

**UNITED STATES SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES**

**PUBLIC**

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

Peter Michael Mansfield

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

United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana

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

Office: United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana  
650 Poydras Street, Suite 1600  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Residence: Metairie, Louisiana

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

1977; Metairie, Louisiana

5. **Education:** List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

2000 – 2003, Ave Maria School of Law; J.D. (*magna cum laude*), 2003

1998 – 2000, Franciscan University of Steubenville; B.A. (*magna cum laude*), 2000

1996 – 1998, The University of Texas at Austin; no degree

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.

2005 – present

United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana

650 Poydras Street, Suite 1600

New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

First Assistant United States Attorney (2018)

Civil Division Chief (2013 – present)

Civil Division Deputy Chief (2008 – 2013)

Supervisor, Financial Litigation Unit (2008 – 2019)

Assistant United States Attorney (2005 – present)

2001, 2002, 2003 – 2005

Adams & Reese, L.L.P.

Hancock Whitney Center

701 Poydras Street, Suite 4500

New Orleans, Louisiana 70139

Associate Attorney (2003 – 2005)

Summer Associate (2001, 2002)

2002

The Honorable Kenneth F. Ripple

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Robert A. Grant Federal Building and United States Courthouse

204 South Main Street, Room 208

South Bend, Indiana 46601

Summer Extern

2000 – 2003

Ave Maria School of Law

3475 Plymouth Road

Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105 (former address)

1025 Commons Circle

Naples, Florida 34119 (current address)

Research Assistant to Professor James A. Sonne (2002 – 2003)

Library Assistant (2000 – 2002)

2000

Casey & Casey Auto Title Express

3939 Veterans Boulevard, Suite 204

Metairie, Louisiana 70002

Clerk

Other Affiliations (uncompensated):

2023 – present

GiGi's Playhouse New Orleans

Down Syndrome Achievement Center

1023 Ridgewood Drive, Suite 2

Metairie, Louisiana 70001

Secretary and Executive Committee Member, Board of Managers

2017 – present

East Jefferson YMCA

6691 Riverside Drive

Metairie, Louisiana 70003

Member, Board of Advisors

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

I have not served in the military. I registered for the selective service when I turned 18 years old.

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.

Distinguished Alumnus of Jesuit High School, Archdiocese of New Orleans Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation (2026)

Professionalism Award, New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (2025)

Proclamation for Service to the Special Needs Community, Jefferson Parish Council (2024)

Sean Salvo Award for Service to the Special Needs Community, New Orleans Metro YMCA (2024)

Order of St. Louis IX Medallion, Archdiocese of New Orleans (2020)

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating (2013 – present)

United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana

Special Act Award (2021)

Special Act Award (2020)

Group Special Act Award (2019)

Group Special Act Award (2017)

Special Act Award (2010)

Special Act Award (2009)

Special Act Award (2008)  
Special Act Award (2007)  
Special Act Award (2006)

Ave Maria School of Law

Degree conferred *magna cum laude* (2003)  
Dean's Honor Roll (Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Fall 2002, Spring 2003)  
Best Oral Argument (Appellee), Saint Thomas More Moot Court Competition (2001)  
Three-Year Academic Scholarship (2000 – 2003)

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Degree conferred *magna cum laude* (2000)  
Dean's List (Spring 1998, Fall 1998, Spring 1999, Fall 1999)  
Discipleship Scholarship (1998 – 1999)

The University of Texas at Austin

Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society (1997)  
Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society (1997)  
University Honors (Fall 1997)  
Out-of-State Tuition Waiver (1996 – 1997)

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

American Bar Association (2006 – 2007)

Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit (2013 – present)

Federal Bar Association (2013 – present)

Federal Bar Association, *The Federal Lawyer* (2019 – present)

Articles Editor (2024 – present)  
Associate Editor-in-Chief (2023 – 2024)  
Book Review Editor (2021 – 2023)  
Senior Proof Editor (2020 – 2021)  
Proof Editor (2019 – 2020)  
Board of Editors (2019 – present)

Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter (2013 – present)

Executive Committee (2025 – present)  
Membership Chair (2025 – present)  
*The Advocate*, Editorial Board (2024 – present)  
Board of Directors (2022 – present)  
CLE Committee Co-Chair (2022 – 2025)  
Member (2013 – present)

Homeless Experience Legal Protection (2007 – present)  
Volunteer Notary (2007 – present)

Jesuit High School Alumni Attorneys Continuing Legal Education Planning Committee (2025 – present)

Louisiana State Bar Foundation, Fellow (2023 – 2024)

National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys (2012 – 2014)  
Eastern District of Louisiana Delegate (2012 – 2014)  
Board of Directors (2012 – 2014)

National Lawyers Association (approximately 2003 – 2005)

Republican National Lawyers Association (2017 – present)

Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel - All Concern Encouraged (SOLACE), Louisiana State Bar Association/Louisiana Bar Foundation's Community Action Committee (2007 – present)

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Lawyer Disciplinary Committee (2023 – present)  
Vice-Chair (2025 – present)  
Member (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.

Louisiana, 2003

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.

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2003  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 2003  
United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, 2003  
United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, 2003  
Louisiana Supreme Court, 2003

There have been no lapses in membership.

11. **Memberships:**

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

Ave Maria School of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors (2006 – 2010)

Blue Water Deep Cover Band (2025 – present)

East Jefferson YMCA Board of Advisors (2017 – present)

GiGi's Playhouse New Orleans Down Syndrome Achievement Center Board of Managers (2023 – present)

Secretary and Executive Committee Member (2023 – present)

St. Ann Church and National Shrine

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Committee Member (2015 – 2022)

Pastoral Council Member (2014 – 2016)

St. Ann Men's Club Member (2013 – 2014)

Music Ministry Guitarist (2009 – present)

St. Junipero Serra Club, New Orleans Chapter (2011 – 2015)

Scouting America

Cub Scout Den Leader (2013 – 2018; 2020 – present)

Boy Scout Adult Leader and Committee Chair (2018 – present)

The Federalist Society (2018 – present)

Woman's New Life Center (now known as Woman's New Life Clinic), Born to Run 5k Planning Committee (2012 – 2014, 2018)

Event Co-Chair (2013)

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.

In the past, the Boy Scouts of America (now known as “Scouting America”) limited youth scouting membership to males, though that limitation was lifted in 2019. To my knowledge, Serra International, the parent organization for the St. Junipero Serra Club, has accepted members of either gender since 1986 after previously having been open only to males, and the St. Junipero Serra Club began accepting members of either gender before I joined it. Membership in a Serra Club is limited to Roman Catholics. St. Ann Church and National Shrine is a Roman Catholic church, and so membership and leadership positions are limited to Roman Catholics. Membership in the St. Ann Men’s Club is restricted to males.

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

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

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

*Beginning Boldly: Drafting Effective Introductions and Statements of Fact*, 74 DOJ J. Fed. L. & Prac. No. 1, 85 (2026). Copy supplied.

With J. Christopher Zainey, Jr., *New Orleans Chapter and National FBA Board Serve Nearly 200 Meals in Joint Day of Service*, Advocate, Vol. 35, No. 3 (2026), at 18. Copy supplied.

*34th Annual Judge Alvin B. Rubin Symposium: Fred Korematsu and His Fight for Justice*, Advocate, Vol. 35, No. 2 (2026), at 4. Copy supplied.

With Joseph Miller, *CLE Summary: Federal/State Gumbo on the Northshore with the 22nd JDC*, Advocate, Vol. 35, No. 2 (2026), at 16. Copy supplied.

With Nannette Jolivet Brown, *Reflections on the Past Seven Years*, Advocate, Vol. 34, No. 4 (2025), at 5. Copy supplied.

With Chrissy Calogero, Alysson Mills & Janis van Meerveld, *33rd Annual Judge Alvin B. Rubin Symposium: Reenacting and Reflecting on the Historic Civil Action Vietnamese Fishermen vs. The Ku Klux Klan*, Advocate, Vol. 34, No. 2 (2025), at 1. Copy supplied.

With Janis van Meerveld, *Celebrating the Investiture of Hon. Brandon S. Long*, Advocate, Vol. 34, No. 1 (2024), at 1. Copy supplied.

*CLE Summary: A Peek Behind the Curtain at the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals*, Advocate, Vol. 34, No. 1 (2024), at 16. Copy supplied.

*Book Review: The Exchange*, Fed. Law., Fall 2024, at 95. Copy supplied.

With Chrissy Calogero, Alysson Mills & Janis van Meerveld, *A Night at the (Courthouse) Theater: Reenacting and Reflecting on Constance Baker Motley, James Meredith, and the University of Mississippi*, Advocate, Vol. 33, No. 2 (2024), at 1. Copy supplied.

*Court Time Isn't Wasted on the Young: Federal Judges Encourage Meaningful Participation from Younger Attorneys*, Fed. Law., Summer 2023, at 30. Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

*Judicial Profile: Hon. Darrel J. Papillion*, Advocate, Vol. 32, No. 4 (2023), at 1. Copy supplied.

*CLE Summary: The Public Perception & the Legitimacy of the Court*, Advocate, Vol. 32, No. 4 (2023), at 8. Copy supplied.

*Naturalized N'awlins: Sophie Cull*, Advocate, Vol. 32, No. 4 (2023), at 14. Copy supplied.

*A State-Court Practitioner's Guide to Louisiana Federal District Courts*, 70 La. Bar J. 426 (2023). Copy supplied.

*Book Review: The Boys from Biloxi*, Fed. Law., Spring 2023, at 66. Copy supplied.

*Preparing for Oral Argument: Review, Rehearse, Refine, Repeat*, Bar Ass'n of the Fifth Fed. Cir. (Jan. 31, 2023) (online behind a paywall). Copy supplied.

*Ethics and Professionalism CLEs*, Advocate, Vol. 32, No. 2 (2023), at 16. Copy supplied.

*Judicial Profile: Hon. Janis van Meerveld*, Fed. Law., Sept./Oct. 2021, at 38. Copy supplied.

*Citational Footnotes: Should Garner Win the Battle Against the In-line Tradition?*, 19 Appalachian J. of L. 163 (2020) (updated reprint). Copy supplied.

*A Lowcountry Lesson: a Fort, Forgotten Law, and a Fleet*, Fed. Law., July/Aug. 2020, at 9. Copy supplied.

*Citational Footnotes: Should Garner Win the Battle Against the In-line Tradition?*, 67 DOJ J. Fed. L. & Prac., No. 2, 97 (2019). Copy supplied.

*The Art of the Effective Reply*, 19 J. App. Prac. & Process 261 (2018). Copy supplied.



*Natural Disasters and Government Torts: Immunity for Delictual Injury After Disaster Damage*, 63 Loy. L. Rev. 247 (2017). Copy supplied.

*The Retaliatory Hostile Work Environment: A Hybrid Cause of Action in Search of a Standard*, Fed. Law., June 2017, at 47. Copy supplied.

*Terrorism and a Civil Cause of Action: Boim, Ungar, and Joint Torts*, 3 Chi.-Kent J. Int'l & Comp. L. 1 (2003). Copy supplied.

Co-author, along with Mark C. Surprenant and Sharon R. Rodi of Adams and Reese, L.L.P., of several monthly articles (May through November 2003) on legal topics in SIA Magazine (published by the Scaffold Industry Association), an industry/trade periodical that appears to now be published as Scaffold & Access Magazine. I did not retain copies of the published articles. Online access to magazine archives does not go back to 2003. The address for the Scaffold & Access Industry Association (the name now used by the industry/trade group) is 1321 Burlington Street, Suite A, North Kansas City, Missouri 64116.

*The End of the Beginning*, National Jurist, Vol. 12, No. 6 (Mar. 2003), at 38. Copy supplied.

In my capacity as a member of the board of editors of *The Advocate* magazine of the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, I edited portions of issues published between 2024 and 2026. My editorial work was primarily typographical and stylistic. Online access to *The Advocate* is available at <https://www.fbaneworleans.org/the-advocate>.

In my capacity as proof editor, senior proof editor, book-review editor, associate editor in chief, and articles editor on the board of editors of *The Federal Lawyer* magazine of the Federal Bar Association, I edited all or portions of each issue published from 2019 through 2026. My editorial work was primarily typographical and stylistic. I also made recommendations to accept or reject certain submissions for publication, though I did not maintain a listing of what I have reviewed during my tenure on the editorial board. *The Federal Lawyer* is available on Westlaw.

In my capacity as an editor on the Ave Maria Law Review, I edited certain articles published in that journal between 2001 and 2003. My editorial work primarily consisted of cite checking, though I do not recall the specific articles I reviewed. The Ave Maria Law Review is available at <https://www.avemarialaw.edu/law-review/>.

In my capacity as a research assistant to a professor in law school, I completed legal research and cite-checking assignments for the following published articles: James A. Sonne, *The Perils of Universal Accommodation: The Workplace Religious Freedom Act of 2003 and the Affirmative Action of 147,096,000 Souls*, 79 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1023 (2004); and James A. Sonne, *Faith, Funds, and Freedom: Restoring Religious Liberty for CARE Act Employers*, 4 Engage 134 (2003). Copies supplied.

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.

Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter, *Policy Governing Memorial Services Upon the Death of an EDLA Federal Judge*, Jan. 2025. Copy supplied.

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.

Letter to Mr. Michael D. Hunt, ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary Regarding the Nomination of Brandon S. Long to USDC, Eastern District of Louisiana (June 14, 2023). Copy supplied.

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.

June 25, 2026: Panelist and Moderator, "Ethics in Settlement and Mediation," Jesuit High School Alumni Attorneys Continuing Legal Education, New Orleans, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

December 8, 2025: Speaker, Welcome and Introduction, "Ethics Goes to the Movies," Jesuit High School Alumni Attorneys Continuing Legal Education, New Orleans, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

August 7, 2025: Speaker, "Acceptance of Professionalism Award," Annual Meeting, New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

May 18, 2025: Speaker, "Congratulatory Remarks at Eagle Scout Court of Honor," Boy Scout Troop, Metairie, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

April 15, 2025: Speaker, "Visit to Federal Court," Jesuit High School, New Orleans, Louisiana. I generally explained to the attendees the role of the U.S. Attorney's Office in criminal and civil litigation, and the differences between trial and appellate courts. I also

provided brief introductions for other speakers, who were judges and federal practitioners. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Jesuit High School of New Orleans is 4133 Banks Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119.

March 25, 2025: Presenter, "New Member Recruitment to New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association," New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and Irwin Fritch, New Orleans, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

March 14, 2025: Co-presenter, "Ignatian Lawyering Skills," Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana. Video available at [https://loyno.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/SKR4-0314%3A+Ignatian+Lawyering+%28Spring+2025%29/1\\_6i012gzv](https://loyno.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/SKR4-0314%3A+Ignatian+Lawyering+%28Spring+2025%29/1_6i012gzv).

September 18, 2024: Speaker, "Introductory Remarks for False Claims Act Today – Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana," Qui Tam Section, Federal Bar Association, Webinar. Notes supplied.

August 30, 2024: Moderator and Panelist, "Practicing Professionally in Louisiana Federal District Courts," Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, Metairie, Louisiana. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LV1RntlnC9Q>.

April 23, 2024: Moderator, "Meet the New EDLA Federal Judges," New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. Outline supplied.

April 17, 2024: Speaker, "Acceptance of Proclamation," Jefferson Parish Council, Jefferson, Louisiana. Video available at <https://jeffersonparishla.new.swagit.com/videos/302992>.

March 16, 2024: Speaker, "Acceptance of Sean Salvo Award," YMCA of Greater New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana. I thanked the award sponsor and the attendees at the event and discussed, in a general sense, prior work with the special-needs community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the YMCA of Greater New Orleans is 320 Metairie Hammond Highway, Suite 321, Metairie, Louisiana 70005.

October 18, 2023: Speaker, "Student Pledge Against Gun Violence," Lincoln Elementary School for the Arts, Harvey, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

February 9, 2023: Moderator, "Federal Clerkship Panel," Federal Bar Association and Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana. Outline supplied.

December 15, 2022: Panelist, "Masters of the Courtroom, The Lifecycle of the Deposition: Best Practices for Before, During, and After," New Orleans Bar Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

April 6, 2022: Speaker, "Career Day: The Practice of Law," St. Ann Elementary School, Metairie, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

January 29, 2020: Co-presenter, "Career Day: The Practice of Law," Jesuit High School, New Orleans, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

January 30, 2019: Co-presenter, "Career Day: The Practice of Law," Jesuit High School, New Orleans, Louisiana. My remarks largely mirrored what I offered at a similar presentation in 2020, for which I supplied notes. I generally explained the necessary steps to become a member of the bar, the different practice areas and types of jobs a law-school graduate might pursue, and the day-to-day work of a litigator. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Jesuit High School of New Orleans is 4133 Banks Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119.

January 16, 2019: Co-presenter, "Building a Better Brief," Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter, New Orleans, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

September 21, 2018: Speaker, "Constitution Day," ReNew Therapeutic School, New Orleans, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

May 15, 2018: Speaker, "Law Day," Joseph J. Davies School, Meraux, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

April 18, 2018: Speaker, "Career Day: The Practice of Law," St. Ann Elementary School, Metairie, Louisiana. My remarks likely tracked similar presentations given at St. Ann School and Jesuit High School for which notes have been supplied. I generally discussed the steps necessary to become a practicing attorney, the daily work of attorneys, various practices areas and jobs one may pursue with a law degree, and some hypothetical legal situations attorneys may encounter in the course of their work. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for St. Ann Elementary School is 4921 Meadowdale Street, Metairie, Louisiana 70006.

February 18, 2018: Speaker, "Congratulatory Remarks: Cub Scout Arrow of Light Crossover," Metairie, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

September 20, 2017: Speaker, "The Life of St. Matthew," Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans, Metairie, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

August 18, 2017: Speaker, "The Life of St. Matthew," St. Ann Church and Shrine, Metairie, Louisiana. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIhHZnn-3uo>.

June 14, 2017: Speaker, "Visit to Federal Court: Work of the U.S. Attorney's Office," Isidore Newman School, New Orleans, Louisiana. I generally explained the work of the U.S. Attorney's Office in civil litigation. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Isidore Newman School is 1903 Jefferson Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70115.

May 2, 2017: Panelist, "Constitution Day: Representing the Government in Federal Court," Jesuit High School. I generally explained the work of the U.S. Attorney's Office in civil litigation. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Jesuit High School of New Orleans is 4133 Banks Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119.

April 21, 2017: Speaker, "Effective Advocacy in Oral Argument," 22nd Judicial District Court Bar Association, Madisonville, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

April 5, 2017: Speaker, "Career Day: The Practice of Law," St. Ann Elementary School, Metairie, Louisiana. My remarks likely tracked similar presentations given at St. Ann School and Jesuit High School for which notes have been supplied. I generally discussed the steps necessary to become a practicing attorney, the daily work of attorneys, various practices areas and jobs one may pursue with a law degree, and some hypothetical legal situations attorneys may encounter in the course of their work. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for St. Ann Elementary School is 4921 Meadowdale Street, Metairie, Louisiana 70006.

December 15, 2016: Panelist, "Masters of the Courtroom: Opening, Closing, Motions in Limine," New Orleans Bar Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

October 19, 2016: Speaker, "Student Pledge Against Gun Violence," St. Mary Magdalene School, Metairie, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

August 12, 2016: Speaker, "The Life of Blessed Francis X. Seelos, C.Ss.R.," St. Ann Church and Shrine, Metairie, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

April 26, 2016: Speaker, "The Work of the U.S. Attorney's Office," Legal Secretaries of New Orleans and River Parishes, Metairie, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

April 8, 2016: Speaker, "Career Day: The Practice of Law," St. Ann Elementary School, Metairie, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

November 4, 2015: Speaker, "Student Pledge Against Gun Violence," Hazel Park Elementary School, River Ridge, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

April 8, 2015: Panelist, "Negotiation and Mediation in Federal Practice," Tulane University School of Law Alternative Dispute Resolution Society, New Orleans, Louisiana. I generally explained various techniques and strategies litigators employ in negotiations and mediations to resolve civil disputes pending in federal court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Tulane Law School's address is 6329 Freret Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118.

April 2, 2015: Speaker, "Career Day: The Practice of Law," St. Ann Elementary School, Metairie, Louisiana. My remarks likely tracked similar presentations given at St. Ann School and Jesuit High School for which notes have been supplied. I generally discussed the steps necessary to become a practicing attorney, the daily work of attorneys, various

practices areas and jobs one may pursue with a law degree, and some hypothetical legal situations attorneys may encounter in the course of their work. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for St. Ann Elementary School is 4921 Meadowdale Street, Metairie, Louisiana 70006.

January 29, 2015: Speaker, "Conversion in the Life of St. Paul," St. Ann Church and Shrine, Metairie, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

January 14, 2015: Speaker, "The Life of St. André Bessette, C.S.C.," St. Ann Church and Shrine, Metairie, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

October 15, 2014: Speaker, "Student Pledge Against Gun Violence," Granville T. Woods Elementary School, Kenner, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

July 18, 2014: Speaker, "14 Tips for Better Motions," 22nd Judicial District Court Bar Association, Covington, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

July 9, 2014: Panelist, "Morning at the Federal Courthouse," New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. I generally explained the work of the U.S. Attorney's Office in civil litigation. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is 500 Poydras Street, Suite B245, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130.

March 29, 2014: Speaker, "Fruits of the Spirit in Family Life," Southern Regional Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Metairie, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

January 6 – 9, 2014: Volunteer Faculty Instructor, "Intersession Bootcamp on Civil Practice," Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana. I moderated and critiqued law-student performances in mock scenarios on depositions, other discovery, and motion practice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Tulane Law School's address is 6329 Freret Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118.

March 13, 2013: Panelist, "Federal Court Careers," Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

April 18, 2012: Speaker, "Basic EDLA Federal Practice and Procedure," 21st Judicial District Court Bar Association, Hammond, Louisiana. Notes supplied.

March 16, 2012: Speaker, "Basic EDLA Federal Practice and Procedure," Covington Bar Association (now the 22nd Judicial District Court Bar Association), Covington, Louisiana. Materials for this event supplied in connection with the event on April 18, 2012, listed immediately above.

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.

Lisa Ferguson & Jessica Walker, *Educated for a Full Life—Additional Content*, Franciscan Magazine, 2022. Copy supplied.

*East Jefferson YMCA Member Spotlight on Lisa and Peter Mansfield*, East Jefferson YMCA, 2019. Copy supplied.

Cameron Langford, *Whistleblower Says USA Went Easy on Dumping in Gulf of Mexico*, Courthouse News Service, May 8, 2017. Copy supplied.

*Issues & Faith*, WLAE-TV, Mar. 6, 2013. Video available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcK0Hz\\_OAIM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcK0Hz_OAIM) (at 4:05).

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.

First Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana (January – September 2018), appointed by Interim United States Attorney Duane A. Evans.

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.

Committee to Elect Jessica Raines, First Parish Court, Division B, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana (July – August 2026). I was listed as part of a host committee for a fundraiser that occurred in August 2026, but did not otherwise have any responsibilities.

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 law 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.

At the beginning of my legal career from 2003 to 2005, I practiced commercial and casualty litigation in state and federal court as an associate attorney in the New Orleans office of Adams & Reese, L.L.P. I worked on employment, tort, tax, securities, and contract cases, representing both plaintiffs and defendants.

In my 21-year career as a civil litigator for the Department of Justice from 2005 through the present, I have defended as lead counsel many cases arising under the Federal Tort Claims Act, including wrongful death, catastrophic personal injuries, medical malpractice, misappropriation of intellectual property, and disputes over land. I have also handled employment-discrimination suits under various federal statutes, challenges to final agency action under the Administrative Procedure Act, constitutional challenges to government action, suits to enjoin government activity, and immigration matters. I have experience litigating for the United States as plaintiff in fraud suits filed under the False Claims Act.

From 2008 to 2019, I supervised the Financial Litigation Unit of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana. In those cases, I represented the United States in affirmative civil matters to collect defaulted loans, notes, obligations, and civil administrative penalties owed to the United States and various federal agencies. The Financial Litigation Unit is also responsible for collecting criminal fines and restitution owed to the United States and private victims of criminal conduct. I have litigated numerous collection and enforcement matters pertaining to writs of execution and garnishment in trial and appellate courts, and also filed suits to void fraudulent transfers of real and personal property.

From 2013 through the present, I have served as Chief of the Civil Division for the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana. In that capacity, I have maintained an active docket of cases pending in district and appellate courts while also supervising eight to ten other Assistant United States

Attorneys (AUSAs) who litigate civil cases in federal court. In 2018, I served as First Assistant United States Attorney, a position second in command to the United States Attorney with supervisory responsibility for both criminal and civil division AUSAs and support staff.

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

During my time in private practice, I primarily represented insurers, business entities, employers, and individuals in civil matters.

As an Assistant United States Attorney for the past 21 years, I have represented the interests of the United States, various federal agencies, and federal employees in a wide variety of civil matters in federal trial and appellate courts.

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

I have spent the entirety of my 23-year legal career litigating cases in Louisiana state and federal trial and appellate courts. In the Eastern District of Louisiana alone, I have enrolled into approximately 800 cases, and, since 2008, directed litigation strategy as a supervisor in countless more. I have appeared in district court frequently during this time for scheduling and status conferences, motion arguments, evidentiary hearings, judicially conducted settlement conferences, pre-trial conferences, and merits trials. In addition to trial-court work, I have also served as lead counsel and brief writer at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in numerous matters and presented oral arguments to that court 12 times.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

|    |                       |     |
|----|-----------------------|-----|
| 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.

I have tried ten matters to final decision, including separate liability and damage trials in

a bifurcated civil action. I was sole counsel in two matters, chief counsel in three others, and second-chair counsel in the remainder, though the workload was evenly split with first-chair counsel.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

- |    |           |     |
|----|-----------|-----|
| 1. | jury:     | 20% |
| 2. | non-jury: | 80% |

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 never appeared before the Supreme Court of the United States, though I reviewed the Solicitor General's Brief in Opposition to a Petition for Writ of Certiorari in *Gahagan v. Citizenship & Immigration Services*, 589 U.S. 1033 (2019). Copy supplied.

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. *Thabatah v. Collins*, No. 23-1043 (E.D. La.).

The plaintiff was a Muslim of Palestinian origin who worked as an Emergency Room nurse at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Southeast Louisiana Medical Center. She alleged, in addition to other claims that did not survive motion practice, a hostile work environment and constructive demotion based on the protected characteristics of her race, religion, and national origin. She also alleged a failure to accommodate her request for religious leave to observe Ramadan. After the plaintiff rested her case mid-trial, we secured judgment as a matter of law from the court on her failure-to-accommodate claim. The remaining claims went to the jury, who returned a defense verdict for the VA on liability, finding no hostile work environment based on the acts or omissions of the plaintiff's supervisors, co-workers, or patients at the VA. The dates of my representation were 2024 to 2025. The case was tried before District Judge Nannette Jolivet Brown.

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2. *Holy Cross Sch. v. FEMA*, 648 F. Supp. 3d 747 (E.D. La. 2023), *aff'd*, No. 23-30085, 2024 WL 2318166 (5th Cir. May 22, 2024).

The plaintiff was a Catholic elementary and high school that had continuously educated boys in the New Orleans area since 1849. Catastrophic flooding from levee breaches and storm surge during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 destroyed Holy Cross's historic campus in the lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans. Using Stafford Act grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Holy Cross acquired land in New Orleans and rebuilt a new campus after the storm. After an audit, the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General recommended that FEMA disallow, that is, recoup, millions in federal grant money for contracting violations and ineligible campus improvements to, rather than replacements of, Holy Cross's storm-damaged structures. I defended Holy Cross's suit under the Administrative Procedure Act, which sought a judgment declaring FEMA's findings and disallowance arbitrary and capricious. The district court granted summary judgment for FEMA, which the Fifth Circuit affirmed. The dates of my representation were 2021 to 2024. District Judge Eldon E. Fallon granted summary judgment for FEMA. A Fifth Circuit panel consisting of Judges Don R. Willett, Jennifer Walker Elrod, and Stuart Kyle Duncan affirmed.

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3. *In re Bord de Mer, an 1865 Pastel-on-Paper Painting by Claude Monet*, No. 24-1008, 2024 WL 3739012 (E.D. La. May 8, 2024).

This rewarding and interesting case concerned a priceless piece of Nazi-looted art that disappeared from Vienna during World War II. The Viennese family of Jewish descent that owned Monet's Bord de Mer pastel fled Austria for London in 1938, leaving an art collection in storage for later retrieval. The Nazi Gestapo, however, seized and auctioned off the painting in 1940. The painting's location was unknown for over 70 years, until it appeared at an exhibition in France, then was later sold to a New Orleans art dealer, who sold it again to a Louisiana resident in 2019. Upon learning the painting's true provenance, the purchaser surrendered possession to the FBI, who held the painting in storage. In order to transfer binding legal ownership and control of the artwork to the grandchildren of the dispossessed World-War-II-era Viennese owners, and to resolve with finality any potential competing claims to ownership, I drafted and filed an interpleader action. I further drafted a consent judgment with accompanying findings of fact, and secured the agreement of all interested parties thereto. The resolution of this case and repatriation of the artwork received extensive local, national, and international media coverage. Further, my work on the case was recognized in a press release from The Commission for Looted Art in Europe, the agent and investigator for the grandchildren of the dispossessed owners. The dates of my representation were January through October 2024. The consent judgment was accepted and executed by District Judge Eldon E. Fallon.

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4. *OnPath Fed. Credit Union v. U.S. Dep't of Treasury*, No. 20-1367, 2021 WL 5769468 (E.D. La. Dec. 6, 2021) & 2022 WL 266944 (E.D. La. Jan. 28, 2022), *aff'd*, 73 F.4th 291 (5th Cir. 2023).

A credit union sued under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), challenging the United States Department of the Treasury's demand for repayment of federal grant money awarded from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund. The case was significant for the amount in dispute (over \$12 million), the size of the administrative record (several thousand pages), and the number of administrative-law issues litigated. In district court, I successfully moved to exclude new materials from the administrative record and to bar OnPath's proposed discovery. The district court also granted my cross-motion for summary judgment on the merits of OnPath's APA claim. After OnPath appealed, I drafted the appellate brief and argued the case. In a published decision, the Fifth Circuit affirmed each district-court ruling in the Treasury Department's favor. The dates of my representation were 2020 to 2023. The case was heard and decided by District Judge Sarah S. Vance. The three-judge panel on appeal consisted of Fifth Circuit Judges James C. Ho, Jennifer Walker Elrod, and James L. Dennis.

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5. *United States ex rel. Deane v. Dynasplint Sys., Inc.*, No. 10-2085, 2015 WL 778894 (E.D. La. Feb. 24, 2015).

In this case, the United States asserted claims as intervening plaintiff against Defendant, a healthcare provider, for fraud arising under the federal False Claims Act. I had primary responsibility for drafting and filing a motion for partial summary judgment on a novel, key issue of statutory and regulatory interpretation. The district court granted that motion in part, which created substantial leverage to negotiate a favorable settlement with Defendant. Along with co-counsel, I actively negotiated an ability-to-pay settlement with Defendant resulting in the United States' recoupment of over \$9.5 million that had been wrongfully paid for fraudulent claims. The dates of my representation were 2014 to 2016. The case was heard and decided by District Judge Kurt D. Engelhardt.

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6. *Warren Tr. v. United States*, No. 11-1394 (E.D. La.).

Plaintiffs in this high-stakes litigation sought over \$27 million in damages from the United States for tortious injury to privately owned land formerly used as a Department of Defense bombing range in Hammond, Louisiana. In addition to significant monetary damages, Plaintiffs also sought judicial review and revision of findings and procedures employed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers under the federal Defense Environmental Restoration Program that governed formerly used defense sites. I served as lead counsel for the United States in this case, which involved frequent motion practice and discovery. After two years of active litigation, the parties engaged in productive settlement discussions both privately and with the court's assistance. Ultimately, the matter resolved on favorable and purely equitable terms—the Army Corps accepted additional evidence from Plaintiffs to revise the findings on the safety and suitability of Plaintiffs' land for further development, thereby avoiding not only trial, but the imposition of potentially large monetary damages against the United States. The dates of my representation were 2011 to 2013. The case was first assigned to District Judge Sarah S. Vance, then was transferred to District Judge Susie Morgan.

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7. *U.S. Marine, Inc. v. United States*, No. 08-2571, 2010 WL 1403958 (E.D. La. Apr. 1, 2010).

This interesting suit alleged that the Navy misappropriated Plaintiff's trade secret—namely, the design of a high-speed military boat used by Navy SEALs—and improperly disclosed Plaintiff's intellectual property to a competitor. Plaintiff sought over \$14 million in damages. I served as co-counsel in this matter through two bench trials in federal court devoted, respectively, to liability and damages, drafting numerous trial pleadings and conducting direct and cross-examinations of plaintiff and defense witnesses. While the district court originally awarded damages to Plaintiff, the Fifth Circuit found in the United States' favor on appeal and vacated the district court's judgment. The dates of my representation were 2009 to 2012. The case was tried to District Court Judge Carl J. Barbier.

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8. *United States v. DeCay*, No. 05-186, 2009 WL 36623 (E.D. La. Jan. 5, 2009), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part*, 620 F.3d 534 (5th Cir. 2010).

I handled the collection activities in this criminal case and the motion practice in district court. I also drafted the appellate brief and argued the case to the Fifth Circuit. The criminal defendants were former city employees who owed over \$1 million in restitution to the City of New Orleans for fraud. Writs of garnishment issued to the defendants' pension plans with the State of Louisiana. The district court adopted my argument that no federal or state exemptions applied in the collection of federal criminal restitution from pension or retirement accounts. On appeal, the Fifth Circuit affirmed the district court's ruling, rejecting constitutional challenges and state and federal exemptions that ordinarily protect retirement and pension funds from any alienation or seizure. *DeCay* is a significant case for victims' rights as it established precedent in the Fifth Circuit that now allows the United States to garnish and seize retirement and pension funds of criminal defendants for payment of fines and restitution. The dates of my representation were 2008 to 2011. The case was heard and decided by District Judge Carl J. Barbier. The three-judge panel on appeal consisted of Fifth Circuit Judges Catharina Haynes, Edith H. Jones, and Carolyn Dineen King.

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9. *Freeman v. United States*, 556 F.3d 326 (5th Cir. 2009).

I drafted the appellate brief and argued this case. The court addressed whether the United States could be held liable in tort for the deaths of several individuals at the Convention Center in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. The Fifth Circuit affirmed the dismissal of the case for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction. Significantly, the decision articulated the contours of immunity under the Stafford Act and applied that immunity provision to novel factual circumstances. Adopting arguments from my brief, the court made a noteworthy precedential ruling on the scope of discovery allowed in advance of a ruling on a motion to dismiss for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction. The dates of my representation were 2007 to 2009. The three-judge panel consisted of Judges Carolyn Dineen King, Edward C. Prado, and Harold R. DeMoss, Jr.

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10. *Hunt v. Nicholson*, No. 06-2413 (E.D. La.).

Plaintiff, a former employee of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, filed a multi-count complaint alleging numerous race-based and retaliatory non-selections and a hostile work environment under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. I served as lead counsel throughout this matter. After ample discovery and aggressive motion practice, I succeeded in securing the pre-trial dismissal of all but one non-selection count. That final claim proceeded to a jury trial in federal court where, as lead counsel in my first trial, I secured a jury verdict for the defendant finding no liability. The dates of my representation were 2006 to 2008. District Judge Stanwood R. Duval, Jr. presided over the 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.)

In my capacity as Chief of the Civil Division in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana, I routinely consult with attorneys and representatives of Executive Branch federal agencies about pending administrative matters that may ripen into litigation. Likewise, while I have continuously maintained an active docket of litigation matters as lead counsel, I have also conducted formal, bi-annual case reviews of civil-litigation matters pending in the Eastern District of Louisiana that are primarily handled by other Assistant United States Attorneys in my chain of command since I assumed supervisory duties in 2008. Informal consultations on litigation strategy occur daily. As a division chief and member of the senior-management team since 2013, I have also consulted on management and administrative matters affecting the office, including personnel matters and cross-cutting legal issues that may implicate both criminal and civil remedies in certain parallel proceedings.

I have been a member of the Eastern District of Louisiana Lawyer Disciplinary Committee since 2023. The court established and appointed this committee to assist in the administration of lawyer disciplinary enforcement for violations of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct. The committee reviews referrals for potential lawyer discipline and provides confidential recommendations to the *en banc* district court. If a matter requires a hearing, members of the committee assume a prosecutorial role in that setting.

For several years, I have been actively involved as a board member and executive committee member for the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, which is devoted to strengthening the federal legal system and the administration of justice in federal courts. To that end, I have taught, moderated, and selected continuing legal education courses and topics aimed towards improving the quality of advocacy and practitioner-judicial relationships in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

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 taught a semester-long course to at-risk grade-schoolers at Sylvania Williams College Prep school in New Orleans as part of Project LEAD in 2016. This course introduced and examined the legal and social consequences of juvenile crimes, such as truancy, illicit drug use, shoplifting, and graffiti. I also taught underprivileged middle-school students various techniques for resolving conflict and resisting peer pressure. The course culminated in a mock trial I staged and supervised in federal district court. I didn't retain a syllabus or lesson plans, though I believe

volunteer instructors from the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana adapted and used materials publicly available from the program founders at <https://projectlead.lacounty.gov/about-project-lead/>.

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.

As a 21-year employee of the federal government, I have an interest in my Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) benefits, including a Thrift Savings Plan account and defined-benefit pension upon reaching the eligible age.

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.

On occasion, I have played keyboards and guitar in a cover band, Blue Water Deep, that performed paid gigs in the New Orleans area. If confirmed, I would evaluate any future musical-performance opportunities, paid or unpaid, in accordance with Canon 4 of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges.

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 mandated Financial Disclosure Report and supply a copy to this Committee.

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.

If confirmed, I will recuse myself from any proceeding in which, as a government

attorney, I participated as counsel, adviser, or material witness, or had expressed an opinion concerning the merits. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 455(b)(3). I will also recuse myself in any case where attorney Mark J. Mansfield or any lawyer with Mark J. Mansfield & Associates, the Louisiana law firm where my brother practices law, is enrolled or involved. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 455(b)(5)(ii). Lastly, I will evaluate any other real or potential conflict, or relationship that could give rise to the appearance of a conflict, on a case-by-case basis and determine appropriate action with the advice of the parties and their counsel, including on the topic of 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 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.

My longstanding employment with the Department of Justice imposes certain practical restrictions on my ability to perform pro bono work. Accordingly, I have found other outlets, both professional and personal, to place my skills as an attorney at the service of the community. For instance, I have participated as a volunteer notary at local New Orleans shelters for the Homeless Experience Legal Protection program for many years. I have also provided additional volunteer notary services for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. While in private practice, I also worked on a pro bono case through the firm's community-outreach arm.

I have also volunteered my time to educate young people about our legal system. I taught a semester-long course to at-risk youth at Sylvanie Williams College Prep school in New Orleans as part of Project LEAD under the community-outreach efforts of a former United States Attorney. My involvement in Project LEAD provided the at-risk youth participants a constructive and educational first experience with law-enforcement personnel and the legal concepts informing our criminal-justice system. Similarly, I delivered a Constitution Day presentation to students in the ReNew Therapeutic School, which is a special-education program for children with severe behavioral or mental-health issues. In a candid, wide-ranging discussion specially tailored to the program's unique participants, we explored the myriad ways that law influences the daily activities that most affect at-risk youth. I have also delivered four speeches to area public and private middle schools as part of the "Student Pledge Against Gun Violence," again encouraging youth to avoid dangerous behaviors and unsafe choices that may result in adverse legal ramifications. Finally, I have volunteered my time to deliver several law and career-day lectures to students at local schools, and judge intramural and invitational moot-court competitions in the New Orleans area.



While not directly drawing upon my legal training and experience, I have devoted substantial time to volunteer work and non-profit organizations in my community. Most notably, I have served as an adult leader in the scouting program for over a decade. I've also been part of the Board of Advisors at GiGi's Playhouse of New Orleans, a Down Syndrome Achievement Center that offers a variety of educational, fitness, social, and family-support programming free of charge for participants.

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 November 18, 2024, and November 19, 2025, I contacted representatives of Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D. to express interest in judicial vacancies in the Eastern District of Louisiana. On December 6, 2024, I submitted an application for judicial vacancies in the Eastern District of Louisiana to the office of Senator John Kennedy in response to a solicitation listed on his website. I submitted my resume to Senator Cassidy's office on June 8, 2026. On June 26, 2026, I interviewed with Senator Cassidy and his staff and advisors. Senator Cassidy's office called me later to say that my name would be submitted to the White House for consideration to fill a vacancy in the Eastern District of Louisiana. On July 22, 2026, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office and met with attorneys from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. I have since been in contact with officials from the White House Counsel's Office and the Office of Legal Policy.

On August 18, 2026, President Trump called to inform me that he planned on nominating me for a position on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

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, Peter M. Mansfield, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

August 24, 2026  
(DATE)

Peter M. Mansfield  
(NAME)

[Signature]  
(NOTARY)

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