

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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

Maria Ann Lanahan (current)

Maria Ann Hassett (maiden name)

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

United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri

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.

815 Olive Street
Suite 200
Saint Louis, Missouri 63104

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

1987, Portland, Oregon

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.

2010 – 2013, The University of Chicago Law School; Juris Doctor, 2013

2009, Portland Community College, Rock Creek Campus; no degree received

2009, Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus; no degree received

2005 – 2009, Gonzaga University; Bachelor of Arts (Economics), Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), summa cum laude, 2009

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.

2021 – present

State of Missouri, Office of the Attorney General

815 Olive Street, Suite 200

Saint Louis, Missouri 63101

Principal Deputy Solicitor General (2025 – present)

Deputy Solicitor General (2021 – 2025)

2020 – 2021

The Honorable Raymond Gruender

111 South 10th Street

Saint Louis, Missouri 63101

Law Clerk

2018 – 2020

Charter Communications

12405 Powerscourt Dr.

Saint Louis, Missouri 63131

Senior Manager, Litigation (counsel)

2014 – 2018

Thompson Coburn LLP

505 North 7th Street

Saint Louis, Missouri 63101

Associate

2013 – 2014

The Honorable Brian K. Zahra

925 West Ottawa Street

Lansing, Michigan 48915

Law Clerk

Summer 2012

K&L Gates

925 4th Ave., Suite 2900

Seattle, Washington 98104

Summer Associate

Summer 2011

The Honorable Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain

700 Southwest 6th Avenue

Portland, Oregon 97204

Summer Extern

Spring and Summer 2009; Summer 2010

A Signature Affair
P.O. Box 828
Hillsboro, Oregon 97123
Server/Bartender

Summer 2009 – Summer 2010
Claeys Catering
31429 Northwest Commercial Street
North Plains, Oregon 97133
Server/Bartender

Summer 2009
Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers
29 South Palouse Street
Walla Walla, Washington 99362
Fellow

Other Affiliations (uncompensated):

2024 – present
Missouri Civil Rules Committee
207 West High Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
Appointed Member

2023 – present
The Saint Louis Federalist Society Board
1776 I Street Northwest, Suite 300
Washington, District of Columbia 20006
Board Member

2022 – present
Chesterton Academy of St. Louis
12934 Marine Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri 63146
Volunteer Core Team Member

2015 – 2025
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri
501 North Grand Boulevard
Saint Louis, Missouri 63103
Volunteer “Big Sister”

2023 – 2024
i9
12545 Fee Fee Road

Saint Louis, Missouri 63146
Volunteer Basketball Coach

2020 – 2020
Edward Jones YMCA
12521 Marine Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri 63146
Assistant Basketball Coach

2017 – 2020 (approximate)
Future in Action, Inc.
2136 Lehne Court
Saint Louis, Missouri 63031
Volunteer

2016 – 2017
Saint Joseph Catholic Church
106 North Meramec Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri 63105
Volunteer with Youth Group

2016 – 2017
Taize Pilgrimage of Trust
6 Rue Des Pendaines
71250 Taize
France
Volunteer with Pilgrimage of Trust

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 never served in the U.S. Military. I was not required to register 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.

Dixon Award for Appellate Advocacy (July 2024)

The University of Chicago Law School
Articles Editor of The University of Chicago Law Review (2012 – 2013)
Member of The University of Chicago Law Review (2011 – 2012)

Egan Scholarship for leadership potential and “aggressive desire to succeed tempered by integrity and a reputation for toughness, honesty, and fair dealing.”

Gonzaga University

Summa cum laude

President's List (Fall 2005 – Fall 2008)

Political Science Senior Award (2009)

Literary Analysis Award (2nd Place, 2006)

Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society

Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honors Society

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.

Missouri Bar Association (member since 2013)

Illinois State Bar Association (member since 2014)

Bar Association of Metropolitan Saint Louis (member from 2015 to 2020)

Eighth Circuit Bar Association (member from 2020 to 2022)

American Bar Association (member from 2014 to 2019)

Member of the Missouri Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee (2024 – 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.

Missouri (2013)

Illinois (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.

The Supreme Court of the United States, 2023

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2023

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2022
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, 2014
United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, 2014
United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 2023
United States District Court for the District of North Dakota, 2023
United States District Court for the District of Colorado, 2015 – 2021

I allowed the District of Colorado membership to voluntarily lapse because I had no cases there and I did not wish to be a paying member.

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.

Teneo, 2022 – present

The Magic House, November 2019 – February 2021, March 2021 – December 2022, February 2023 – present

Missouri Botanical Garden, 2017 – present (approximately)

The Federalist Society, Board Member 2023 – present, Member 2010 – present

The Edmund Burke Society, 2010 – present

City Museum, 2021 – 2024 (approximately)

Big Ideas Group, 2015 – 2016

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.

To the best of my knowledge, none of these organizations discriminates or has 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 copies of all published material to the Committee.

Maria A. Lanahan, *Amongst the "Waives": Whether Sovereign Immunity is Waived for Contractual Damages in the Public Vessels Act or in the Suits in Admiralty Act*, 80 U. Chi. L. Rev. 895 (2013). Article supplied.

Maria Hassett, *Lenten Practices*, THE WITNESS (March 17, 2009). Article supplied.

Maria Hassett, *Loving God in Modern Times*, THE WITNESS (February 1, 2009). Article supplied.

Maria Hassett, *Staying Alive: the Crucifixion, and how love defeats death and all its counterparts*, THE WITNESS (April 28, 2009). Article supplied.

Maria A. Hassett, *Doug Scott inspires conviction in students, the community, through wilderness speech*, FRIENDS OF THE SCOTCHMAN PEAKS NEWSLETTER (December 2006). Article supplied.

I was on the masthead of the University of Chicago Law Review for Volumes 79 and 80, during which time I engaged in non-substantive editing of law review articles:

Masthead Volume 79:

<https://lawreview.uchicago.edu/sites/default/files/v79%20Masthead%203-21-2013.pdf>

Volume 79 Articles: https://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/uclrev_online/vol79/

Masthead Volume 80:

<https://lawreview.uchicago.edu/sites/default/files/v80%20Masthead%202-22-2013.pdf>

Volume 80 Articles: <https://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/uclrev/vol80/>

b. Supply 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.

February 2024: The Missouri Civil Rules Committee agreed to issue a recommendation to the Missouri Supreme Court regarding the Missouri Civil Rules of Procedure. When I began work on this Committee, I was told our work was confidential, so I will not divulge the substance of our recommendation here. To the extent that this information is

not confidential, it may be available via Missouri Sunshine Request. I do not have a copy of our recommendation.

April 2024: The Missouri Civil Rules Committee agreed to issue a recommendation to the Missouri Supreme Court regarding the Missouri Civil Rules of Procedure. When I began work on this Committee, I was told our work was confidential, so I will not divulge the substance of our recommendation here. To the extent that this information is not confidential, it may be available via Missouri Sunshine Request. I do not have a copy of our recommendation.

November 2024: The Missouri Civil Rules Committee agreed to issue several recommendations to the Missouri Supreme Court regarding the Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure. When I began work on this Committee, I was told our work was confidential, so I will not divulge the substance of our recommendation here. To the extent that this information is not confidential, it may be available via Missouri Sunshine Request. I do not have a copy of our recommendation.

February 2025: To the best of my recollection, the Missouri Civil Rules Committee agreed to issue a recommendation to the Missouri Supreme Court regarding the Missouri Civil Rules of Procedure. When I began work on this Committee, I was told our work was confidential, so I will not divulge the substance of our recommendation here. To the extent that this information is not confidential, it may be available via Missouri Sunshine Request. I do not have a copy of our recommendation.

c. Supply 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 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.

February 20, 2025: Speaker, *Supreme Court Roundup – Halftime Report*, Washington University Federalist Society, Saint Louis, Missouri. Notes supplied.

November 20, 2024: Speaker, *Constitutional Law*, Aloha High School's Constitutional Law Team, Aloha, Oregon (video call from Saint Louis, Missouri). The presentation was on practicing law, on our office's case *Murthy v. Missouri*, and the First Amendment. I

have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Aloha High School's Constitutional Law Team is 18550 Southwest Kinnaman Road, Aloha, Oregon 97007.

September 28, 2024: Panelist, Teneo, Marana, Arizona. I spoke about legal issues surrounding women's health. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Teneo's address is 512 W. MLK Jr. Blvd. Ste. 239, Austin, Texas, 78701.

November 3, 2023: Guest Lecturer, *Statutory Interpretation*, Missouri University Law School, Jefferson City, Missouri. Notes supplied.

September 8, 2023: Panelist, *Optimal Work*, Chesterton Academy of St. Louis. I was part of a panel discussing Optimal Work, which is a podcast based on the work of Harvard psychiatrist Dr. Kevin Majeres, and which is dedicated to sharing practical insights from psychology and neuroscience to help people work at their best. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Chesterton Academy's address is 12934 Marine Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri 63146.

August 18, 2023: Speaker, *Supreme Court Roundup*, The Federalist Society and the Federal Bar Association, Saint Louis, Missouri. Notes supplied.

July 13, 2022: Speaker, *Supreme Court Roundup*, The Federalist Society and the Federal Bar Association, Saint Louis, Missouri. Notes supplied.

Date Unknown: On an unknown date while I was working at the Missouri Attorney General's Office, I spoke to the Washington University Federalist Society Chapter about clerkships. Saint Louis, Missouri. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Washington University Law School's address is 1 Brookings Drive, Saint Louis MO 63130.

November 15, 2016: Speaker, *Talk at Lyon Academy in South Saint Louis City Regarding Being an Attorney and Careers in Law*, Lyon Academy, Saint Louis, Missouri. My friend was part of Teach for America, and I spoke to her eighth grade class about being an attorney and careers in law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Lyon Academy's address is 516 Loughborough Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri 63111.

November 24, 2013: Speaker, *Abbie Harper Memorial Speech*, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. Notes supplied.

During college and maybe law school, I would periodically stop by my old AP U.S. History teacher's class and talk generally to the high school students about college and law school. I believe I did this in Spring 2006, but I am unsure of other dates. Aloha High School, Beaverton, Oregon.

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 copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

September 5, 2024: "Goodwin, Lanahan, Lehmborg awarded for outstanding appellate work," *The Missouri Bar Foundation*. I was not interviewed for this article but I am quoted based on remarks I provided to the Missouri Bar after I was awarded the Dixon Award. Article supplied.

June 5, 2014: "An Unexpected Reply," *Gonzaga University: Gonzaga Giving*. I do not remember if I was interviewed about this article, but I am quoted in it. Article supplied.

Fall 2014: Marriage Announcement, *Gonzaga Magazine*. Article supplied.

March 20, 2013: "Scott Gaille, '95, Guest Lectures in Oil and Gas Law Class," *The University of Chicago Law School Website*. Article supplied.

February 15, 2012: "Justice Scalia returns for spirited dialogue," *The University of Chicago Law School Website*. Article supplied.

October 22, 2008: "Schafer makes another commitment," *The Gonzaga Bulletin*. Article supplied.

November 13, 2007: "Bjorklund locking down for young Bulldogs," *The Gonzaga Bulletin*. Article supplied.

October 2, 2007: "Basketball too important for Brown to pass up," *The Gonzaga Bulletin*. Article supplied.

February 27, 2007: "Fr. Morris: Spirit of women's basketball team," *The Gonzaga Bulletin*. Article supplied.

January 30, 2007: "Women remain unbeaten in WCC, extending record to 7-0," *The Gonzaga Bulletin*. Article supplied.

October 31, 2006: "Young players give women's basketball a fresh look," *The Gonzaga Bulletin*. Article supplied.

2005: On a date I do not recall, I believe I was asked about being a new freshman on the Gonzaga Women's Basketball team. The only thing I recall about that instance is saying that my favorite pre-game meal is steak and potatoes. I do not have a copy of the article.

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 have not held judicial office.

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

i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials: _____ %
bench trials: _____ %

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings: _____ %
criminal proceedings: _____ %

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

c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature 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).

d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.

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

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

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

h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

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

14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by

which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

I have not held judicial office.

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

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

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

Public Offices Held:

Member of Missouri Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee, 2024 – present.
Appointed by Chief Justice Mary R. Russell.

I have never been unsuccessfully nominated for appointed 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.

Volunteer making phone calls and knocking on doors, Kevin Parker for Washington State House of Representatives, Spokane, Washington (2008)

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;

From 2020 to 2021, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Raymond W. Gruender, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

From 2013 to 2014, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Brian K. Zahra, Michigan Supreme Court.

- 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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Deputy Solicitor General (2021 – present)

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Charter Communications, Inc.

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Senior Manager, Counsel (litigation)

2014 – 2018

Thompson Coburn LLP

505 North 7th Street

Saint Louis, Missouri 63101

- 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 in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

- b. Describe:

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

From 2013 to 2014, while clerking for Justice Zahra on the Michigan Supreme Court, I advised the Justice on both criminal and civil law, and my case load was about 50% of each. I drafted opinions and legal memoranda regarding which cases the court should take and how those cases should be resolved.

From 2014 to 2018, while in private practice at Thompson Coburn LLP, I handled complex civil litigation and appellate matters. I drafted pleadings, managed (or helped manage) litigation and discovery, deposed witnesses, defended depositions, drafted critical motions, assisted with experts, assisted with trials, drafted post-trial briefs, drafted appellate briefs, and argued both discovery motions and critical motions on behalf of clients.

From 2018 to 2020, while in-house at Charter Communications, Inc., I directed and managed litigation, structured settlements, and assisted in managing investigations.

From 2020 to 2021, while clerking for Judge Gruender on the Eighth Circuit, I advised the Judge on both criminal and civil law, and my case load was about 50% of each. I drafted opinions and legal memoranda regarding how the court should resolve each case.

From 2021 to 2025, while at the Missouri Attorney General's Office, I served as Deputy Solicitor General. My practice included both trial and appellate cases in both federal and state courts. I argued numerous cases on behalf of the people of Missouri and drafted motions and briefs in dozens of others.

From 2025 to the present, at the Missouri Attorney General's Office, I have served as Principal Deputy Solicitor General. Starting around September 2024, my practice included not only litigating both trial and appellate cases, arguing motions and briefs, and drafting motions and briefs, but also managing the litigation and appeals of other Deputy Solicitors and Assistant Attorneys General in the office. My title was updated to reflect these new managerial responsibilities in January 2025.

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

From 2013 to 2014, my "client" was Justice Zahra on the Michigan Supreme Court. I advised on about 50% criminal and 50% civil law.

From 2014 to 2018, while in private practice at Thompson Coburn LLP, I

represented various companies and individuals in litigation and on appeal. I handled (or helped handle) all aspects of litigation, from the filing of a complaint to discovery, critical motions, depositions, trial, and appellate briefs.

From 2018 to 2020, while in-house at Charter Communications, Inc., I represented Charter Communications, Inc. I managed (or helped manage) both large and small litigation, structured settlements, and assisted in managing investigations.

From 2020 to 2021, my "client" was Judge Gruender on the Eighth Circuit. I advised on about 50% criminal and 50% civil law.

From 2021 to the present, while at the Missouri Attorney General's Office, I represented the State of Missouri. My practice has been both in trial and appellate courts, and my cases ranged across a broad spectrum of issues and 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.

From 2013 to 2014, my practice was to advise Justice Zahra, not to appear in court.

From 2014 to 2018, my practice was exclusively (or nearly exclusively) litigation-related. During these times, I appeared in court occasionally.

From 2018 to 2020, my practice was focused on managing litigation in-house, giving counsel to my client, and helping manage investigations. During this time, I did not appear in court.

From 2020 to 2021, my practice was to advise Judge Gruender, not to appear in court.

From 2021 to the present, my practice has been exclusively (or nearly exclusively) litigation-related. During these times, I appeared in court frequently.

i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. | federal courts: | 30% |
| 2. | state courts of record: | 68% |
| 3. | other courts: | 0% |
| 4. | administrative agencies: | 2% |

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- | | | |
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| 1. | civil proceedings: | 90% |
| 2. | criminal proceedings: | 10% |

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.

In constitutional-law cases and those involving the validity or interpretation of statutes, like those I often work on in my current employment, many cases are resolved on motion to dismiss or motion for judgment on the pleadings.

Beyond that, I have tried (or assisted in trying) at least four cases to verdict, judgment, or final decision. In one of those cases, I was chief counsel, and in the other three cases I was associate counsel.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

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| 1. | jury: | 50% |
| 2. | non-jury: | 50% |

e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply 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 been associate counsel for petitioner in one petition for certiorari and one reply in support of petition for certiorari in the following case:

Missouri Department of Corrections v. Finney, No. 23-203 (2023).

I have been associate counsel for one motion to intervene and one reply in support thereof in the following merits-stage case:

Food & Drug Administration v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, No. 23-235 (2024).

I have been counsel of record for *amici curiae* in the following certiorari-stage case:

Center for Medical Progress v. National Abortion Federation, No. 22-1135 (2023).

I have been associate counsel for *amici curiae* in the following certiorari-stage cases:

Moody v. NetChoice, LLC, No. 22-277 (2024).
NetChoice, LLC v. Paxton, No. 22-555 (2024).

I have been counsel of record for *amici curiae* in two emergency docket cases:

Danco Laboratories, LLC v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, No. 22A901 (2023).

Food & Drug Administration v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, No. 22A902 (2023).

I have not included less significant filings such as requests for extension of time to file writ of certiorari.

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.

The ten most significant litigated matters which I have handled are as follows:

1. *AstraZeneca v. Bailey*, No. 2:24-cv-04143-MDH (W.D. Mo.).

AstraZeneca sued the State Defendants alleging that S.B. 751 (which requires pharmaceutical manufacturers to deliver 340B drugs to all pharmacies used by a covered entity to serve its patients) violates the Contracts Clause, violates the Takings Clause, and is preempted. I am lead counsel on this case for State Defendants. I supervised the drafting of the motion to dismiss and edited it. The district court granted that motion in part (Harpool, J.). I wrote the answer and handled case scheduling. I will be supervising discovery in this case, which is ongoing.

Date of Representation: (2024 – present)

Principal Counsel for AstraZeneca

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913-491-5500

Principal Counsel for Missouri Hospital Association and Missouri Primary Care Association

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402-964-5000

2. *City of St. Louis v. State of Missouri*, 21AC-CC00466 (Cole Cnty. Cir.) (motion to dismiss granted), 682 S.W.3d 387 (Mo. 2024) (affirmed in part and reversed in part), 21AC-CC00466-01 (Cole Cnty. Cir.) (litigation ongoing).

The City of Saint Louis sued the State of Missouri in Cole County Circuit Court, challenging the Police Bill of Rights (S.B. 26 (2021)) under the Missouri Constitution's (1) single subject rule; (2) clear title rule; (3) Hancock Amendment; (4) article VI, section 22; (5) article III, section 38(a); and (6) equal protection provision. I represent the State of Missouri and co-drafted a motion for judgment on the pleadings and then argued it. That motion was granted (Beetem, J.). The case was affirmed on appeal except for the Hancock Amendment count (another attorney handled the appeal). Now, the case is back in the trial court on only the Hancock claim, where I am overseeing the litigation (Stumpe, J.).

Date of Representation: 2021 - present

Co-counsel

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Clayton, MO 63105
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3. *Blackmon v. State of Missouri*, No. 2322-CC00120 (St. Louis City Cir.)

Blackmon sued the State of Missouri, alleging that eight of the State's abortion laws violate the Missouri Constitution's Establishment Clause. I represented the State of Missouri and wrote the motion to dismiss for lack of standing, which resulted in the dismissal of five of the eight statutes challenged (Sengheiser, J.). I drafted and filed the motion to dismiss the Cross Claim filed against the State of Missouri by the Jackson County Prosecutor, a motion that was granted (Sengheiser, J.). I co-wrote the motion for judgment on the pleadings and solely argued it, which resulted in dismissal of Blackmon's remaining claims against the State (Sengheiser, J.). Blackmon pursued an appeal initially but then abandoned it, leading to a victory for the State.

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4. *Missouri Dept. of Corrections v. Finney*, 662 S.W.3d 89 (Mo. App. 2002), SC99974, 601 U.S. ---, 2024 WL 674657.

The question in this case was whether striking jurors on the basis of their religious beliefs when the judge determined that they were not biased violates the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. I took over this case on appeal on behalf of the Missouri Department of Corrections, briefed it, and argued it before the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Western District in November 2022, where the Western District affirmed the trial court (Thomson, Ahuja, Ardini, JJ.). I then filed an application for transfer to the Missouri Supreme Court (Mem. – Russell, C.J.; Wilson, Ransom, Fischer, Broniec, Gooch, Powell, JJ.), which was denied. I then helped draft and file a petition for certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court, which was denied in February 2024. I was lead counsel on this case until applying for transfer to the Missouri Supreme Court, at which time I became associate counsel.

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5. *Faatz v. Ashcroft*, 685 S.W.3d 388 (Mo. 2024).

Case addressed whether the judicial redistricting commission properly redistricted the State Senate seats under article III, section 3 of the Missouri Constitution. My role in the case was to draft the Respondent Secretary of State's Brief in the Missouri Supreme Court and argue at oral argument. I successfully convinced the Missouri Supreme Court to affirm the circuit court's decision in favor of my client, the Missouri Secretary of State (Russell, C.J.; Wilson, Ransom, Fischer, Broniec, Gooch, Powell, JJ.). I was lead counsel on this case.

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6. *Dean v. Precythe*, 79 F.4th 986 (8th Cir.).

Plaintiff Dean alleged that Missouri Department of Corrections Director Anne Precythe violated Dean's 8th Amendment rights because Dean was sexually assaulted in prison by a prison guard who was currently being investigated for other alleged assaults. I presented oral argument and successfully convinced the Eighth Circuit to reverse the district court's denial of summary judgment (Smith, Stras, Kobes, JJ.). I was lead counsel at oral argument.

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7. *Saddle & Sirloin Club of Kansas City v. Director of Revenue*, 655 S.W.3d 351 (Mo. 2022).

In this case, the Saddle & Sirloin Club appealed a finding by the Missouri Administrative Hearing Commission that the Club owed sales tax under section 144.021.1, RSMo., for monthly membership dues paid by Club members. On appeal to the Missouri Supreme Court, I successfully defended the favorable ruling the Director of Revenue received from the Administrative Hearing Commission. I wrote the Respondent's Brief and argued the case before the Missouri Supreme Court. I successfully convinced the Missouri Supreme Court to affirm the decision in favor of my client (Wilson, then-C.J.; Russell, now-C.J.; Fischer, Powell, Ransom, Draper, Breckenridge, JJ.). I was lead counsel for this case on appeal.

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8. *American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Council 61 v. State of Missouri*, 653 S.W.3d 111 (Mo. 2022), 18AC-CC00407-01 (Cole Cnty. Cir.).

This case is about the meaning of Missouri S.B. 1007 (2018) and whether that meaning violates the right to bargain collectively under the Missouri Constitution (article I, section 29) or the Missouri Contracts Clause (article I, section 13). I represented the State. The State lost the case in the Circuit Court (I was not involved in that part), and I appealed the case to the Missouri Supreme Court. I wrote the appellant brief and the reply brief, and I argued the case before the Missouri Supreme Court (Wilson, then-C.J.; Russell, now-C.J.; Fischer, Powell, Ransom, Draper, Breckenridge, JJ.). The State ultimately prevailed on appeal on most issues. On remand, I settled the remaining issues (Beetem, J.). I was lead counsel for this case on appeal.

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9. *Baker v. Baker*, 14SL-CC00261 (St. Louis Cnty. Cir.).

I represented Gregory and Paula Baker in a family dispute over jewelry and other belongings of a deceased family member. I assisted with drafting summary judgment briefing, trial, and drafted the post-trial briefing, leading to a win for the client (McLaughlin, J.). I was associate counsel in this case.

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10. *The Western Sugar Cooperative v. Pacific Ethanol Pekin*, 1:15-cv-00415-MEH (D. Colo.).

Western Sugar forfeited certain of its sugar to USDA. USDA sold the sugar, which was still in Western Sugar's warehouses, to Aventine Renewable Energy (later Pacific Ethanol Pekin). The question was what price Aventine had to pay Western Sugar for sugar storage. I represented Western Sugar. I drafted the complaint, took at least four or five depositions, drafted and reviewed discovery requests, discovery responses, and discovery documents, assisted with experts, and drafted summary judgment briefing. This led to a favorable settlement (Hegarty, J.). I was associate counsel in this case.

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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.)

The following are the most significant legal activities I have pursued.

Office of the Missouri Attorney General: From 2021 to January 2025, I served as Deputy Solicitor General and then, from January 2025 to the present, I have served as Principal Deputy Solicitor General. In those capacities, I litigated many cases in both federal and state court, and in both trial and appellate court. I have pursued appeals in the U.S. Supreme Court, Eighth Circuit, Missouri Courts of Appeals, and Missouri Supreme Court. In both roles, I have overseen and managed the work of other attorneys in the office in litigation, major motions, and appeals.

The Honorable Raymond Gruender: From 2020 to 2021, I served as law clerk to Judge Gruender on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. In that capacity, I handled about 50% criminal cases and 50% civil cases that were on appeal.

Charter Communications, Inc.: From 2018 to 2020, I served as Senior Manager, Counsel in Charter's litigation group. In that capacity, I counseled Charter with respect to litigation and investigations.

Thompson Coburn LLP: From 2014 to 2018, I was an associate at Thompson Coburn LLP, in which capacity I participated in all stages of litigation, from pleadings to discovery, major motions, trial, and appeals. I also managed (or helped manage) litigation from start to finish, including managing other attorneys.

The Honorable Brian K. Zahra: From 2013 to 2014, I served as law clerk to Justice Zahra on the Michigan Supreme Court. In that capacity, I handled about 50% criminal cases and 50% civil

cases.

I have never acted 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 copies to the committee.

I have not taught a course.

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.

I have no plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation.

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).

See Financial Disclosure Report.

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

See Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

If confirmed, I will recuse in any litigation where I have ever played a role. I will evaluate recusal in cases involving the State of Missouri (including the Office of the Attorney General), Charter Communications, Thompson Coburn, and any clients I represented at that firm. I would also recuse myself from matters involving my family, close friends, and my own financial interests. Lastly, I will evaluate any other real or potential conflict or relationship that could give rise to an appearance of conflict, on a case-by-case basis and determine appropriate action, with the advice of parties and their counsel, including recusal where necessary.

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

If confirmed, I will carefully review and address any real or potential conflicts by reference to 28 U.S.C. § 455, Canon 3 of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and any and all other laws, rules, and practices governing such circumstances.

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.

I performed pro bono service when I was in private practice. For instance, while I was working at Thompson Coburn, I handled a pro bono case relating to a landlord-tenant dispute and a pro bono case assisting a domestic violence victim to obtain a protective order. I have spent most of my career in public service, however, where I have not been able to serve private clients. I nonetheless continue to serve the community through speaking events and other community-service opportunities.

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 December 10, 2024, Senator Schmitt's office sent me an email requesting that I apply for the position, which I did on December 23, 2024. On January 23, 2025, Senator Hawley's office emailed me and invited me to interview for the position. I interviewed for the position with Senator Hawley's office in Saint Louis, Missouri on February 3,

2025, with Senator Hawley's Chief Counsel and several other staff members. On February 7, 2025, I was contacted by the White House Counsel's Office and invited to interview for a vacancy on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. On February 12, 2025, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. Since that time, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice and periodically in contact with officials from White House Counsel's Office. On May 6, the President called to tell me I would be nominated to the Eastern District of Missouri.

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.

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I, Maria A. Lanahan, do swear
that the information provided in this statement is, to the best
of my knowledge, true and accurate.

April 30, 2025
(DATE)

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