# UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

## **PUBLIC**

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

April Michelle Perry

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

United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois

3. <u>Address</u>: 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.

GE HealthCare 500 West Monroe, 16th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60661

Residence: Glenview, Illinois

4. Birthplace: State year and place of birth.

1979; San Diego, California

5. <u>Education</u>: 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.

2018, Northwestern University School of Professional Studies; Mediation Skills Certificate, 2018

2000 - 2003, Northwestern University School of Law; J.D., 2003

1997 – 2000, Northwestern University; B.S., 2000

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.

2022 – present
GE HealthCare (f/k/a GE)
500 West Monroe, 16th Floor
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Senior Counsel, Global Investigations and Fraud and Abuse Prevention

2021 – present Chicago Police Board 2 North LaSalle Street, Suite M800 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Hearing Officer

2019 – 2022 Ubiety Technologies, Inc. 8822 Mason Avenue Morton Grove, Illinois 60053 General Counsel & Corporate Secretary (2019 – 2022) Outside General Counsel (2022)

2017 – 2019 Cook County State's Attorney's Office 69 West Washington, Suite 3200 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Chief Deputy State's Attorney & Chief Ethics Officer

Fall 2008; Fall 2009; Fall 2011
John Marshall Law School (now University of Illinois Chicago School of Law)
300 South State Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604
Adjunct Professor, Moot Court

2002 –2003; 2004 – 2016
U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Illinois
219 South Dearborn, Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60604
Intern (August 2002 – February 2003) (uncompensated)
Assistant United States Attorney (2004 – 2016)
Narcotics & Gangs Deputy Chief (2010 – 2011)
Project Safe Childhood & Violence Against Women Act Coordinator (2010 – 2016)
Supervisory Litigation Counsel (2011 – 2016)
Civil Rights & Hate Crimes Coordinator (2014 – 2016)

2004 – 2004 Shefsky & Froelich 111 East Wacker Drive, Suite 28 Chicago, Illinois 60601

## Contract Lawyer

2003 – 2004 Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Chambers of Hon. Joel M. Flaum 219 South Dearborn, 27th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60604 Law Clerk

Summer 2001; Summer 2002; Summer 2003 Mayer Brown 71 South Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois 60606 Summer Associate

Summer 2002 Sidley Austin One South Dearborn Chicago, Illinois 60603 Summer Associate

Fall 2001 U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois Chambers of Hon. George W. Lindberg 219 South Dearborn Chicago, Illinois 60604 Legal Extern (uncompensated)

2000 – 2001 Butler Rubin Saltarelli & Boyd 312 North Clark Street Chicago, Illinois 60654 Paralegal

## Other Affiliations (Uncompensated):

2018 – present Wesley Child Care Center 727 Harlem Avenue Glenview, Illinois 60025 Board of Directors

2012 – 2016 Chicago Debates (f/k/a Chicago Debate Commission) 67 East Madison Street, Suite 1616 Chicago, Illinois 60603 Board of Directors 7. <u>Military Service and Draft Status</u>: Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including dates of service, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for selective service.

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

8. <u>Honors and Awards</u>: 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.

Director's Award for Superior Performance by a Litigative Team, U.S. Department of Justice (2011)

Bronze Medal for Commendable Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2009)

Excellence in Law Enforcement, Cook County Crime Stoppers (2008)

Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (2008)

Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of the Inspector General (2005)

Northwestern University School of Law, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif (2003)

Northwestern University Law Review, Articles Editor (2002 – 2003), Staff Member (2001 – 2002)

Northwestern University, magna cum laude (2000)

9. <u>Bar Associations</u>: 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.

Association of Corporate Counsel (2019 – 2022)

Chicago Bar Association (2019)

Chicago Tech GCs (2019 – 2022)

Federal Bar Association (2018 – 2020)

Federal Criminal Jury Instructions of the Seventh Circuit, Committee Member (2012 – 2016)

## 10. Bar and Court Admission:

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

California, 2013 Illinois, 2003

There have been no lapses in membership. I have been on inactive status in California since 2013.

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 Seventh Circuit, 2003 United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois General Bar, 2018 United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Trial Bar, 2016

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.

Chicago Debates (f/k/a Chicago Debate Commission), Board of Directors (2012 – 2016)

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana, Troop Leader (2019 – present)

Lawndale Community Academy 8th Grade Mock Trial Program, Co-Chair (2006 – 2013)

Wesley Child Care Center (2018 – present)
Chair, Board of Directors (2020 – present)
Board of Directors (2018 – present)

b. The American Bar Association's Commentary to its Code of Judicial Conduct states that it is inappropriate for a judge to hold membership in any organization

that invidiously discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion, or national origin. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana is a public service organization that extends membership only to girls. To my knowledge, none of the other organizations listed 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.

## 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.

Published Comment, *Guilt by Saturation: Media Liability for Third-Party Violence and the Availability Heuristic*, 97 Nw. U. L. Rev. 1045 (2003). 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.

None.

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

*School Board Public Comment*, February 15, 2022. Video available at https://www.smore.com/728pq-virtual-board-briefs.

Disclosure of Exculpatory and Impeachment Information, Memorandum to ASAs, May 7, 2018. Presented externally to Chiefs of Police Associations. 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.

I have done my best to identify transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. I frequently speak without notes or speak from a handwritten outline. I typically do not retain my handwritten outlines, and have attached all relevant materials that I can find. Despite my searches, there may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

April 19, 2023: Panelist, Conducting Internal Investigations in a Highly Regulated Environment, ALM Law.Com General Counsel Conference Midwest, Chicago, Illinois. The panel was on the best practices for internal investigations. I did not have notes and there was no press coverage or transcript of the panel discussion of which I am aware. There was a PowerPoint that guided the discussion, which is supplied. The address for ALM Law.Com is 150 East 42nd Street, Mezzanine Level, New York, New York 10017.

August 5, 2022: Panelist, Accountability in Government: Developments in Advocacy & the Tools Lawyers are Using, Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, Chicago, Illinois. I spoke on a panel about the increase in lawsuits against lawyers in government service. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers is 7375 East 6th Avenue, #9, Scottsdale, Arizona 8525.

October 28, 2019: Panelist, Ten Years After the Passage of the Shepard-Byrd Hate Crime Law Educational Session, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Chicago, Illinois. I spoke on a panel about hate crimes statutes and prosecutions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the International Association of Chiefs of Police is 44 Canal Center Plaza, #200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

May 2018 (specific date unknown): Lecturer, Discovery Issues: Brady and Giglio, Illinois Prosecutors Association, Riverside, Illinois. PowerPoint supplied.

July 14, 2016: Speaker, Investiture of U.S. Magistrate Judge M. David Weisman, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois. Remarks and press coverage supplied.

May 2016 (specific date unknown): Panelist, Criminal Investigation, Prosecution, Defense, and Section 1983 Litigation, Chicago Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois. I spoke on a panel that involved litigation of civil rights matters. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Chicago Bar Association is 321 South Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

April 2016 (specific date unknown): Speaker, Civil Rights and Color of Law, Federal Bureau of Investigation Community Relations Executive Seminar Training Initiative, Chicago, Illinois. My portion of this training involved federal civil rights statutes and prosecutions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bureau of Investigation is 2111 West Roosevelt, Chicago, Illinois 60608.

April 2016 (specific date unknown): Speaker, Take Your Child to Work Internet Safety Presentation, Office of the Executive Inspector General, Chicago, Illinois. I spoke to a group of children and their parents about internet safety. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Office of the Executive Inspector General is 69 West Washington, Suite 3400, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

October 28, 2015: Speaker, Overview of Federal Hate Crimes Legislation, Federal Bureau of Investigation West Suburban Hate Crimes Symposium, Lisle, Illinois. I spoke to community members about federal hate crimes statutes and prosecutions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bureau of Investigation is 2111 West Roosevelt, Chicago, Illinois 60608.

November 2014: Panelist, Federal Hate Crimes Statutes, Federal Bureau of Investigation Hate Crimes Prevention & Awareness Symposium, Chicago, Illinois. I spoke as a panelist about federal hate crimes statutes and prosecutions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bureau of Investigation is 2111 West Roosevelt, Chicago, Illinois 60608.

May 2013 (specific date unknown): Panelist, Trends, Tips and Ethics in Child Pornography Cases, Federal Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois. I spoke about child pornography prosecutions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Federal Bar Association is P.O. Box 1200, Chicago, Illinois 60690.

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

I have done my best to identify all interviews given, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Nonetheless, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

President Biden Nominates April Perry as US Attorney in Chicago, First Woman Nominee in Decades, ABC 7 Chicago (June 28, 2023). Copy supplied.

Chuck Goudie, Next US Attorney to be Woman or Hispanic Man After Decades of White Men Holding the Position, ABC 7 Chicago (Mar. 20, 2023). Copy supplied.

Press release, *Statement to the Media by April Perry* (June 21, 2019). Copy supplied (reprinted in multiple outlets).

The majority of media interviews I have given have been in my official capacity at the U.S. Attorney's Office and Cook County State's Attorney's Office, regarding specific cases in which the media was requesting factual information about the charges, potential sentencing range, or procedural posture of the case. I did not keep track of the details of those interviews, which were organized by, and under the supervision of, the public information officials at those offices and almost never resulted in an attributed quote. To the extent I have been able to find any via internet searches they are supplied below.

Kim Janssen, Former Deputy Chief gets 5 Years, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES (Apr. 10, 2014). Copy supplied.

Former Markham Cop Sentenced to 5 Years for Lying to FBI, NBC 5 Chicago (Apr. 9, 2014). Video available at https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/markham-deputy-chief-anthony-debois/117205.

Robert McCormick, Press Conference on Anthony Debois Sentencing, YouTube Channel (Apr. 9, 2014). Videos available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iycJjWSamh8, and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvZ3tiGd1vY.

Samuel Charles, *Discrepancy in Sex Offender Sentencing*, THE COLUMBIA CHRONICLE (Apr. 8, 2011). Copy supplied.

John Kass, *Nightclub Owner Looks Like a Guy with a Bottle to Spill*, CHICAGO TRIBUNE (Mar. 18, 2010).

Natasha Korecki, 3 Charged in Online Swap of Child Porn, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES (July 14, 2006). Copy supplied.

Patrick Cooper, Yale Law School Sees a Decline in Applications, THE DAILY NORTHWESTERN (May 15, 2000). Copy supplied.

Meghan Gordon, *Mock Trial Team Courts Success in National Competition*, THE DAILY NORTHWESTERN (Apr. 22, 2000). Copy supplied.

13. <u>Judicial Office</u>: 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.	Approx or judgr		you presided over that have gone to verdict	
	i.	Of these cases, approximately what percent were:		
		jury trials: bench trials:	% % [total 100%]	
	ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:		ly 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 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.

None.

b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and

responsibilities.

None.

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

- a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:
  - i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

From 2003 to 2004, I served as a judicial law clerk to The Honorable Joel M. Flaum of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

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.

Fall 2004 Shefsky & Froelich 111 East Wacker Drive, Suite 28 Chicago, Illinois 60601 Contract Lawyer

2004 - 2016

U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Illinois

219 South Dearborn, Suite 500

Chicago, Illinois 60604

Assistant U.S. Attorney

Narcotics & Gangs Deputy Chief (2010 – 2011)

Project Safe Childhood & Violence Against Women Act Coordinator (2010 – 2016)

Supervisory Litigation Counsel (2011 – 2016)

Civil Rights & Hate Crimes Coordinator (2014 – 2016)

2017 - 2019

Cook County State's Attorney's Office

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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.

In 2003, I served as a law clerk for Seventh Circuit Judge Joel M. Flaum, writing bench memoranda and initial draft opinions for civil and criminal appeals that came before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

In 2004, I spent approximately six weeks as a contract lawyer for the law firm Shefksy & Froelich while awaiting my security clearance from the Department of Justice. During that time, I performed document review.

In 2004, I became an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois ("USAO"). My practice was focused on investigating and prosecuting federal criminal offenses including fraud, narcotics and gangs offenses, public corruption, child exploitation, civil rights violations, and environmental crimes. In 2010 I was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Narcotics & Gangs section and held that supervisory position until 2011 at which time I was promoted to Supervisory Litigation Counsel. Between 2011 and 2016 I served as

Supervisory Litigation Counsel, supervising federal criminal trial teams and training prosecutors on the Rules of Evidence, jury selection, and courtroom presentation. Additionally, from 2010 to 2016 I was the Project Safe Childhood Coordinator for the USAO. In that capacity, I oversaw all investigations and prosecutions that involved crimes against children. In addition, from 2014 to 2016 I served as Civil Rights and Hate Crimes Coordinator, assuming responsibility for overseeing all civil rights and hate crimes investigations and prosecutions conducted by the USAO.

In 2017, I joined the Cook County State's Attorney's Office ("CCSAO") as the Chief Deputy State's Attorney and Chief Ethics Officer. My practice at the CCSAO included both criminal and civil cases. On the civil side, the CCSAO represents Cook County and its agencies. These include the Health and Hospitals System and Sheriff's Office. On the criminal side, in my capacity as Chief Ethics Officer for the CCSAO, I also supervised the heads of the Law Enforcement Accountability Division (LEAD) and Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU).

In 2019, I became the General Counsel for a technology startup, now named Ubiety Technologies, Inc. At Ubiety I gained experience in numerous areas of corporate law, including intellectual property, contracts, employment, corporate governance, and licensing.

In 2022, I joined GE HealthCare as Senior Counsel for Global Investigations and Fraud and Abuse Prevention. My area of specialty is privileged internal investigations and fraud and abuse prevention. I oversee internal investigations all over the world, involving everything from the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, to the False Claims Act, to other regulatory issues.

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

My client while at the USAO was the United States. My clients while at the CCSAO were the people of Cook County. While at Ubiety Technologies and GE HealthCare, my client was each respective company.

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.

During my time at the U.S. Attorney's Office (2004 - 2016), my work was 100 percent criminal litigation, and I appeared in federal court several times each week on district court and appellate court matters.

During my time at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office (2017 - 2019), my work was approximately 60 percent criminal litigation and 40 percent civil litigation, and I appeared in court approximately once per month to supervise high-value or high-controversy matters. All of the criminal matters were in state court, and most of the civil cases were in federal court.

While working for Ubiety Technologies, Inc. (2019 - 2022), my work was transactional and corporate law, and I did not appear in court.

With my designation as a Hearing Officer for the Chicago Police Board (January 2021 – present), I began to act as an independent and impartial authority for administrative matters before the Police Board a few times each month.

At GE HealthCare (2022 – present), my work involves conducting and managing privileged investigations, as well as managing the outside counsel who appear in court or before government regulators for litigated matters. I have not appeared in court in this role.

i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1.	federal courts:	75%
2.	state courts of record:	15%
3.	other courts:	0%
4.	administrative agencies:	10%

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1.	civil proceedings:	25%
2.	criminal proceedings:	75%

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 26 federal felony cases. For nine of those cases, I served as the first-chair trial attorney. For the remaining 17 cases, I was the second-chair trial attorney.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

1.	Jury:	96%
2.	non-jury:	4%

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

practice.

I have not practiced before the United States Supreme Court.

- 17. <u>Litigation</u>: 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. Saunders, Thames, Richardson v. Cook County, Nos. 12 CV 9158, 9184, 9170 (N.D. Ill.) (Dow, J.)

Thames, Richards, Swift, and Saunders were convicted in 1998 of rape and murder and spent 14 years in prison for the crimes. In 2011, a DNA sample from the victim's body was linked to an unrelated fifth individual and the "Englewood Four" (as they became known) had their convictions overturned. The four ultimately sued both the City of Chicago and Cook County for the actions of the police and prosecutors during their criminal case.

By the time I stepped into the case on behalf of Cook County, the City defendants had settled for \$31 million, the case was set for trial, and settlement discussions had stalled. Given the heightened emotions attendant to the case, previous negative interactions between the parties, as well as the fact that the plaintiffs had already received a substantial settlement, settlement seemed very unlikely, but I took the lead in the negotiations on behalf of the County and we were ultimately able to resolve the matter without a trial.

Date of representation: 2019

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Opposing Counsel

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2. United States v. Davis, No. 14-CR-659 (N.D. Ill.) (Feinerman, J.), aff'd, 859 F.3d 429 (7th Cir. 2017)

Davis was charged with possession and transportation of child pornography after using the website Shutterfly to upload and share more than 1,000 images of child pornography. At trial, Davis claimed that there was not sufficient evidence to link Davis to the Shutterfly site or the child pornography found on the computers in his home. The trial was complicated by the fact that all of the images on Davis's computers were found on the carved space of the hard drives, meaning that they had been deleted. Davis was ultimately convicted by the jury and sentenced to 210 months of imprisonment.

I was the second-chair for the trial, presenting witnesses during the government's case-inchief and conducting both the closing argument and rebuttal argument at the conclusion of the trial. Davis' conviction and sentence were both affirmed on appeal.

Date of representation: 2016

#### Co-Counsel

Kelly Greening (formerly of the U.S. Attorney's Office) Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago 225 East Chicago Avenue Chicago, IL 60611 (202) 460-2353

## Opposing Counsel

Richard Mottweiler (deceased)

3. United States v. Debois, No. 13-CR-195 (N.D. Ill.) (Lefkow, J.)

Debois was the Deputy Chief of Police in Markham, Illinois when he had a woman who had been arrested brought from lockup to his office where he then raped her. When

questioned about these events by the FBI, Debois denied ever having sexual contact with the victim. Debois pled guilty to lying to the FBI, and at sentencing argued that he had simply been embarrassed about having had consensual sex with the victim. Therefore, the highly contested sentencing involved a hearing during which the issue was whether Debois lied to the FBI out of embarrassment for having had sex in his office, or because he had committed sexual assault. After an aggressive and lengthy cross-examination of the victim, the Judge concluded that Debois had indeed committed sexual assault, and sentenced him to the statutory maximum term of imprisonment of 5 years.

I was the AUSA responsible for the investigation and prosecution. In that capacity I conducted the direct examination for the victim at the sentencing hearing and presented all of the government's sentencing arguments. In Judge Lefkow's sentencing remarks, she concluded that not only had Debois raped the victim, but he also later obstructed justice in an effort to cover up his crime.

Date of representation: 2013 – 2014

## Co-Counsel

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4. *United States v. Trudeau*, No. 10-CR-886 (N.D. Ill.) (Guzman, J.), *aff'd*, 812 F.3d 578 (7th Cir. 2016)

Trudeau was a notorious television pitchman who sold everything from cancer cures to speed reading systems when he was sued by the Federal Trade Commission for violating consumer protection laws. As part of his settlement of the lawsuit, Trudeau entered into a consent decree promising to no longer misrepresent the contents of any books in infomercials. Shortly thereafter, Trudeau created an infomercial extolling the virtues of his book "The Weight Loss Cure," promising that his book would allow people to lose weight simply, without diet or exercise. What the book actually set forth, however, was an extremely rigorous 500-calorie-a-day regimen that included daily injections of a human hormone. Trudeau was convicted by a jury of contempt for willfully violating the consent decree and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 10 years. By the time of Trudeau's sentencing, he had been involved in litigation with the FTC for more than a decade and had more than \$37 million in unpaid fines.

I was the second-chair at Trudeau's trial and sentencing, presenting witnesses and also the government's closing argument. Trudeau's conviction and sentence were affirmed on appeal.

Date of representation: 2013 – 2014

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5. United States v. Norweathers, No. 09-CR-1047 (N.D. Ill.) (Lefkow, J.), aff'd, 895 F.3d 485 (7th Cir. 2018)

Norweathers was a previously-convicted federal felon charged with again receiving and transporting child pornography, this time while on supervised release. As first-chair for the trial, I presented the government's opening statement and rebuttal argument. I also conducted the cross-examination of the defendant, who testified that he had a public authority defense because he had been acting at the behest of various law enforcement agents who were investigating child pornography. The jury did not believe the defendant's claim to be conducting an investigation on behalf of the government, and the defendant was convicted and later sentenced to a 250-month term of imprisonment. The case was affirmed on appeal.

Date of representation: 2013 – 2016

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6. United States v. Venegas et al., No. 10-CR-80 (N.D. III.) (Dow, J.)

Venegas, her husband Masen, and the company Azteca Supply were indicted and charged with a massive MBE (Minority Business Enterprise), WBE (Women's Business Enterprise), and DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) fraud for engaging in a scheme to obtain government contracts by claiming that Azteca, Venegas's company, was capable of supplying goods and doing work, when in fact they maintained no inventory and served merely as a "pass-through" for work performed by Masen's company. Although the defendants pleaded guilty, their sentencing hearing was in essence a trial, as the defendants claimed their fraud consisted of only a \$57,000 landscaping project, whereas the government argued that the fraud was much more extensive. Ultimately, the judge agreed with the government, concluding that the loss amount was \$9.7 million, and sentenced Venegas to 26 months of imprisonment and Masen to 24 months of imprisonment.

I was the first-chair for the investigation and sentencing hearing, which spanned several weeks.

Date of representation: 2010 – 2012

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7. United States v. Burge, No. 08-CR-846 (N.D. Ill.) (Lefkow, J.), aff'd, 711 F.3d 803 (7th Cir. 2013)

Former Chicago Police Department ("CPD") Commander Burge's torture of suspects began in 1973. CPD suspended Burge in 1991 and fired him in 1993. But Burge's legacy of corruption still tainted Chicago when his trial for obstruction of justice and perjury began in 2010. Because Jon Burge's torture of suspects occurred more than 15 years before the trial began, the government did not have the types of evidence that federal prosecutors typically rely upon in their prosecutions, such as recordings, scientific tests, or testimony of undercover agents. We did not have any CPD officers willing to admit that they had witnessed any wrongdoing by Burge. Moreover, the individuals whom Burge abused had lengthy criminal records and were convicted of violent crimes. Burge told several of them that if they ever said anything about having been abused, no one would believe their word over his. Despite these challenges, we were able to prove at trial beyond a reasonable doubt that Burge lied under oath in a civil deposition in which he denied knowing about or participating in the torture of suspects in CPD custody. Burge was ultimately sentenced to four and a half years in prison, and his conviction was upheld on appeal.

I was the second chair for the three-week trial and my role included direct and cross-examinations for numerous witnesses, including direct examinations for two of Burge's victims and a hostile CPD officer who had witnessed Burge's abuse and had grudgingly testified about it in the grand jury but who had no interest in cooperating at trial. I also presented the government's rebuttal argument at the conclusion of the trial. Finally, I drafted the appellate brief and argued the appeal before the Seventh Circuit. The conviction and sentence were both affirmed on appeal.

Date of representation: 2010 – 2013

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8. *United States v. Stallworth*, Case No. 08-CR-948 (N.D. Ill.), *aff'd*, 656 F.3d 721 (7th Cir. 2011) (Grady, J.)

In 2007, the FBI began a long-term undercover investigation to identify corrupt police officers in the south suburbs of Chicago. During that investigation, an undercover agent posed as the manager of a "gentlemen's club" who worked as a drug dealer on the side. The undercover agent asked various law enforcement officers who frequented the club if they would be willing to protect his drug deals, and ultimately 14 officers agreed, protecting what they believed to be more than a dozen large-scale transactions. One of those law enforcement officers was Harvey Police Officer Stallworth.

Stallworth protected what he believed to be a transaction involving 30 kilograms of cocaine. When he later learned that the FBI was investigating the transaction, Stallworth doubled down on his corruption by making up a story that he had protected the drug deal only because he had been working undercover to investigate the drug transaction. Stallworth then wrote and filed a false police report to that effect. After hearing all of the evidence at trial, a jury convicted Stallworth of both attempting to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance and falsifying a police report with the intent to obstruct justice.

I was jointly responsible with co-counsel for the two-year undercover investigation and the prosecution of Stallworth and the other 13 law enforcement officers charged as a result of the investigation. I presented numerous witnesses at Stallworth's trial, including

the undercover agent, and also presented the government's opening statement and rebuttal argument. Stallworth's case was affirmed on appeal.

Date of representation: 2007 – 2011

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9. *United States v. Longstreet et al.*, No. 05-CR-471 (N.D. Ill.) (Kennelly, J.) *aff'd*, 567 F.3d 911 (7th Cir. 2009).

This case involved charges against 29 members of the Four Corner Hustler and New Breeds street gangs, who operated large drug distribution organizations on the West Side of Chicago which sold as much as \$50,000 in controlled substances per day. The lead defendant, Longstreet, ran this drug operation despite the fact that he was still on house arrest from his last narcotics conviction. The investigation involved multiple wiretaps, 12 federal search warrants, and the seizure of more than 30 kilograms of cocaine and heroin.

I was the second-chair for the prosecution and sentencing of all 29 defendants, which included two jury trials and one bench trial (*U.S. v. Longstreet & Wallace, U.S. v. Hardmon*, and *U.S. v. Smith*). The lead defendant, Longstreet, was ultimately sentenced to 456 months in prison and his conviction was affirmed on appeal.

Date of representation: 2006 – 2007

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10. *United States v. Smith*, Case No. 04-CR-463 (N.D. Ill.) (Castillo, J.), *aff'd*, 502 F.3d 680 (7th Cir. 2007)

Smith was charged with attempting to use an explosive device to destroy a place of business and carrying a pipe bomb while committing a crime of violence after he built and delivered a pipe bomb to the Allstate Insurance Agency owned by Smith's exgirlfriend's new boyfriend. Smith was arrested after tape on the bomb was found to contain a hair which contained Smith's mitochondrial DNA (linking the hair to someone in his maternal line), and a bag containing explosive powder in the bomb was found to contain Smith's fingerprint. The trial included expert witnesses who testified about DNA, fingerprint comparisons, and explosive devices, as well as numerous witnesses who established Smith's motive and opportunity. Ultimately, the defendant was convicted by a jury and sentenced to 480 months in prison. Smith's conviction and sentence were affirmed on appeal.

As the second-chair for the trial, I conducted the direct examination of the DNA and explosive experts, as well as several other witnesses, and delivered the government's closing argument. I also drafted the brief and argued the appeal before the Seventh Circuit. Smith's conviction and sentence were affirmed on appeal.

Date of representation: 2005 - 2007

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18. <u>Legal Activities</u>: 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 addition to my extensive criminal litigation experience, for the last five years I have practiced almost exclusively civil law as an in-house attorney for Ubiety Technologies and GE HealthCare. In those roles I have quickly developed expertise on numerous areas of law that frequently arise before the courts. For example, at Ubiety I was the first General Counsel for a startup developing security technology. In that role I was responsible for creating the legal and compliance functions for the company from the ground up. My work included establishing corporate governance practices, handling employment issues, drafting and negotiating contracts, working with outside patent counsel to draft and prosecute patents and secure trademark protection, and advising business leaders on everything from securities laws to privacy regulations. At GE HealthCare, I am the Senior Counsel for Global Investigations and Fraud and Abuse Prevention for a medical technology company that operates in more than 160 countries with more than 50,000 employees. In my current role I focus on identifying and mitigating areas of potential legal risk and advising business leaders around the globe on how to be compliant with complex laws and regulatory schemes.

I have also developed experience as a neutral arbiter in my work as a Hearing Officer for the Chicago Police Board. Since January 2021, I have had responsibility for overseeing administrative proceedings in disciplinary cases brought by the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department involving allegations of officer misconduct. Among other things, I manage the discovery process and resolve discovery disputes, rule on the admissibility of evidence, and ensure due process in the hearing process. Once a hearing has concluded, I summarize the evidence for the Police Board in a written report, orally present the case to the Board, and am present during the Board's deliberations to answer any factual questions. After the Board has reached a decision, I write the initial draft of the Board's opinion and submit it to the Board for their consideration and edits. In total, I have overseen six disciplinary hearings since becoming a Hearing Officer.

In addition to my work as a lawyer and Hearing Officer, I have served in a number of supervisory roles. For example, I held several management positions at the U.S. Attorney's Office, including: (1) Deputy Chief in the Narcotics & Gangs section; (2) Supervisory Litigation Counsel (supervising federal trial teams); (3) Coordinator for Project Safe Childhood (supervising all of the child exploitation investigations and prosecutions at the USAO); and (4) coordinator for Civil Rights & Hate Crimes prosecutions at the USAO (supervising the hate crimes and civil rights work for the USAO).

As the Civil Rights and Hate Crimes supervisor at the USAO – a role that I began within days of Chicago Police Officer Jason Van Dyke killing Laquan McDonald – I was faced with leading one of the most critical investigations in the City of Chicago, in which the investigative work performed by the federal government was relied upon to support the successful state prosecution of Van Dyke. The Van Dyke investigative team involved

state prosecutors working in tandem with federal prosecutors and the participation of the FBI and many federally employed experts, all of whom worked together to build the case.

Subsequently, I moved to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, and as the Chief Deputy State's Attorney I was ultimately responsible for the work of more than 500 Assistant State's Attorneys and 50 investigators. During my tenure at the CCSAO as the Chief Deputy State's Attorney and first Chief Ethics Officer, I worked to address several longstanding institutional issues. For example, when I began my tenure at the CCSAO, there was no formal process, policy, or training in place to ensure that law enforcement impeachment material was disclosed to the defense prior to criminal proceedings (as is required under the Supreme Court's 1972 opinion in *Giglio v. United States*). I drafted the CCSAO's first *Giglio* policy and provided training to all of the more than 500 ASAs in the CCSAO as well dozens of chiefs of police.

I have not engaged in any lobbying activities and I have never registered as a lobbyist.

19. <u>Teaching</u>: 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 on a full-time basis. In the fall semesters of 2008, 2009, and 2011, I served as an Adjunct Professor for the Lawyering Skills III Dean Fred F. Herzog Moot Court Competition at John Marshall Law School. During this course, each student researched and drafted two appellate briefs and prepared one oral argument to present in competition. I no longer have the syllabus for that course.

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

None.

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

None.

22. <u>Sources of Income</u>: List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report,

required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

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

23. <u>Statement of Net Worth</u>: 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 from any litigation in which I have ever played a role. Additionally, I would recuse myself from any cases in which the Chicago Bar Foundation (where my husband is employed) is a party. For a period of time, I also anticipate recusing in all cases where my current employer, GE HealthCare, is a party. I will evaluate any other real or potential conflict, as well as any 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 parties and their counsel, including by recusing where necessary or appropriate.

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 conflict by reference to 28 U.S.C. § 455, Canon 3 of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and any 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.

Throughout my career I have been committed to performing pro bono legal services, and when prohibited from doing so by nature of my employment I have performed external impact work. For example, while at the U.S. Attorney's Office I was not able to represent legal clients pro bono, but served as Co-Chair for the Lawndale Community Academy Mock Trial Program, in which Assistant U.S. Attorneys taught eighth grade students in the Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago about their constitutional rights, the justice system, and the function and structure of trials. Each year the program culminated with

the students engaging in a mock trial at the federal courthouse.

As another example, during the pandemic my focus was on helping Wesley Child Care Center, the non-profit organization for which I am Chair of the Board, adapt to the many legal and compliance challenges arising from COVID. Wesley was founded 50 years ago with the mission of providing childcare to any child in the community regardless of ability to pay. Wesley's goal throughout the pandemic was to provide safe childcare to families struggling with increased logistical and financial challenges. Among other things, I assisted Wesley with their reopening and operating procedures to ensure they were compliant with federal, state, and local regulations and guidelines. As a result, Wesley's programming was able to reopen and operate continuously since the summer of 2020.

In my current position at GE HealthCare, I serve as the Co-Chair for the Pro Bono and External Impact Committee. The goal of the Committee is to provide pro bono and external impact opportunities to GE HealthCare Global Law and Policy colleagues around the globe. With 15 committee members from numerous countries (including the United States, France, Australia, Mexico, Hungary, Greece, the Ivory Coast and Singapore), we work together with law firms and non-profit organizations to assist those in our communities who are most in need.

## 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 March 1, 2024, I was informed by Senator Durbin's office and the White House Counsel's Office that Senator Durbin had recommended me as a potential candidate for nomination for an anticipated judicial vacancy. On March 5, 2024, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. Since then, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On April 24, 2024, the President announced his intent to nominate me.

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

No.