

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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

Anna Elizabeth Wagner St. John
Anna Elizabeth Wagner (maiden)

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

United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana

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

Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute
1629 K Street NW
Suite 300
Washington, District of Columbia 20006

New Orleans, LA (residence)

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

1979; Gulfport, Mississippi

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.

2002 – 2006, Columbia University School of Law; J.D., 2006

2004 – 2005, Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences; M.A., 2006

1998 – 2001, Louisiana State University; B.A. (*magna cum laude*), 2001

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.

2019 – Present
Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute
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Attorney (2019 – present)
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2024 – Present
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Of Counsel

2015 – 2019
Competitive Enterprise Institute
Center for Class Action Fairness
1310 L Street NW, 7th Floor
Washington, District of Columbia 20005
Attorney

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Center for Class Action Fairness
1718 M Street NW, Number 236
Washington, District of Columbia 20006
Attorney

2015 – Present
St. John Law Firm LLC
New Orleans, Louisiana 70115
Attorney

2014 – Present
DP Training Solutions LLC
131 Continental Drive Suite 301
Newark, Delaware 19713
Officer

Summer 2005, 2006, 2007 – 2014
Covington & Burling LLP
One CityCenter
850 Tenth Street NW
Washington, District of Columbia 20001
Summer Associate (2005)
Associate (2006, 2007 – 2014)

2006 – 2007

Hon. Rhesa H. Barksdale, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
501 East Court Street Suite 3.800
Jackson, Mississippi 39201
Law Clerk

Summer 2004, 2005
Jones Day
Brookfield Place
250 Vesey Street
New York, New York 10281
Summer Associate

Summer 2003
Office of the U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York
271 Cadman Plaza E
Brooklyn, New York 11201
Summer Associate

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.

None.

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.

Independent Women's Forum, Law Center, Visiting Fellow (2024)

Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll (2011, 2012)

Clinical Legal Education Association Outstanding Student Award (2005)

Columbia Journal of Transnational Law, Managing Editor (2004 – 2005)

James Kent Scholar (2003 – 2004)

Public Service Fellowship (2003)

College Honors, Louisiana State University (2001)

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, President (2000 – 2001)

LSU College of Arts & Sciences, College Council President (2000 – 2001)
Awarded College Council of the Year

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.

Access to Justice Committee, Louisiana State Bar Association, Member (2015 – 2019)

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.

New York, 2006

District of Columbia, 2008

Louisiana, 2015

There have been no lapses in membership.

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

Supreme Court of the United States, 2018

United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, 2011

United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, 2015

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2018

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2023

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2016

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2009

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2018

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2025

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2015

United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 2016

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 2024

United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, 2024

United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 2011

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 2024

United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, 2021

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 2022

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2015

United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 2023

District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 2008

Louisiana Supreme Court, 2015

Supreme Court of the State of New York, 2006

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.

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies (2003 – present, with lapses in membership)

Executive Committee, Free Speech Practice Group (2021 – present)

The Washington Ballet (2008 – 2019)

Jeté Society Steering Committee (2008 – 2015)

President (2009 – 2011)

Deputy General Counsel (2014 – 2019)

Isidore Newman Parents' Association (2015 – present)

Bingo & Basketball Co-Chair (2019 – 2020)

Recycled Uniform Sale Co-Chair (2021 – 2022)

Kindergarten Room Parent (2023 – 2024)

Fifth Grade Room Parent (2025 – 2026)

Junior League of New Orleans (2016 – present)

Chair, Volunteer Opportunity Management (2020 – 2021)

Vice Chair, Annual Giving and Stewardship (2022 – 2023)

Vice Chair, Fundraiser Development and Enhancement (2023 – 2024)

New Orleans Family Justice Center, Board Member (2018 – 2021)

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.

The Junior League of New Orleans is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. To my knowledge, there are no male members. The Junior League of New Orleans does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, or national origin.

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

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

Washington Examiner: *Lawyers and Big Tech spend your money on left-wing causes*, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Media Appearances (May 13, 2024). Copy supplied.

Lawyers and Big Tech spend your money on left-wing causes, Washington Examiner (May 13, 2024). Copy supplied.

One Asylum Rule Is Opening The Immigration Floodgates Even Wider, Daily Caller (Feb. 15, 2024). Copy supplied.

Political Satire Can Thrive at Mardi Gras Thanks to the First Amendment, Independent Women's Forum Blog (Feb. 13, 2024). Copy supplied.

The American Spectator: Supreme Court Should Reexamine New York Times v. Sullivan, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Media Appearances (Jan. 20, 2024). Copy supplied.

Supreme Court Should Reexamine New York Times v. Sullivan, The American Spectator (Jan. 20, 2024). Copy supplied.

Antisemitic Traffic Blocking Protestors On Seattle's I-5 Might Face Civil Lawsuits, Independent Women's Forum Blog (Jan. 12, 2024). Copy supplied.

With Ned Hedley, *FedSoc: Countering the Biden Administration's ESG Push: A Litigation Update on Utah v. Walsh*, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Media Appearances (Mar. 9, 2023). Copy supplied.

With Ned Hedley, *Countering the Biden Administration's ESG Push: A Litigation Update on Utah v. Walsh*, FedSoc Blog (Mar. 9, 2023). Copy supplied.

Supreme Court's review of class-action settlements could have huge implications for consumers, Washington Examiner (Oct. 31, 2018). Copy supplied.

Coupon Settlements: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Blog (Sept. 17, 2017). Copy supplied.

Cultural institutions harmed by lawsuits, Washington Examiner (July 10, 2017). Copy supplied.

Metropolitan Museum of Art Class Action Ends in Counter-Productive Settlement, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Blog (June 30, 2017). Copy supplied.

CCAF Seeks to Extend Landmark Walgreen Ruling in Favor of Shareholder Class Members, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Blog (June 12, 2017). Copy supplied.

Note, *The Boundaries of Campaign Finance Reform: Should the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act Regulate Redistricting?*, 105 Columbia Law Review 1597 (2005). Copy supplied.

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

To my knowledge, I have not prepared or contributed to the preparation of any report, memorandum, or policy statement on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which I was or am a member.

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

Congressional Testimony, *Silenced: How Forced Arbitration Keeps Victims of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment in the Shadows*, Hearing before the House Committee on the Judiciary, 117th Congress 46 (2021). Copy of written testimony supplied.

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

October 20, 2025: Speaker, *DEI in Higher Education*, Louisiana State University Law Federalist Society Student Chapter. The topic was Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in higher education, including recent court decisions and executive actions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center is 1 East Campus Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

March 6, 2024: Debate Participant, *Sports as the Battleground for Equal Opportunity for Women*, Penn State Dickinson Law School Federalist Society Student Chapter. The topic was Title IX and the impact on women's equal opportunity to participate in sports when men are permitted to participate in single-sex women's sports. I have no notes, transcript,

or recording. The address for Penn State Dickinson Law School is 150 South College Street, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013.

January 4, 2023: Moderator, *A Seat at the Sitting: January 2023*, Federalist Society. A transcript is supplied.

February 17, 2022: Speaker, *A Pen, a Phone, and a Bothersome Statute: Executive Branch Efforts to Circumvent the Administrative Procedures Act*, University of Utah Law School Federalist Society Student Chapter. The event discussed executive branch actions that seek to evade the protections of the Administrative Procedures Act. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law is 383 South S University Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84112.

November 12, 2021: Panelist, *Judicial Consideration of Lead Plaintiffs' Ex Ante Fee Agreements and Parties' Fee Agreements*, Second Annual Class Action Case Law and Practices Review Conference, The George Washington Law School. The panel discussed if and how courts should consider fee agreements between lead plaintiffs and their counsel entered into at the beginning of class actions in awarding attorneys' fees to plaintiffs' counsel at the end of the class action. Notes supplied. The address for The George Washington University Law School is 2000 H Street NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20052.

October 11, 2021: Speaker, *Federalism and Feminism*, Quinnipiac Law School Federalist Society Student Chapter. The event discussed how federalism and its diffusion of power supports women and allows freedom and prosperity. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Quinnipiac University School of Law is 370 Bassett Road, North Haven, Connecticut 06473.

October 4, 2021: Presenter, *Supreme Court Roundup: October Term 2020*, Federalist Society, released October 4, 2021. A recording is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymO1eM33PyU>.

September 17, 2021: Speaker, *Constitution Day*, Bill of Rights Institute. Virtual event for high school classes in Malvern, Arkansas. The topic was the United States Constitution, with a focus on equal protection and *Brown v. Board of Education*. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Bill of Rights Institute is 1310 North Courthouse Road #620, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

May 19, 2021: Panelist, *The Next Four Years, Settlement Payments to Non-Governmental Third Parties*, Federalist Society, Executive Branch Review Week. A copy of the transcript is supplied. The panel was virtual.

February 28, 2020: Panelist, *Securities and Consumer Litigation – Pathways and Hurdles*, 26th Annual Institute for Law & Economics Policy Symposium. The panel discussed objections to class action settlements. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The panel was held at Fordham University School of Law, located at 150 West 62nd

Street, New York, NY 10023. The address for the Institute for Law and Economic Policy is 261 Old York Road, Suite 507-A, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania 19406.

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

Press Highlights, *The Jewish Voice: Anti-Israel Groups Slapped With Class Action Lawsuit For Orchestrating Traffic Blockade*, Feb. 4, 2025. Copy supplied.

Ari Hoffman, *Pro-Gaza agitators face suit from Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute for blocking DC roads during protest*, *The Post Millennial*, Feb. 3, 2025. Copy supplied.

Press Highlights, *The Washington Free Beacon: Anti-Israel Groups Slapped With Class Action Lawsuit For Orchestrating Traffic Blockade*, Jan. 31, 2025. Copy supplied.

Press Highlights, “*Legal Insurrection: Anti-Israel Protest Groups Sued over Washington, D.C. Traffic Blockade*,” Jan. 31, 2025. Copy supplied.

James Nault, *Anti-Israel Protest Groups Sued over Washington, D.C. Traffic Blockage*, *Legal Insurrection*, Jan. 31, 2025. Copy supplied.

Jessica Costescu, *Anti-Israel Groups Slapped With Class Action Lawsuit For Orchestrating Traffic Blockade*, *The Washington Free Beacon*, Jan. 31, 2025. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *HLLI Sues Jewish Voice for Peace and Israel Activists Over Traffic Blockades in Washington, D.C.*, Jan. 31, 2025. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *HLLI Files Lawsuit Challenging CMS Staffing Rule on Behalf of Non-Profit Providers and Twenty-One Leading Age State Affiliates with Attorneys General from 20 States*, Oct. 10, 2024. Copy supplied.

Press Highlights, “*New York Post: Class-action lawsuit or consumer scam? \$62M Google payout the latest outrage*,” Sept. 19, 2024. Copy supplied.

John Stossel, *Class-action lawsuit or consumer scam? \$62M Google payout the latest outrage*, *New York Post*, Sept. 19, 2024. Copy supplied.

September 17, 2024: Interview with John Stossel, *The Truth About Class Action Lawsuits*.” Video available on John Stossel’s YouTube page at <https://youtu.be/jlYZLcMVfEI>.

Press Release, *Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute and Twenty-One States Challenge Biden Administration’s Gun Sales Restriction*, May 7, 2024. Copy supplied.

Alison Frankel, *Coming soon to the Supreme Court: Can class reps receive incentive awards?*, Reuters, Sept. 8, 2022. Copy supplied.

Katryna Perera, *Class Attys Get Reduced Fees In \$60M Morgan Stanley Deal*, Law360, Aug. 8, 2022. Copy supplied.

April 22, 2022: Podcast Guest, Mark Glennon's Wirepoints. The subject was the First Amendment. A recording is available at <https://wirepoints.org/are-the-university-of-illinois-dei-policies-pritzkers-gas-tax-signage-law-legal-the-dialogue-episode-29/>.

Press Release, *Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute announces departure of president to serve as Utah Solicitor General and names new president*, Sept. 9, 2020. Copy supplied.

Rachel Graf, *2nd Circ. Revives Objector's Fee Fight In \$3B Petrobras Deal*, Law360, Sept. 5, 2019. Copy supplied.

November 12, 2018: Radio Interview, Center for Individual Freedom with Renee Giachino. The subject was the Supreme Court case *Frank v. Gaos* and its challenge to the payment of class-action settlement proceeds to third parties. I am unaware of any transcript or recording.

Press Release, *CCAF Objection Wins Nearly \$100 million for Class Members in Petrobras Settlement*, June 26, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Objects to Unfair Petrobras Settlement that Groups U.S. and Foreign Purchasers Together, Attorneys Overbill Class by \$100M*, May 11, 2018. Copy supplied.

Ben Kochman, *Google Privacy Case To Test Limits of Novel Settlements*, Apr. 30, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press Highlights, *Google Privacy Case To Test Limits Of Novel Settlements*, Apr. 30, 2018. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Fights Facebook Settlement that Pays Consumers Nothing, Lawyers Get Nearly \$4 Million*, Jan. 25, 2018. Copy supplied.

Linda Chiem, *Justices Won't Review Airlines' \$40M One-Size-Fits-All Deal*, Law360, Dec. 4, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Highlights, *Washington Examiner on MMoA Objection*, July 10, 2017. Copy supplied.

Sophia Morris, *Facebook User Says Privacy Deal Gives Class Nothing*, Law360, June 27, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Highlights, *Facebook User Says Privacy Deal Gives Class Nothing*, June 27, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Wins More Than \$4 Million for Consumers in Dairy Products Class Action*, June 27, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Objects to Facebook Class Action Settlement that Pays Lawyers Nearly \$4 Million While Consumers Get 22 Words of Nothing*, June 27, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Objects to Metropolitan Museum of Art Class Action Settlement*, Jan. 31, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Objects to Shareholder Suit Settlement, Invokes Walgreen Decision*, Jan. 5, 2017. Copy supplied.

Edwards v. National Milk Producers Federation, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Webpage, Oct. 28, 2016. Copy supplied.

Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute Webpage, Sept. 16, 2016. Copy supplied.

Jon Hill, *Rakoff Shaves Objector Atty's Fee Bid In \$3B Petrobras Deal*, Law360, Aug. 16, 2016. Copy supplied.

Stan Parker, *Attys OK'd For \$19M In Fees For 'Hot Fuel' MDL Settlements*, Law360, Aug. 24, 2016. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Objects to It's Just Lunch Settlement*, Apr. 11, 2016. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Applauds Reduction in Attorneys' Fees in Polyurethane Foam Antitrust Settlement*, Jan. 28, 2016. Copy supplied.

Press Release, *CCAF Objects to Egregious 30% Fee Grab by Counsel in Polyurethane Class Suit Settlement*, Nov. 13, 2015 Copy supplied.

Steven Trader, *Colgate-Palmolive Defends \$2M Bid To End Hand Soap MDL*, Law360, Sept. 22, 2015. Copy supplied.

Vows, N.Y. Times, Jan. 22, 2006. Copy supplied.

13. **Judicial Office:** State (chronologically) any judicial offices you have held, including positions as an administrative law judge, whether such position was elected or appointed, and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court.

I have not held judicial office.

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

i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials: _____ %
bench trials: _____ %

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings: _____ %
criminal proceedings: _____ %

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

c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).

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

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

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

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

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

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

dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.

14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

I have not held judicial office.

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

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

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

I have not held 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 visited polling locations in Orleans Parish on election day to ensure election integrity as a volunteer for the John N. Kennedy senatorial campaign in December 2016. I also visited polling locations in Virginia on election day to ensure election integrity as a volunteer for the Mitt Romney presidential campaign in November 2012.

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 2006 to 2007, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Rhesa H. Barksdale, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

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

Since 2015, I have maintained a law practice for which I am the sole attorney; however, my engagements almost exclusively have been undertaken with co-counsel.

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

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

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator.

b. Describe:

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

Throughout my career, my law practice has focused primarily on litigation.

After completing law school in early 2006 and after my clerkship in 2007, I practiced law at Covington & Burling LLP as an associate in Washington, DC. There, I focused on representing corporate insurance policyholders in litigation seeking coverage for environmental remediation, business interruptions, product recalls, and other significant losses. I also represented companies and individuals in antitrust cases, contract disputes, white collar criminal investigations, internal investigations, and regulatory matters. In 2015, I formed St. John Law Firm LLC, through which I have represented individuals and entities seeking to vindicate their civil rights, resolve property and contract disputes, and recover insurance proceeds through litigation.

Currently, and since I joined the Center for Class Action Fairness in 2015, my legal practice primarily involves (i) consumer protection, with an emphasis on fighting class action abuse; and (ii) countering overreach by the federal government, with a focus on unlawful actions by administrative agencies and civil rights violations. I also file amicus briefs in cases fighting racial discrimination, supporting women's sports opportunities, and supporting free speech. My typical clients are individual class members challenging unfair class action settlements and individuals and nonprofit organizations challenging administrative overreach or infringements of their free speech and other civil rights. Since 2020, I have also served as president and general counsel of the nonprofit Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute, in addition to being an attorney there. In this role, I oversee junior attorneys, advise on trial court strategy and oral argument preparation, and

manage the organization's general operations.

Since 2024, I have maintained an of counsel relationship with St. John LLC, where I litigate on behalf of states and non-profit organizations.

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

When I was an associate at Covington & Burling LLP in 2006 and 2007 to 2014, my clients typically were large corporations. I represented these clients in insurance litigation seeking coverage for major losses, antitrust litigation, regulatory matters, and internal investigations. On occasion, I also represented individuals in criminal matters.

In my private practice beginning in 2015, I have typically represented individuals in civil litigation, typically in cases involving fraud, property disputes, and civil rights. As of counsel to St. John LLC, my work has been on behalf of states and non-profit organizations.

Since joining the Center for Class Action in 2015, and continuing through my time with the Center when it was a subunit at the Competitive Enterprise Institute and then the Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute, my clients have typically been individual class members objecting to class-action settlements. In addition, at the Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute, I have represented individuals and non-profit organizations challenging federal regulations and seeking to vindicate their civil and constitutional rights.

- 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.

Since 2015, my practice has been entirely in litigation. I appear in court multiple times per year. I have argued dozens of motions and other matters at trial court hearings, and I have argued nearly a dozen appeals. I supervise junior attorneys, advising on trial court strategy and oral argument preparation. From the beginning of my career until 2014, my practice was approximately 80% litigation and 20% regulatory and counseling, with less frequent court appearances that included arguing discovery motions and appearing at court conferences.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1.	federal courts:	<u>80</u> %
2.	state courts of record:	<u>20</u> %
3.	other courts:	<u> </u> %
4.	administrative agencies:	<u> </u> %

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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

d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

I have tried two cases to verdict, judgment, or final decision. I was co-counsel in one and associate counsel in the other. In addition, I have actively contributed to two jury trials that went to verdict and two other jury trials that settled in the midst of jury selection. I have extensive experience in trial court litigation, including drafting jury instructions and jury questionnaires, developing evidentiary objections and trial strategy, questioning witnesses, and arguing motions.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

1. jury: 0% (see above for jury experience)
2. non-jury: 100%

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

I have not argued before the Supreme Court of the United States. I served as co-counsel to petitioners in *Frank v. Gaos*, No. 17-961, for which the Supreme Court granted certiorari. Following oral argument in 2018, the Supreme Court issued a per curiam opinion vacating and remanding to lower courts for a determination of plaintiffs' standing. A copy of the merits-stage opening brief and reply brief are supplied.

I have authored or co-authored petitions for certiorari in the following cases: *Yeatman v. Hyland*, No. 22-566 (2022); *St. John v. Jones*, No. 22-554 (2022); *Threatt v. Farrell*, No. 20-1349 (2021); *Yang v. Wortman*, No. 17-662 (2017). A copy of each petition and reply brief, if any, is supplied.

In addition, I have authored, co-authored or otherwise contributed to amicus briefs filed in the Supreme Court in the following cases: *Wolford v. Lopez*, No. 24-1046 (2025); *Little v. Hecox*, No. 24-38 (2024 (certiorari), 2025 (merits)); *State of West Virginia v. B.P.J.*, No. 24-43 (2024 (certiorari), 2025 (merits)); *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*, No. 21-476 (2021 (certiorari), 2022 (merits)); *Students for Fair Admissions v. President & Fellows of Harvard College*, No. 20-1199 (2021 (certiorari), 2022 (merits)). A copy of each is supplied.

17. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were

reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

- a. the date of representation;
 - b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
 - c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.
1. *Alcarez v. Akorn, Inc. / Harris v. Akorn, Inc. / Berg v. Akorn, Inc.*, 99 F.4th 368 (7th Cir. 2024) (Judges Easterbrook, Sykes, and Kanne)

I represented a shareholder in an appeal of the denial of his motion to intervene to challenge a settlement in a merger “strike suit” filed for the sole purpose of eliciting attorneys’ fees. After Delaware courts made it difficult for plaintiffs to recover attorneys’ fees for settlements that provided only proxy disclosures in shareholder litigation, attorneys began filing these suits in federal court and entering settlements between the defendants and individual shareholders, who would voluntarily dismiss the class-action complaints and negotiate fees for themselves. I co-authored the briefs with colleagues and presented argument before a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. The Seventh Circuit reversed the district court’s denial of intervention, holding that my client should be permitted to intervene and file a motion for relief under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b).

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2. *Frank v. Gaos*, 586 U.S. 485 (2019)

I represented class members challenging approval of a class-action settlement that provided \$0 to class members, but divided \$8.5 million between the plaintiffs' lawyers and cy pres recipients—third party charities selected in part by the defendant and which included class counsel's alma maters and organizations the defendant already supported through donations. I worked with co-counsel to draft the briefs, led the amicus process, and contributed to oral argument preparation. The U.S. Supreme Court vacated and remanded for a determination of standing. On remand, the parties negotiated an improved settlement of about \$17 million more than the original settlement and agreed to distribute the settlement funds directly to the class—which the plaintiffs had previously claimed was infeasible.

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3. *The Gillette Company v. OneBeacon America Insurance Co.*, case no. SUCV2007-05102 (Mass. Sup. Ct.) (Judge Christine M. Roach)

In this environmental insurance coverage action, I represented a policyholder in a lawsuit against its comprehensive general liability and umbrella insurers from the 1950s to 1970s for millions of dollars in remediation and defense costs associated with groundwater contamination from a former manufacturing facility. I worked with a team of colleagues over several years on all aspects of the case, from drafting the complaint through the settlement the parties reached on the day of jury selection.

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4. *Hyland v. Navient Corp.*, No. 18-cv-9031, 2020 WL 6554826 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 9, 2020) (Judge Denise L. Cote); *Hyland v. Navient Corp.*, 48 F.4th 110 (2d Cir. 2022) (Judges Raymond Lohier, William J. Nardini, and Robert D. Sack)

I represented a student loan borrower in objecting to and appealing the approval of a class-action settlement that provided no direct benefit to class members but paid \$1.75 million as “cy pres” to fund the creation of a new non-profit staffed by individuals from

the American Federation of Teachers—a union with unusually close ties to the representative plaintiff, class counsel, and recipients of the cy pres. The settlement paid the entire net settlement fund to a conflicted third party and required future business practice changes that would have no benefit to class members who had paid off their loans or whose loans had been transferred to a different service provider. My client sought to protect the class members' interests by objecting. We were successful in eliminating the reimbursement of fees to plaintiffs' attorneys who had been funded by AFT throughout the litigation but had failed to disclose that fact to either the court or the class. I was the primary author of all briefing, and I argued before the district court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

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5. *Kansas v. Kennedy*, 787 F. Supp. 3d 906 (N.D. Iowa 2025) (Judge Leonard T. Strand)

I represented nonprofit long-term care providers and LeadingAge affiliates from 21 states in successfully challenging one-size-fits-all staffing and reporting requirements imposed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ “Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting,” 89 F.R. 40,876 (May 10, 2024). As lead counsel for the private plaintiffs in a coalition with State Attorneys General, I authored dispositive motion papers and pleadings with respect to the private plaintiffs and co-authored shared materials, arguing that CMS’s imposition of the staffing mandates was inconsistent with statutory law and threatened the health, safety, and well-being of millions of nursing home patients, particularly in rural communities. The district court granted our motion for summary judgment in part, vacating the most burdensome requirements.

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6. *Kongsgaard v. Wang*, No. 19CV000286 (Napa Sup. Ct.) (Judge Victoria Wood; Judge Cynthia P. Smith); *Wang v. Kongsgaard*, No. 3:19-cv-00907 (N.D. Cal.) (Judge William H. Orrick III)

I represented a husband and wife in multi-forum actions arising from a contract and

property dispute and violations of their civil rights by adjoining property owners. I was involved in all aspects of the case, through verdict in a trial in phase one and through settlement reached during jury selection in phase two. The cases required strategic thinking about state versus federal forums and procedure.

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7. *Kurtz v. Kimberly-Clark Corp.*, No. 14-cv-1142, 2024 WL 184375 (E.D.N.Y. Jan. 17, 2024) (Judge Pamela K. Chen); *Kurtz v. Kimberly-Clark Corp.*, 142 F.4th 112 (2d Cir. 2025) (Judges Calabresi, Carney, and Kahn)

I represented a class member in objecting to and successfully appealing the approval of a class-action settlement that awarded the plaintiffs' attorneys three times the amount distributed to the class. I was lead counsel and primary author of the briefing in the district court and on appeal, and argued before both courts. The Second Circuit vacated the district court's order and judgment approving the settlement, holding that courts must consider the allocation between the class and class counsel before approving a settlement under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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8. *In re Petrobras Securities Litigation*, 317 F. Supp. 3d 858 (S.D.N.Y. 2018) (Judge Jed S. Rakoff)

I represented a class member in successfully objecting to excessive attorneys' fees by plaintiffs' counsel, resulting in an additional \$100 million being distributed to the shareholder class. My client opposed counsel jointly representing plaintiffs with conflicting interests and to substantial overbilling by the plaintiffs' counsel for work performed by contract attorneys. I presented argument at multiple hearings before the district court and authored the briefs with support from colleagues.

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9. *Utah v. Chavez-DeRemer*, No. 22-0016 (N.D. Texas) (Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk); *State of Utah v. Chavez-DeRemer*, No. 23-11097 (5th Cir.) (Judges Catharina Haynes, Don T. Willette, and Andrew Oldham)

I represent individual plaintiffs in an Administrative Procedures Act challenge to the Department of Labor’s “Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights” (87 F.R. 73,822 (Dec. 1, 2022), which formally introduces ESG considerations into fiduciaries’ management of ERISA retirement plan assets. Joining a coalition of 25 State Attorneys General and industry, my clients challenged the rule as contrary to the ERISA statute and an arbitrary and capricious exercise of the Department’s regulatory authority. We appealed to the Fifth Circuit, which remanded for reconsideration in the light of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*. Following the district court’s ruling on remand, we appealed again, and the case is presently stayed as the Department engages in a new rulemaking on the subject of the challenged rule.

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10. *Wang v. Peletta*, 19CV000342 (Napa Sup. Ct.) (Judge Cynthia P. Smith)

I represented plaintiffs in a suit involving complex property disputes and tort claims, with novel questions of law. I served as co-counsel through all phases of the cases, including a 5-day trial with seven expert witnesses, the majority of which I examined or cross-examined, and post-trial proceedings. The verdict was in the defendant's favor.

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18. **Legal Activities:** Describe the most significant legal activities you have pursued, including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not involve litigation. Describe fully the nature of your participation in these activities. List any client(s) or organization(s) for whom you performed lobbying activities and describe the lobbying activities you performed on behalf of such client(s) or organizations(s). (Note: As to any facts requested in this question, please omit any information protected by the attorney-client privilege.)

During my time in private practice with Covington & Burling, in 2006 and from 2007 to 2014, I spent most of my time litigating complex, high-stakes matters for large companies. In two separate cases, one in federal court and one in state court, I represented companies seeking tens of millions of dollars from their insurance companies for environmental remediation these companies were undertaking at former manufacturing facilities for environmental damage dating back to the 1950s through 1970s. This work involved detailed and historical factual investigation and novel questions of law, and was fiercely litigated over several years. I also litigated federal cases on behalf of other corporate policyholders seeking coverage for business interruptions, product recalls, and other significant events, again raising novel questions of contract

interpretation and law. I also litigated federal antitrust cases between commercial parties, represented corporate officers in criminal investigations and companies in regulatory review processes, and engaged in internal investigations for companies subject to civil investigative demands and other allegations of civil or criminal wrongdoing. I was involved in all phases of litigation, from drafting complaints through contributing to jury trials.

In 2015, I joined the Center for Class Action Fairness, where I represented class members in challenging class action abuse in court. Such abuse comes in many forms. For example, settling parties have a mutual interest in creating an illusion of relief rather than actual relief to the class: a settlement that appears to provide significant relief to the class to justify a large fee award, but actually minimizes defendant's total payout. As a result, while the absolute size of a settlement may be fair, the allocation may be unfair, and courts often fail to recognize the self-dealing or the illusory nature of the relief to the detriment of consumer and shareholder class members. I investigated, briefed, and argued these issues of abuse on behalf of class members before trial and appeals courts. I continued this work when the Center for Class Action Fairness became a subunit of the Competitive Enterprise Institute in 2015, and when it subsequently merged into the Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute in 2019. Through this work, I recovered over \$100 million that was returned to consumers and shareholders and set important precedents to improve the fairness of the class-action settlement process.

At the Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute, I also represent individuals and nonprofit entities in Administrative Procedure Act challenges to overreaching and unlawful federal regulations. For example, I represented nonprofit care providers and LeadingAge state affiliates to successfully challenge a staffing rule promulgated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services that directly contradicted statutory law and threatened the health, safety, and well-being of millions of nursing home patients, particularly in rural communities. My work also seeks to ensure the vitality of the civil justice system and the protection of civil and constitutional rights. For example, I am lead counsel in a class action our client brought against the organizers of the February 1, 2024 traffic blockade that snarled traffic leading into the District of Columbia for hours and caused thousands of commuters and travelers to miss work, important appointments, and other events, yet saw no one held accountable.

Also in 2015, I formed St. John Law Firm LLC, through which I have represented individuals bringing suit or defending against harms including fraud, civil rights violations, defamation, property disputes, and tort claims. I have appeared in federal and state courts, and have been co- and lead counsel in through all stages of litigation.

I have not performed any lobbying activities.

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

22. **Sources of Income:** List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

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

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

If confirmed, I will recuse in any litigation where I have ever played a role. I will evaluate any other real or potential conflict, or any relationship that could give rise to appearance of conflict, on an individualized basis and determine appropriate action with input from parties and their counsel, including recusal where necessary or appropriate. Finally, because my husband is also an attorney, I would likewise recuse consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 455(b)(4)–(5).

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

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

25. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association’s Code of Professional Responsibility calls for “every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged.” Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each.

Since 2015, I have worked for a public-interest law firm, which represents individuals and entities whose financial stake in a dispute does not make it feasible to hire an attorney to represent them. Such matters involve the Administrative Procedure Act, the First Amendment, class action abuse, and other civil justice issues.

Prior to 2015, while I was an attorney at Covington & Burling, I made pro bono work a regular part of my practice. For example, I was part of a team that provided post-conviction defense representation to a Mississippi man with no prior criminal record who was sentenced to death based on ineffective assistance of counsel at his sentencing hearing. As another example, I represented an organization dedicated to assisting the homeless in a case against the federal government to enforce compliance with statutory law relating to housing resources. While I do not recall the specific number of hours I dedicated to pro bono matters, in 2011 and 2012, I was named to the Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, which recognizes individuals who volunteer over 50 hours per year of pro bono work, and I am confident my pro bono hours exceeded that number.

In addition, from 2015 to 2019, I was a member of the Louisiana State Bar’s Access to Justice Committee, whose mission is to assure that every Louisiana citizen has access to competent civil legal representation.

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.

In March 2024, I submitted an application for a vacancy on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana to Senator John N. Kennedy through an email address provided on his website. On August 20, 2025, I interviewed with Senator Kennedy. On September 2, 2025 I spoke with a member of Senator Kennedy’s staff about my application. On September 22, Senator Kennedy called me to inform me that he intended

to submit my name to the White House for the nomination and arrange for me to interview with Senator Bill Cassidy. On September 30, I spoke with a member of Senator Cassidy's staff, and on October 3, I interviewed with Senator Cassidy and members of his staff. Since October 31, I have been in contact with officials from the White House Counsel's Office. On November 12, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office at the Eisenhower Building in Washington, DC. On November 20, the White House Counsel's Office informed me that I was in consideration for the nomination. Since then, I have been in contact with officials from the White House Counsel's Office and the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy regarding the nomination. On January 5, 2026, President Trump called to inform me that he would be nominating 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.

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

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