

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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

Timothy Peter VerHey

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

United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan, U.S. Department of Justice

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

Office:

U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Michigan
330 Ionia Avenue NW, Suite 501
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Residence:

7690 W. Irving Road
Middleville, Michigan 49333

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

1962; Chicago, IL

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.

University of Notre Dame Law School, 1984 – 1987
Juris Doctor – May 1987

Centre College of Kentucky, 1980 – 1984
BA – June 1984

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.

July 2025 – Present

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September 1990 – July 2025

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October 2007 – August 2025

Chairman
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October 2006 – December 2020

Adjunct Professor
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Grand Rapids, MI 49503

August 2000 – December 2005

Adjunct Professor
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250 West Main Street, #1600
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January 1985 – May 1985
Legal Intern
United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Indiana
204 South Main Street
South Bend, IN 46601

December 1984 – January 1985
Salesclerk
Lancelot Liquors
1309 US – 127
Frankfort, KY 40601

August 1984 – December 1985
Library Employee

University of Notre Dame Law Library
Notre Dame, IN 46556

June 1983 – August 1985, December 1985, December 1986
Salesclerk
Lancelot Liquors
1309 US – 127
Frankfort, KY 40601

7. **Military Service and Draft Status:** Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including dates of service, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for selective service.

I have not served in the U.S. military. I have registered for selective service.

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

National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, 2024

Outstanding Service Award, Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General
2021

Named Trial Counsel in Residence at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District
of Michigan, 2009 – 2025

Inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers (an honorary society recognizing
excellence in trial advocacy), 2007

Director's Award for Superior Performance by an AUSA, Justice Department, 2002

Case of the Year Award, Western District of Michigan, 2002

Case of the Year Award, Western District of Michigan, 2001

Outstanding Prosecution Service Award, FBI, 2000

Outstanding Prosecution Service Award, FBI, 1999

Outstanding Prosecution Service Award, FBI, 1997

Director's Award for Superior Performance by an AUSA, Justice Department, 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.

Michigan Bar Association

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

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

Michigan, January 1988

I was administratively suspended between February 14, 2023 – March 10, 2023, because I neglected to pay my bar dues on time.

- 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.

Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals (July 1988)

Western District of Michigan (February 1989)

Michigan courts (January 1988)

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.

Federalist Society (2007 – Present)

American College of Trial Lawyers (2007 – Present)

Federal Bar Association, Western District of Michigan (1990 – Present)

Past President (2009)

President (2008)

Treasurer (2007)

Secretary (2006)

Hillman Trial Advocacy Program (1998 – Present)

Boy Scouts of America (2010 – 2016)

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

Except for the Boy Scouts of America, to my knowledge none of the organizations listed have ever engaged in discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. The Boy Scouts began accepting female scouts in 2019.

12. Published Writings and Public Statements:

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

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

Say It To My Face: The Supreme Court Continues to Rewrite the Rules on Hearsay Evidence in Criminal Trials, Bar and Bench, Vol. 19, No. 2, August, 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.

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

- c. Supply four (4) copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal

interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

I have done my best to identify any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that I have issued or provided or that others presented on my behalf to public bodies or public officials, including a thorough review of my personal files and searches of publicly available databases. Despite my searches, I have been unable to locate any such information.

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

I have done my best to identify copies, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by me, including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions, including a thorough review of my personal files and searches of publicly available databases. Despite my searches, there may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Microsoft Teams

October 8, 2025

Government-to-government meeting with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. These were unscripted welcoming remarks, including assurances that we will continue to work together on common problems. No materials or notes retained.

Violence Tribal Leadership Summit

6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI

September 16, 2025

Opening remarks to Uniting Three Fires Against Violence Tribal Leadership Summit. Outline of remarks attached.

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

2521 N. West Bay Shore Drive, Peshawbestown MI

September 3, 2025

Government-to-government meeting with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. There were unscripted welcoming remarks, including

assurances that we will continue to work together on common problems. No materials or notes retained.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
2186 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
August 27, 2025

Government-to-government meeting with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. These were unscripted welcoming remarks, including assurances that we will continue to work together on common problems. No materials or notes retained.

Hannahville-Potawatomi Indian Community
N 14911 Hannaville, B-1 Road, Wilson, MI
August 26, 2025

Government-to-government meeting with the Hannahville-Potawatomi Indian Community. These were unscripted welcoming remarks, including assurances that we will continue to work together on common problems. No materials or notes retained.

Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
N 4698 US Highway 45, Watersmeet, MI
August 26, 2025

Government-to-government meeting with the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. These were unscripted welcoming remarks, including assurances that we will continue to work together on common problems. No materials or notes retained.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
16429 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI
August 25, 2025

Government-to-government meeting with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. These were unscripted welcoming remarks, including assurances that we will continue to work together on common problems. No materials or notes retained.

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians.
1485 Mno-Bmadzewen Way, Fulton, MI
August 20, 2025

Government-to-government meeting with the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians. These were unscripted welcoming remarks, including assurances that we will continue to work together on common problems. No materials or notes retained.

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians
2872 Mission Drive, Shelbyville, MI
August 14, 2025

Government-to-government meeting with the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band

of Potawatomi Indians. These were unscripted welcoming remarks, including assurances that we will continue to work together on common problems. No materials or notes retained.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI
August 13, 2025

Government-to-government meeting with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. These were unscripted welcoming remarks, including assurances that we will continue to work together on common problems. No materials or notes retained.

Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa
Microsoft Teams
August 12, 2025

Government-to-government meeting with Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. These were unscripted welcoming remarks, including assurances that we will continue to work together on common problems. No materials or notes retained.

Michigan FBI Cybercrime
Jackson Financial, 1 Corporate Way, Lansing, MI
July 29, 2025

Closing remarks to the Michigan FBI Cybercrime meeting. These were unscripted remarks thanking the audience for attending, emphasizing the importance of addressing cybercrime and assuring attendees that serious crimes will be fully investigated. No materials or notes retained.

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

I have done my best to identify interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these interviews. I have located the following statements and press releases:

Orthodontist Sentenced to 60 Years in Prison for Exploiting Children, February 23, 2026. Copy supplied.

Repeat Offender Receives Maximum Sentence, February 18, 2026. Copy supplied.

Hudsonville Man Pleads Guilty to Possessing and Transferring a Machinegun, February 11, 2026. Copy supplied.

Parolee Who Shot Police Officer While Resisting Arrest Sentenced to 15 Years in Federal Prison, February 4, 2026. Copy supplied.

Woman Who Posed as Licensed Registered Nurse Sentenced to 75 Months in Prison, January 27, 2026. Copy supplied.

Bryon Center Resident Pleads Guilty to Tax Evasion – James Scholten has agreed to pay \$868,707 in taxes due to the United States, January 26, 2026. Copy supplied.

Final Defendant Sentenced in Case Related to Seizure of Over 12 Pounds of Methamphetamine in Kalamazoo, January 5, 2026. Copy supplied.

Justice Department Announces Results of Operation Relentless Justice, December 19, 2025. Copy supplied.

Battle Creek Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Federal Prison for Intending to Sell Fentanyl, December 12, 2025. Copy supplied.

Baldwin Man Sentenced to 25 Years in Prison for Sexual Exploitation of a Child, December 10, 2025. Copy supplied.

Kingsford Man Sentenced to 360 Months in Prison for Exploiting a Minor, December 5, 2025. Copy supplied.

Federal Jury Convicts Man of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, December 5, 2025. Copy supplied.

Kalamazoo Man Sentenced to 420 Months in Prison for Exploiting a Minor, November 19, 2025. Copy supplied.

Grand Rapids Man Sentenced to Federal Prison for Threatening to Kill the President, Vice President, and Two Others, November 17, 2025. Copy supplied.

Offender Who Repeatedly Exploited Minors Sentenced to Decades in Prison, November 17, 2025. Copy supplied.

Federal Jury Convicts Muskegon Man Involved in Shooting of Being Felon in Possession of Firearm, November 14, 2025. Copy supplied.

Opening Remarks at All-Staff Meeting, October 1, 2025. Copy supplied.

Three Guatemalan Citizens Charged with Conspiracy to Sell Phony United States Identification Cards, September 30, 2025. Copy supplied.

Kalamazoo Drug Trafficker Sentenced to 30 Years in Federal Prison, September 19, 2025. Copy supplied.

Opening Remarks at Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, Tribal Leadership Summit, September 16, 2025. Copy supplied.

Machinegun Trafficker Sentenced to Over 6 Years in Prison, September 9, 2025. Copy supplied.

Former Battle Creek Doctor to Pay Over \$700,000 to Resolve Federal Lawsuit for Issuing Improper Drug Prescriptions, August 28, 2025. Copy supplied.

Holland Man Sentenced to 25 Years for Sexual Exploitation of a Child, August 27, 2025. Copy supplied.

Florida Resident Pleads Guilty to Money Laundering Charge in Nationwide Fraud Scheme, August 26, 2025. Copy supplied.

U.P. Man Sentenced to Life in Prison, August 25, 2025. Copy supplied.

Battle Creek Man Pleads Guilty to Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl, August 22, 2025. Copy supplied.

Wyoming Man Charged with Drug Trafficking and Possessing a Firearm, August 18, 2025. Copy supplied.

United States Attorney's Office to Participate in Community Event During National Night Out, August 5, 2025. Copy supplied.

Grant Man Sentenced to 36 Months for Transporting Explosives and Possessing a Destructive Device, August 1, 2025. Copy supplied.

Caledonia Man Sentenced to 30 Years in Prison for Sexually Exploiting High School Girls, August 1, 2025. Copy supplied.

Man Sentenced to 15 Months in Prison for Assault of a Postal Employee, July 30, 2025. Copy supplied.

Timothy VerHey Appointed United States Attorney, July 22, 2025. Copy supplied.

Ecoterrorist admits MSU firebombing 25 years ago; 'Psychological warfare' was mission, but methods have since changed, February 26, 2017. Copy supplied.

Zeller & Johnson Chiropractic enters plea, February 21, 2015. Copy supplied.

Local chiropractor's office charged in federal court, December 12, 2014. Copy supplied.

Prison for Man in WKKF scam, September 6, 2013. Copy supplied.

Powder mailing prompts scrutiny, May 21, 2013. Copy supplied.

Shipwrecked!, American Greed, February 21, 2013. Video supplied.

The Undertaker, FBI: Criminal Pursuit, Season 3, Episode 3, (audio and transcript of episode), April 25, 2012. Copy supplied.

Guilty verdicts in federal arson case, December 19, 2009. Copy supplied.

3 charged in \$800K theft, August 22, 2009. Copy supplied.

Local man heads to prison in drug case, April 16, 2009. Copy supplied.

American Greed, Fraud in Cyberspace—Or—The Rise and Fall of CyberNET (video), March 12, 2008. Copy supplied.

'A big cash grab' Feds don't let Kotlarz-Watson diminish Cybernet role, September 5, 2007. Copy supplied.

CyberNET's 'money man' admits money laundering, November 22, 2006. Copy supplied.

Ex-president of bankrupt G.R. company charged in federal court, April 17, 2006. Copy supplied.

Accountant says he stole to aid eatery, Muskegon Catholic Schools, April 5, 2006. Copy supplied.

Accountant to plead in \$2M fraud, April 3, 2006. Copy supplied.

Finance inquiry jolts local Catholics, March 11, 2006. Copy supplied.

Judge orders prison, restitution for embezzlement, October 18, 2005. Copy supplied.

Man pleads guilty to bilking investors of \$43 million, July 16, 2004. Copy supplied.

Too good to be true? The former owner of a supermarket chain is among the early investors who earned millions before a "diverting" scheme fell apart.

Lawyers now want those investors to cover the losses of others, July 6, 2004. Copy supplied.

Brother vs. brother, Convicted killer may testify against brother after jury spares life, October 10, 2003. Copy supplied.

Man facing possible death sentence gets life in prison, October 9, 2003. Copy supplied.

Bank-robbery suspect lived across the street, Nearly three years ago, George Edwin Grosse, 45, allegedly called in a hoax bomb threat to divert attention before his crime, November 27, 2002. Copy supplied.

Technicality spoils law that takes guns from abusers, An appeals court upholds a Grand Rapids judge's ruling that a man convicted of domestic abuse lost a civil right, October 6, 2002. Copy supplied.

Former Michigan state work convicted of corruption, January 27, 2001. Copy supplied.

State employee admits soliciting, accepting bribes, June 9, 2000. Copy supplied.

Crimes in the name of the environment, September 26, 1999. Copy supplied.

Ex-city manager faces November embezzlement trial, September 9, 1999. Copy supplied.

Former city manager indicted on federal charges, March 12, 1999. Copy supplied.

Alleged MSU bomber released to await trial, Lansing State Journal, December 1994. Copy supplied.

13. Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:

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

I have not run for public office.

Chairman, Thornapple Township Zoning Board of Appeals, Barry County
Michigan 2007 – 2025

I was appointed by the Thornapple township clerk, whom I believe was Cindy

Wilshire at that time.

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

I have never been involved in any political activity.

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

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

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

Between August 1987 – August 1988, I served as a law clerk for Hon. Harry W. Wellford, a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

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

I have not practiced alone.

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

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

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator.

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

I have not held any judicial office.

b. Describe:

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

After graduation from law school in 1987, I first spent a year as a judicial clerk. During this year, I worked under the supervision of a judge, who

asked me to draft bench memoranda and judicial opinions. I left this position in 1988.

After leaving my clerkship position, in 1988 I became an associate attorney for a law firm in Grand Rapids, Michigan. While there, I produced written legal work at the direction of supervisory attorneys in the areas of civil litigation, corporate mergers and acquisitions, real estate and state security regulation. I only rarely appeared in court. I left the firm in 1990.

In 1990 I became a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In this position I served as the lead prosecutor on a multitude of criminal matters occurring in the district and appeared in court multiple times each week.

I remained an Assistant United States Attorney until 2025, when I was appointed to be the United States Attorney in the Western District of Michigan. This position requires me to supervise the activities of the Assistant United States Attorneys under me, and to coordinate the activities of my office with the federal and state agencies that it serves. I am also the point of contact for communications between the Justice Department and my office.

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

Upon graduation from law school in 1987, I became a law clerk for Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Harry W. Wellford in Memphis, Tennessee. This job involved reviewing appellate briefs filed in federal civil and criminal cases and then preparing memoranda for the judge to assist him in deciding the matter. Once he decided how the matter was to be decided, the judge asked me to prepare a legal opinion for his review.

After the conclusion of my judicial clerkship, I became an attorney with the Grand Rapids, Michigan, law firm of Warner, Norcross and Judd. While there I engaged in civil litigation, regulatory issues, corporate mergers and acquisitions and appellate matters. Typical clients included individuals and commercial entities with ties to West Michigan.

Beginning in September 1990, I became a federal prosecutor at the United States Attorney's Office in Grand Rapids. I have charged and tried all manner of federal criminal activity affecting the Western District of Michigan. I have also defended these cases on appeal to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
- | | |
|-----------------------------|------|
| 1. federal courts: | 100% |
| 2. state courts of record: | 0% |
| 3. other courts: | 0% |
| 4. administrative agencies: | 0% |

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
- | | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. civil proceedings: | 2% |
| 2. criminal proceedings: | 98% |

Since joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1990, one hundred percent of my legal practice has been devoted to federal criminal litigation in the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. I have appeared in court, on average, three times a week when not involved in a trial. When engaged in a trial, I have been in court all day until the conclusion.

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. What percentage of these trials were:
- | | |
|--------------|------|
| 1. Jury: | 97.3 |
| 2. non-jury: | 2.7% |

Between 1990 – Present, I tried 74 cases to verdict. All but two were jury trials. I was sole government counsel in 40 of these cases; in the remaining 34 cases I had co-counsel. In those 34 cases, I was lead counsel 30 times. In the remaining four trials, I was second chair, typically because I was training a less experienced attorney.

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

I have not practiced before the Supreme Court.

15. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of

the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

- a. the date of representation;
- b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
- c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following cases resulted in conviction.

1. United States v. Marvin Gabrion

Western District of Michigan
Judge Robert Holmes Bell
2002 – 2022

See United States v. Gabrion, 517 F.3d 839 (6th Cir. 2008)
United States v. Gabrion, 719 F.3d 511 (6th Cir. 2013)
United States v. Gabrion, 43 F.3d 569 (6th Cir. 2022)

This case began in 1997 when a young woman named Rachael Timmerman and her infant daughter disappeared from Newaygo County, Michigan, after the woman had charged Gabrion with sexually assaulting her. Her body was later found in a nearby lake, under circumstances indicating that she had been thrown into it alive after being bound with chains to cement blocks. This led to a manhunt for Gabrion, who had disappeared. He was found months later having assumed the identity of another man named Robert Allen. Because Timmerman's murder was within National Forest property, I began a federal investigation that culminated in Gabrion's murder conviction and death sentence in 2002. The jury concluded that Gabrion murdered Timmerman, her infant, Allen, and two others. I served as principal trial counsel during the jury trial of this case.

The case was legally noteworthy because it represented the first federal death sentence imposed in Michigan since capital punishment was constitutionally permitted by the Supreme Court, and it broke new ground on federal jurisdiction involving National Forest land. The case was heard by the Sixth Circuit three times, including by an en banc court. I was appellate counsel for the government.

Primary Co-counsel:

Donald A. Davis (deceased).
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David Stebbins
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2. United States v. Walee Abdulazeem Al-Din

Western District of Michigan
Judge Robert J. Jonker
2013
Lead trial counsel, appellate counsel.

United States v. Al-Din, 631 F. App'x 313 (6th Cir 2015) (unpublished)

This case involved the prosecution of six members of a street gang called the Block Burners, located in Lansing, Michigan. They generated income for themselves by robbery. Four of the six adults charged went to trial. The trial focused upon two of the worst acts the gang committed: Members of the gang broke into the home of a paraplegic man to rob him of his medical marijuana. During the robbery, they inflicted a beating on him severe enough to require the amputation of his legs. On another occasion, the defendants broke into the home of a 19-year-old female, then kidnaped her as part of a plan to discover the location of her boyfriend's marijuana grow operation. While trying to force the struggling teen into the trunk of their car, one of the gang members lost his temper and fatally shot her.

The prosecution of these six defendants was significant because it removed an especially dangerous group of men from their beleaguered neighborhood.

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3. United States v. Lawrence Bost

Western District of Michigan
Judge Richard Alan Enslen
2001
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United States v. Bost, 144 F. Supp. 2d 892 (W.D. Mich. 2001)

This public corruption case involved a Michigan official who was responsible for purchasing all the computers used by the State of Michigan. He misused his position to extort bribes from computer vendors in the form of cash and sometimes sexual favors. This case was significant because of the public corruption involved.

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4. United States v. Edward Demarey

Western District of Michigan
Judge Gordon J. Quist
1994
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United States v. Demarey, 1996 WL 145870 (6th Cir. 1996) (unpublished)

This case involved the embezzlement of approximately \$300,000 from the Battle Creek V.A. hospital by its chief financial officer. The case was significant because it represented the largest embezzlement prosecution of a high-ranking V.A. official at the time.

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5. United States v. Richard Wiegand

Western District of Michigan
Judge Benjamin Gibson
1993
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United States v. Wiegand, 1994 WL 714347 (6th Cir. 1994) (unpublished)

This case involved a racially motivated arson of a home in Battle Creek, Michigan. The two perpetrators were white men who burned down a house because they did not want black families in their neighborhood.

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6. United States v. James Beckman
Western District of Michigan
Judge Janet T. Neff
2014
Trial counsel.

United States v. Beckman, 624 F. App'x 909 (6th Cir. 2015) (unpublished)

This was a child pornography prosecution in which a parent broadcast himself sexually abusing his two minor children to other pedophiles.

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7. United States v. Antonio Martinez-Lopez
Western District of Michigan
Judge Paul L. Maloney
2017
Trial counsel.

United States v. Martinez-Lopez, 747 F. App'x 326 (6th Cir. 2018) (unpublished)

This was a multi-million-dollar fraudulent scheme in which the defendants solicited people to participate in sham automobile accidents in order to submit bogus pain treatment invoices to the State of Michigan and to private insurers.

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8. United States v. George Timothy Gray and Alex Cruz

Western District of Michigan
Judge Richard Enslen
1997
Trial counsel, appellate counsel.

United States v. Gray, 194 F.3d 1314 (Table), 1999 WL 801538 (6th Cir. 1999)

This case involved a bank robbery during which the defendants shot and killed the bank manager. As a result, they were charged with bank robbery, use of a gun to commit a crime of violence, and felony murder.

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9. United States v. Antjuan Jackson

Western District of Michigan
Judge Jane E. Beckering
2024
Trial counsel.

United States v. Jackson, No. 23-CR-35 (W.D. Mich.)

This was a drug trafficking case involving a drug dealer who supplied a customer with fentanyl, which resulted in the customer's overdose death.

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10. United States v. David Devon Davis

Western District of Michigan
Judge Gordon J. Quist
1999
Lead trial counsel, appellate counsel.

United States v. Davis, 306 F.3d 398, (6th Cir. 2002)

This case involved two men who coerced a 14-year-old boy to rob two banks while armed with a gun. After the robberies were over, the men sent the boy off to New York City, where he was to be killed by an associate. (The boy escaped and went to the authorities.)

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

Death Penalty Advisory Committee, Department of Justice, 2012 – 2013

I advised the United States Attorney General on viability and advisability of pursuing capital punishment in numerous federal murder prosecutions pending throughout the United States.

Mortgage Fraud Prosecutions, 2010 – 2015

I was primarily responsible for prosecuting individuals in the Western District of Michigan who defrauded financial institutions in the wake of the Subprime Mortgage Crisis of 2007 – 2010. These were people in the mortgage industry who engaged in “straw purchases” of residences to secure large mortgage loans from financial institutions that they had no intention of repaying, thus harming the banks and the innocent straw purchasers who had their credit ruined in the process. This effort involved the prosecution of approximately 30 individuals involved in the mortgage industry, all of whom pleaded guilty.

Cybernet Prosecution, 2004

This \$100,000,000 fraud case involved five individuals who set up a phony data storage business called Cybernet to secure business loans from lenders throughout the Midwest. The principal defendant, Barton Watson, committed suicide when the charges were issued. The remaining defendants pled guilty.

United States v. Rodney Coronado, 1995

This was a domestic terrorism case involving a series of arsons committed by the Animal Liberation Front, an organization opposed to animal research, at seven research facilities and university campuses in Michigan, California, Oregon and

Washington. I charged Coronado for his role in committing the arsons. I also charged him with stealing and destroying an historical artifact from the Custer National Park (a cavalryman's journal containing drawings of the battle of Little Bighorn). Coronado pleaded guilty. This case was significant because it represented the first domestic terrorism prosecution in the district.

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

Between 2006 and 2020, I was an adjunct professor at Ferris State University where I taught two classes to students enrolled in its Criminal Justice program. The first was Michigan Criminal Law, which examined the source of criminal laws, and the constitutional limits placed on criminal statutes. The course also surveyed the elements and legal issues of assorted crimes. The second class I taught at Ferris was Michigan Criminal Procedure, which examined the legal principles surrounding the enforcement of crime. A syllabus for each class has been provided.

Between 2000 and 2005, I was an adjunct professor at Grand Valley State University where I taught criminal law to students enrolled in its Criminal Justice program. This class examined the source of criminal laws, and the constitutional limits placed on criminal statutes. The course also surveyed the elements and legal issues of assorted crimes. A sample syllabus has been provided.

Between approximately 1996 and 2025, I have periodically been an instructor at the Justice Department's National Advocacy Center. The courses I have taught include trial skills and evidence.

Between 2020 and 2024, I was a guest instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. I taught new agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms how to present testimony at the grand jury, how to write search warrants and how to present a case for prosecution to the United States Attorney's Office.

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

I have no arrangement in the future to be compensated for any financial or business interest.

19. **Outside Commitments During Service:** Do you have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during your

service with the court? If so, explain.

None.

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

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

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

22. **Potential Conflicts of Interest**:

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

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

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

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

23. **Pro Bono Work**: An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each. If you are not an attorney, please use this opportunity to report significant charitable and volunteer work you may have done.

I have been committed to pro bono legal service whenever I have had the opportunity to provide it given the constraints put on Assistant United States Attorneys. For example, on several occasions I have appeared at my local high school with my county judge to speak to the students about the possible legal ramifications of drunk driving. The discussion begins with mock sentencing hearing in which a person convicted of drunk driving is sentenced for vehicular homicide. On at least ten other occasions I have volunteered to serve as a judge in *We the People* program, where high school students give oral presentations about a variety of legal issues.

AFFIDAVIT

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

4/13/26

(DATE)

Jim Verhey

(NAME)

Stephanie Miller

(NOTARY)

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