

**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).

Stephen Chad Meredith

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

United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky

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: Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP,
201 East Fourth Street, Suite 1900
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Residence: Lexington, Kentucky

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

1981; Elizabethtown, Kentucky

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.

2004 – 2007, University of Kentucky College of Law; J.D. (*summa cum laude*), 2007

2000 – 2003, Washington and Lee University; B.A. (*summa cum laude*), 2003 (I completed my degree requirements and received my diploma a semester early, in December 2003, but participated in the spring 2004 graduation ceremony with the rest of my class).

2002, Virginia Programme at Oxford, St. Anne's College, Oxford University; 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.

Employment

2021 – Present

Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP
201 East Fourth Street, Suite 1900
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Partner (2025 – Present)
Of Counsel (2021 – 2025)

2019 – 2021

Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky
700 Capital Avenue, Suite 118
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
Solicitor General

2015 – 2019

Office of the Governor of Kentucky
700 Capital Avenue, Suite 100
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
Solicitor General (2019)
Chief Deputy General Counsel (2015 – 2019)

2011 – 2015

Ransdell & Roach, PLLC
176 Pasadena Drive, Building 1
Lexington, Kentucky 40503
Partner (2015)
Associate Attorney (2011 – 2015)

2009 – 2011

Frost Brown Todd, LLC
400 West Market Street, Suite 3200
Louisville, Kentucky, 40202
Associate Attorney

2008 – 2009

Hon. Amul R. Thapar
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
310 South Main Street
London, Kentucky 40741
Law Clerk

2007 – 2008

Hon. John M. Rogers
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

100 East Vine Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
Law Clerk

2006 – 2007
University of Kentucky College of Law
620 South Limestone Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40506
Kentucky Law Journal Articles Editor

Summer 2006
Frost Brown Todd, LLC
400 West Market Street, Suite 3200
Louisville, Kentucky, 40202
Summer Associate

Summer 2005
Wyatt Tarrant & Combs, LLP
400 West Market Street, Suite 2000
Louisville, Kentucky 40202
Summer Associate

Intermittent from Approximately 2002 – 2004
Grayson County Public Schools
790 Shaw Station Road
Leitchfield, Kentucky 42754
Substitute Teacher

Other Affiliations

2018 – Present
Immanuel Baptist Church
3100 Bates Creek Road
Lexington, Kentucky 40502
Trustee

2022 – 2025
Shaw Station Investments, LLC
Leitchfield, Kentucky 42754
Member

2015 – 2016
Washington and Lee University Bluegrass Alumni Chapter
There is no physical address for this organization.
Vice President

2015

Kentucky Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights

There is no physical address for this agency.

Member

2013 – 2016

Kentucky Bar Association

514 West Main Street

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Litigation Section Chair (2014 – 2016), Chair-elect (2013 – 2014)

2009 – 2010

Kentucky Law Journal Association

University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law

Law Building, Room 148

620 South Limestone Street

Lexington, Kentucky 40506

Director, Vice President

2006 – 2007

University of Kentucky College of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter

University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Law Building

620 South Limestone Street

Lexington, Kentucky 40506

President

2005 – 2006

University of Kentucky College of Law Student Bar Association

University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law

Law Building

Lexington, Kentucky 40506

Treasurer

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 selective service upon turning 18.

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.

Kentucky Colonel (2018, 2008)

Kentucky Super Lawyers Rising Star (2014 – 2016)

AV-Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell (2013 – Present)

Order of the Coif (2007)

Degree from University of Kentucky College of Law conferred *summa cum laude* (2007)

Kentucky Law Journal, Articles Editor (2006 – 2007), Member (2005 – 2007)

Recipient of the Bert Combs Scholarship at the University of Kentucky College of Law (2004 – 2007)

Phi Beta Kappa, undergraduate academic honor society (2004)

Omicron Delta Kappa, undergraduate leadership honor society (2004)

Degree from Washington and Lee University conferred *summa cum laude* (2003)

Elizabeth B. Garrett Economics Scholarship at Washington and Lee University (2003)

Omicron Delta Epsilon, undergraduate economics honor society (approximately 2002)

Pi Sigma Alpha, undergraduate political science honor society (approximately 2002)

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

Sixth Circuit Rules Advisory Committee
Member (2022 – Present)

2020 Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference Planning Committee
Member (2019 – 2020)

2021 Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference Planning Committee
Member (2021)

Central Kentucky American Inn of Court
Member (2015 – Present)

Fayette County Bar Association
Member (approximately 2011 – 2015)

Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies
Member (2005 – 2007, 2008 – 2010, 2018 – Present)
Central Kentucky Lawyers Chapter Steering Committee (approximately 2017 – Present)

University of Kentucky College of Law Student Chapter President (2006 – 2007)

Kentucky Bar Association

Member (2007 – Present)

Litigation Section (Chair, 2014 – 2016; Chair-elect, 2013 – 2014)

Appellate Advocacy Section

2019 Kentucky Bar Association Convention Planning Committee (2018 – 2019)

2016 Kentucky Bar Association Convention Planning Committee (2015 – 2016)

Louisville Bar Association (2010)

Member (2010)

Republican National Lawyers Association

Member (approximately 2011 – 2016)

Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference

Life Member (2015 – Present)

University of Kentucky College of Law Student Bar Association

Member (2004 – 2007)

Treasurer (2005 – 2006)

As a member of the legal staff for the Governor of Kentucky from 2015 – 2019, I was part of a team of lawyers tasked with vetting and interviewing potential judicial appointees.

To the best of my recollection, I was a member of the American Bar Association while I was an associate at Frost Brown Todd from 2009 – 2011. My memory is that the firm paid for memberships for all lawyers in the firm. However, when I called the American Bar Association to confirm my dates of membership, I was told that there is no record of my having been a member.

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.

Kentucky, 2007.

Ohio, 2022.

There have been no lapses in membership.

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

Supreme Court of the United States, 2019
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2007
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2014
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 2017
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2023
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 2009
United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, 2009
United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, 2013
United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, 2023

I am not aware of any lapses in membership. While I was a state government attorney, I was allowed by local rule to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia without being otherwise admitted to the bar of that court. When I left state government and returned to private practice, I notified that court that I was no longer a state government attorney and thereby ended my authorization to practice in that court without regular or pro hac vice admission.

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.

Kentucky Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights
Member (2015)

Kentucky Law Journal Association
Board Member (2009 – 2010)
Vice President (2009 – 2010)

Spindletop Club
Member (2015 – 2020, 2021 – Present)

Washington and Lee University Bluegrass Alumni Chapter
Member (2004 – 2009, and 2013 – Present)
Vice-President (2015 – 2016)

Washington and Lee University Louisville Alumni Chapter
Member (2009 – 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.

To the best of my knowledge, none of the 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 four (4) copies of all published material to the Committee.

Sixth Circuit Rules in Favor of Bank and Resolves Conflict Among Bankruptcy Courts Concerning Whether Arrearage Amount on Mortgages Includes Fees and Costs Permitted by the Contract Terms and Non-bankruptcy Law, Frost Brown Todd Banking Litigation Blog (Oct. 19, 2010). Copy supplied.

Look Homeward Candidate: Evaluating and Reforming Kentucky's Residency Definition and Bona Fides Challenges in Order to Avoid a Potential Crisis in Gubernatorial Elections, 95 Ky. L.J. 211 (2006-2007). Copy supplied.

I wrote an op-ed based on the above Law Journal Note, and it appeared in the online version of the Louisville Courier-Journal in either late 2006 or early 2007. I do not possess a copy of the op-ed and have been unable to locate it online.

Executive Prerogative and Foreign Relations: The Helvidius and Pacificus Debate, Washington and Lee Political Review (2004). Copy supplied.

2003: A Commercial Speech Odyssey: Using Nike v. Kasky to Jump Over Hurdles in the Commercial Speech Doctrine, Washington and Lee Political Review (2003). Copy supplied.

Op-ed about the Greek system in *The Trident: A Weekly Newspaper at Washington and Lee University* (January 17, 2001). Copy supplied.

b. Supply four (4) copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

To the best of my recollection, and after conducting thorough searches, I have identified

the following responsive documents:

Proposals from the Sixth Circuit Advisory Committee on Rules, September 15, 2023. Copy supplied. This e-mail memorandum and its attachment present official proposals from the Sixth Circuit Advisory Committee on Rules for amendments to the Sixth Circuit Rules.

Proposals from the Sixth Circuit Advisory Committee on Rules, October 28, 2022. Copy supplied. This e-mail memorandum and its attachments present official proposals from the Sixth Circuit Advisory Committee on Rules for amendments to the Sixth Circuit Rules.

In 2015, I served as a member of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet transition team in connection with the gubernatorial transition. I wrote a memorandum to the co-leaders of the team summarizing legislative, regulatory, and budgetary issues relating to the Cabinet. Copy supplied.

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

I occasionally had written communications with legislators about policy matters in my official capacity as Chief Deputy General Counsel for the Governor of Kentucky from 2015 to 2019. Those communications were transferred to the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives at the end of the Governor's term. Based on my review of the index of the documents held in the Archives, as well as the official Records Retention Schedule for the Governor's Office (which says that legislator correspondence is destroyed and not permanently retained in the Archives), it is my understanding that those documents no longer exist.

I have also written an undated memorandum to a legislator in my personal capacity. Copy supplied.

Letter to Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission supporting the potential nomination of Mithun Mansinghani to the Oklahoma Supreme Court, February 28, 2025. Copy supplied.

Letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee supporting the nomination of D. John Sauer to the position of Solicitor General of the United States, January 3, 2025. Copy supplied.

I wrote a memorandum regarding a proposed amendment to the Kentucky Constitution for a public-policy advocacy firm in 2023. It is my understanding that the public-policy advocacy firm shared the memorandum with legislators. Copy supplied.

Letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee supporting the nomination of Stephen A. Kubiowski to the United States Court of Federal Claims, October 7, 2020. Copy supplied.

Letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee supporting the nomination of Judge Benjamin Beaton to the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, September 3, 2020. Copy supplied.

Letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee supporting the nomination of Judge Justin R. Walker to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, May 4, 2020. Copy supplied.

Letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee supporting the nomination of Justin R. Walker to the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, July 16, 2019. Copy supplied.

Letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee supporting the nomination of John B. Nalbandian to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, February 26, 2018. Copy supplied.

Letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee supporting the nomination of John K. Bush to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, June 6, 2017. Copy supplied.

Letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee supporting the nomination of Judge Amul R. Thapar to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, April 21, 2017. Copy supplied.

d. Supply four (4) copies, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by you including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place where they were delivered, and readily available press reports about the speech or talk. If you do not have a copy of the speech or a transcript or recording of your remarks, give the name and address of the group before whom the speech was given, the date of the speech, and a summary of its subject matter. If you did not speak from a prepared text, furnish a copy of any outline or notes from which you spoke.

March 5, 2025: Speaker, "Appellate Advocacy Workshop," University of Kentucky College of Law Federalist Society, University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky. Outline supplied.

January 28, 2025: Speaker, "Appellate Brief Workshop," University of Louisville Federalist Society Student Chapter, University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, Kentucky. Outline supplied.

November 7, 2024: Moderator, "Supreme Court Roundup with Missouri Solicitor General Josh Divine," Federalist Society Northern Kentucky Lawyers Chapter, Covington, Kentucky. Outline supplied.

October 24, 2024: Panelist, "SCOTUS Bound: The Application of the Establishment Clause and State Actor Doctrine in the Context of Charter Schools," Education Freedom Legal Network Summit, Arlington, Virginia. I participated in a panel discussion on legal issues facing charter schools. My remarks primarily focused on the charter schools litigation in Kentucky. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Education Freedom Network Summit was 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

October 18, 2024: Panelist, "State Executive Power & Checking the Governor," Kentucky Law Journal Symposium on Executive Powers, University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky. I provided remarks on the nature of executive power under the Kentucky Constitution and the legislature's constitutional means of checking that power. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the University of Kentucky College of Law is 620 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.

July 10, 2024: Moderator, panel discussion on religious liberties issues regarding adoption and foster care, Alliance Defending Freedom Religious Liberties Summit, Marco Island, Florida. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Alliance Defending Freedom is 15100 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260.

June 10, 2024: Panelist, "Kentucky's Constitutional Amendment on School Choice," Kentucky Tonight television program, Kentucky Educational Television, Lexington, Kentucky. A recording of this episode of Kentucky Tonight is available at <https://ket.org/program/kentucky-tonight/kentuckys-constitutional-amendment-on-school-choice/>.

June 6, 2024: Speaker, "The Importance of an Oath: The Obligations and Roles of Attorneys General and Solicitors General in Defending the Rule of Law," Federalist Society Maine Lawyers Chapter, Portland, Maine. Outline supplied.

February 21, 2024: Speaker, "Appellate Advocacy Workshop," University of Kentucky College of Law Federalist Society, University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky. Matthew Kuhn and I provided appellate advocacy advice to law students at the University of Kentucky. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the University of Kentucky College of Law is 620 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.

January 30, 2024: Speaker, "Appellate Workshop," University of Louisville Federalist Society Student Chapter, University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, Kentucky. Matthew Kuhn and I provided appellate advocacy advice to law students at the University of Louisville. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The

address of the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law is 2301 South Third Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40208.

October 13, 2023: Panelist, Luncheon Panel, 2023 Federalist Society Kentucky Chapters Conference, Versailles, Kentucky. I participated in a panel discussion focusing on how young conservative attorneys should show courage and hold to their principles in the practice of law. I have no notes, recordings, or transcripts. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

August 9, 2023: Moderator, "Luncheon and Book Signing with Judge Thapar," Federalist Society Central Kentucky Lawyers Chapter, Lexington, Kentucky. Outline supplied.

July 13, 2023: Moderator, "Standing: Barrier or Speedbump to Movement Litigation?," Alliance Defending Freedom Religious Liberties Summit, Dana Point, California. I moderated a panel discussion regarding current standing doctrine and how it affects litigation regarding religious liberty issues. I have no notes, recordings, or transcripts. The address of the Alliance Defending Freedom is 15100 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260.

July 6, 2023: Speaker, "The Importance of an Oath: A Discussion Regarding the Role of Attorneys General and Solicitors General," Federalist Society Tampa Bay Lawyers Chapter, Tampa, Florida. Outline supplied.

July 6, 2023: Speaker, "State Attorneys General and Their Unique Roles in Government," Federalist Society Sarasota Lawyers Chapter, Sarasota, Florida. Outline supplied.

March 15, 2023: Speaker, "Defending Attorney General Actions: A View from Inside and Out," Fast Fire with Squire, Atlanta, Georgia. Outline supplied.

March 9, 2023: Speaker, "The Importance of an Oath," Federalist Society Northern Kentucky Lawyers Chapter, Covington, Kentucky. My remarks focused on the importance of executive branch lawyers' oaths of office and how executive branch lawyers must strive to comply with their oaths by, above all else, adhering to the Constitution and promoting the rule of law. I have no notes, recordings, or transcripts, but the substance of my talk was essentially identical to the remarks I provided later in 2023 to the Sarasota and Tampa Bay Lawyers Chapters of the Federalist Society and in 2024 to the Maine Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

February 8, 2023: Speaker, "Appellate Advocacy Workshop," University of Kentucky College of Law Federalist Society, University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky. Matthew Kuhn and I provided appellate advocacy advice to law students at the University of Kentucky. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the

University of Kentucky College of Law is 620 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.

November 10, 2022: Panelist, "A View from the State Attorney General's Office," Squire Patton Boggs Global Compliance Seminar, Cincinnati, Ohio. Outline supplied.

February 16, 2022: Speaker, "Appellate Advocacy Workshop: How to Write Effective Briefs and Excel at Oral Argument," University of Kentucky College of Law Moot Court Board and University of Kentucky College of Law Federalist Society, University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky. Matthew Kuhn and I provided appellate advocacy advice to law students at the University of Kentucky. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the University of Kentucky College of Law Moot Court Board and the University of Kentucky College of Law Federalist Society is 620 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.

October 18, 2021: Introductory Speaker, "Criminal Justice Reform," 2021 Federalist Society Kentucky Chapters Conference, Frankfort, Kentucky. I introduced Judge Amul Thapar prior to his serving as the moderator for this criminal justice reform panel discussion. Video available at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isRKOUcY0C0&t=91s>.

September 20, 2021: Moderator, "Fireside Chat with Judge Amul Thapar," 2021 National Association of Attorneys General Solicitors General and Appellate Chiefs Conference, Chicago, Illinois. Outline supplied.

July 27, 2021: Speaker, "Update from the States: State Solicitors General Discussion," Federalist Society Eastern Leadership Conference, New York, New York. My remarks provided an overview of the role of state solicitors general and cases my office has litigated. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, NW Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

July 10, 2021: Speaker, Untitled remarks concerning how to prepare and deliver effective oral arguments, University of Kentucky College of Law Moot Court Board, University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky. Outline supplied.

March 10, 2021: Panelist, "A Conversation with Kentucky's Attorney General and Solicitor General," Federalist Society Lexington Lawyers Chapter, Zoom Webinar. Video available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tM0kXhci6kY&t=1316s>

February 24, 2021: Panel Discussion regarding the role of state solicitors general, University of Kentucky College of Law Federalist Society, University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky. To the best of my recollection, my remarks focused on the role of state solicitors general and also provided legal writing and appellate advocacy advice to the law students in attendance. I have no notes,

transcript, or recording. The address of the University of Kentucky College of Law Federalist Society is 620 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.

August 10, 2020: Panelist, "Duties of State Solicitors General and the Role's Importance in Preserving Liberty," Federalist Society South Carolina Lawyers Chapters, Zoom Webinar. My remarks focused on the role of state solicitors general. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, NW Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

July 17, 2019: Remarks to the Kentucky Family Foundation, Lexington, Kentucky. My remarks summarized the abortion-related litigation in which the Governor's Office was involved. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Kentucky Family Foundation is 3060 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40503.

June 14, 2019: Panel Discussion, "Governor's Office Update," 2019 Kentucky Bar Association Convention, Louisville, Kentucky. My remarks were directed at summarizing the Governor's legal team's approach to executive branch legal representation and the obligation of executive branch lawyers to make their own independent evaluation of the constitutionality of their exercise of government authority. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Kentucky Bar Association is 514 West Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Late Winter/Early Spring 2019: Remarks to the Metropolitan Republican Women's Club, Prospect, Kentucky. I spoke on the topic of judicial selection, and my remarks were along the same lines as my remarks at the October 29, 2018 Federalist Society Kentucky Chapters Conference. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the event was J Harrod's Restaurant, 7507 River Road, Prospect, Kentucky 40059.

February 22, 2019: Remarks to the University of Kentucky College of Law Christian Legal Society, University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky. My remarks addressed the importance of Christian lawyers showing Christ-like grace to those they encounter in their legal practices, particularly opposing counsel. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the University of Kentucky College of Law Christian Legal Society is 620 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.

January 14, 2019: Remarks to the Rotary Club of Ashland, Ashland, Kentucky. My remarks focused on summarizing the litigation that the Governor's Office was involved in at the time. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address of the Rotary Club of Ashland is P.O. Box 1233, Ashland, Kentucky 41105.

December 5, 2018: Panelist, "The Commonwealth's 'Law Firm:' Litigating Federalism in Kentucky," Federalist Society Cincinnati Lawyers Chapter, Covington, Kentucky. My remarks in this panel discussion and question-and-answer session were directed toward explaining the Governor's Office's unique approach to providing legal representation for the Commonwealth and discussing the administration's views on particular issues under

the Kentucky Constitution, such as the prohibition on special legislation. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of The Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

October 29, 2018: Panelist, "Judicial Selection in Kentucky," 2018 Federalist Society Kentucky Chapters Conference, Frankfort, Kentucky. Video available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ato8kInI-WA&t=27s>.

August 15, 2018: Panelist, "Ask the Lawyers," 2018 Governor's Local Issues Conference, Louisville, Kentucky. This was a panel discussion and question-and-answer session largely focusing on legal issues facing local governments in Kentucky. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the event was Galt House East Hotel, 140 North Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202.

March 3, 2018: Remarks at Grayson County Young Republicans' Monthly Pancakes and Politics Breakfast, Leitchfield, Kentucky. My remarks, delivered in my hometown of Leitchfield, encouraged the attendees to be proud of our hometown, to adhere to conservative principles, and not to view their political opponents as enemies. I also gave an overview of my background and career. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the event was Farmer's Feed Mill Restaurant, 110 Sequoia Drive, Leitchfield, Kentucky 42754.

January 25, 2018: Remarks to the Young Professionals Association of Louisville, YP Day at the Capitol 2018, Frankfort, Kentucky. My remarks were focused on summarizing my job responsibilities in the Governor's Office. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Young Professionals Association of Louisville is 614 West Main Street #6000, Louisville, Kentucky 40202.

November 28, 2017: Remarks to the University of Kentucky College of Law Christian Legal Society, Lexington, Kentucky. To the best of my recollection, my remarks addressed the topic of Jesus Christ as the Great Advocate. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the University of Kentucky College of Law Christian Legal Society is 620 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.

September 14, 2017: Remarks to the 2017 Federalist Society Kentucky Chapters Conference, Frankfort, Kentucky. To the best of my recollection, my remarks focused on summarizing the litigation involving the Governor's Office and discussing the importance of justiciability doctrines to the rule of law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Federalist Society is 1776 I Street, NW Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006.

April 6, 2017: Remarks to the University of Kentucky College of Law Federalist Society, University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky. To the best of my recollection, my remarks focused on the joys and fulfillment of public service, as well as the relation of justiciability doctrines to the rule of law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the University of Kentucky

College of Law Federalist Society is 620 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.

December 5, 2014: Continuing Legal Education Presentation, "Practical Tips for Jury Selection in Civil Litigation," Kentucky Law Update, Covington, Kentucky. Outline supplied.

October 18, 2013: Continuing Legal Education Presentation on Election Law, Kentucky Republican National Lawyers Association Conference, Lexington, Kentucky. Outline supplied.

September 18, 2013: Panelist, Legal Research and Writing Practitioners' Panel, University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky. This panel discussion was geared toward providing legal writing advice to first-year law students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but a brief report on the event is supplied. The address of the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law is 620 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.

August 3, 2012: Panelist, Judicial Fellows Program, Lexington, Kentucky. The judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky invited me to speak to incoming law clerks about my experiences as a clerk, and to offer advice to the incoming clerks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the event was the United States Courthouse, 101 Barr Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507.

October 28, 2011: Continuing Legal Education Presentation, "Labor and Employment Law Basic Training," Litigation Basics for Young Lawyers, University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, Kentucky. Outline supplied.

September 15, 2011: Panelist, Legal Research and Writing Discussion, University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky. This panel discussion was geared toward providing legal writing advice to first-year law students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law is 620 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.

Spring 2007: Speaker, Grayson County High School Senior Tea, Leitchfield, Kentucky. I spoke to graduating seniors at my high school's annual senior tea. My remarks focused on the importance of integrity. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Grayson County High School is 340 Schoolhouse Road, Leitchfield, Kentucky 42754.

Winter 2005: Debate, University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky. During my first year of law school, I participated in a debate sponsored by the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law's student chapters of the Federalist Society and the American Constitution Society. The topic of the debate was the War on Terror. I appeared in the debate as a member of the Federalist Society, and I debated another first-year student who was a member of the American

Constitution Society. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the University of Kentucky College of Law Federalist Society and the University of Kentucky College of Law American Constitution Society is 620 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.

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

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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 any 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: _____% [total 100%]

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings: _____%
criminal proceedings: _____% [total 100%]

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 any 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.

I served as the Solicitor General of Kentucky from December 2019 until November 30, 2021. I was appointed to that position by Attorney General Daniel Cameron in 2019, and I served at the Attorney General's pleasure.

From 2015 until 2019, I served as Chief Deputy General Counsel to Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin. The Governor appointed me to that position, and I served at his pleasure. For the last few months of 2019, the Governor changed my title to Solicitor General in

order to facilitate my coordination and oversight of all appellate litigation involving agencies under the Governor's control.

In 2015, I served as a member of the Kentucky Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. This was not an elected position. To the best of recollection, the Commissioners appointed me following an application process.

I have never run for elective office, nor have I been an unsuccessful nominee 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.

In 2015, I served on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet transition team in connection with the gubernatorial transition. Along with other members of the transition team, I met with and interviewed Transportation Cabinet officials to obtain an understanding of the workings of the Cabinet and the legal and policy issues facing the Cabinet. We also interviewed potential candidates for Secretary of the Cabinet. I wrote a memorandum to the co-leaders of the team summarizing legislative, regulatory, and budgetary issues relating to the Cabinet.

I was the campaign chairman for State Treasurer Allison Ball's campaign in 2015. The position was primarily honorary, although I provided some advice.

I assisted with overseeing Election Day legal operations for Governor Matt Bevin's re-election campaign in 2019. I trained lawyers on their responsibilities with respect to serving as the campaign's official observers for absentee ballot counting and vote tabulations and helped coordinate those activities on Election Day. I also assisted in coordinating the recanvass procedure.

I represented Dr. Ralph Alvarado's State Senate campaign in 2014 with respect to a defamatory ad that his opponent ran on television, and I ultimately represented Dr. Alvarado in a defamation suit against his opponent.

I was counsel to Congressman Andy Barr's campaign in 2012 and 2014, and I directed his Election Day legal operations in 2014, which consisted of recruiting and overseeing lawyers to observe absentee ballot counting and vote tabulations in the counties in his district. I also participated in the recanvass procedure in Congressman Barr's unsuccessful 2010 campaign by serving as his campaign's representative at the recanvass in Anderson County, Kentucky.

I performed routine volunteer work, such as phone-banking and door-knocking, for a number of campaigns. I have done my best to name all of them, but I may have forgotten some campaigns. I recall that I volunteered for the following campaigns: Hal

Heiner's campaign for Mayor of Louisville in 2010 and his campaign for Governor of Kentucky in 2015; Mitch McConnell's campaign for U.S. Senate in 2014; Rand Paul's campaign for U.S. Senate in 2010; John Roach's campaign for Kentucky Supreme Court in 2006; Stephen Meredith's campaigns for Kentucky State Representative in 2014 and State Senate in 2016, 2020, and 2024; and Daniel Cameron's campaign for Governor of Kentucky in 2023.

I served as a delegate to the Republican Party of Kentucky's Second Congressional District Convention in 2004.

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 2007 to 2008, I served as a law clerk for the Honorable John M. Rogers on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

From 2008 to 2009, I served as a law clerk for the Honorable Amul R. Thapar on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

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

I have not practiced alone.

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

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

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator 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.

At Frost Brown Todd, from 2009 to 2011, I was primarily engaged in business litigation and appellate advocacy. My work during this period was almost exclusively devoted to litigation. I drafted appellate and trial court briefs and argued trial court motions, including dispositive motions. I also conducted discovery in several cases, including taking depositions.

My practice at Ransdell & Roach from 2011 to 2015 focused on representing a wide array of clients in an equally wide array of cases, such as personal-injury matters, employment-discrimination matters, and commercial disputes. Roughly half of my practice was devoted to business litigation. Approximately one-third of practice was devoted to labor-and-employment litigation, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. The rest of my practice was split among tort litigation (representing both plaintiffs and defendants), appellate litigation, and

providing general legal counsel to businesses and individuals. My work during this period was also devoted nearly exclusively to litigation, including drafting complaints and answers, taking depositions, defending depositions, conducting written discovery, trying cases, briefing and arguing matters in appellate and trial courts, arguing dispositive motions, and conducting practically all manner of civil motion practice.

My work in the Governor's Office from 2015 to 2019 focused on representing the Governor and other executive branch officials in litigation and providing advice on Open Records Act compliance, Ethics Code compliance, and policy matters. Although there were aspects of my job that were not related to litigation, the majority of my work was devoted to litigation from 2015 to 2019. I was responsible for overseeing appeals involving agencies under the Governor's control and managing and working with lawyers in those agencies on appellate matters, and I personally briefed and argued appeals as well. My job also involved significant trial court litigation, including representing the Governor and other executive branch officials in bench trials and injunction hearings and conducting discovery and motion practice relating to those matters.

In 2019, the Governor created the position of Solicitor General by executive order and appointed me to that position. As Solicitor General, I supervised appellate litigation involving all executive branch agencies under the Governor's purview.

After the end of the Governor's term in December 2019, the newly elected Attorney General created the position of Solicitor General within the Attorney General's Office and appointed me to that position. The General Assembly later codified the position in statute as a part of the Attorney General's Office. I held that position from December 2019 until November 30, 2021. In my job as Solicitor General from 2019 to 2021, my work focused on representing the Commonwealth in all civil and criminal appellate litigation in which it had an interest. I managed a team of civil appellate lawyers and a team of criminal appellate lawyers, and I also personally briefed and argued both civil and criminal appeals as well. I also participated in select trial court proceedings by assisting with briefing, examining witnesses in court, and helping strategize litigation.

My present work at Squire Patton Boggs focuses on appellate litigation, general trial court litigation, and matters involving State Attorneys General, including litigation and investigations. My practice focuses almost entirely on litigation matters and is concentrated on appellate litigation and briefing and arguing major motions in trial courts.

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

At Frost Brown Todd, from 2009 to 2011, I represented primarily medium-sized and large businesses. My practice was concentrated in the areas of business litigation and appellate advocacy.

At Ransdell & Roach, from 2011 to 2015, I typically represented individuals and small and medium-sized businesses. My practice was primarily focused on business litigation and labor-and-employment litigation, but I litigated a wide variety of matters, including tort cases. I represented both plaintiffs and defendants.

In the Governor's Office, from 2015 to 2019, I represented the Governor and the executive branch agencies that were under his purview. My practice was concentrated on litigation arising under the United States and Kentucky Constitutions.

In my job as Solicitor General from 2019 to 2021, I represented the Commonwealth of Kentucky in civil and criminal appellate litigation, as well as select trial court litigation. My practice was concentrated on litigation arising under the United States and Kentucky Constitutions, as well as criminal appeals.

In my current job at Squire Patton Boggs, I typically represent large businesses. My practice focuses on appellate litigation, general trial court litigation, and matters involving State Attorneys General. While most of my clients are large corporations, I have represented a wide array of clients, including small companies, individuals, and religious organizations.

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.

Except for my work as a law clerk, I estimate that 95% of my practice has been in litigation. As an associate at Frost Brown Todd, I was part of the firm's appellate and business litigation practice groups. I appeared in court occasionally. When I joined Ransdell & Roach in 2011, I appeared in court frequently, and nearly all of my practice was devoted to litigation. My practice continued to focus on litigation during my service in state government, and I continued appearing in court frequently. My practice at present is almost entirely devoted to litigation. I appear in court regularly.

i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. federal courts: | 45% |
| 2. state courts of record: | 53% |
| 3. other courts: | 0% |
| 4. administrative agencies: | 2% |

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. civil proceedings: | 80% |
| 2. criminal proceedings: | 20% |

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.

To the best of my recollection, I have tried 7 cases to verdict (including equitable matters in which the judge held an evidentiary hearing before entering judgment). One of these was a jury trial. I was associate counsel in each case I have tried.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

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| 1. jury: | 14% |
| 2. non-jury: | 86% |

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

As counsel of record, I have filed a brief in opposition to certiorari in two cases at the Supreme Court, I have filed eleven amicus briefs, and I have filed one application (and a reply in support of the application) asking Chief Justice Roberts to stay an administrative regulation. All of these briefs are supplied. I also appeared on the pleadings, but was not counsel of record, on two other amicus briefs, an application (and a reply in support of the application) asking Justice Kavanaugh to vacate a stay entered by the Sixth Circuit, and a petition for certiorari and the reply in support of that petition. All of these briefs are supplied.

Briefed Cases

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. v. EPA, No. 24A463 (stay application and reply in support of stay application).

Free Speech Coalition, Inc. v. Paxton, No. 23-1122 (brief of amici curiae Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, and Baptist General Convention of Texas).

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Shurtleff v. City of Boston, Massachusetts, 596 U.S. 243 (2022) (brief of amici curiae Commonwealth of Kentucky et al.).

Miles v. Sanchez, No. 21-63 (brief in opposition).

Trustees of the New Life in Christ Church v. City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, No. 21-164 (brief of amici curiae Commonwealth of Kentucky et al.).

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Commonwealth of Kentucky v. White, No. 20-240 (petition for a writ of certiorari and reply in support of the petition).

Living Essentials, LLC v. State of Washington, No. 19-988 (brief of amici curiae Commonwealth of Kentucky et al.).

State of Montana v. State of Washington, No. 22O152 (brief of amici curiae Commonwealth of Kentucky et al.).

State of Arizona v. Martin, No. 19-605 (brief of amici curiae Commonwealth of Kentucky et al.).

Box v. Planned Parenthood of Indiana & Kentucky, Inc., No. 19-816 (brief of amici curiae Commonwealth of Kentucky et al.).

Hill v. Whole Woman's Health Alliance, No. 19-743 (brief of amici curiae Commonwealth of Kentucky et al.).

EMW Women's Surgical Center, P.S.C. v. Meier, No. 19-417 (brief in opposition)

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. *East Kentucky Power Cooperative v. EPA*, No. 24A463, Order Denying Application for Stay, 604 U.S. __ (Dec. 11, 2024) (*City Utilities of Springfield, Mo. v. EPA*, No. 24-1200, Order Denying Motion for Stay (D.C. Cir. Nov. 1, 2024) (Hon. Karen Henderson, Hon. Cornelia Pillard, Hon. Justin Walker, JJ.) (representation 2024 – present)

In 2024, the EPA promulgated a new rule governing the disposal of coal combustion residuals, commonly known as coal ash. Among other things, the rule regulated all sites that contained coal ash roughly a decade before its promulgation, not just those sites that presently contain coal ash or will contain it in the future. For regulated entities that cleaned up and closed prior disposal sites during that look-back period—like my client, East Power Cooperative—this rule would impose significant burdens by making them re-do much of the work that they have already done. I filed a petition challenging the rule and sought a stay from the D.C. Circuit, arguing that the rule is outside the EPA’s statutory authority to regulate solid waste and also unconstitutional. Our stay motion was denied, and I filed an application for a stay with the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ordered the EPA to respond to our application, but the Court ultimately denied the application. We later filed a brief on the merits in the D.C. Circuit, but the case is now in abeyance as the EPA considers how to proceed with the rule. I served as chief counsel for East Kentucky Power Cooperative in all phases of this litigation.

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2. *Taylor v. Jordan*, 10 F.4th 625 (6th Cir. 2021) (en banc) (representation 2021)

In this case, the en banc Sixth Circuit affirmed the district court's denial of a habeas petition from the perpetrator of a highly publicized double murder that occurred in Louisville, Kentucky, in the 1980s. I represented the Warden at the en banc stage of the proceedings, filing the Commonwealth's supplemental brief and delivering the en banc oral argument. I was not involved in the district court proceedings or the proceedings before the Sixth Circuit panel.

The case stemmed from a 1984 double murder perpetrated by Victor Taylor. Taylor kidnapped two high school students, Scott Nelson and Richard Stephenson, at gunpoint after they stopped at a fast-food restaurant to ask directions to a high school football game in Louisville. Taylor forced them to drive to an abandoned lot, where he robbed them, raped one of them, and then shot them both in the head. A jury convicted Taylor of the murders and he was sentenced to death. The Supreme Court of Kentucky upheld his conviction and death sentence on two occasions. He later pursued habeas relief in federal court on a number of different grounds. The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky rejected Taylor's claims, and a panel of the Sixth Circuit affirmed that decision with one judge dissenting. The full Sixth Circuit then granted en banc review and affirmed the district court's denial of habeas relief. The primary issue before the en banc court was whether Taylor was entitled to relief on his claim that the African-American prosecutor at his trial had violated *Batson v. Kentucky* by using peremptory strikes to exclude African-Americans from the jury. The en banc Sixth Circuit rejected that claim and affirmed the denial of habeas relief, pointing out that the prosecutor had affirmatively objected to the defense's attempt to strike three African-American members from the jury venire.

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3. *Cameron v. Beshear*, 628 S.W.3d 61 (Ky. 2021) (trial court opinion available at *Beshear v. Osborne*, No. 21-CI-00089, 2021 WL 1588743 (Franklin Cir. Ct. March 3, 2021) (Hon. Phillip Shepherd, J.)) (representation 2021)

After the Kentucky Supreme Court upheld the Governor's use of executive orders and emergency regulations in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Kentucky legislature enacted new laws restricting the Governor's authority to take unilateral executive action during declared emergencies. The Governor vetoed those bills, but his vetoes were overridden by the legislature. The Governor then filed a lawsuit seeking to have the new legislation declared unconstitutional. I successfully defended the legislation on behalf of the Attorney General and the other defendants sued by the Governor. I assisted with the briefing in the trial court and served as chief counsel on appeal, briefing and arguing the case before the Supreme Court of Kentucky. A trial court enjoined the enforcement of the new legislation, but the Supreme Court of Kentucky reversed that decision.

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4. *Beshear v. Acree*, 615 S.W.3d 780 (Ky. 2020) (Kentucky Court of Appeals Case No. 2020-CA-0834 (Hon. Glenn Acree, J.); Boone Circuit Court Case No. 20-CI-00678 (Hon. Richard Brueggemann, J.)) (representation 2020 – 2021)

I represented the Attorney General in this case concerning the constitutionality of the Kentucky Governor's unilateral executive orders addressing the Covid-19 pandemic. Those orders essentially established a separate legal code that defined—among other things—the types of businesses that could be open to the public and the hours they could be open, the types of religious worship that were allowed in Kentucky, and types of gatherings that could be held in both public and private places. The Attorney General and several businesses that were adversely affected by the Governor's orders challenged the validity of those orders under the Kentucky Constitution. As associate counsel at the trial court level, I assisted with briefing and also examined witnesses at the evidentiary hearing on the motion for a temporary injunction. I was lead counsel on appeal, briefing and arguing the case before the Supreme Court of Kentucky. The primary issue in this case was whether the Kentucky Constitution—which expressly prohibits executive branch officials from exercising power belonging to the legislative branch—precluded the governor from issuing executive orders that established generally applicable rules and standards governing private conduct. I argued that such orders were unconstitutional under the Kentucky Constitution because they were, in effect, legislation. The Kentucky Supreme Court disagreed.

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5. *EMW Women's Surgical Center, P.S.C. v. Meier*, 373 F. Supp. 3d 807 (W.D. Ky. 2019) (Hon. Joseph McKinley, Jr., J.) (representation 2018 – 2020)

This case was a constitutional challenge to a Kentucky statute prohibiting D&E abortions performed without fetal demise. I represented the Secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services in defending the constitutionality of the statute. I was associate counsel at trial and was responsible for conducting and defending depositions prior to trial, drafting pre-trial briefs and motions, and conducting direct and cross examinations of witnesses at trial. I was also associate counsel on appeal, assisting with the briefing and oral argument preparation. The district court declared the law unconstitutional, and a panel of the Sixth Circuit affirmed that decision. *See EMW Women's Surgical Ctr., P.S.C. v. Friedlander*, 960 F.3d 785 (6th Cir. 2020) (Hon. Gilbert Merritt, Hon. Eric Clay, Hon. John Bush, JJ.). Due to a change in gubernatorial administrations, my client, the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, refused to seek rehearing *en banc*. My involvement with the case ceased at that point. The Supreme Court subsequently held that the Attorney General of Kentucky could intervene to seek rehearing *en banc*, and the law was eventually upheld.

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6. *EMW Women's Surgical Ctr., P.S.C. v. Beshear*, 920 F.3d 421 (6th Cir. 2019) (Hon. Bernice Donald, Hon. John Bush, Hon. Alan Norris, JJ.), *cert. denied* 140 S. Ct. 655 (2019) (District Court opinion reported at 373 F. Supp. 3d 807 (W.D. Ky. 2017) (Hon. David Hale, J.)) (representation 2017 – 2019)

This case was a constitutional challenge to Kentucky's abortion informed-consent statute. The law at issue required abortion providers, before performing an abortion, to perform an ultrasound and show and describe the ultrasound images to the patient seeking the abortion. Abortion providers challenged the constitutionality of the law, arguing that it violated their First Amendment right to free speech. I represented the Secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services in defending the constitutionality of the law. I was associate counsel at the bench trial. I was chief counsel on appeal, briefing and arguing the case before the Sixth Circuit, and briefing the response in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari at the Supreme Court. The district court found the law unconstitutional and permanently enjoined its enforcement. The Sixth Circuit reversed that decision, holding that the statute does not violate the First Amendment. The Supreme Court denied the plaintiffs' petition for a writ of certiorari.

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7. *Morgan v. Bevin*, 298 F. Supp. 3d 1003 (E.D. Ky. 2018) (Hon. Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, J.) (representation 2017 – 2019)

This case was a constitutional challenge to the Governor of Kentucky's policy of blocking obscene, abusive, and repeated off-topic comments on his official Facebook and Twitter accounts. I was chief counsel for the Governor in all phases of this case and directed the Governor's defense in two hearings in the district court on the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction. This included briefing the legal issues, providing oral argument, conducting discovery, and cross-examining the plaintiffs' witness at the evidentiary hearing. The reported decision denied plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction. The case did not reach a final judgment before I left the Governor's Office.

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8. *Zuckerman v. Bevin*, 565 S.W.3d 580 (Ky. 2018) (Franklin Circuit Court Case No. 17-CI-000574 (Hon. Thomas Wingate, J.) (representation 2017 – 2018)

This case was a constitutional challenge to Kentucky's right-to-work law. I successfully defended the constitutionality of the law on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I was associate counsel in the trial proceedings, and I was chief counsel on appeal. I successfully briefed and argued the case before the Kentucky Supreme Court, which affirmed the constitutionality of the law.

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9. *JMB Manufacturing, Inc. v. Child Craft, LLC*, 799 F.3d 780 (7th Cir. 2015) (Hon. Joel Flaum, Hon. Daniel Manion, Hon. David Hamilton, JJ.) (trial court opinion available at *Harrison Manufacturing, LLC v. JMB Manufacturing, Inc.*, No. 4:11-cv-00065-TWP-WGH (S.D. Ind. Apr. 25, 2014.) (Hon. Tanya Walton Pratt, J.)) (representation 2011 – 2015)

This matter was a business tort case and commercial dispute between a defunct furniture manufacturer and its former wood supplier. I represented Child Craft, LLC, the furniture

manufacturer. My client was originally sued for failing to pay for shipments of raw materials, and we counterclaimed on the basis that JMB Manufacturing had repeatedly failed—over an extended period of time—to deliver goods that conformed to the parties’ contract, thereby preventing my client from manufacturing finished goods and ultimately causing my client to go out of business. . As associate counsel at the trial stage, I was actively involved in conducting discovery and briefing pre-trial motions. At trial, I was responsible for directing the examination of my client’s key expert witness. We won a nearly \$3 million verdict for our client at trial, but the Seventh Circuit vacated the vast majority of that award on the ground that the economic-loss doctrine only allowed an award of breach-of-contract damages, not lost profits. I was chief counsel on appeal, responsible for briefing and arguing the case at the Seventh Circuit.

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10. *Burnett v. Stooksbury Towing*, Sevier County (TN) Circuit Court Civil Action No. 2011-0660-I (Hon. Ben Hooper, J.) (representation 2011 – 2014)

This was a personal-injury and wrongful-death action brought as a result of automobile accident involving a tow truck contracted by AAA. I represented the plaintiffs in this matter, which went to a jury trial in 2014. I was associate counsel and was responsible

for assisting with discovery, drafting and responding to pre-trial motions, examining various witnesses at trial, and presenting oral arguments against the defendants' motions for directed verdict. The case settled after the close of evidence and before the jury began deliberating.

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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.)

Nearly all of my practice has involved litigation, but, when I practiced in a small firm in Lexington, I occasionally provided counsel to small businesses and individuals on non-litigation matters, such as contract matters and employment issues. I also represented a number of individuals in suing their employers or resolving disputes with their employers. Some of those cases involved asserting discrimination claims on behalf of individuals, while others involved disputes over written contracts of employment. I also represented businesses in defending

against claims of discrimination by former employees. And I represented one client in attempting to obtain a zoning change in Lexington so that the client could expand the capacity of a sober living facility that served individuals who were recovering from drug addiction.

Throughout my private practice, I have often represented clients in civil litigation that that was resolved by settlement before trial. These cases often involved extensive discovery and motion practice, and occasionally mediation. I have also represented clients in arbitration proceedings, and I have represented clients in responding to investigations conducted by state attorneys general.

Outside the representation of clients, I have had many opportunities to serve the legal community. For example, I was on the planning committee for the 2020 Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference, which was initially postponed until 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but eventually canceled altogether. I also served on the planning committees for the 2019 and 2016 Kentucky Bar Association Conventions, and I served as Chair of the Litigation Section of the Kentucky Bar Association from 2014-2016, and Chair-elect from 2013-2014. I also served on the Kentucky Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights in 2015. I have also periodically served as a judge for the University of Kentucky College of Law's annual 1L moot court exercises. And, during law school, I served as President of the University of Kentucky College of Law Federalist Society and Treasurer of the Student Bar Association. I am also a member of the Central Kentucky American Inn of Court.

In my roles as Solicitor General and Deputy General Counsel to the Governor, I frequently discussed legislation with legislators and advised them on policy and constitutional issues regarding proposed legislation. I have not otherwise worked as a lobbyist or performed any work that would require me to register as a lobbyist.

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

I have not taught any courses.

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.

Because of my state government service, I have a Kentucky public employee pension account, as well as a Kentucky public employee deferred compensation account. I also have a partnership capital account with my law firm, which will be paid back to me should I be confirmed.

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.

No.

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 attached Statement of Net Worth

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 would be obligated to follow the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 455. I will recuse in any litigation in which I have ever played a role. I intend to recuse from any current or future case that challenges a statute or regulation that I have previously defended. I also intend to recuse from any current or future federal habeas cases involving Kentucky prisoners whose state-court appeals or federal habeas petitions were pending during my time as the Kentucky Solicitor General. If I directly own stock in a business, I will recuse from any litigation involving that business. In addition, my father, Stephen L. Meredith, serves in the Kentucky State Senate. It is conceivable that his service in the Senate could give rise to a conflict of interest that would require me to recuse from a case. I would have to evaluate that and other potential conflicts on a case-by-case basis according to the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 455, the principles of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and any other applicable ethical or legal rules or principles. I will evaluate any other real or potential conflict, or relationship that could give rise to an appearance of a 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 have periodically performed pro bono work during my legal career. While I was practicing at Ransdell & Roach, PLLC, I occasionally provided pro bono legal advice to my church. I do not know the amount of time devoted to that pro bono work.

I also provided pro bono representation to a disadvantaged relative who was critically injured when he was hit by an automobile while walking across a parking lot. I represented him with respect to his personal-injury claims and obtained a significant settlement. I do not know the exact amount of time devoted to this work, but it was substantial.

I have also provided pro bono assistance to colleagues at my firm in matters where they are undertaking pro bono appellate matters, and I have written and filed a pro bono amicus brief.

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.

I have expressed my interest in a judicial appointment to the offices of Senator Mitch McConnell and Senator Rand Paul at various times over the past eight or nine years. In January 2025, I was informed by both Senators that they had sent a joint letter to the White House asking that I be nominated to a vacancy in the Eastern District of Kentucky. I interviewed with the White House Counsel's Office on February 14, 2025. Since then, I have been in contact with officials from the White House Counsel's Office and the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy regarding the nomination. On June 18, the President called to tell me that I would be nominated.

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.

AFFIDAVIT

I, S. Chad Meredith, do swear that the information
provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

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