

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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

Kenneth Martin Sorenson

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

United States Attorney, District of Hawaii, U.S. Department of Justice

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.

300 Ala Moana Boulevard., Room 6-100
Honolulu, HI 96817

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

1957; Longbranch, NJ

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.

Washington & Lee University School of Law, September 1981 – May 1983
Juris Doctor – May 1983

Mercer University School of Law, August 1980 – May 1981

Emory and Henry College, August 1975 – June 1979
BA Political Science & History, June 1979

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.

November 2025 – March 17, 2026
Interim U.S. Attorney

Department of Justice
United States Attorney's Office, District of Hawaii
300 Ala Moana Boulevard., Room 6-100
Honolulu, HI 96817

January 2025 – November 2025
Acting U.S. Attorney
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September 1997 – January 2025
Assistant U.S. Attorney
United States Attorney's Office, District of Hawaii
300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 6-100
Honolulu, HI 96817

March 2021 – August 2025
Chief, Criminal Division
United States Attorney's Office, District of Hawaii
300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 6-100
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March 2018 – March 2019
Chief, Criminal Division
United States Attorney's Office, District of Hawaii
300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 6-100
Honolulu, HI 96817

January 2001 – January 2009
Senior Litigation Counsel
United States Attorney's Office, District of Hawaii
300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 6-100
Honolulu, HI 96817

March 1986 – September 1997
Assistant U.S. Attorney
United States Attorney's Office
Western District of Virginia
310 1st Street, SW, Room 906
Roanoke, VA 24011

February 1984 – March 1986
Associate Attorney
Bird and Slavin

525 W. Main Street
Wytheville, VA 24382

May 1982 – August 1982
Summer Law Clerk

Hazlegrove, Dickenson Lawfirm
(No Longer in Business/Address Unknown)
Roanoke, VA 24011

June 1980 – August 1980
Tennis Instructor
Kutscher Sports Academy
25 Deerwood Rd
Great Barrington, MA 01230

March 1980 – May 1980 (estimated)
Regional Census Taker-Nursing Facilities
U.S. Census Bureau
4600 Silver Hill Rd
Suitland, MD 20746

September 1979 – February 1980
Clerk
Virginia ABC Store
325 W. Main Street
Wytheville, VA 24382

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 U.S. military. I have registered for selective service.

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

Director's Award for Superior Performance by an Assistant U.S. Attorney, United States Department of Justice, 2024

Assistant Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service, 2024

FBI Director's Commendation, 2024

FBI Commendation for Leadership in the Ikaika Kang Terrorism Case, 2018

FBI Director's Commendation, 2016

FBI Director's Commendation, 2015

Director's Award for Superior Performance by an Assistant U.S. Attorney, 2014

FBI Director's Commendation, 2013

Honolulu "Top Cop" Award, 2012

Emory and Henry University "Distinguished Achievement Award," 2012

J. Michael Bradford Most Outstanding AUSA Award, 2011

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Regional Award, Operation Crystal Matrix, 2004

Multiple Professional Recognition and Commendation Awards; 1986 – 2004

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.

I am not a member of a bar association.

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.

Virginia, October 1983

There have been no lapses in membership.

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

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, June 2000

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, September 1986

United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, September 1995

United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, April 1986

Supreme Court of Virginia, March 1984

There have been no known 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.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters (1989 – 1994)

In addition, I have made financial contributions to charitable organizations over the years. Such organizations may list me as a member by virtue of my financial contribution. I have not listed above any organization to which I gave funds and did not otherwise participate in programmatic activities.

- b. 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 my knowledge, none of these organizations 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.

I have done my best to identify all books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces and other published material, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or

remember. I have attached a PDF of all press releases since I became Acting/Interim U.S. Attorney, but do not have additional responsive materials.

Federal Jury Convicts Military Lawyer of Attempted Sexual Enticement and Exploitation of Minors, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, March 4, 2026. Copy supplied.

Former Navy Petty Officer Sentenced to Over 8 Years in Federal Prison for Possession of Violent Child Pornography, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, March 3, 2026. Copy supplied.

Armed Felon and Methamphetamine Trafficker from Oahu Sentenced to Over 14 Years in Federal Prison. United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, February 27, 2026. Copy supplied.

Former Maui Police Officer Sentenced to 65 Months for Unjustified Tasing, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, February 27, 2026. Copy supplied.

Georgia Resident Sentenced to 20 Months for Role in Conspiracy to Obstruct IRS, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, February 18, 2026. Copy supplied.

Honolulu Woman Sentenced to Seven Months for Threatening to Kill Presidents Biden and Trump, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, February 11, 2026. Copy supplied.

Honolulu Man Sentenced to 15 Years in Federal Prison for Production of Child Pornography, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, February 11, 2026. Copy supplied.

Waianae Man Charged with Threatening to Kill Federal Officer and His Family During Execution of Warrant for Drugs and Guns, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, February 5, 2026. Copy supplied.

Maui Man Pleads Guilty to Wire Fraud and Making a False Statement for Using a False Merchant Marine Credential, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, February 4, 2026. Copy supplied.

Leader of Trans-Pacific Drug Trafficking Organization Sentenced to Over 28 Years in Federal Prison for Drug and Firearm Offenses, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 30, 2026. Copy supplied.

Four Individuals from Oahu Sentenced in Tax Refund Fraud Scheme, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 29, 2026. Copy supplied.

Hawaii Woman Sentenced to 27 Months in Tax Refund Fraud Scheme, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 29, 2026. Copy supplied.

Japanese National Pleads Guilty to Conspiring to Export Firearm Components and Tactical Accessories to Japan, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 22, 2026. Copy supplied.

Big Island Man Pleads Guilty to Methamphetamine Trafficking and Firearm Charges, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 21, 2026. Copy supplied.

Canadian Man Charged with Wire Fraud After Falsely Posing as a Commercial Airline Pilot, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 20, 2026. Copy supplied.

Big Island Man Sentenced to 4 Months and Ordered to Pay Over Half a Million Dollars in Restitution for Filing False Tax Return, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 14, 2026. Copy supplied.

Oahu Man Sentenced to 6.5 Years in Prison for Trafficking Carfentanil and Possession of Ammunition, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 14, 2026. Copy supplied.

Kauai Woman Sentenced to 36 Months for Drug Trafficking, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 9, 2026. Copy supplied.

Waipahu Man Sentenced to 30 Years in Federal Prison for Paying Adults to Sexually Abuse Children During Livestreamed Internet Videos, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 8, 2026. Copy supplied.

Big Island Felon Pleads Guilty to Illegally Possessing Firearms and Ammunition, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 6, 2026. Copy supplied.

Two Hilo-Area Men Arrested for Years-Long Operation to Transport and Distribute Illegal Fireworks on Big Island, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, December 30, 2025. Copy supplied.

Oahu Woman Pleads Guilty to Filing False Tax Returns and Wire Fraud, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, December 22, 2025. Copy supplied.

Justice Department Announces Results of Operation Relentless Justice, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, December 19, 2025. Copy supplied.

Honolulu Woman Sentenced to 18 Months for Tax and Mail Fraud and Ordered to Pay Over \$1.6 Million in Restitution, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, December 17, 2025. Copy supplied.

Kauai Man Sentenced to 17.5 Years in Prison for Drug Trafficking and Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, December 17, 2025. Copy supplied.

Kauai Woman Sentenced to Over 12 Years' Imprisonment for Drug Trafficking, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, December 11, 2025. Copy supplied.

California Man Sentenced to 6 Years for Drug Trafficking, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, December 11, 2025. Copy supplied.

Convicted Felon Sentenced to 40 Months for Possessing Explosive Powder, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, December 9, 2025. Copy supplied.

Waimanalo Man Charged with Producing Child Pornography of His Minor Volleyball Student, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, December 5, 2025. Copy supplied.

Honolulu Man Who Trafficked Illegally-Caught Hawaiian Tropical Fish Sentenced to Probation and Home Detention, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, December 3, 2025. Copy supplied.

Convicted Felon Arrested and Charged After Stealing Multiple Firearms from a Storage Locker, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, October 30, 2025. Copy supplied.

Armed Felon Arrested After Shooting Federal Officer During Execution of Search Warrant and Sixteen-Hour Armed Standoff, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, October 23, 2025. Copy supplied.

Kauai Man Sentenced to Over 29 Years' Imprisonment for Extortion, Drug Trafficking, and Carrying a Firearm, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, September 5, 2025. Copy supplied.

Mexican National Sentenced to 12 Months for Illegal Reentry After Two Illegal Reentry Felony Convictions, and Two Convictions and Seven Arrests for Driving

Under the Influence, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, September 5, 2025. Copy supplied.

Four Hawaii Individuals Convicted of Tax Refund Fraud Scheme, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, August 29, 2025. Copy supplied.

Two Red Hill Fuels Department Employees Indicted for False Statement to Hawaii Department of Health Regarding May 6, 2021 Jet Fuel Spill, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, August 29, 2025. Copy supplied.

Ex-Honolulu Police Officer Sentenced to 23 Years in Federal Prison for Engaging in Child Sex Crimes While Serving as a Sworn Officer, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, August 28, 2025. Copy supplied.

Waianae Resident Sentenced to 10 Years in Federal Prison for Firearm and Drug Trafficking Offenses, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, August 28, 2025. Copy supplied.

Former Maui Police Officer Pleads Guilty to Federal Civil Rights Violation, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, August 25, 2025. Copy supplied.

Oahu Basketball Coach Sentenced to 405 Month in Prison for Child Exploitation and Harassment Offenses Involving Ten Charged Victims, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, August 15, 2025. Copy supplied.

CEO and President of Hawaii Shipbuilding Company Sentenced for \$29M Investment Fraud Scheme, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, August 6, 2025. Copy supplied.

Mexican National Sentenced to 54 Months for Illegal Reentry After Ten Prior Removals and Three Illegal Reentry Felony Convictions, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, August 6, 2025. Copy supplied.

Waikiki Drug Dealer Who Distributed Fentanyl Pills Linked to U.S. Marine's Death Sentenced to 10 Years in Federal Prison, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, August 1, 2025. Copy supplied.

Armed Felon Indicted After Barricading Himself in Home with Over Ten Pounds of Methamphetamine and Illegal Firearms, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, July 31, 2025. Copy supplied.

Foreign Citizen Extradited to New Zealand to Stand Trial for Child Rape, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, July 21, 2025. Copy supplied.

Two Indicted for Fraudulent FEMA Claims for Lahaina Fire and California Fire Federal Disasters, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, July 17, 2025. Copy supplied.

Miske Enterprise Member Sentenced to 30 Years in Federal Prison for Racketeering Conspiracy, Robbery, and Drug Trafficking, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, July 14, 2025. Copy supplied.

Former Prison Guard Sentenced to 8 Years in Federal Prison for Sexually Abusing Inmates, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, July 3, 2025. Copy supplied.

Big Island Resident Arrested and Charged with Possessing Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Firearms, and Explosives, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, June 27, 2025. Copy supplied.

Big Island Attorneys and Businessman Found Guilty of Bribery, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, June 4, 2025. Copy supplied.

Justice Department Announces Results of Operation Restore Justice: 205 Child Sex Abuse Offenders Arrested in FBI-led Nationwide Crackdown, Including 2 in the District of Hawaii, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, May 7, 2025. Copy supplied.

Three Individuals Charged in Scheme to Defraud Department of Veterans Affairs of Over \$9.1M, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, May 2, 2025. Copy supplied.

Miske Enterprise Member Sentenced to 7 Years in Federal Prison for Racketeering Conspiracy and Role in Kidnapping and Murder of Johnathan Fraser, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, April 17, 2025. Copy supplied.

Waianae Man Sentenced to 14 Years for Methamphetamine Distribution and Operating Illegal Chicken Fights, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, April 11, 2025. Copy supplied.

Armed Drug Dealer Who Sold Fatal Dose of Cocaine to U.S. Marine Sentenced to 12 Years in Federal Prison, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, April 3, 2025. Copy supplied.

Mexican National Sentenced to Over 12 Years in Federal Prison for Narcotics, Firearm, and Immigration Charges, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, April 3, 2025. Copy supplied.

Armed Drug Dealer From Oahu Sentenced to 170 Months in Federal Prison, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, April 1, 2025. Copy supplied.

Mexican National Indicted for Illegal Reentry After Three Prior Removals and Two Illegal Reentry Felony Convictions, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, March 27, 2025. Copy supplied.

Convicted Felon Arrested and Charged After Being Found with Defaced 9mm Handgun, Ammunition, and Illegal Machine Gun Conversion Device, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, March 14, 2025. Copy supplied.

Mexican National with Multiple Drug Felonies Indicted for Trafficking Methamphetamine and Illegal Reentry After Being Deported Four Times, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, March 13, 2025. Copy supplied.

Mexican National Indicted for Illegal Reentry After Six Prior Removals, a Federal Firearms Conviction, and Three Illegal Reentry Felony Convictions, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, March 13, 2025. Copy supplied.

Former Prison Guard Pleads Guilty to Sexually Abusing Inmates, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, March 4, 2025. Copy supplied.

Owner of Oahu Physical Therapy Clinic Sentenced to 9 Months in Federal Prison for Health Care Fraud, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, February 28, 2025. Copy supplied.

Honolulu Man Sentenced to 151 Months in Prison for Child Exploitation of Multiple Minors, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, February 18, 2025. Copy supplied.

Former Hawaii CEO Sentenced to 87 Months Imprisonment on Covid-Relief Fraud and Bank Fraud, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, February 13, 2025. Copy supplied.

Honolulu Woman Charged with Distributing Methamphetamine from Her Residence, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press

Release, February 12, 2025. Copy supplied.

Miske Enterprise Member Sentenced to 20 Years in Federal Prison for Racketeering Conspiracy, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, February 11, 2025. Copy supplied.

U.S. Attorney's Office Obtains \$162,500 Settlement Compensating Victim of Fair Housing Act Discrimination, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, February 10, 2025. Copy supplied.

U.S. Attorney's Office Collects \$1,742,014.13 in Civil and Criminal Actions in Fiscal Year 2024, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, February 7, 2025. Copy supplied.

Oahu Man Sentenced to Over 16 Years in Federal Prison for Drug Trafficking And Illegal Gambling Charges, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 24, 2025. Copy supplied.

Kapolei Woman Indicted for Scheme to Defraud Unemployment Insurance and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Programs, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 24, 2025. Copy supplied.

Maui Police Officer Indicted for Deprivation of Civil Rights, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, Press Release, January 21, 2025. 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.

I have done my best to identify any reports, memoranda, or policy statements I have prepared or contributed to, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, I have not located any materials responsive to the question.

- 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 have done my best to identify any testimony, official statements, or other communications related, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal

interpretation, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, I have not located any materials responsive to the question.

- 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 almost always speak without notes or speak from a handwritten outline. At times, I speak using a PowerPoint presentation. I did not retain the majority of the handwritten outlines and have attached all that I could find. Despite my searches, there may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have identified the following lectures:

Westside Oahu Law Enforcement and Media
Nani Kai Beach Park, 87 Farrington Highway, Waianae, HI
November 21, 2025

I gave the Public Statement on Safe and Sound Hawaii Initiative of Honolulu Prosecutor's Office Short Public Comments on U.S. Attorney's Office Support for Safe and Sound Hawaii Initiative.

There is no transcript, recording or notes.

ACAMS (Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists)
Honolulu YWCA Conference Room, 1441 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI
November 12, 2025

I gave an extemporaneous lecture on financial and money laundering investigations.

There is no transcript, recording or notes.

Pacific Century Fellows
417 S King Street, Honolulu, HI
October 30, 2025

I gave an extemporaneous lecture on the importance of federal prosecution, and cooperation with State of Hawaii law enforcement authorities.

There is no transcript, recording or notes.

FBI Citizen's Academy

91–1300 Enterprise Avenue, Kapolei, HI
March 4, 2025

I gave a presentation on the joint work of the U.S. Attorney’s Office and FBI in
FBI’s Honolulu Division.

There is no transcript, recording or notes.

Hawaii Narcotics Officers Association
Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, HI
August 7, 2024

I gave an update on Public Corruption Prosecutions in Hawaii.

There is no transcript, recording or notes.

ICCIU-Intercounty Criminal Intelligence Units
Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa, 1517 Poipu Road, Koloam HI
March 15, 2024

I gave the *U.S. v. Michael Miske* Prosecution Update; a review of a substantial
racketeering case being tried by our office.

There is no transcript, recording or notes.

FBI Headquarters, Quantico (New Federal Agent Training)
935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC
February 24, 2024

I gave a training Session for New Federal Agents.

There is no transcript, recording or notes.

Federal Court Trial Academy
U.S. District Courthouse, 300 Alal Moano Boulevard, Honolulu, HI
January 8, 2020

I gave the Closing Argument Lecture for Attorneys.

There is no transcript, recording or notes.

FBI Headquarters (FBI Special Agents and Assistant U.S. Attorneys)
935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC
March 29, 2017

On Prosecuting Counterintelligence Cases, I gave a lecture on the challenges and
techniques used in investigating and prosecuting espionage cases.

These materials are classified.

Inter-County Intelligence Unit Conference
Fairmont Hotel, 4100 Wailea Alanui Drive, Maui, Hawaii
April 21, 2016

I spoke on the *U.S. v. George Lindell, et. Al* Ponzi Scheme Trial.

There is no transcript, recording or notes.

FBI Special Agents and Assistant U.S. Attorneys
935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC

June 28, 2016

Regarding prosecuting counterintelligence cases, I gave a lecture on the challenges and techniques used in investigating and prosecuting espionage cases. These materials are classified.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys, National Advocacy Center
1620 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC
January 13, 2014

Regarding prosecuting counterintelligence cases, I gave a lecture on the challenges and techniques used in investigating and prosecuting espionage cases. These materials are classified.

FBI Special Agents and Department of Justice Attorneys
935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC
October 5, 2011

On the subject of the Noshir Gowadia Espionage Case, I gave a review of the investigation and prosecution of Noshir Gowadia, a significant spy who helped the PRC design a stealthy cruise missile with classified U.S. research and development information. These materials are classified.

National Association of Former U.S. Attorneys
330 E Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, NM
October 1, 2011

I gave an unclassified review of the investigation and prosecution of Noshir Gowadia, a significant spy who helped the PRC design a stealthy cruise missile with classified U.S. research and development information. There is no transcript, recording or notes.

- 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. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

This is Now, Hawaii News Now, June 6, 2022,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vjvbo6822SI>.

FBI Report: Hawaii victims lost over \$55M to internet crime, Peter Boylan, Star Advertiser, May 1, 2025, <https://www.staradvertiser.com/2025/05/01/hawaii-news/fbi-report-hawaii-victims-lost-over-55m-to-internet-crime/>.

13. **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 have not run for public 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.

I have not held a position or played a role in a political campaign.

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

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

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

I have not clerked for judge.

- 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.

May, 1982 – August, 1982
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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.

- v. Whether you have held any judicial office, including positions as an administrative law judge, on any U.S. federal, state, tribal, or local court and if so, please provide the name of the court, the jurisdiction of that court, whether the position was appointed or elected, and the dates of your service.

I have not held any judicial office.

b. Describe:

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

In 1984, I began as an associate attorney with Bird and Slavin, a small law firm in Wytheville, Virginia. My work included representing clients in criminal matters, bankruptcy, civil disputes, family law, real estate, insurance defense, plaintiff's tort claims and work as a commissioner in chancery.

In March 1986, I became an Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) employed by the U.S. Department of Justice. During my time as an AUSA both in Virginia and Hawaii, I have represented federal agencies in civil proceedings and supervised the investigation and prosecution of federal criminal offenses. My practice has generally remained the same, although it has tended to concentrate on more complex criminal matters as I have moved through the years. I investigate and prosecute complex crime involving national security (counterintelligence and terrorism cases), public corruption and white-collar crime.

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

For my private practice, my clients were varied. They were generally defendants in criminal actions, family law clients, insurance companies, bankruptcy debtors or creditors, plaintiffs in tort claims.

For my work at the Department of Justice, I do not have clients in the traditional sense, but I do interact with multiple federal law enforcement agencies such as the FBI, Homeland Security, DEA, ATF, IRS, Postal Inspection Service, Secret Service, etc.

- c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.
- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 1. federal courts: 95%
 2. state courts of record: 5%
 3. other courts: 0%
 4. administrative agencies: 0%
 - ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 1. civil proceedings: 5%
 2. criminal proceedings: 95%
- 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 over 200 cases to verdict, which includes my time as a private practitioner in Virginia, Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) in Virginia and my time as an AUSA in Hawaii.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
 1. Jury: 20%
 2. non-jury: 80%
- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply 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 appeared before the Supreme Court.

15. **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.

General Statement: In the following cases, I represented the United States of America. In each case, I led both the investigation and the prosecution in federal court. The final disposition on all the cases, other than the Eugene Boyce case, was a guilty verdict or conviction. As indicated below, Boyce was found not guilty by reason of insanity and subsequently died in prison.

1. United States v. Noshir Gowadia

Case No. 05-000486 SOM
United States District Court for the District of Hawaii
The Honorable Susan Oki Mollway
2005 – 2010

U.S. v. Gowadia, 760 F.3d 989, 9th Cir. 2014
U.S. v. Gowadia 2009 WL 1649714, June 9, 2009

I served as lead counsel for the United States in this highly complex espionage/export control act/tax/money laundering case against a former B2 bomber engineer who used U.S. classified information to directly assist the People's Republic of China in designing and engineering a stealthy cruise missile capable of evading U.S. infrared sensors.

Following several years of pre-trial litigation under the Classified Information Procedures Act, and a four (4) month trial, Gowadia was convicted of multiple offenses, including conspiring to commit espionage, espionage, conspiracy to violate the Arms Export Control Act, unlawful retention of classified information, tax and money laundering violations. He was sentenced to 32 years imprisonment.

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2. United States v. Kalani English & Ty Cullen

Case No. 22-00012 SOM
Case No. 22-00013 SOM
United States District Court for the District of Hawaii
The Honorable Susan Oki Mollway
2022 – 2023

I served as government counsel for the United States in this public corruption case against English, the Hawaii State Senate majority leader and Cullen, the vice chair of the House legislature finance committee. Both English and Cullen accepted bribe payments to influence their official acts, and following a lengthy undercover operation utilizing a trusted informant, both were convicted of honest services wire fraud. English was sentenced to 48 months imprisonment, and Cullen was sentenced to 24 months imprisonment due to his cooperation. The case had substantial influence on the operations of the state legislature and led to substantial debate and procedural changes to address corruption issues in state government.

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3. United States v. Alexander Ma

Case No. 20-00083 DKW
United States District Court for the District of Hawaii
The Honorable Derrick K. Watson
2020 – 2024

I served as lead counsel for the United States in this highly complex espionage case involving a former CIA case officer who spent years working as a double agent asset of the People's Republic of China. Due to substantial concerns about U.S. equities, we could not proceed with the case until we received clearance from both CIA and the Department of Defense (now Department of War). During the investigation I supervised our undercover operation which resulted in compelling evidence we later used to both indict and convict the defendant of espionage.

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4. United States v. George Lindell/Holly Hoaeae

Case No. 13-000512 SOM
United States District Court for the District of Hawaii
The Honorable Derrick K. Watson
2012 – 2015

U.S. v. Lindell, 2016 WL 4707976, September 8, 2016
U.S. v. Lindell, 2020 WL 5097831, August 28, 2020
U.S. v. Lindell, 766 Fed.Appx. 525 (9th Cir. 2019) (unpublished)

I served as lead counsel for the United States in this complex Ponzi scheme investigation prosecution against a mortgage business owner running a Ponzi scheme out of his legitimate and successful mortgage business. The case was made difficult by the commingling of investment funds with legitimate operational funds in the business bank accounts. 166 investors were ultimately scammed into investing \$28 million into the scheme. After a lengthy trial, Lindell and Hoaeae were convicted. Lindell was sentenced to 20 years, and Hoaeae was sentenced to 10.

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5. United States v. Francisco Davalos & Hector Lopez

Case No. 97-001112 ACK

United States District Court for the District of Hawaii

The Honorable Alan Kay

1997 – 1999

U.S. v. Davalos & Lopez, 766 F.. App'x 525 (9th Cir. 2001) (unpublished)

I served as lead counsel for the United States in this double murder/drug conspiracy case involving the killing of two organized crime bosses from Mexico by their underlings in Hawaii. The case involved substantial pretrial litigation, the death penalty review process, and witness concerns due to the violent nature of the Mexican cartel involved. Both defendants were convicted after a lengthy trial. They were each sentenced to life imprisonment.

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6. United States v. Eugene Boyce

Case No. 99-00570 SOM
United States District Court for the District of Hawaii
The Honorable Susan Oki Mollway
1999 – 2006

I served as lead counsel for the United States in this difficult case involving the shooting death of a U.S. Park Ranger at Kaloko-Honokahau National Park on the Big Island of Hawaii. Boyce, after being contacted by Park Ranger Steve Makuakane-Jarrell for having his dogs off leash, attacked the ranger, took his firearm during a hand-to-hand struggle, and then shot and killed him. Boyce then fled after pulling Jarrell's body off of the beach. I litigated this case over the next several years due to Boyce's substantial mental health issues and his insanity defense. Ultimately Boyce was allowed to plead not guilty only by reason of insanity, and the Court remanded him to the custody of the Attorney General due to the threat he presented. Boyce ultimately died in Bureau of Prison's custody in 2017.

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7. United States v. Ikaika Kang

Case No. 17-00446 SOM
United States District Court for the District of Hawaii
The Honorable Susan Oki Mollway
2016 – 2018

I served as lead counsel for the United States in this terrorism case involving an active-duty U.S. Army soldier who pledged allegiance to ISIS and attempted to provide material support to them. I led the FBI undercover investigation which involved substantial concerns balancing the need to investigate Kang's ties to

terrorists, while assuring the safety of the public and those working with him. We ultimately arrested Kang during an undercover operation wherein he proclaimed he was ready to go to Waikiki and start shooting. After pre-trial CIPA litigation Kang ultimately plead guilty to material support violations and was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment.

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8. United States v. Benjamin Bishop

Case No. 14-00329 LEK
United States District Court for the District of Hawaii
The Honorable Leslie Kobayashi
2013 – 2014

I served as lead counsel and led the investigation for the United States in this espionage case involving a U.S. military officer working in nuclear strategy at U.S. Indo-Pacific Command who developed a romantic relationship with a suspected female Chinese intelligence asset and provided her with classified material. The case involved substantial pretrial CIPA litigation, following which Bishop plead guilty to communicating classified information to a person not authorized to receive it. He was sentenced to seven (7) years imprisonment.

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9. (808) 550-4990 United States v. William “China” Chong

Case No. 98-00416 ACK
United States District Court for the District of Hawaii
The Honorable Alan C. Kay

I served as lead counsel for the United States in this murder case involving the murder of a drug dealer by his drug supplier. The defendant in the case was a long-time violent offender with a lengthy history of violent crime both in and out of custodial settings. Chong was thought to be one of the most violent prisoners ever housed in the Hawaii penal system. The government sought the death penalty in the case based upon Chong’s long history of violence while in custody. After substantial pre-trial death penalty litigation, Chong agreed to plead guilty to first degree murder and be sentenced to life imprisonment. After being so sentenced, Chong took his life while in a California Federal institution.

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(10) United States v. Stewart Stant

Case No. 22-00082 DKW
United States District Court for the District of Hawaii
The Honorable Derrick K. Watson
2019 – 2020

I served as lead counsel and led the investigation into Stant, the director of the Environmental Services Division for Maui County. Stant accepted more than \$2 million in bribes from a businessman over the course of several years in return for \$28 million in government contracts. Stant ultimately plead guilty to honest services wire fraud and was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

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16. **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.)

My case work nearly always involves litigation. However, in the context of my work I frequently conduct investigations that may involve legal activities (*i.e.* seeking investigative process in matters that are ultimately not publicly prosecuted and pursued. These would include Title III wiretaps/search warrants/ex parte tax applications/2703(d) orders, etc.) This would include hundreds of matters over my nearly 40 years as a federal prosecutor. Because these matters are both non-public and numerous, I simply raise them because they appear to be arguably within the ambit of the inquiry.

17. **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.

18. **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.

I do not have any such income sources to report.

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

None.

20. **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).

Please see my OGE-278 as provided by the Office of Government Ethics.

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

22. Potential Conflicts of Interest:

- a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, affiliations, pending and categories of litigation, financial arrangements or other factors 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.

During the nomination process, I consulted with the Department of Justice's ethics office and Designated Ethics Officer to identify any potential conflicts. If I am confirmed, I will continue to consult with that office and will recuse myself from any matter in which recusal is required.

I am a personal friend of J. Michael Seabright, one of our Senior U.S. District Court Judges. I do not appear in his court since he has recused himself from matters involving me. I am currently the interim U.S. Attorney. Matters that are assigned to Judge Seabright are managed by our First Assistant U.S. Attorney.

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

If I am confirmed, any potential conflict of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of an ethics agreement that I have entered with the Department's designated agency ethics official. If confirmed, I will continue to consult with the Department of Justice's ethics office and will recuse myself from any matter in which recusal is required.

23. **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. If you are not an attorney, please use this opportunity to report significant charitable and volunteer work you may have done.

As a federal prosecutor, I am ethically restricted from engaging in the active

representation of third parties.

AFFIDAVIT

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

March 16, 2026

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