

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).

Staci Michelle Yandle

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

United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois

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

Office: The Law Offices of Staci M. Yandle, LLC
One Eagle Center, Suite 3A
O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

Residence: Carlyle, Illinois

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

1961; Centreville, Illinois

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.

1983 – 1987, Vanderbilt University School of Law; J.D., 1987
1979 – 1983, University of Illinois; B.S., 1983

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.

2007– present
The Law Offices of Staci M. Yandle, LLC
One Eagle Center, Suite 3A
O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

(formerly in Belleville, Illinois)
Owner

2010 – present
The Farrise Firm, P.C.
225 South Olive, Suite 102
Los Angeles, California 90012
Of Counsel

2003 – 2007
The Rex Carr Law Firm
412 Missouri Avenue
East St. Louis, Illinois 62201
Partner

Fall 2000; 1991 – 1999
St. Louis University School of Law
3700 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63108
Adjunct Professor

1987 – 2003
Carr, Korein, Tillery, Kunin, Montroy, Cates, Katz & Glass (Formerly, Carr, Korein,
Schlicter, Kunin, Montroy, Glass & Bogard)
412 Missouri Avenue
East St. Louis, Illinois 62201
Associate

February – July 1987
Chapman & Associates
1406 Niedringhaus Avenue
Granite City, Illinois 62040
Law Clerk

February – July 1987
Madison County Circuit Court
155 North Main Street
Edwardsville, Illinois 62025
Law Intern for Circuit Judge Charles Chapman

Summer 1986
Rothstein, Bailey, Bennett, Daly and Donnetelle
1215 Paseo De Peralta
P.O. Box 8180
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504
Law Clerk

1984 – 1986
Vanderbilt University
2201 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37235
Graduate Assistant for Minority Affairs

Summer 1985
Vanderbilt Legal Clinic
Vanderbilt University Law School
131 21st Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee 37203
Intern

Summer 1984
Illinois Attorney General's Office
500 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Law Clerk

Other Affiliations (Uncompensated)

2012 – present
Illinois Bar Foundation
20 South Clark, Suite 910
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Board Member

2006 – 2012
American Association for Justice (Formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of
America)
777 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20001
Board of Governors (2006 – 2012)
Executive Committee (2007 – 2011)

2006 – 2010
Emma L. Wilson King Foundation
P.O. Box 457
East St. Louis, Illinois 62202
Board Member

2005 – 2007
Illinois Trial Lawyers Association
401 West Edwards Street
P.O. Box 5000

Springfield, Illinois 62704
Board of Managers

2000 – 2009
Jackie Joyner-Kersee Foundation
101 Jackie Joyner-Kersee Circle
East St. Louis, Illinois 62204
Board Member

2001 – 2003
St. Clair County Bar Association
1931 West Main Street
Belleville, Illinois 62226
Board Member

2000 – 2001
Boy Scouts of America, Okaw Valley Council
1801 North 17th Street
Belleville, Illinois 62226
Executive Board Member

Approximately 1996 – 1997
Metro East Bar Association
(Defunct – No address available)
President

1989 – 2002
Delta Economic Development Corporation
1012 South 15th Street
East St. Louis, Illinois 62207
Board Member & Registered Agent

1989 – 2002
Southend Development Corporation
1012 South 15th Street
East St. Louis, Illinois 62207
Board Member

Approximately 1992 – 1994
Metropolitan St. Louis Sickle Cell Anemia Association
4144 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63108
Board Member

1988 – 1989
Blacks Assisting Blacks Against AIDS

3618 North Spring Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63108
Board Member

1987 – 2012
NAACP, East St. Louis, Illinois Chapter
2149 Missouri Avenue
East St. Louis, Illinois 62205
Legal Advisor

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 never been a member of any branch of the U.S. Military. I was not required to register 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.

Racial Harmony, Phenomenal Women of Metropolitan St. Louis, Awardee (2013)
American Association for Justice, Women's Trial Lawyer Caucus, Marie Lambert Award (2012)
American Association for Justice, Distinguished Service Award (2011)
American Association for Justice, Distinguished Service Award (2010)
American Association for Justice, Distinguished Service Award (2006)
Illinois General Assembly Scholarship Recipient (1979 – 1983)

I have received special recognition for outstanding service and achievement from various community and civic organizations, including: Racial Harmony; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; NAACP; Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation; East St. Louis Federation of Teachers/Local 1220; National Council of Negro Women; and Top Ladies of Distinction.

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

American Association for Justice (Formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America)
AAJ PAC Board of Trustees (2012 – 2013)
Diversity Task Force Committee (2009 – 2010)
Executive Committee (2007 – 2011)
Board of Governors (2006 – 2012)
Minority Caucus

Lobby Days Co-Chair (2010)
Executive Committee Representative (2008 – 2011)
State Delegate (2007 – 2009)
Chair (2005 – 2006)
First Vice Chair (2004 – 2005)
Second Vice Chair (2003 – 2004)

Women's Caucus

Board of Governor's Representative (2008 – 2011)
State Delegate (2008 – 2009)
Executive Committee Representative (2007 – 2008)
Chair (2006 – 2007)
First Vice Chair (2005 – 2006)
Second Vice Chair (2004 – 2005)
Secretary (2003 – 2004)

American Bar Association

Chicago Bar Association

Illinois Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights

Illinois Bar Foundation

Board Member (2012 – present)

Illinois Southern Judicial District Merit Commission (1993)

Illinois State Bar Association

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association

Board of Managers (2005 – 2007)

Madison County Bar Association

Metro East Bar Association

President (approximately 1996 – 1997)

National Bar Association

St. Clair County Bar Association

Board of Directors (2001 – 2003)

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.

Illinois, 1987

Missouri, 2003

There have been no lapses in membership.

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

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 1991

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 2011
United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, 2011
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2009
United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, 1988
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, 2012
Supreme Court of Illinois, 1987
Supreme Court of Missouri, 2003

There have been no lapses in membership.

11. **Memberships:**

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

Blacks Assisting Blacks Against AIDS (1988 – 1989)

Board Member

Boy Scouts of America, Okaw Valley Council (2000 – 2001)

Executive Board Member

Delta Economic Development Corporation (1989 – 2002)

Board Member & Registered Agent

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (1981 – present)

Emma L. Wilson King Foundation (2006 – 2010)

Board Member

Illinois Gaming Board (1999 – 2001)

Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation (2000 – 2009)

Board Member

Metropolitan St. Louis Sickle Cell Anemia Association (Approximately 1992 – 1994)

Board Member

NAACP (1987 – present)

Legal Advisor to the East St. Louis Branch (1987 – 2013)

National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care (Formerly The National Citizen's Coalition for Nursing Home Reform) (2011 – present)

Public Citizen (2011 – present)

Public Justice (2010 – present)

Southend Development Corporation (1989 – 2002)

Board Member

- 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.

Delta Sigma Theta, founded in 1913, is a public service sorority that admits only women. To the best of my knowledge, none of the other organizations listed above currently discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

12. Published Writings and Public Statements:

- a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Supply four (4) copies of all published material to the Committee.

Establish Elopement Liability, TRIAL MAG. (AM. ASS'N FOR JUSTICE), March 2013. Copy supplied.

Staci M. Yandle Bio, The Law Offices of Staci M. Yandle Website. Available at <http://www.yandlelaw.com/staci-m-yandle/>.

“*Message from the Chair*,” American Association for Justice Minority Caucus Newsletter, Spring 2006. 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.

During the time I was a member of the Illinois Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, the Committee periodically prepared and published reports. Although I did not personally prepare these reports, I did vote on their submission in my capacity as a Committee member. I have listed the reports on which I voted that I have been able to identify after conducting a search of the Internet.

Illinois Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, *Race Relations and Equal Education Opportunities at Proviso West High School*, March 1996. Copy supplied.

Illinois Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, *Civil Rights Issues Facing Asian Americans in Metropolitan Chicago*, May 1995. Copy supplied.

Illinois Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, *Police Protection of the African American Community in Chicago*, Sept. 1993. Copy supplied.

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

While I was serving on the Illinois Gaming Board from 1999 to 2001, I discussed and voted on Board matters at various hearings. Minutes supplied.

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

June 13, 2013: Speaker, "Voir Dire When Ethnic, Gender Bias or Sexual Orientation is a Concern," Mississippi Association for Justice 2013 Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana. Presentation paper on which presentation was based was substantially similar to the one provided for the July 22, 2002 presentation.

June 13, 2013: Speaker, "Fight Like A Woman, Win Like A Man: Negotiation Skills," Mississippi Association for Justice Women's Caucus Luncheon, New Orleans, Louisiana. Presentation paper on which presentation was based was substantially similar to the one provided for the July 2006 presentation.

June 27, 2012: Panelist, "Diversity in Bar Associations", Illinois State Bar Association Law and Leadership Institute, St. Louis, Missouri. Along with my co-panelists, I discussed diversity in the various bar associations in which I have been involved and the role of diversity in legal professional organizations in general. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Illinois State Bar Association Law and Leadership Institute is c/o Just The Beginning Foundation, 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 6600, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

June 12, 2012: Speaker, "Amendments to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26 &

45 – The Effects on Expert And Non-Party Discovery,” Illinois State Bar Association Federal Practice Seminar, Collinsville, Illinois. Presentation paper supplied.

July 2011: Speaker, “Direct Examination – The Challenge of Proving Non-Economic Damages,” The American Association for Justice 2011 Annual Convention, New York, New York. Presentation paper supplied.

July 2009: Speaker, “When Settlement Is Your Best Option – Ethical Considerations,” The American Association for Justice 2009 Annual Convention, San Francisco, California. Presentation paper supplied.

June 2009: Speaker, “Screening: The Most Important Part of Your Case,” The American Association for Justice Nursing Home Litigation Group, Memphis, Tennessee. Presentation paper supplied.

March 2, 2009: Speaker, Criminal Law and Procedure class, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois. The notes I utilized for this presentation are the same as those provided for the April 4, 2007 presentation.

July 2008: Speaker, “Leaving the Male-Dominated Firm – The Ethical and Business Decision for the Woman Trial Lawyer,” The American Association for Justice 2008 Annual Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Presentation paper supplied.

October 2007: Panelist, “The Challenges of Being the Only ___ in a Law Firm (or Other Legal Setting),” Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, Illinois. The general topic covered in my presentation was the challenge of being the only female in a law firm partnership. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address of the Southern Illinois University School of Law is 1205 Douglas Drive, Carbondale, Illinois 62901.

July 2007: Moderator, Panel on “Women Trial Lawyers – Leadership Inside and Outside of the Courtroom,” The American Association for Justice 2007 Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois. My role as moderator was to introduce the speakers and to lead the question and answer period. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Association for Justice is 777 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001.

May 23, 2007: Welcome Remarks, American Association for Justice Women’s Caucus Lobby Day, Washington, D.C. During my remarks, I welcomed the participants and provided a general overview of the event. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Association for Justice is 777 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001.

April 20, 2007: Panelist, “Successful Women Trial Lawyers: Rising Above and

Staying There,” American Association for Justice Women’s Caucus Retreat, Fort Myers, Florida. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Association for Justice is 777 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001.

April 4, 2007: Guest Speaker, Criminal Law and Procedure Class, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois. Presentation supplied.

February 2007: Speaker, “Deposing the Administrator and Getting the Smoking Gun,” The American Association for Justice 2007 Mid-Winter Convention, Miami, Florida. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Association for Justice is 777 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001.

September 2006: Speaker, “Tips For Handling Nursing Home Cases,” Illinois Trial Lawyers Association Trial Seminar, St. Louis, Missouri. Presentation paper supplied.

February 21, 2006: Welcome Remarks, Minority Caucus Reception, The American Association for Justice Mid-Winter Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii. During my remarks, I introduced the officers of The American Association for Justice and the Minority Caucus in attendance. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Association for Justice is 777 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001.

July 2006: Speaker, “Fight Like A Woman, Win Like A Man: Negotiation Skills,” The American Association for Justice 2006 Annual Convention, Seattle, Washington. Presentation paper supplied.

February 18, 2006: Moderator, Panel on “Safeguarding the Elderly,” The American Association for Justice Mid-Winter Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii. My role as moderator was to introduce the speakers and to lead the question and answer period. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Association for Justice is 777 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001.

July 23, 2005: Moderator, Panel on “Maximizing Special Damages When Representing Minority Clients,” American Association for Justice Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada. My role as moderator was to introduce the speakers and to lead the question and answer period. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Association for Justice is 777 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001.

February 1, 2005: Moderator, “Failure to Diagnose in the Emergency Room,” American Association for Justice Mid-Winter Convention, Palm Springs, California. My role as moderator was to introduce the speakers and to lead the

question and answer period. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Association for Justice is 777 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001.

July 2003: Speaker, "Gender: Its Impact on the Litigation Process – When the Litigant is a Woman," The Association of Trial Lawyers of America 2003 Annual Convention, San Francisco, California. Presentation paper supplied.

July 22, 2002: Speaker, "VoiR Dire When Ethnic or Gender Bias is a Concern," The American Association for Justice 2002 Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia. Presentation paper supplied.

February 2001: Speaker, "Strategies in Mediation," The Association for Trial Lawyers of America 2001 Mid-Winter Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana. Presentation paper supplied.

- 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.

Over the last 25 years, I have given newspaper interviews about some of my cases but I do not recall the dates or specifics. I have provided information on those interviews I could identify after conducting a diligent search of my personal records and the Internet.

Melissa Meinzer, *St. Louis County Jury Awards \$5.2 Million Med-Mal Verdict*, MO. LAW. WKLY., July 25, 2013. Copy supplied.

Steven M. Sellers, *Illinois Court Rejects Arbitration Clause in Nursing Home Wrongful Death Action*, TRIAL MAG. (AM. ASS'N FOR JUSTICE), Oct. 18, 2012. Copy supplied.

Diversity in the Plaintiff Bar: Interview with Staci Yandle, TRIAL MAG. (AM. ASS'N FOR JUSTICE), July 2012. Copy supplied.

Press Release: "Family of Man Found Frozen in Creek After Wandering Away From Belleville Nursing Home Files Lawsuit," Issued from The Law Offices of Staci M. Yandle, LLC, Feb. 21, 2012. Copy supplied.

Christina Stueve, *Daughters Sue Nursing Home for Allegedly Neglecting Their Father*, Madison County Rec., Feb. 21, 2012. Copy supplied.

Investigation Reveals Problems That May Have Cost a Man His Life, KMOV.com, Feb. 21, 2012. Copy supplied.

Kevin Bersett, *Belleville Nursing Home Sued by Family of Patient Who Wandered Away, Then Died*, BELLEVILLE NEWS-DEMOCRAT, Feb. 21, 2012. Copy supplied.

Kevin Bersett, *State: Belleville Nursing Home Negligent in 77-Year-Old Resident's Death*, BELLEVILLE NEWS-DEMOCRAT, Feb. 11, 2012. Copy supplied.

Kevin Bersett, *'He Was Not Supposed to Die That Way': Daughters Hire Lawyer After Father's Death Near Nursing Home*, BELLEVILLE NEWS-DEMOCRAT, Jan. 20, 2012. Copy supplied.

Denise Hollinshed, *Family of Man Who Walked Out of Belleville Nursing Home Seeks Answers*, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, Jan. 19, 2012. Copy supplied.

Kevin Bersett, *Daughters of Dead Belleville Nursing Home Resident Hire Lawyer, Seek Answers*, BELLEVILLE NEWS-DEMOCRAT, Jan. 19, 2012. Copy supplied.

American Association for Justice, Membership Video, 2011. Video supplied.

Post-Dispatch Faces Lawsuit Over Retiree Benefits, ST. LOUIS BUS. J., Dec. 6, 2011. Copy supplied.

Retirees Sue St. Louis Post-Dispatch, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, Dec. 5, 2011. Copy supplied.

Jason Rosenbaum, *Post-Dispatch is at Center of Lawsuit, Bankruptcy Filing*, ST. LOUIS BEACON, Dec. 5, 2011. Copy supplied.

Connie Schultz, *Women Become the Powers That Be*, PLAIN DEALER, Feb. 17, 2007. Copy supplied.

Women Trial Lawyers Collaborate, Sharpen Business and Advocacy Skills, TRIAL MAG. (AM. ASS'N FOR JUSTICE), January 2007. Copy supplied.

From approximately 2001 to 2002, I appeared on a monthly radio show called "Your Legal Health" on KATZ 1620am, St. Louis Missouri, to discuss common legal issues individuals confront in everyday life such as insurance coverage and basic estate planning. I have been unable to obtain the recordings.

Douglas Holt, *Ryan Replaces 2 on Gaming Board; Ousted Members Had Voted Against Rosemont Casino*, CHI. TRIB., June 30, 2001. Copy supplied.

Robert Goodrich, *Fatal Shooting of Suspect by Officer is Called Justified; Belleville Policeman Acted Properly in Chase, State's Attorney Finds*, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, Mar. 16, 2001. Copy supplied.

Chris Fusco, *Rosemont Still a Player*, CHI. SUN-TIMES, Jan. 31, 2001. Copy supplied.

Douglas Holt, *Grand Victoria Casino Fined \$250,000 Over Rigged Drawing*, CHI. TRIB., July 19, 2000. Copy supplied.

Douglas Holt & Ray Long, *Gaming Chief Quits Under Fire; Ryan is Furious Over Casino Deal*, CHI. TRIB., Jan. 7, 2000. Copy supplied.

Jeff Truesdell, *East St. Louis Seeking Better Image*, MONTREAL GAZETTE, Aug. 13, 1990.

Darrell McWhorter, *Welcome Back the Brightest and Best of East St. Louis Come Home to Help*, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, June 10, 1990. Copy supplied.

Harper Barnes, *Big Chill Set for Trip Back North Even Santa Has to Take Precautions*, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, Dec. 23, 1989. Copy supplied.

Safir Ahmed & Robert F. Goodrich, *E. St. Louis Schools Barred from Making Cuts*, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, Feb. 3, 1989. Copy supplied.

Bill Vogler, *Cahokia School Board Upheld On Staff Moves*, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, July 1, 1988. 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, approximately what percent were:

jury trials: _____%
bench trials: _____% [total 100%]

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

- b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.
- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature 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 (3) 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.

Member (approximately 1992 – 1996), Illinois Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights; appointed 1992 by the members of the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

Member (Oct. 1999 – July 2001), Illinois Gaming Board; appointed October 1999 by Governor George Ryan to fill remainder of three-year term.

- 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.

On November 5 and November 6, 2012, I volunteered in get-out-the-vote efforts and in serving as an election monitor at a polling place in Cleveland, Ohio, as part of The American Association for Justice's voter protection effort.

Although perhaps not directly responsive, from 2012 to 2013, I served as a board member of The American Association for Justice's AAJ PAC, an organization that raises funds to support candidates on a bipartisan basis who support the civil justice system.

16. Legal Career: Answer each part separately.

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

I have not served as a law clerk to a judge.

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

2007 – 2010
Solo Practitioner
7012 West Main Street
Belleville, Illinois 62223

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- 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.

1987 – 2003
Carr, Korein, Tillery, Montroy, Cates, Katz & Glass (Formerly, Carr, Korein, Schlichter, Kunin, Montroy, Glass & Bogard)
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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 served as an arbitrator through the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court, St. Clair County, Illinois, Mandatory Arbitration Center approximately ten times since 2000. I do not recall the specifics of any of the matters for which I served on the panel nor do I have access to any records or documentation regarding those matters. The matters were from civil cases filed in St. Clair County seeking damages not in excess of \$50,000 and generally involved car accidents, minor personal injuries or breach of contract.

b. Describe:

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

From 1987 to 2003, I worked as an associate at Carr, Korein, Tillery, Montroy, Cates, Katz & Glass (formerly Carr, Korein, Schlicter, Kunin, Montroy, Glass & Bogard). When I began practicing in 1987, my practice was primarily focused on labor & employment and education law. The remainder of my practice was personal injury law. From 1996 to 2003, my practice was primarily in the areas of personal injury, medical malpractice, nursing home abuse & neglect, defective products and civil rights law. I handled the majority of cases in litigation as sole or lead counsel.

From 2003 to 2007, I practiced as a partner with The Rex Carr Law Firm, LLC. My practice consisted of litigating primarily personal injury, medical malpractice, nursing home abuse & neglect and civil rights cases as sole or lead counsel.

Since 2007, I have practiced as the owner of The Law Offices of Staci M. Yandle, LLC. The nature of my practice has remained the same as it was as a partner with The Rex Carr Law Firm, LLC.

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

Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct 7.4 prohibits attorneys from claiming to be specialists in any area of practice unless they have complied with Rule 7.4(d)(1). I have never attempted to become certified as a specialist in any area of law.

From 1987 to 1996, my clients typically included individual personal injury plaintiffs, teachers' unions, individual teachers, and individual administrators.

Since 1996, my clients typically have been individual personal injury plaintiffs.

- 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.

My practice is and has consistently been 95% litigation, and I have always appeared in court frequently.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. federal courts: | 20% |
| 2. state courts of record: | 80% |
| 3. other courts: | 0% |
| 4. administrative agencies: | 0% |

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. civil proceedings: | 98% |
| 2. criminal proceedings: | 2% |

- 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 15 cases to verdict or judgment. I've tried one case as associate counsel, one case as lead counsel, and 13 as sole counsel.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:

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| 1. jury: | 87% |
| 2. non-jury: | 13% |

- 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.

In *SSC Odin Operating Co. v. Carter*, I filed two briefs in opposition to two Petitions for Writ of Certiorari before the United States Supreme Court. The U.S. Supreme Court denied both petitions for certiorari. *SSC Odin Operating Co. v. Carter*, 129 S. Ct. 2734 (2009), available at 2009 WL 1206652; *SSC Odin Operating Co. v. Carter*, 133 S. Ct. 1998 (2013), available at 2013 WL 1209145.

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. *Wilkes v. Kistler*, Case No. 10SL-CC00913 (21st Judicial Cir. Ct. of St. Louis County, Mo. 2013).

I represented the plaintiff, Wilkes, in a medical malpractice case against his primary care physician alleging negligent delay in diagnosing HIV, which led to end stage renal disease requiring dialysis. The allegations were that the physician failed to investigate abnormal findings on tests for complete blood counts, failed to refer the plaintiff to a hematologist and failed to obtain an appropriate sexual history from the plaintiff. Damages sought were approximately \$18,000,000. I initially served as lead counsel in the case. I drafted or supervised the drafting of the pleadings, written discovery and motions. I argued motions and took all but one of the depositions, including the depositions of the defendant, three defense expert witnesses and two treating physicians. When the matter proceeded to a jury trial, I tried the case as sole counsel. After eight days of trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and awarded compensatory damages.

The dates of my representation were 2008 to 2013. The case was heard by Circuit Judge Steven Goldman. Defendant's counsel was James Reinert, 120 South Central Avenue, Suite 1600, St. Louis, MO 63105, (314) 880-8060.

2. *Harris v. United States*, Case No. 3:08-cv-00912 (S.D. Ill. 2011).

I was sole counsel for the plaintiff, Harris, Special Administrator of the Estate of Anderson (her deceased daughter) in a medical malpractice case filed pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act. Subsequent to delivering twins by C-section at Touchette Regional Hospital, Anderson was diagnosed with methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, sepsis and mitral valve endocarditis. She died 1½ years later from a brain hemorrhage at the age of 25. She left surviving six minor children. I drafted all pleadings, written discovery and motions. I argued motions and took depositions including the responsible physician and two defense expert witnesses. The case was settled in mediation four days prior to trial.

The dates of my representation were 2008 to 2011. The case was presided over by U.S. District Judge Michael J. Reagan. Defendant's counsel was James L. Porter, Assistant United States Attorney, 9 Executive Drive, Fairview Heights, IL 62208, (618) 628-3700.

3. *Coleman v. Wiencek*, Case No. 08-CV-05275 (N.D. Ill. 2010).

I was lead counsel for the plaintiff, Coleman, Administrator of the Estate of her brother, Russell, in a civil rights case filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1983 alleging the unreasonable use of deadly force by an officer of the Aurora Police Department and the City of Aurora. A common law negligence cause of action was also brought against Provena Mercy Medical Center. Russell was admitted to Provena Mercy Medical Center for Dilantin toxicity. His prior medical history included psychosis and schizophrenia and he had a previous psychiatric admission to Provena. At the time of admission, his behavior was erratic and at times combative. He was not searched for weapons or other contraband. The morning after his admission, he confronted a nurse in his room with a handgun. Law enforcement, including the Aurora S.W.A.T. team, was called to the scene and a six hour standoff ensued. The incident concluded with Mr. Russell being shot and killed by a member of the S.W.A.T. team. I drafted the majority of the pleadings, written discovery and motions and responses to motions for summary judgment. I argued motions and took the depositions of the defendant police officer and approximately eight other officers of the Aurora Police Department. The common law negligence claims against the City of Aurora and Provena Mercy Medical Center were dismissed before trial, but the Section 1983 claims proceeded to jury trial. The trial resulted in a hung jury and mistrial and subsequently dismissed by stipulation.

The dates of my representation were 2007 to 2010. The case was heard by U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly. Co-counsel was Celestine Dotson, 300 North Tucker Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63101, (314) 454-6543. Defendants' counsel was John B. Murphey, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1624, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 541-1070; and Sammi Renken, 33 West Monroe Street, Suite 2700, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 372-0770.

4. *Joiner v. Sparta Cmty. Hosp.*, Case No. 05-L-58, (20th Judicial Cir. Ct. of Randolph County, Ill. 2009).

I was co-counsel for the plaintiffs, Joiner and Mahan, Co-Executors of the Estate of B. Joiner (their mother), in a medical malpractice case alleging negligence which resulted in B. Joiner developing pressure sores during an admission to Sparta Hospital. The pressure sores became infected and ultimately contributed to her death. I had shared responsibility for drafting pleadings, written discovery and motions, and I argued motions and took the deposition of the treating physician. The case settled shortly before trial.

The dates of my representation were 2008 to 2009. The case was heard by Circuit Judge William A. Schuwerk, Jr. Co-counsel was Terry Brown, 5520 West Main Street, Belleville, IL 62226, (618) 236-2887. Defendant's counsel was John C. Ryan, P.O. Box 1570, Carbondale, IL 62903, (618) 529-3000.

5. *Carter v. SSC Odin Operating Co.*, Case No. 06-L-75 (4th Judicial Cir. Ct. of Marion County, Ill.)

I have served as lead counsel for the plaintiff, Carter, Special Administrator of the Estate of Gott (her mother), in a nursing home abuse and neglect case since 2006. The defendant filed a motion to compel arbitration, which was denied in the circuit court. The circuit court's denial of the defendant's motion to compel arbitration has been before the Illinois Fifth District Appellate Court twice (*Carter v. SSC Odin Operating Co.*, 885 N.E.2d 1204 (Ill. App. 5th Dist. 2008); and 955 N.E.2d 1233 (Ill. App. 5th Dist. 2011)) and the Illinois Supreme Court twice (927 N.E.2d 1207 (Ill. 2010); and 976 N.E.2d 344 (Ill. 2012)). Additionally, the defendants have filed two Petitions for Writ of Certiorari with the United States Supreme Court, both of which have been denied. The wrongful death claim is currently pending in circuit court with no trial date set. The survival cause of action is currently pending arbitration.

The dates of my representation are 2006 to the present. Co-counsel for appeals in the Illinois Supreme Court was K. Glenda Cameron, 2006 Eastern Suburb, Suite 101, Christiansted, United States Virgin Islands, 00820, (340) 773-3444. Co-counsel for opposition to Petition for Writ of Certiorari were Scott Michelman and Scott L. Nelson, Public Citizen Litigation Group, 1600 20th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009, (202) 588-1000. Defendant's counsel are Mark R. Feldhaus, 714 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63101, (314) 621-2929; and Malcolm J. Harkins III, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20004, (202) 416-6800.

6. *Thomas v. McIntyre*, Case No. 01-L-504 (20th Judicial Cir. Ct. of St. Clair County, Ill. 2007), *rev'd and remanded*, Case No. 5-05-0416 (Ill. App. 5th Dist. 2006).

I was sole counsel for the plaintiff, Thomas, in an automobile accident case. I drafted all pleadings, written discovery and motions. I argued motions and took depositions including the defendant and treating physicians. After a three-day trial, the jury found in favor of Thomas and awarded damages totaling \$50,000. I appealed the judgment based on the jury's award of damages as against the manifest weight of the evidence. The Illinois Fifth District Appellate Court reversed the judgment and remanded the case for a new trial (Fifth District Docket No. 5-05-0146). The case ultimately settled.

The dates of my representation were 2001 to 2007. The trial was heard before Circuit Judge Lloyd Cueto. Defendant's counsel was Thomas J. Magee, 200 North Broadway, Suite 700, St. Louis, MO 63102, (314) 421-5364.

7. *Richter v. Standard Mut. Ins. Co.*, Case No. 92-MR-185 (20th Judicial Cir. Ct. of St. Clair County, Ill. 1996), *aff'd*, 664 N.E.2d 1140 (Ill. 1996).

I represented the plaintiff, Richter, in a declaratory judgment action based upon the denial of an underinsured motorist claim by her automobile insurers, Standard Mutual Insurance Company. After sustaining injuries in an automobile accident, Ms. Richter settled a claim against the driver-at-fault for their liability policy limits. Standard Mutual

contended that because she failed to secure its consent prior to settling with the driver-at-fault, she had forfeited her underinsured motorist coverage. I was sole counsel in the case. I drafted all pleadings, written discovery and motions and briefs. I took depositions and argued motions and the appeal. The circuit court held that Richter was not barred from recovering under underinsured motorist coverage and Standard Mutual Insurance Company filed an appeal in the Illinois Fifth District Appellate Court. The judgment was affirmed.

The dates of my representation were 1989 to 1996. The case was heard by Circuit Judges Ellen A. Dauber and Robert J. Hillenbrand. Defendant's counsel was Charles Compton, One Mark Twain Plaza, Suite 300, 101 Main Street, Edwardsville, IL 62025, (618) 656-0257.

8. *Siemer v. Nangle*, Case No. 90-L-983 (20th Judicial Cir. Ct. of St. Clair County, Ill. 1992).

I was sole counsel for the plaintiff, Siemer, in a case filed under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. The allegations were that the defendant, an attorney, violated the statutes in attempting to collect on a debt for his client. I drafted all pleadings, written discovery and motions. I argued motions and took the deposition of the defendant. The matter proceeded to a jury trial. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and awarded her compensatory damages, punitive damages and attorney's fees.

The dates of my representation were 1990 to 1992. The case was heard by Circuit Judge Milton Wharton. Defendant's counsel was Jack Harper, 2101 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63103.

9. *People v. Bruce*, Case Nos. 01-CM-6727, 01-CM-6728, and 01-CM-6729 (20th Judicial Cir. Ct. of St. Clair County, Ill. 2002).

I represented the defendant, Bruce, who was involved in a physical altercation with two police officers when they attempted to arrest him while he was knocking at the door of his parents' home. The officers claimed that Bruce refused to provide his identification and physically resisted their attempts to handcuff him. He was charged with disorderly conduct, obstructing a peace officer, and resisting arrest. I was sole counsel in the case. I drafted all pleadings, written discovery and motions. I argued motions and took depositions of the arresting police officers. The case proceeded to a jury trial that resulted in a directed verdict for the defendant.

The dates of my representation were 2001 to 2002. The case was heard by Circuit Judge Ellen A. Dauber. Plaintiff's counsel was Chad Jennings, former Assistant St. Clair County State's Attorney, 14755 North Outer Forty Drive, Suite 300, Chesterfield, MO 63017, (636) 449-7266.

10. *People v. Sampson*, Case No. 00-CM-2553 (20th Judicial Cir. Ct. of St. Clair County, Ill. 2002).

I was sole counsel for the defendant, Sampson , who was a junior high school physical education teacher. Based upon allegations made by one of his female students that he inappropriately touched her and made explicit sexual comments to her, he was charged with criminal sexual abuse. The case proceeded to a bench trial and resulted in an acquittal.

The dates of my representation were 2000 to 2002. The case was heard by Circuit Judge Walter Brandon. Plaintiff's counsel was Frederick Stokes, former Assistant St. Clair County State's Attorney, who is no longer practicing law.

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

In approximately 1989, I represented The East St. Louis Federation of Teachers, Local 1220 in contract negotiations, which led to me filing unfair labor practice complaints with the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board (IELRB) against East St. Louis School District #189. As a result, the IELRB issued the first charges of unfair labor practices since it had been established.

As legal counsel for the East St. Louis Public Library Board, I advised and represented the Board with respect to a three-year construction project for a new library facility.

As legal counsel for Delta Economic Development Corporation and Southend Development Corporation, I advised and represented these not-for-profit corporations with respect to a seven-year construction project for a child development center in East St. Louis, Illinois.

As a member of The American Association for Justice (formerly, The Association of Trial Lawyers of America), I have participated in "Lobby Days" during which I met with members of Congress to discuss civil justice issues. I was not required to register as a lobbyist for these informal discussions.

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

In 2000, I taught a trial advocacy course at the St. Louis University School of Law. The

course was designed to teach students trial litigation skills. The major topics taught included client and witness interviews, depositions, voir dire, opening statements, direct examination, cross examination and closing statements. I do not have a copy of the syllabus.

From 1991 to 1999, I taught a civil practice clinic at the St. Louis University School of Law. The course was designed to teach students pre-litigation skills. The major topics included initial client interviews, fact investigation and settlement. I do not have a copy of the syllabus.

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.

If confirmed, I would expect to receive future compensation derived from my work to date on the existing case inventory of my practice through either the transfer of client files or merger of my practice. In the event of a merger, I would enter into an appropriate payment agreement for the liquidated value of my work on any existing cases as of the date of merger consistent with the Code of Conduct for United States Judges and applicable canons of judicial ethics.

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.

If confirmed, I have no plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation.

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

See attached Financial Disclosure Report.

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

See attached Statement of Net Worth.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

I would recuse myself, for at least some initial time period, from any case being handled by my current law firm. I would also recuse myself from cases on which I previously worked, and from any case where, due to professional or personal relationships with a party or attorney involved, my impartiality might reasonably be questioned. I am not aware of any potential conflicts of interest likely to be presented by family members. Overall, I will follow the provisions of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges and other relevant canons or statutes.

- 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 resolve any potential conflict of interest pursuant to the Code of Conduct for United States Judges and all other applicable rules of ethics.

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

I devote an average of 50-60 hours per year representing clients of limited means on a pro bono basis in matters including landlord/tenant disputes, guardianship matters, drafting powers of attorney and small personal injury insurance claims. In addition, I counsel Delta Economic Development Corporation, a not-for-profit corporation, on matters associated with its corporate status and contract matters associated with its operation of the Delta Child Development Center on a pro bono basis. I also counsel and assist individuals with the formation and incorporation of various not-for-profit charitable organizations on a pro bono basis.

26. **Selection Process:**

- a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department

regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

On May 13, 2013, I submitted a written application to Senator Durbin's bipartisan Judicial Selection Committee in Illinois. I was interviewed by the Committee on June 5, 2013 in East St. Louis, Illinois. On June 25, 2013, a staffer in Senator Durbin's office informed me that the Committee had recommended me as a potential nominee. On July 3, 2013, I interviewed with Senator Durbin in Springfield, Illinois. On July 9, 2013, I was notified by a member of Senator Durbin's staff that the Senator had forwarded my name to the White House as a potential nominee. Since then, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On August 15, 2013, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office and the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. On January 16, 2014, the President submitted my nomination to the Senate.

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

No.

AFFIDAVIT

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

JANUARY 16, 2014
(DATE)

Staci Michelle Yandle
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