26, 2022: Administration of Oath for Installation of Officers and Board of Governors for the Korean American Bar Association, Los Angeles, California. I administered the oath of office for incoming officers and board of governors of the Korean American Bar Association. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Korean American Bar Association is 1110 North Virgil Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90029.

February 24, 2022: Mentor, Speed Mentoring, California Asian Pacific American Judges Association (virtual). I served as a mentor for law students by providing career advice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the California Asian Pacific American Judges Association is 11138 Del Amo Boulevard #453, Lakewood, California 90715.

February 9, 2022: Panelist, Pathways to the Judiciary, University of Southern California Law School webinar (virtual), Los Angeles, California. This was a question-and-answer session regarding my career. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Southern California Law School is 699 West Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90089.

March 16, 2021: Panelist, Public Interest Career Panel, University of Southern California Law School webinar (virtual), Los Angeles, California. This was a question-and-answer session regarding my career. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Southern California Law School is 699 West Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90089.

February 4, 2021: Mentor, Pepperdine Law School Mentor Jet Program (virtual). I

served as a mentor for law students by providing career advice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Pepperdine Law School is 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California 90263.

February 6, 2020: Panelist, Everything You Wanted to Know About Being a Judge but Were Afraid to Ask, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. I spoke to attorneys about the judicial application process and about being a judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles is 1550 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, California 90017.

February 5, 2020: Mentor, University of Southern California Law School Mentor Jet Program. I served as a mentor for law students by providing career advice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Southern California Law School is 699 West Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90089.

2016 – 2018 (specific dates unknown): I was a guest speaker at various times for law school classes regarding professional responsibility, criminal procedure, and trial advocacy. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The addresses of the law schools are: University of Southern California Law School, 699 West Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90089; UCLA School of Law, 385 Charles E. Young Drive East, Los Angeles, California 90095; and Loyola Law School, 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, California 90015.

2017 – 2018 (specific dates unknown): Mentor, Power Lunch Program, Los Angeles, California. I served as a mentor on several occasions for court-sponsored events providing career advice to high school students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The events were held at the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Edward R. Roybal Federal Building, 255 East Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

Summer 2017 (specific date unknown): Mentor, Summer Legal Institute, Just the Beginning – A Pipeline Organization, Los Angeles, California. I served as a mentor for high school students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Just the Beginning is 70 West Madison, Suite 2900, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

- 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.

Arin Mikailian, *Judicial Profile: Anne Hwang*, DAILY J. (June 19, 2020). Copy supplied.

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

I currently serve as a Judge for the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, which is a trial court of general jurisdiction. I was appointed to this position by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in December 2018, and I took the oath of office in January 2019. I was elected without opposition to a successive six-year term in 2020. From January 2019 to July 2023, I was assigned to the Criminal Division. From July 2023 to present, I have been assigned to the Civil Division.

While assigned to the Criminal Division, I presided over traffic infraction arraignment and trial courts for several months, followed by a misdemeanor trial court. I subsequently transferred to a different courthouse, where I presided over a misdemeanor arraignment court followed by a misdemeanor trial court.

I currently preside over civil cases involving personal injury claims until the cases are ready for trial, at which time the cases are transferred to dedicated civil trial courts. I handle all proceedings in these matters, except for trial, which include, for example, the pleadings and service of summons, discovery and other pretrial motions, dispositive motions, and settlement.

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

I have presided over approximately 100 traffic infraction bench trials. I have presided over approximately 30 jury trials in criminal misdemeanor matters.

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

jury trials:	25%
bench trials:	75%

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

civil proceedings:	0%
criminal proceedings:	100%

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

See attached list of citations.

- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of

the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).

1. *Garcia et al. v. Fullenwider et al.*, No. 22STCV23919 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Apr. 3, 2024). Opinion supplied.

This is a wrongful death and survival action resulting from a motor vehicle accident. The plaintiffs also allege a cause of action for negligent infliction of emotional distress. The plaintiffs allege that the decedent was killed by the defendant driver, who was driving a vehicle owned by defendants Enterprise Leasing Company – West, LLC and EAN Holdings, LLC, a rental car company. The rental car company defendants moved for summary judgment on the ground that federal law prohibits vicarious liability under the causes of action alleged against them. I granted summary judgment in favor of the rental car company defendants. The case is ongoing as to the driver defendant.

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2. *Webster et al. v. Gruen et al.*, No. 21STCV25331 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Jan. 4, 2024), *petition for writ of mandate denied sub nom. Palisades Homeowners Association #3 v. Superior Court of Los Angeles County*, No. B335028 (Cal. Ct. App. Mar. 15, 2024). Opinion supplied.

This is a personal injury action where the plaintiffs allege negligence, negligent infliction of emotional distress, premises liability, and public and private nuisance against a homeowners association, among other defendants. The homeowners association moved for summary judgment, arguing primarily as to the negligence and premises liability causes of action that it did not own, possess, or control the subject unit where the injury occurred. I found the existence of triable issues of material fact as to the elements of a legal duty of care and proximate cause, among other things, and denied the motion for summary judgment. The case is

ongoing.

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3. *Ortiz v. Pomeroy et al.*, No. 20STCV06823, 2023 Cal. Super. LEXIS 83485 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Oct. 26, 2023, Dec. 18, 2023). Opinions supplied.

This is a personal injury action where the plaintiff alleged negligence and premises liability. The plaintiff contracted to perform roof work on a residence and was injured after falling from the roof. I granted motions for summary judgment for all appearing defendants in two separate opinions. As to two homeowner defendants, I found that they had hired an independent contractor and therefore were not liable to the plaintiff for his workplace injuries. As to a general contractor defendant, I found that the plaintiff's exclusive remedy was workers' compensation. The plaintiff has not sought appellate review of these decisions. The plaintiff moved to dismiss all remaining defendants.

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4. *Hill v. City of Los Angeles et al.*, No. 21STCV37804 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Sept. 29, 2023). Opinion supplied.

This was a personal injury action where the plaintiff alleged a cause of action for dangerous condition of public property against the City of Huntington Park after he stepped on a utility hole cover that collapsed. I found the existence of triable issues of material fact regarding the City's control of the dangerous condition and denied a motion for summary judgment brought by the City. The case thereafter settled.

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5. *Rosen et al. v. Edgerton et al.*, No. 21STCV22840, 2023 Cal. Super. LEXIS 83459 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Sept. 26, 2023). Opinions supplied.

This is a personal injury action where the plaintiffs alleged negligence, premises liability, and loss of consortium against a landlord and a lease listing agent based on the alleged conduct of another tenant. I granted motions for summary judgment brought by the landlord and lease listing agent in two separate opinions. I found that there were no triable issues of material fact that the defendants owed a duty to protect the plaintiff from the unforeseeable intentional conduct of another tenant. The plaintiffs have not sought appellate review of these decisions. The plaintiffs moved to dismiss all remaining defendants.

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6. *People v. Lowery*, No. 2CJ02719 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.), *aff'd*, No. BR055497 (Cal. App. Dep't Super. Ct. Dec. 14, 2023).

The defendant was charged with one count of stalking, one count of disobedience of a protective order, and six counts of criminal contempt. I ruled on motions in limine and presided over the trial. The jury found the defendant guilty of stalking, disobedience of a protective order, and three counts of contempt relating to one victim, and not guilty of three counts of contempt relating to a second victim. I denied the defendant's motion for judgment of acquittal. I denied the defendant's request for probation and sentenced him to serve approximately five years in custody, which consisted of the statutory maximum sentence of 364 days in custody to be served consecutively for each count of conviction.

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7. *People v. Hershberger and Antonio*, No. 8MN04232 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.)

The defendants were charged with failing to disperse after a lawful order, failing to obey a peace officer's order, and being pedestrians on a highway, following a protest on a freeway in downtown Los Angeles. I presided over a retrial, after the case was tried before a different judge and the jury was unable to reach a verdict. I ruled on numerous pretrial motions and motions in limine. The jury was again unable to reach a verdict as to either defendant. The case was dismissed.

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8. *People v. Gonzales*, No. 9MN00825 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.), *aff'd*, No. BR 054589 (Cal. App. Dep't Super. Ct. Dec. 17, 2020).

The defendant was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with .08% blood alcohol content, and failing to furnish proof of financial responsibility. I ruled on pretrial motions following an evidentiary hearing, and found admissible statements made by the defendant to law enforcement without warnings pursuant to *Miranda v. Arizona*, 384 U.S. 436 (1966). I also ruled on numerous motions in limine and presided over the trial. The jury found the defendant guilty. I sentenced the defendant to three years of summary probation, with conditions including 28 days of community labor.

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9. *People v. Turcios-Gomez*, No. 8MN07178 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.), *aff'd*, No. BR 054580 (Cal. App. Dep't Super. Ct. July 9, 2020).

The defendant was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with .08% blood alcohol content, and driving without a license. I presided over a retrial, after the case was tried before a different judge and the jury was unable to reach a verdict. I ruled on numerous motions in limine. The jury found the defendant guilty. I sentenced the defendant to three years of summary probation,

with conditions including 38 days of community labor.

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10. *People v. Pedersen*, No. 8MN06802 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.), *aff'd*, No. BR 054466 (Cal. App. Dep't Super. Ct. Jan. 27, 2020).

The defendant was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with .08% blood alcohol content. I denied the defendant's motion to suppress evidence following a hearing, ruled on numerous motions in limine, and presided over the trial. The jury found the defendant guilty. I sentenced the defendant to three years of summary probation, with conditions including three days of community labor.

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- d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that

were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.

1. *Garcia et al. v. Fullenwider et al.*, No. 22STCV23919 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Apr. 3, 2024). Opinion previously supplied in response to Question 13c.

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2. *Espindola v. Getaround, Inc. et al.*, No. 21STCV36211 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Jan. 22, 2024). Opinion supplied.

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3. *Webster et al. v. Gruen et al.*, No. 21STCV25331 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Jan. 4, 2024). Opinion previously supplied in response to Question 13c.

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4. *Espindola v. Getaround, Inc. et al.*, No. 21STCV36211 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Jan. 3, 2024). Opinion supplied.

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5. *Delgado v. Gutierrez et al.*, No. 20STCV39294 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Nov. 21, 2023). Opinion supplied.

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6. *Laverde et al. v. Target Corporation*, No. 22STCV20486, 2023 Cal. Super. LEXIS 85773 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Oct. 31, 2023). Opinion supplied.

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7. *Ortiz v. Pomeroy et al.*, No. 20STCV06823, 2023 Cal. Super. LEXIS 83485
(L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Oct. 26, 2023, Dec. 18, 2023). Opinion previously
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8. *Hill v. City of Los Angeles et al.*, No. 21STCV37804 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Sept. 29, 2023). Opinion previously supplied in response to Question 13c.

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9. *Abbott et al. v. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power et al.*, No. 19STCV38052, 2023 Cal. Super. LEXIS 76179 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Sept. 27, 2023). Opinion supplied.

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10. *Rosen et al. v. Edgerton et al.*, No. 21STCV22840, 2023 Cal. Super. LEXIS 83459 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct. Sept. 26, 2023). Opinion previously supplied in response to Question 13c.

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

Based on a search of my files and legal databases, certiorari has not been requested or granted in any of my cases.

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

People v. North Figueroa Property, LLC et al., No. 9CJ00236 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.), *rev'd*, No. BR 054725 (Cal. App. Dep't Super. Ct. Nov. 24, 2020), *petition to transfer denied*, No. B309766 (Cal. Ct. App. Jan. 13, 2021). Opinion supplied.

The defendants owned real property where an unlicensed cannabis business was in operation. I ruled in an oral decision on a motion in limine that Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) § 104.15(b)(4) was a general intent offense, as applied to the defendant, a commercial landlord. This caused the People to announce they were unable to proceed, and the case was dismissed. The People appealed the order and the Appellate Division of the Los Angeles Superior Court reversed, finding that it is a strict liability offense. The California Court of Appeal denied a petition to transfer. On remand, a different judge placed the defendants on pretrial judicial diversion and subsequently dismissed the case following successful completion of diversion.

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

I have issued hundreds of opinions in civil matters. My written opinions are typically posted as tentative rulings on a publicly available website. If I adopt a tentative ruling as the final ruling of the court, the judicial assistant will convert the substance of the tentative ruling into a minute order which will also contain ministerial information prepared by the judicial assistant. The minute orders are stored in the Los Angeles Superior Court's case management system. All the opinions that I have issued are unpublished. Many of the minute orders are also available on Lexis.

- h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues,

together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

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

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

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

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

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

California Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) § 170.6 allows for any party or attorney to file a peremptory challenge against any judicial officer, without any showing of actual bias. I am unaware of the number of peremptory challenges that have been filed against me pursuant to CCP § 170.6, because the Superior Court does not maintain a list of those challenges. A different section, CCP § 170.1, governs challenges for cause.

I have not recused myself from any case, motion, or matter.

In *People v. Catching*, No. 9MN02900 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.), the defendant's counsel filed a declaration pursuant to CCP § 170.1, asserting that I was biased against counsel based on her opinion and dissatisfaction with my rulings. The declaration was withdrawn shortly thereafter at a subsequent hearing, before I ruled on the request.

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

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

None.

- 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.

None.

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

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

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

I have not served as a clerk to a judge.

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

I have not practiced law alone.

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

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- 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 2002 to 2006, I was a litigation associate at Irell & Manella LLP, where I worked on civil and criminal cases, including business disputes and federal criminal cases involving securities and tax fraud charges.

From 2006 to 2018, I served in various capacities at the Office of the Federal Public Defender. My practice was focused on representing indigent defendants accused of committing federal crimes, primarily in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. In addition to trial work, I also represented clients in appellate, habeas corpus, and post-conviction matters, as well as a variety of other federal proceedings, including grand jury investigations, treaty transfer cases, extraditions, and probation and supervised release revocation matters.

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

As an associate at Irell & Manella LLP, my clients consisted of a television studio, a title insurance company, corporate entities, and individuals charged with federal crimes. My practice was diverse, and I did not specialize in any particular area.

At the Office of the Federal Public Defender, I represented indigent defendants accused of committing federal crimes.

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

As an associate at Irell & Manella LLP, my practice was 100 percent in litigation, and I occasionally appeared in court. As a deputy federal public defender, my practice was 100 percent in litigation, and I frequently appeared in court. The

frequency of court appearances decreased when I held various supervisory positions, however, I continued to maintain my own caseload during my tenure at the Office of the Federal Public Defender.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 1. federal courts: 85%
 2. state courts of record: 15%
 3. other courts: 0%
 4. administrative agencies: 0%

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 1. civil proceedings: 15%
 2. criminal proceedings: 85%

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

I tried 15 cases to verdict, judgment, or final decision. I served as co-counsel in 11 cases and sole counsel in 4 cases.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
 1. jury: 85%
 2. non-jury: 15%

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

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

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

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

principal counsel for each of the other parties.

1. *United States v. McDermon*, No. CR 16-613-JAK (C.D. Cal.)

In 2016, I represented Mr. McDermon, who was charged in a one-count indictment alleging that he had knowingly possessed a firearm and ammunition after sustaining multiple felony convictions. The government presented testimony from a Los Angeles Police Department officer that he briefly saw Mr. McDermon with the firearm as Mr. McDermon was running into an apartment. A search of the apartment following Mr. McDermon's arrest uncovered a firearm and ammunition. My co-counsel and I handled all pretrial litigation, including pretrial motions and motions in limine, and the trial. We argued at trial that the government could not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. McDermon possessed the firearm and ammunition. The jury acquitted Mr. McDermon.

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2. *United States v. Ramirez-Flores*, No. CR 15-250-JAK (C.D. Cal.)

In 2016, I represented Mr. Ramirez-Flores, who was charged in a three-count indictment alleging that he had participated in an assault on another inmate while in federal prison. My co-counsel and I handled all pretrial litigation, including pretrial motions and motions

in limine, and the trial. My co-counsel and I argued and established at trial that a different inmate committed the assault. The jury acquitted Mr. Ramirez-Flores.

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3. *United States v. Itkowitz*, No. CR 12-837-PSG (C.D. Cal.)

In 2015, I represented Mr. Itkowitz, a Deputy United States Marshal. While off-duty and walking home from a restaurant, he got into an argument with his wife. His wife approached a nearby group of people asking for help. One of the individuals confronted Mr. Itkowitz, punching him to the ground and pulling a gun to his head. Mr. Itkowitz fired his weapon at the individual, resulting in his death. I did not represent Mr. Itkowitz during the pretrial proceedings, but my co-counsel and I handled all motions in limine and the trial. The court entered a judgment of acquittal as to two counts alleging a civil rights violation and use of a firearm. The jury acquitted Mr. Itkowitz of one count of obstruction of justice and convicted him of the other count of obstruction of justice. The court sentenced Mr. Itkowitz to 15 months in custody.

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4. *United States v. Gastelum-Chavez*, No. CR 13-905-DMG (C.D. Cal.)

In 2014, I represented Mr. Gastelum-Chavez, who was charged with being an illegal alien found in the United States following deportation. At trial, I presented evidence that Mr. Gastelum-Chavez may have automatically acquired citizenship through his mother, because his grandmother was born in the United States and his mother lived in the United States for the requisite statutory period of time. I argued that the government had not proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Gastelum-Chavez was an illegal alien. The jury acquitted Mr. Gastelum-Chavez. As sole counsel, I handled all aspects of this case, including all pretrial motions and motions in limine.

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5. *United States v. Halabi*, No. CR 12-499-DMG (C.D. Cal.)

In 2013, I represented Ms. Halabi, who was charged in a seven-count indictment with theft of government property, making false statements, and perjury. Ms. Halabi was alleged to have lied in applications for monthly benefits under the Supplemental Security Income program, namely by failing to disclose assets and income. I did not represent Ms. Halabi during the pretrial proceedings, but my co-counsel and I handled all motions in limine and the trial. Ms. Halabi was convicted by a jury. The court sentenced Ms. Halabi to probation.

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6. *United States v. Asaryan*, No. CR 12-268-ODW (C.D. Cal.)

In 2012, I represented Mr. Asaryan, who was charged with unlawfully possessing a firearm. At trial, I argued and presented evidence that Mr. Asaryan was the victim of an assault in front of his apartment building, took the gun from his attacker, and was legally justified in doing so to protect himself. The jury acquitted Mr. Asaryan. As sole counsel, I handled all aspects of this case, including all pretrial motions and motions in limine.

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7. *United States v. Ortiz Gonzalez*, No. CR 10-135-GW (C.D. Cal.)

In 2012, I represented Mr. Ortiz, who was charged in a 12-count indictment with conspiracy and trafficking in counterfeit goods. He was alleged to have obtained bulk amounts of counterfeit pharmaceuticals, re-packaged them into smaller quantities, and fulfilled orders for the pharmaceuticals of a co-defendant's customers. My co-counsel and I handled all pretrial litigation, including pretrial motions and motions in limine, the trial, and sentencing. The jury convicted Mr. Ortiz of eight counts and acquitted him of four counts. The court sentenced Mr. Ortiz to 24 months in custody.

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8. *United States v. Levin*, No. CR 08-326; CR 10-1117 (C.D. Cal.)

From 2010 to 2012, I represented Mr. Levin, who was charged in a 14-count superseding indictment with securities fraud, false statements, and obstruction of justice. Mr. Levin was the Chief Executive Officer of a publicly-traded entertainment company who was alleged to have caused significant financial loss to shareholders of the company. While under indictment, he was alleged to have defrauded investors through private offerings. Mr. Levin was charged in a second federal indictment for this conduct, which alleged wire fraud and committing the offense while on pretrial release, at which time I was appointed to represent Mr. Levin. The Assistant United States Attorney and I negotiated a resolution of all charges. The court imposed a total term of imprisonment in both cases of 66 months in custody. As sole counsel, I handled all aspects of this case, including numerous evidentiary hearings involving medical experts due to issues relating to Mr. Levin's health and competency.

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9. *United States v. Tajyar*, No. CR 10-313-JFW (C.D. Cal.)

From 2010 to 2012, I represented Mr. Tajyar, who was charged in a 15-count superseding indictment with insider trading. I researched and drafted pretrial motions, including a motion to dismiss, which were subsequently withdrawn due to a resolution of the case. The Assistant United States Attorney, my co-counsel, and I negotiated a resolution of all charges that resulted in a sealed plea agreement. The sentencing proceedings are sealed.

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10. *Sander/Moses Productions, Inc., et al. v. NBC Studios, Inc.*, No. BC305689 (L.A. Cnty. Super. Ct.)

From 2003 to 2004, I represented NBC Studios, Inc., which owned and produced a television series. Plaintiffs were the executive producers of the series and brought suit for claims arising out of a dispute over their entitlement to contingent compensation under the executive production services agreement. The court granted NBC Studios' motion for summary adjudication as to a breach of fiduciary duty cause of action and its motion for judgment on the pleadings as to a cause of action for breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. The jury found in favor of NBC Studios on the remaining causes of action. As an associate attorney, I drafted discovery requests and responses, pretrial motions, and trial documents, and assisted with trial preparation and proceedings.

Judge:

Honorable James C. Chalfant

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

From 2022 to 2023, I co-chaired the Criminal Law and Procedure Committee of the California Judges Association. The role of the committee is to make recommendations to the Executive Board of the California Judges Association on proposed state legislation regarding criminal law and procedure. I am currently a member of the Civil Law and Procedure Committee.

As a judge, I sit on a number of Los Angeles Superior Court committees, which further the Superior Court's mission of serving our community by providing equal access to justice through the fair, timely, and efficient resolution of all cases.

I am also actively involved in engaging law students in the activities of the court, primarily through the California Asian Pacific American Judges Association, and also as a speaker and mentor at various law schools.

I have not performed any lobbying activities or registered as a lobbyist.

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

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

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

My husband owns a small number of shares of a couple of corporate entities. In addition, a conflict of interest could arise from a matter involving a case that I

handled as a Superior Court judge, from a matter involving a former client at the Office of the Federal Public Defender, from a matter involving a person represented by the Office of the Federal Public Defender during my tenure there, or from a matter involving the law firm of my husband, who is a practicing attorney. I would evaluate any actual or potential conflict, or relationship that could give rise to the appearance of such a conflict, and determine appropriate action. I would follow the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, and any other applicable laws, canons, rules, practices, and guidelines.

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

I would follow the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, and any other applicable laws, canons, rules, practices, and guidelines.

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

As a Superior Court judge and as a deputy federal public defender, I am and was unable to take on direct pro bono representations. While at the Office of the Federal Public Defender, all of my clients were indigent defendants. While in private practice, I worked on a number of pro bono matters, and I would estimate that I devoted approximately 100 hours to such work. For example, I worked with a non-profit organization supporting victims of human trafficking.

26. **Selection Process:**

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

On January 22, 2021, I submitted an application to Senator Dianne Feinstein's Judicial Advisory Committee. On February 17, 2021, I submitted an application to Senator Alex Padilla's Judicial Advisory Committee. On April 23, 2021, I was interviewed by Senator Feinstein's Central District Appointment Committee. On May 14, 2021, I was interviewed by the chair of Senator Feinstein's Judicial Advisory Process. On August 24, 2021, I was interviewed by attorneys with the

White House Counsel's Office. On December 20, 2021, I was interviewed by Senator Padilla's Judicial Commission. On January 22, 2024, I was interviewed by Senator Laphonza Butler's Chief Counsel. On January 30, 2024, I was interviewed by Senator Laphonza Butler. On February 7, 2024, I was interviewed by attorneys with the White House Counsel's Office. Since February 7, 2024, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the United States Department of Justice. On April 24, 2024, the President announced his intent to nominate me.

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

No.