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).

Alexander Coker Van Hook

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

United States District Judge for the Western 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.

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Louisiana
300 Fannin Street, Suite 3201
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

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

1970; Shreveport, Louisiana

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.

1994 – 1997, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, J.D.; 1997

1989 – 1993, Centenary College of Louisiana, B.A.; 1993

1988 – 1989, Louisiana State University, No degree received

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.

COMPENSATED EMPLOYMENT

1999 – 2025

United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Louisiana
Tom Stagg Court House
300 Fannin Street, Suite 3201
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101
Acting United States Attorney (January 2025 – September 2025)
First Assistant United States Attorney (2024 – 2025)
Special Counsel to the United States Attorney (2022 – 2024)
First Assistant United States Attorney (2021 – 2022)
Acting United States Attorney (2020 – 2021)
First Assistant United States Attorney (2018 – 2020)
Acting/Interim United States Attorney (2017 – 2018)
First Assistant United States Attorney (2010 – 2017)
Deputy Criminal Chief (2007 – 2010)
Assistant United States Attorney (1999 – 2007)

1998 – 1999
The Honorable Tom Stagg
United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana
Tom Stagg Court House
300 Fannin Street, Suite 4100
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101
Law Clerk

1997 – 1998
The Honorable Henry A. Politz
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
Tom Stagg Court House
300 Fannin Street, Suite 5226
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101
Law Clerk

1996 – 1997
Louisiana Governor Murphy J. Foster
Office of the Executive Counsel
900 Third Street Fourth Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804
Law Clerk

Summer 1996
Thompson & Knight
1700 Pacific Avenue, Suite 3300
Dallas, Texas 75201
Summer Associate

Summer 1996
Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway

333 Texas Street, Suite 1700
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101
Summer Associate

1993 – 1994
Premier Bank, NA
400 Texas Street
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101
Officer – Commercial Real Estate Department (1993 – 1994)

UNCOMPENSATED EMPLOYMENT

I currently serve and am listed as a "manager, member" for five family limited liability companies which own real estate and other investments. I am not compensated as a manager but receive passive income from the companies.

2024 – present
Pelican Perch Properties, L.L.C.
333 Texas Street, Suite 1700
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

2023 – present
Elizabeth Land Minerals, L.L.C.
333 Texas Street, Suite 1700
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

2022 – present
Youreeka Investments, L.L.C.
333 Texas Street, Suite 1700
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

2021 – present
Albertsheirs, L.L.C.
333 Texas Street, Suite 1700
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

2021 – present
Elizabeth Land Properties, L.L.C.
333 Texas Street, Suite 1700
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

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 did not serve in the military. I registered for the selective service when I turned 18.

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

To the best of my recollection, I have received the following awards:

United States Attorney's Office Outstanding Financial Litigation Program Award (2024)

United States Attorney's Office Outstanding Prosecution Award for Public Corruption (2023)

United States Secret Service Award of Appreciation for Outstanding Support (2019)

Department of Justice - Office of Inspector General (Houston Area Office) Award of Appreciation for Support of the DOJ-OIG Mission (2011)

Federal Bureau of Investigation Award for Demonstrated Excellence in Successfully Prosecuting a Major Criminal Case involving the prosecution of a public official who defrauded the Federal Emergency Management Agency (2011)

Federal Bureau of Investigation Award for Demonstrated Excellence in Successfully Prosecuting a Major Criminal Case involving the prosecution of an art forger (2011)

Executive Office for United States Attorneys Director's Award for Superior Performance by a Litigative Team (2010)

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (Southeast Region) Award for Outstanding Case (2008, 2002)

Inducted into Kappa Apha Order's Horace H. White Court of Honor (approximately 2007)

Executive Office for United States Attorneys Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney (2002)

Louisiana Narcotics Officers Association Prosecutor of the Year Award (2001)

LSU Law School honors include:

LSU Law Center Hall of Fame (1997)
Order of the Coif (1997)
General Academic Scholarship (1996 – 1997)
Wex Malone Inn of Court Scholarship (1996 – 1997)
Chancellor's List (1994 – 1997)
Judge Earl Veron Scholarship (1996)
Louisiana Law Review (1996)
Stone Pigman Scholarship (1995 – 1996)

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.

Louisiana State Bar Association (admitted 1997)

Federal Bar Association – North Louisiana Chapter (intermittent)

Shreveport Bar Association
Board Member – Young Lawyers Section (1997 – 1998)

Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions (2022 – present)
Criminal Law Assistant Examiner (2022 – present)

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.

Louisiana, 1997

To my knowledge, 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 Fifth Circuit, 1997

United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, 1999

To my knowledge, 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.

To the best of my recollection:

Centenary College of Louisiana
President's Advisory Committee (2008 – 2009)

Kappa Alpha Order (1989 – 2007)
    Deputy Province Commander (1997 – 2007)

St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral (1988 – present)
    Vestry Member (2005 – 2008)

The Cotillion Club (1992 – present)

The Shreveport Club (1997 – present)

The Stateline Fishing and Hunting Club (1997 – present)
    Secretary (2024 – present)
    Director (2023 – present)
    Director (2000 – 2015)

In addition, I regularly make financial contributions to charitable organizations. Such organizations may list me as a member based on these contributions. I have not listed all organizations to which my contributions are solely financial.

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.

Kappa Alpha Order is an all-male national social fraternity. The chapter I belonged to was part of the Greek system at Centenary College of Louisiana, which also has all-female sororities.

To 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. **<u>Published Writings and Public Statements</u>**:

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.

In my capacity as Acting or Interim United States Attorney, I issued or published on the internet over 400 press releases. Copies of those releases can be found on the United States Attorney's Office website at https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdla/pr. I issued press releases on behalf of the office from March 13, 2017, to March 29, 2018; August 14, 2020, to December 8, 2021; and January 20, 2025, to September 29, 2025.

I have done my best to identify any other published material, including a thorough review of my personal files and searches on publicly available electronic databases. I do not recall any other publications and do not believe that I have ever published any materials except in my official capacity as a Department of Justice employee at the United States Attorney's Office.

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.

None known.

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.

None known.

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.

To the best of my knowledge, all public speeches or talks delivered by me have been made in my capacity as a Department of Justice employee at the United States Attorney's Office. I do not recall giving speeches or talks in my private capacity.

Most of my remarks are extemporaneous. I frequently speak without notes, use the text of a speech from a prior occasion, or use handwritten notes that are not retained. The following is a list of all of the speeches and presentations that I could find and are illustrative of the types of remarks I frequently gave. In many cases, the dates are approximate and were taken from the file creation date of the notes or outlines that were retained.

July 21, 2025: Speaker, "Presentation of case award at the North Louisiana Crime Lab to DNA Analyst Kari Dickins," Shreveport, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Crime Lab where I presented the award is 1630 Tulane

Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71103.

June 18, 2025: Speaker, "Retirement presentation to ATF Task Force Officer Triche Passman," Monroe, Louisiana. Copy of remarks provided.

June 16, 2025: Speaker, "Presentation to Louisiana Second Circuit Law Clerks," Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of PowerPoint and rough outline provided.

April 25, 2025: Panelist, "DOJ Practices and Priorities – What to Expect," Federal Bar Association Spring Seminar, Lafayette, Louisiana. Copy of PowerPoint and rough outline provided.

March 18, 2025: Speaker, "Presentation of case awards to DEA Task Force Officers Rick Anderson and Erick Adams," United States Attorney's Office in Shreveport, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the U.S. Attorney's Office Shreveport is 300 Fannin Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

February 5, 2025: Speaker, "Presentation to class at Providence Classical Academy on the United States Attorney's Office, federal criminal law, and investigative techniques," Bossier City, Louisiana. Copy of PowerPoint and rough outline provided.

October 27, 2021: Speaker, "Presentation to class at Caddo Magnet High School on the U.S. Attorney's Office, federal criminal law, and investigative techniques," Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of PowerPoint and rough outline provided.

October 6, 2021: Speaker, "The Prosecutors' Perspective," Shreveport Bar Association CLE, Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of presentation materials and rough outline provided.

June 8, 2021: Speaker, "Welcoming remarks to the ATF Violent Crime Abatement Team," Bossier Parish Community College, Bossier City, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Bossier Parish Community College is 6220 East Texas Street, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111.

January 27, 2021: Speaker, "Presentation to local law enforcement officers for their support and contributions to the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative," United States Attorney's Office, Shreveport, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Copy of press release provided.

December 16, 2020: Speaker, "Awards presentation to members of the Lafayette/Lake Charles Violent Offender Task Force," United States Courthouse in Lafayette, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the U.S. Courthouse is 800 Lafayette Street, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501.

December 9, 2020: Speaker, "Awards presentation to members of the Central Louisiana Violent Offender Task Force," United States Courthouse in Alexandria, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the U.S. Courthouse in Alexandria is

515 Murray Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71301.

October 20, 2020: Speaker, "Awards presentation to members of the Shreveport Violent Offender Task Force," United States Attorney's Office in Shreveport, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Shreveport is 300 Fannin Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

June 26, 2019: Speaker, "Welcoming remarks for the South-Central U.S. Human Trafficking Conference," Louisiana State University – Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of remarks provided.

October 11, 2018: Speaker, "Welcoming remarks for the local Human Trafficking Conference," Louisiana State University – Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of remarks provided.

April 18, 2018: Panelist, "After School Presentation on the Dangers of Opioids," Byrd High School, Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of remarks provided.

March 15, 2018: Speaker, "Presented case award to FBI Special Agent Chris Plants," United States Attorney's Office in Shreveport, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the U.S. Attorney's Office is 300 Fannin Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

March 1, 2018: Speaker, "Presentation of Awards to DEA Agents and Task Force Officers," United States Attorney's Office, Shreveport, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the U.S. Attorney's Office is 300 Fannin Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

February 15, 2018: Speaker, "Presentation of Awards to ATF Case Agents," U.S. Attorney's Office in Shreveport, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The award was presented at the U.S. Attorney's Office which is located at 300 Fannin Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

December 7, 2017: Speaker, "Presentation of awards to FBI Safe Streets Task Force agents and law enforcement officers for their role in dismantling a dangerous drug trafficking gang in Lafayette," Lafayette, Louisiana. Copy of remarks provided.

October 3, 2017: Speaker, "Welcoming Remarks," National Night Out, Shreveport, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of National Night Out is 1234 Texas Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

July 28, 2017: Speaker, "Welcoming Remarks," South-Central U.S. Human Trafficking Conference, Louisiana State University – Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Louisiana State University is One University Place, Shreveport, Louisiana 71115.

December 18, 2015: Guest Speaker, "Lafayette Bar Association CLE. Technology – Professional Considerations," Lafayette, Louisiana. Copy of PowerPoint and rough outline provided.

November 13, 2014: Guest Speaker, "25th Annual Fort Polk Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Federal Practice," Leesville, Louisiana. Copy of course materials and PowerPoint provided.

June 2014: Guest Speaker, "Meeting of the Shreveport Chapter," NAACP, Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of PowerPoint provided.

August 15, 2013: Keynote Speaker, "The Importance of Prosecuting Synthetic Drug Cases," Annual Banquet of the Louisiana Narcotics Officers Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. Copy of rough outline provided.

December 7, 2012: Speaker, "Presentation to the Young Lawyers Section," Louisiana Fourth Judicial District Bar Association – Federal Practice, Monroe, Louisiana. Copy of course materials and rough outline provided.

December 2012 (exact date unknown): Panelist, "Presentation to a Visiting Delegation of Judges from Turkey," Shreveport Bar Association, Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of rough outline provided.

Spring 2012 to Spring 2025: Each spring during this period, I lectured to an MBA Business Law class at Centenary College. The class was taught by United States District Judge S. Maruice Hicks, Jr. I generally talked about what the United States Attorney's Office does and highlighted some cases we have prosecuted. I modified the same outline for the presentation from year to year and have not retained all prior copies. Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of rough outline and PowerPoint provided.

April 13, 2012: Panelist, "French Quarter Fest CLE – 4th Annual White Collar Crime Symposium," Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Louisiana State Bar Association is 602 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70136.

March 2008 (exact date unknown): Panelist, "Federal Criminal Practice," Shreveport Bar Association, at the United States Courthouse in Shreveport, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Shreveport Bar Association is 625 Texas Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

March 2008 (exact date unknown): Presenter, "Federal Criminal Fraud Statutes — Presentation to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Staff and Louisiana State Police Troopers on federal law and criminal procedure," Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor is 1600 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802.

November 6, 2007: Presenter, "Federal Role in the War on Drugs – Dismantling Drug Trafficking Organizations," given to undergraduate criminal justice class at Louisiana State University – Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana. Copy of PowerPoint provided.

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.

I have done my best to identify all interviews given, including a search of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be materials that I have been unable to find. I have given many short interviews at various law enforcement events that I have been unable to find. I have located the following:

Press conference, *Five, including two police chiefs, indicted on 10-year visa fraud scheme in western Louisiana*, WBRZ2 News, July 16, 2025. A complete recording of the press conference can be found at https://www.wbrz.com/news/five-including-two-police-chiefs-indicted-on-10-year-visa-fraud-scheme-in-western-louisiana/.

Interview, *Acting U.S. attorney weighs in on how his office prosecutes drug cases*, KSLA News, April 1, 2025. Recording available at https://www.ksla.com/video/2025/04/01/acting-us-attorney-weighs-how-his-office-prosecutes-drug-cases/.

Press conference, *'High-level drug traffickers' indicted in Ruston, Monroe investigation*, KNOE8 News, March 27, 2025. A complete recording of the press conference can be found at https://www.knoe.com/2025/03/27/high-level-drug-traffickers-indicted-ruston-monroe-investigation/.

Brian McCallum, *Acting U.S. Attorney: Fraud prosecutions 'pretty steady' in Western District of Louisiana*, The Shreveport-Bossier Advocate, March 20, 2025. Copy supplied.

Patrick Donner, *Alleged Scheme Targeted Older USAA Bank Patrons*, San Antonio Express News, April 27, 2024. Copy supplied.

Gwendolyn Ducre, *Governor Kept Mum Amid Conflicting Accounts of Deadly Arrest*, ASSOCIATED PRESS, February 3, 2022. Copy supplied.

Gary Hines, *U.S. Attorney 'I'm disturbed by the firepower we're seeing; I'm not surprised,'* KTBS Online Article, November 16, 2021. Copy supplied.

Interview, *U.S. Attorney Alexander Van Hook, Western District of LA*, KTBS News, November 16, 2021. Recording available at https://www.ktbs.com/u-s-attorney-alexander-van-hook-western-district-of-la/video_0f10455c-5eef-5244-8c7c-1d29f97a2819.html.

Interview, *Alec Van Hook: Feds Help Shreveport Fight Crime*, 710 KEEL News, October 2021 (exact date unknown). Recording available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOVyqgw3LII.

Press conference in Shreveport, Louisiana to announce that the City of Shreveport Police Department was chosen to participate in the Public Safety Partnership with the United States Department of Justice, October 12, 2021. I was unable to find a recording of the event or a copy of the remarks made. The remarks were given at the U.S. Attorney's Office which is located at 300 Fannin Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

Interview, *Officials Targeting Covid-19 Fraud*, Governance Risk & Compliance Monitor Worldwide, April 23, 2021. Copy supplied.

Interview, *Acting U.S. Attorney Alec Van Hook on crime in our community*, 710 KEEL News, Robert & Erin, December 8, 2020. Recording available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGRZrftonNQ.

Press conference, *Federal, State and Local Agencies Work Together to Curb Gun Violence in Shreveport*, September 15, 2020. Recording available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erbfwLKbz0E.

Press conference in Winnfield, Louisiana to announce the arrest of 20 Winn Parish suspects involved in methamphetamine trafficking, October 4, 2017. I was unable to find a recording of the event or a copy of the remarks made. A story related to the news conference can be found at https://www.knoe.com/content/news/Multiple-agencies-arrest-20-people-in-meth-bust--449517963.html.

Press conference, *U.S. Attorney announces indictment of alleged Shreveport gang*, July 11, 2017. Partial recording available at https://www.shreveporttimes.com/videos/news/2017/07/11/u.s.-attorney-announces-indictment-alleged-shreveport-gang/103601644/.

Interview, according to my recollection and a calendar entry, I was interviewed by a reporter with KADN News in Lafayette, Louisiana on May 17, 2017, to discuss the heroin and opioid epidemic in south Louisiana. I have been unable to find a copy of the interview.

Interview, *Area Law Enforcement Receives $800K in Bust*, The Shreveport Times, January 12, 2017. Copy supplied.

Press conference in Lafayette, Louisiana to announce the indictment of nine individuals for methamphetamine trafficking, November 20, 2014. I was unable to find a recording of the event or a copy of the remarks made. A news story related to the press conference is attached.

Billy Gunn, *Lucky Sentenced to 25 Months in Art Forgery Case*, Alexandria Daily Town

Talk, January 4, 2012. 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.

As noted above, I have served as Acting United States Attorney on three occasions by virtue of the Vacancies Reform Act. In January 2018, I was appointed Interim United States Attorney by Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

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.

Prior to reaching the age 18, I volunteered for the 1987 Louisiana Gubernatorial campaign of Buddy Roemer and for the 1986 Shreveport Mayor campaign of John Hussey. My work related to both campaigns was primarily installing yard signs for individuals who requested them.

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 1997 to 1998, I served as a clerk to Chief Judge Henry A. Politz, United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

From 1998 to 1999, I served as a clerk to Judge Tom Stagg, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

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

I have not practiced law alone.

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

Other than my clerkships, my entire legal career from 1999 to 2025 has been spent as an Assistant United States Attorney at the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Louisiana.

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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.

From 1997 to 1999, I worked as judicial law clerk, spending one year at the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and one year at the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana. I conducted legal research on civil and criminal matters and prepared draft opinions.

From 1999 to September 2025, I have served in various positions in the United States Attorney's Office. Approximately 98 percent of my litigation work is criminal and about two percent is civil. During the course of my career, I have prosecuted hundreds of cases. My courtroom experience included presenting cases to the grand jury, litigating pretrial matters before magistrate judges (such as detention hearings and motions to suppress), and participating in guilty plea hearings, contested sentencing hearings, and trials. My civil experience was primarily limited to asset forfeiture litigation and recovering assets on behalf of the government and victims of crime.

Since 2007, I have served in various supervisory positions to include Deputy Criminal Chief, First Assistant United States Attorney, and Acting/Interim United States Attorney. As First Assistant, I managed the day-to-day operations of the office and worked to advance the priorities of the Attorney General and United States Attorney. Despite the administrative nature of these jobs, I always maintained an active caseload and litigated in the district court.

Although most of my experience is in criminal law, as First Assistant I supervised the Civil Chief. As part of this work, I approved the initiation and settlement of lawsuits and gained familiarity with the civil statutory framework including the Federal Torts Claim Act and the False Claims Act.

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

I have represented the United States and its agencies throughout my legal career.

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 has focused exclusively on litigation. The frequency of my court appearances has varied from year to year. As an Assistant United States Attorney, I was in court multiple times a week. As First Assistant and Acting United States Attorney, most litigation is handled by Assistant United States Attorneys. However, I always maintained a case load because I thought it was important to understand the challenges faced by federal agents, Assistant United States Attorneys, and the court. For example, in April 2024, I charged a 21-defendant bank fraud case which required me to appear in court regularly while serving as First Assistant and Acting United States Attorney.

i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1. federal courts: 100%
2. state courts of record: __%
3. other courts: __%
4. administrative agencies: __%

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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

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.

During my career, I have completed approximately eighteen jury trials. I was sole counsel on four of those trials, lead counsel on six, and co-counsel on the remainder. The cases that I prosecute tend to be complex and my trials tend to be longer, averaging a week or more. All of my trials have been connected with criminal cases, and I have secured convictions in every case that I have tried. In two multi-defendant cases, one defendant was acquitted, and the other was found guilty.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

1. jury: 100%
2. non-jury: __%

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 practiced before the Supreme Court of the United States.

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. *United States v. Wilson*, Case No. 5:00-CR-50050 (W.D. La.) (Judge Donald E. Walter) (Representation: 1999 – 2002)

I served as co-counsel in the investigation and prosecution of Calvin Odom a/k/a Butch Wilson. Odom was the head of a Los Angeles-based cocaine trafficking and money laundering operation. The organization transported large quantities of cocaine from Los Angeles to Shreveport, Louisiana, and used fictitious senders to initiate Western Union transactions to launder the proceeds. Evidence at Odom's trial established that he used violence and threats of violence to advance the drug trafficking enterprise. Odom was convicted at trial of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and money laundering and was originally sentenced to life imprisonment.

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2. *United States v. Wharton*, Case No. 5:00-CR-50066 (W.D. La.) (Judge Donald E. Walter) (Representation: 2000 – 2003)

I served as co-counsel in the investigation and prosecution of Curtis A. Wharton. This case involved a $2.5 million insurance fraud scheme where Wharton and his wife conspired to fake her death in Haiti to collect life insurance proceeds. When Mrs. Wharton began to have second thoughts, Wharton hired a hitman to kill her on an isolated road near Port-au-Prince on January 15, 2000. Due to pre-trial publicity, the trial was moved to New Orleans and took approximately one month to complete. The trial was complicated by the need to secure witnesses from Haiti who were not subject to the court's subpoena power. This was one of the first cases to use the extra-territorial jurisdiction provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1119. Wharton was convicted on all counts and was sentenced to life imprisonment and ordered to pay a $2.5 million fine. *United States v. Wharton*, 320 F.3d 526 (5th Cir. 2003).

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3. *United States v. Thornhill et al.*, Case No. 3:03-CR-10022 (W.D. La.) (Judge Dee D. Drell) (Representation: 2002 – 2005)

I served as sole counsel in the investigation and prosecution of William Thornhill and Robert Thomas. The defendants conspired to defraud a group of Alexandria, Louisiana, investors out of over one million dollars with promises of huge returns related to gold and currency allegedly stored in Nigeria. The defendants were convicted at trial, and each was sentenced to 96 months imprisonment.

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4. *United States v. Thompson et al.*, Case No. 5:03-CR-50033 (W.D. La.) (Judge Donald E. Walter) (Representation: 2003 – 2005)

I served as co-counsel in the prosecution of an armored car robbery ring led by Larry Thompson. On March 13, 2003, Thompson, Regan Gatti, and four other men emerged from a Suburban and used AK-47 rifles and semi-automatic handguns to rob the driver and other guard of an armored car making a delivery of cash at the Hibernia Bank in Shreveport, Louisiana. After stealing approximately $780,000 in cash from the guards, the defendants drove the Suburban to a nearby apartment complex, transferred the money to a getaway van, and doused the Suburban with gasoline. While the van was being pursued by the police, Gatti and others fired shots from the van and injured a police officer allowing the van to enter a residential neighborhood where the defendants jumped out. While in the neighborhood, Gatti exchanged gunfire with the police. Gatti was convicted at trial and was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment. Thompson and the remaining defendants pled guilty and received sentences ranging from 240 to 300 months imprisonment.

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5. *United States v. King*, Case No. 5:06-CR-50096 (W.D. La.) (Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.) (Representation: 2005 – 2007)

I served as lead counsel in the investigation and prosecution of Ronald King. King was the head of an extensive cocaine trafficking and money laundering operation that trafficked drugs from Dallas to Shreveport, Louisiana, between 1998 and 2006. The investigation utilized sophisticated financial analysis and other investigative techniques including wiretaps. In 2007, King was convicted at trial and sentenced to 400 months imprisonment. *United States v. King*, 541 F.3d 1143 (5th Cir. 2008).

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6. *United States v. Walker et al.*, Case No. 5:07-CR-50097 (W.D. La.) (Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.) (Representation: 2005 – 2008)

I served as lead counsel in the investigation and prosecution of Michael Walker and Vernon Claville, two elected judges in Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Walker and Claville accepted bribes to reduce bonds and release defendants appearing before them from custody. This case involved a long-term investigation utilizing wiretaps and other complex investigative techniques. A jury found the defendants guilty of violating the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. The trial judge departed upward from the recommended sentencing guidelines and sentenced Walker to 120 months and Claville to 60 months imprisonment.

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7. *United States v. Toye et al.*, Case No. 1:10-CR-00055 (W.D. La.) (Judge Dee D. Drell) (Representation: 2009 – 2012)

I served as lead counsel in the investigation and prosecution of William J. Toye, Beryl Toye, and Robert Lucky. William Toye was an art forger in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who painted in the styles of various artists including Gauguin, Renoir, and Monet. In his later years, Toye forged Clementine Hunter paintings and conspired with Lucky to sell them to unwitting art collectors. Toye's wife, Beryl Toye, helped advance the scheme by providing false provenance for the paintings. Lucky worked at a high-end antique store in New Orleans and fraudulently used the stellar reputation of that firm to lend legitimacy to the scheme. While paying Toye $1,000 or less for each painting, Lucky sold them to collectors for $5,000 or more. During the conspiracy, Lucky obtained approximately $400,000 from investors. The defendants were charged with conspiracy, wire fraud, and mail fraud and each pled guilty. Due to their advanced age and poor health, the Toyes were sentenced to supervised probation. Lucky was sentenced to 25 months imprisonment.

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8. *United States v. Gilmore et al.*, Case No. 3:10-CR-00200 (W.D. La.) (Judge Donald E. Walter) (Representation: 2012 – 2013)

I served as lead counsel in the public corruption retrial of Monroe, Louisiana City Councilman Arthur Gilmore. Gilmore and his colleague Monroe City Councilman Robert Stephens were originally convicted in May 2011 of racketeering and extortion for taking bribes from a person with business before the City Council. In 2012, the defendants filed a motion for new trial alleging issues with the original conviction. After the motion was filed, the United States Attorney agreed that the defendants should receive a new trial. Another Assistant United States Attorney and I were tasked with dealing with the ramifications of the allegations raised in the motion for new trial and retrying the case. Stevens pled guilty shortly before trial and Gilmore was found guilty by the trial jury. Stephens was sentenced to 20 months imprisonment and Gilmore was sentenced to 24 months imprisonment.

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9. *United States v. Spann*, Case No. 5:18-CR-00232 (W.D. La.) (Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.) (Representation: 2022 – 2023)

I served as co-counsel in the prosecution and trial of Carlos A. Spann. Spann was the leader of a counterfeit check cashing ring. Spann and his co-conspirators counterfeited checks and identification documents and negotiated dozens of counterfeit checks throughout Texas and Louisiana. A jury convicted Spann at trial, and he was sentenced to 120 months imprisonment and ordered to pay approximately $400,000 in restitution.

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10. *United States v. Sanford et al.*, Case No. 5:22-CR-00209 (W.D. La.) (Judge Elizabeth E. Foote and Judge Donald E. Walter) (Representation: 2022 – 2023)

I served as sole counsel in the investigation and public corruption prosecution of Harold W. Sanford, Jr. and Mitchell Morehead. Sanford was a Sergeant with the Bossier City, Louisiana Police Department and the President of the Bossier City Police Union. Morehead, who had years of run-ins with law enforcement, was hired by Sanford to raise funds for the police union. Sanford and Morehead would solicit money from area businesses by claiming that the money would support children's charity work supported by the Bossier City Police Union. In fact, Sanford and Morehead kept the bulk of the money themselves. The investigation used complicated investigative techniques including wiretaps that also revealed that Sanford and Morehead were illegally obtaining prescription drugs. Due to his criminal history, Morehead was detained at the time of indictment and was sentenced to time served. Sanford pled guilty and was sentenced to one year of imprisonment and ordered to pay restitution to the Bossier City Police Union.

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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.)

I have not engaged in any lobbying work.

Since 2007, I have had supervisory duties that do not directly involve litigation. As Deputy Criminal Chief, I managed Criminal Division Assistant United States Attorneys and support staff. I also was responsible for assigning cases and deciding which cases the office would accept for prosecution.

As First Assistant, I supervised the Appellate Chief, the Criminal Chiefs, the Civil Chief, the Administrative Officer, and the Assistant United States Attorney in charge of the Western District's Litigation Technology Unit. I played a key role in drafting and maintaining the district's Criminal Division Manual, Prosecution Guidelines, and Standard Plea Agreement.

In 2017, I established the Western District's Litigation Technology Unit. This unit automated the collection of evidence and the discovery process to ensure that evidence is easily reviewable and provided to opposing counsel in a timely manner. Our Litigation Technology Unit is recognized as one of the best in the United States and has brought our technology capability to a level comparable with some of the nation's largest law firms.

I have also participated in the investigation of hundreds of cases that have not gone to trial. Many of these cases were highly complex and were resolved by guilty pleas. For example, for several years I was involved in the investigation and prosecution of a defendant who orchestrated an elaborate Ponzi scheme with an intended loss of approximately $100 million. This case involved protracted pretrial ligation. In 2022, the defendant was sentenced to 180 months imprisonment and ordered to pay over $52 million in restitution.

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.

I have never taught a course. I have spoken to high school, college, and law school classes to include the summer trial advocacy program at LSU Law School.

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.

No.

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

In September 2025, I filed financial disclosures pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978. When my nomination is formally submitted to the Senate, I will file my mandated Financial Disclosure Report and supply a copy to this Committee.

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 myself from any litigation that was opened and handled by the United States Attorney's Office during my employment there.

For any other matters, I will evaluate any other real or potential conflict on a case-by-case basis and determine the appropriate action to include recusal when necessary.

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

If confirmed, I will carefully review and address any real or potential conflicts by reference to 28 U.S.C. § 455, Canon 3 of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and any other laws, rules, and practices governing such circumstances. In situations that present actual conflicts of interest based on my current or prior positions at the Department of Justice, I would recuse myself from any cases in which I was personally involved as a prosecutor or supervisor. In situations involving potential conflicts of interest, I would disclose all relevant information to the parties, allow the parties to be heard, and then rule on any recusal motion based upon the application of all relevant authorities and guidance.

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.

As an attorney for the United States, my ability to engage in the outside practice of law is very limited. While working for the United States Attorney's Office, I served as a judge for a local high school mock trial team and worked with students in the classroom at the high school college, and law school level.

As the First Assistant and Acting United States Attorney, I encouraged the attorneys and staff to engage in the community where appropriate. The office participated in community service projects ranging from to food drives to hurricane relief. I have participated in Feds Feed Families, Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport and Shreveport Green Cleanup Day. Feds Feed Families is an annual food drive that we coordinated with a local recuse mission. Paint Your Hear Out Shreveport is an annual paint program where volunteers paint the homes of elderly and disadvantaged people in the community. Shreveport Green is an area nonprofit that hosts an annual cleanup day in the city. The United States Attorney's Office participates in these events to promote an understanding that addressing urban blight can help reduce crime.

As a regional advisor for my college fraternity I worked with young people to discourage practices that could lead to alcohol abuse or hazing. As a member of the vestry of my church, I worked on issues of housing and healthcare for disadvantaged people in our community. My wife and I also provide financial support to a faith-based organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and crime for young people in an inner-city neighborhood in Shreveport.

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 December 2024, I submitted an online application to Senator John N. Kennedy asking to be considered for United States Attorney or United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. On January 29, 2025, I received an email from a member of Senator Kennedy's staff asking me to supply a resume. On June 29, 2025, I received an email from Senator Kennedy's office asking if I would be available to travel to Washington, D.C. in July to interview with Senator Kennedy for the United States Attorney vacancy for the Western District of Louisiana. Working with his staff, we agreed that I would meet with Senator Kennedy on the afternoon of July 9, 2025.

On the morning of July 9, 2025, I received a call from a member of Senator Kennedy's staff asking if I would also like to be considered for the vacant United States District Judge position for the Western District of Louisiana, and I said that it would be an honor to be considered as I had submitted an application for both positions. I met with Senator Kennedy that afternoon. On July 16, 2025, I received a call from a member of Senator Kennedy's staff advising that Senator Kennedy was likely going to recommend me to the White House for the district judge position.

On August 15, 2025, I received an email from the White House Counsel's Office asking if I could travel to Washington, D.C. for an interview. I interviewed with a group of people at the White House Counsel's Office on August 21, 2025. On September 4, 2025, I received an email from the White House Counsel's Office saying that the President was considering nominating me to the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana and asking that I begin working with the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy on the nomination process. Since that time, I have had periodic contact with the White House Counsel's Office and the Office of Legal Policy.

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, Alexander Coker Van Hook, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

September 20, 2025
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