

**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).

Kara Marie Westercamp

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

Judge, United States Court of International Trade

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.

Offices: Executive Office of the President
 Eisenhower Executive Office Building
 1650 Seventeenth Street Northwest
 Washington, District of Columbia 20006

 United States Department of Justice
 1100 L Street Northwest
 Washington, District of Columbia 20005

Residence: Arlington, Virginia

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

1982; Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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.

2006 – 2009, University of Iowa College of Law; J.D., 2009

2005 – 2009, University of Iowa Tippie School of Management, M.B.A., 2009

2000 – 2005, University of Iowa, B.B.A., B.A., 2005

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.

2025 – present

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Associate Counsel (on detail from U.S. Department of Justice)

2014 – present

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Branch, National Courts Section
1100 L Street Northwest
Washington, District of Columbia 20005
Senior Trial Counsel (2024 – present)
Trial Attorney (2014 – 2024)

2011 – 2014

Jones Day
250 Vesey Street
New York, New York 10281
Associate

2009 – 2011

Honorable John A. Jarvey
United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa
131 East 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa 52801
Law Clerk

2008 – 2009

University of Iowa College of Law
Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems Law Journal
434 Boyd Law Building
Iowa City, Iowa 52242
Managing Editor for a law journal

Summer 2008

Jones Day
250 Vesey Street
New York, New York 10281
Summer Associate

2007 – 2009

University of Iowa College of Law

434 Boyd Law Building
Iowa City, Iowa 52242
Research Assistant for Professor William Buss

2007 – 2009
University of Iowa, Tippie College of Business, Department of Management and Organizations
108 Pappajohn Business Building
Iowa City, Iowa 52242
Head Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Law course

Summer 2006
Best Buy Co.
7601 Penn Avenue South
Richfield, Minnesota 55423
Senior Financial Analyst Intern

2005 – 2007
University of Iowa, Tippie College of Business, Department of Finance
108 Pappajohn Business Building
Iowa City, Iowa 52242
Teaching Assistant for Financial Information Technology course

2005 – 2023
Appraisal Associates Co.
3969 Park Towne Court Northeast
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402
Assistant for my family's small business (intermittent basis)

Other Affiliations (uncompensated):

2019 – 2023
Daughters of the American Revolution, Judge Lynn Chapter
4840 MacArthur Boulevard Northwest
Suite 207
Washington, District of Columbia 20007
Chapter Regent

2008-2011
Mormon Trek Village Condo Owners Association
Via Heritage Property Management
220 East Market Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52245
Board Member

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 was not required to register for the 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.

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Division Commendation Award as a member of the Enforce and Protect Act team (2024)

Outstanding Pro Bono Service, Legal Aid Society (2014)

University of Iowa College of Law

Special Honors and Distinction (2009)

Boyd Service Award (highest honor) (2009)

Dean's Award for Academic Excellence (highest grade) in Securities Regulation course (2009)

Jurisprudence Award for Academic Excellence (highest grade) in Cultural-Property/Heritage seminar (2009)

David and Rosalie Braverman Scholarship (2007)

University of Iowa

Degrees (B.B.A., B.A.) conferred with Special Honors and Distinction (2005)

President's List (May 2005)

Dean's List (2000 – Fall 2005)

Homecoming Court (2004)

Hawkinson Institute of Finance Scholar (2003 – 2005)

Omicron Delta Kappa Province XIII Leader of the Year (2005)

Department of Management and Organization's "Student Leader of the Year" (2004)

Student Government Distinguished Achievement Award (2002)

University Presidential Scholar (full scholarship) (2000 – 2005)

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

American Bar Association (2020 – 2021)

Customs and International Trade Bar Association (2022 – 2023, 2026 - present)

Iowa State Bar Association (2011 – 2015)

U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Young Lawyers Division Board (2018 – 2024)

President (2021 – 2022)

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.

Iowa, 2010

New York, 2011

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 Federal Circuit, 2014

United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 2024

United States Court of Federal Claims, 2014

United States Court of International Trade, 2015

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 2012

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2012

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.

Capital Area Iowa Club (2014 – present)

Daughters of the American Revolution (2009 – present)

District of Columbia, VAVS Representative, DAR Service for Veterans (2022 – 2025)

District of Columbia, DAR Service to Veterans State Chair (2022 – 2024)

District of Columbia, Commemorative Events State Chair (2020 – 2024)

Judge Lynn, Chapter Regent (2019 – 2023)

Judge Lynn, Chaplain (2017 – 2019)

DC Young Republicans (2014 – 2021)

DC Zetas (Zeta Tau Alpha) (2014 – present)

Federalist Society (intermittent membership from 2009 – present)

Iowa State Society (2014 – present)

National Review Institute, DC Regional Fellow (Spring 2018)

New York Young Republican's Club (2011 – 2014)

NY Metro Iowa Alumni Club (2011 – 2014)

Omicron Delta Kappa (2009 – present)

Republican National Lawyers Association (intermittent membership from 2018 – present)

Women's National Republican Club (2013 – 2015)

b. The American Bar Association's Commentary to its Code of Judicial Conduct states that it is inappropriate for a judge to hold membership in any organization that invidiously discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion, or national origin. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Membership is open to women 18 and over proving lineal descent from a Revolutionary War patriot. Men are welcome to attend all DAR events, and there is a companion organization, the Sons of the American Revolution, which is open to men 18 and over proving lineal descent from a Revolutionary War patriot.

DC Zetas is the local District of Columbia chapter for Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity, which is a college sorority for women.

I belonged to the Women's National Republican Club in New York, New York from approximately 2013 to 2015, but relinquished my membership. Membership was limited to women.

To the best of my knowledge, none of the other organizations listed in response to Question 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.

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

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

Joan McKown & Kara Westercamp, *New Beginnings for Scheme Liability Post-Janus?*, in CLE materials for American Conference Institute's 3d National Forum on Securities Litigation & Enforcement (Feb. 27-28, 2014). I cannot locate a copy of these materials.

With others, *International Investigations Global Anti-Corruption Summary* (Dec. 2013). I contributed to the Section on "United States" (Dec. 2013). Copy supplied.

With others, *FSA's Fine of David Einhorn and Greenlight Capital for Insider Trading Violation* (Feb. 2012). Copy supplied.

Kara M. Westercamp, Note, *A Crack in the Façade and the Whole Building Came Tumbling Down: A Critical Examination of the Central Banks' Response to the Subprime Mortgage Loan Crisis and Global Financial Market Turmoil*, 18 *Transnat'l L. & Contemp. Probs.* 197 (Oct. 2009). Copy supplied.

Minji Kim, Kara M. Westercamp, Ammon Fillmore, *Living History Interview with James A. Leach*, 18 *Transnat'l L. & Contemp. Probs.* 461 (Spring 2009). Copy supplied.

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

To the best of my knowledge, I have not prepared or contributed to any reports, memoranda, or policy statements for any organization.

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.

To the best of my knowledge, I have not provided testimony, official statements, or other communications related to public policy or legal interpretation to public bodies or public officials.

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.

March 14, 2025: Panelist, “Hot Topics in Commerce,” Georgetown Law Institute of International Economic Law, International Trade Update. Powerpoint slides used during panel presentation provided.

While in my position as Judge Lynn chapter regent, I gave remarks on various occasions in connection with introducing speakers and otherwise facilitating discussion. I do recall presenting the former Parliamentarian of the United States House of Representatives, Thomas Wickham, Jr., to a chapter annual birthday meeting on February 9, 2020, but I do not have a record of or recall the contents of these introductory remarks. In law school and in my MBA program, I likely introduced speakers or otherwise facilitated discussions, but I do not recall any specific speakers or events.

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.

Adam R. Lorenzana, *All rise, judicial clerkship success at Iowa Law*, Iowa Law News, Apr. 20, 2021. Copy supplied.

Embracing International Study & Honoring a Worldly Teacher, University of Iowa Tippie College of Business, Mar. 3, 2015. Copy supplied.

Trish Mehaffey, *Grads: Law Career Still Worth Pursuing*, The Cedar Rapids Gazette, Oct. 12, 2013. Copy supplied.

Megan Verhelst, *UI Conference to Combine Climate Change, Human Rights*, The Cedar Rapids Gazette, Feb. 13, 2008. Copy supplied.

Barry Pump, *Iowa Student Body Reaction to Pierce Dismissal*, The Cedar Rapids Gazette, Feb. 3, 2005. Copy supplied.

Julia Furlong, *The Buzz is that Honey Harvest Will be All the Rage*, The Sun, Oct. 2, 2003. Copy supplied. In connection with being the 2002 Iowa Honey Queen and 2003 American Honey Princess, I also recall appearing on radio and television interviews promoting honey and beekeeping, but I do not have any transcripts nor do I recall the specific dates, remarks, or broadcast stations. I also made appearances at various State Fairs, including the Iowa State Fair, Minnesota State Fair, Montana State Fair, among others, and would have presented at least twice at the American Beekeeping Federation’s annual meetings, but I do not have any transcripts or copies of remarks I would have made.

Marlene Lucas, *Catch the Buzz*, The Cedar Rapids Gazette, Apr. 1, 2002. Copy supplied.

Students Use Buttons as Fundraiser, The Hawkeye, Dec. 28, 2001. Copy supplied.

13. **Judicial Office:** State (chronologically) any judicial offices you have held, including

positions as an administrative law judge, whether such position was elected or appointed, and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court.

I have not held judicial office.

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

i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials: _____%

bench trials: _____%

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings: _____%

criminal proceedings: _____%

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I have not held judicial office.

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

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

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

I have not held public office.

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

I have not been a member in, held an office, or rendered services to any political party or election committee.

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 2009 to 2011, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable John A. Jarvey, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

- 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;

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Summer Associate (2008)

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Senior Trial Counsel (2024 – present)
Trial Attorney (2014 – 2024)

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Associate Counsel (on detail from U.S. Department of Justice) (2025 – present)

- 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 never served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

b. Describe:

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

Upon graduating from law school in 2011, I was privileged to serve as a law clerk to the Honorable John A. Jarvey, then Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa. In that role, I was responsible for researching legal issues, drafting memoranda and orders, and providing legal advice to Judge Jarvey. As a law clerk, my docket was mixed, but because I was a two-year clerk, I was assigned to more complicated commercial litigation matters. Judge Jarvey also often sat by designation and I accompanied him and assisted in drafting two opinions in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and one opinion in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Following my clerkship, from 2011 until 2014, I was an associate at Jones Day in its New York City office. In this role, I conducted research for pleadings and memoranda of law for both federal and state court proceedings. I also managed all aspects of discovery, including supervising document collections and document reviews; reviewing and analyzing large document productions; and drafting discovery requests and responses. I worked in other practice areas, including insurance recovery, securities regulation, and financial litigation. I routinely researched a wide variety of substantive and procedural issues, including indemnification, contractual remedies, primary and secondary liability under Rule 10b-5, and drafting corresponding memoranda for internal and client use. I also had a robust pro bono practice, which included representing an individual seeking asylum from Uganda because he was persecuted for being a Christian.

From 2014 until 2025, I was privileged to become a government defense attorney at the Department of Justice (DOJ) and represented numerous agencies in the National Courts Section of the Civil Division. The National Courts section “protects the purse” and defends certain lawsuits concerning monetary claims brought against the government in three courts of nationwide jurisdiction: the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the United States Court of Federal Claims, and the United States Court of International Trade. This section of DOJ is unique in that it litigates cases from “cradle to grave”: in other words, appeals in both the Court of International Trade and the Court of Federal Claims are brought to the Federal Circuit, and this section handles a case throughout its lifetime. At National Courts, I was the attorney of record in hundreds of cases before these courts, and managed all aspects of my cases from answering complaints or moving to dismiss, to motions for summary judgment/judgment on the agency record, or taking cases to trial. Specifically, I argued 17 cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and drafted over 70 informal and formal briefs, motions to recaption, or motion to dismiss. Before the Court of Federal Claims, I successfully argued multiple motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, and motions for judgment on the administrative record. I was

also a team member of four trial teams involving taking and defending depositions, reviewing documents, assisting in expert reports, participating in strategy meetings, interviewing witnesses, drafting motions and responses to motions, and managing discovery. Finally, I successfully argued dozens of motions for judgment on the agency record, responses in support of remand results, and other motions before the U.S. Court of International Trade, and entered appearances in 136 cases. More than 70 percent of my caseload relates to international trade matters.

From May 2025 to the present, I have advised on legal issues and litigation at the White House Counsel's Office. I primarily assist in trade and tariff-related matters, as well as other litigation. In addition, I draft and revise executive orders, presidential proclamations, and presidential reports to Congress related to tariffs and other trade matters. I have also provided recommendations for pardons and commutations. My job also entails providing guidance to agency general counsels on how to effectuate the President's agenda.

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

While associated with Jones Day from 2011 until 2014, I had a general commercial litigation practice and also practiced in the securities regulation and insurance recovery fields. The clients primarily included large companies and pro bono clients from programs in which I participated.

From 2014 until 2025, I practiced in complex government contracts and federal personnel actions, and specialized in international trade, including antidumping/countervailing duties. The clients included a variety of federal agencies, but I primarily represented the United States Department of Commerce and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

From 2025 to the present, I have continued to specialize in international trade and my client is the Executive Office of the President.

- 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.

While at the U.S. Department of Justice from 2014 through 2025, my entire practice was in litigation and I appeared in court frequently. While associated with a law firm from 2011 through 2014, I had several state court matters on a pro bono basis and one pro bono case before an immigration judge.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. federal courts: 98%

- 2. state courts of record: 1.5%
- 3. other courts: 0%
- 4. administrative agencies: .5%

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. civil proceedings: 100%
- 2. criminal proceedings: 0%

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

I have tried four cases to verdict, judgment or final decision. In two cases I was lead counsel, in one case I was second chair, and in one case, I was a member of a trial team.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

- 1. jury: 0%
- 2. non-jury: 100%

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

I assisted in drafting a brief for the United States in opposition for a petition for writ of certiorari in *Vinh Hoan Corporation v. Catfish Farmers of America, et al.*, No. 16-92 (Sept. 16, 2016). The brief is supplied.

I researched and drafted sections of an *amicus* brief in *Town of Greece v. Galloway*, No. 12-696 (Sept. 23, 2013). The brief is supplied.

17. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

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

1. *AG der Dillinger Huttenwerke v. United States*, Consol. Ct. No. 17-00158, 672 F. Supp. 3d 1351 (Ct. Int'l Trade 2023) (Representation: 2023-2025)

I represented the Department of Commerce in this action where German producers and exporters of cut-to-length steel plate brought an action challenging Commerce's final affirmative determination in an antidumping duty investigation covering carbon and alloy steel cut-to-length plate from the Federal Republic of Germany. The producers challenged different aspects of Commerce's determination and the case was essentially "de-consolidated" on appeal. I was lead counsel on the third and fourth remand redeterminations, and also briefed and argued the two related appeals. In one appeal, the Federal Circuit held that substantial evidence did not support Commerce's determination that its request for information was not an unreasonable burden, but held that the respondent nonetheless failed to provide an alternative form of the missing information. Thus, substantial evidence supported Commerce's application of adverse facts available (AFA) and its choice of an adverse inference in applying AFA. *AG Der Dillinger Huttenwerke v. United States*, 140 F.4th 1364 (Fed. Cir. 2025). In the related appeal, the Federal Circuit affirmed that Commerce provided a sufficient explanation for rejecting a quality code because the code was untimely submitted. However, the court determined that the selling price of non-prime plate could not be the basis for measuring the fairness of the selling price of non-prime plate where there were other facts available, and vacated and remanded so that the trial court could instruct Commerce to determine Dillinger's cost of production in a manner consistent with the opinion. *AG der Dillinger Huttenwerke v. United States*, 156 F.4th 1314 (Fed. Cir. 2025).

Judge Leo M. Gordon, Jr. presided over the underlying case, and the Federal Circuit panel was comprised of Circuit Judges Alan D. Lourie, Timothy B. Dyk, and Jimmie V. Reyna.

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2. *Anchorage v. United States*, No. 2022-1719, 123 F.4th 1315 (Fed. Cir. 2024)
(Representation: 2018-2025)

I represented the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD), as a part of a five-member trial team. The municipality filed suit against the United States, claiming that MARAD breached two contracts to upgrade and expand the municipality's port, by failing to deliver a defect-free port and by settling subcontractor claims without conferring with the municipality. Before trial, I took and defended numerous depositions and assisted with motions practice. After a more than two-week bench trial, Judge Edward J. Damich entered judgment for the municipality, and awarded it \$367,446,809 in damages. Upon appeal, the Federal Circuit reversed and held that MARAD was not contractually required to deliver a defect-free port, but because MARAD was contractually required to confer with the municipality before settling subcontractor claims, the municipality was entitled to award of \$11,279,059 in damages. The circuit court vacated and remanded for the trial court to consider any adequately preserved arguments for breach of duties found in an earlier memorandum of understanding, and, if such a breach is found, a determination of reliance damages. The case is currently pending back before Judge Damich.

Judge Edward J. Damich presided over the bench trial and the Federal Circuit panel consisted of Circuit Judges Todd Hughes, Richard G. Taranto, and Tiffany P. Cunningham.

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3. *Newtrend USA Co. v. United States*, Ct. No. 22-cv-00347, 791 F. Supp. 3d 1313 (Ct. Int'l Trade 2025) (Representation: 2023-2025)

I represented the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in this suit in which importers challenged CBP's determination, after investigation under the Enforce and Protect Act, that they evaded antidumping and countervailing duties on glycine from China by falsely claiming the glycine was of Indonesian origin. The trial court sustained CBP's determination that the Indonesian factory could not produce all the importers' glycine and that at least some glycine came from China. I drafted all of the dispositive briefs and presented oral argument.

Judge Stephen A. Vaden presided over the case.

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4. *NTSF Seafoods Joint Stock Co. v. United States*, Consol. Ct. No. 20-00104, 2022 WL 1375140 (Ct. Int'l Trade Apr. 25, 2022) (Representation: 2020-2025)

I represented the Department of Commerce in the fifteenth antidumping duty order covering catfish from Vietnam, wherein the domestic producers and Vietnam producers challenged certain aspects of Commerce's determination, including how Commerce determined what constituted a surrogate country and surrogate values to use. I drafted all

of the dispositive briefs and presented oral argument. The trial court ultimately sustained Commerce's second remand redetermination.

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5. *Petro Mex, LLC v. United States*, Case No. 14-cv-1024C (Fed. Cl.)
(Representation: 2014-2025)

I represented the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in this breach of contract action, in which Petro Mex, LLC (Petro Mex) challenged the termination of its natural gas lease. I argued that even if BLM had breached the lease, Petro Mex had committed various prior material breaches, or, alternatively, that the breach (improper lease termination) flowed from an earlier action that was barred by the statute of limitations under the continuing claims doctrine. I drafted all of the briefs, drafted all discovery requests and responses, conducted all fact and expert depositions, and participated in mediation. I also first-chaired a five-day trial on the merits. The district court granted judgment to BLM, but the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit reversed and vacated a portion of the lower court's decision. *See Petro Mex, LLC v. United States*, 164 Fed. Cl. 476 (2023), *rev'd in part, vacated in part*, No. 2023-1848, 2024 WL 4157003 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 12, 2024).

Judge Nancy B. Firestone presided over the motion to dismiss briefing, Judge Robert H.

Hodges, Jr. presided over the motions for summary judgment briefing, and Judge Marian B. Horn presided over the bench trial and post-trial briefing, and it remains before her on remand. The Federal Circuit panel consisted of Chief Judge Kimberly A. Moore, Circuit Judge Tiffany P. Cunningham, and District Judge Amos L. Mazzant, III, visiting from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, sitting by designation.

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6. *PT. Zinus Glob. Indonesia v. United States*, Consol. Ct. No. 21-cv-00277, 762 F. Supp. 3d 1257 (Ct. Int'l Trade 2025) (Representation: 2021-2025)

I represented the Department of Commerce in this antidumping duty investigation covering mattresses from Indonesia. The plaintiff challenged Commerce's inclusion of certain mattresses in transit from Indonesia in its calculation of constructed export price during the investigation, among other issues. I drafted all dispositive documents and presented oral argument at three hearings. The trial court ultimately sustained Commerce's second remand redetermination, and the case is currently on appeal.

Judge Jennifer Choe-Groves presided over the case.

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7. *Viet I-Mei Frozen Foods Co. v. United States*, Case No. 2016-1006, 839 F.3d 1099 (Fed. Cir. 2016) (Representation: 2015-2016)

I represented the Department of Commerce in the fourth administrative review of the antidumping duty order covering warmwater shrimp from Vietnam. The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit sustained the trial court's determination that substantial evidence supported Commerce's decision to refuse to terminate the individual examination of the plaintiff and Commerce's assignment of a 25.76% antidumping duty rate using facts available with an adverse inference. I was assigned to the case on appeal and presented oral argument.

The panel consisted of Circuit Judges Sharon Prost, Raymond T. Chen, and Kara F. Stoll.

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8. *Vinh Hoan Corp. v. United States*, Case No. 2018-2190, 786 F. App'x 258, 263 (Fed. Cir. 2019) (Representation: 2016-2019)

I represented the Department of Commerce in this case where a plaintiff challenged Commerce's selection of Indonesia when valuing the factors of production for fish oil; Commerce's use of an Indonesian fish producer's financial ratios to construct the value of fish oil by-product; and whether Commerce's methodology was reasonable when it used a constructed value, rather than data from a tariff schedule, to calculate the value of fish oil by-product. I drafted the responses in support of the second and third remand redeterminations, as well as the appellate brief, and presented oral argument before both the trial court and the Federal Circuit. The Federal Circuit affirmed the trial court's holding.

Judge Claire R. Kelly presided over the case, and the Federal Circuit panel consisted of Circuit Judges Pauline Newman, Timothy B. Dyk, and Raymond T. Chen.

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9. *Wyodak Res. Dev. Corp. v. United States*, Case No. 11-cv-00335, 130 Fed. Cl. 315 (Jan. 23, 2017) (Representation: 2016-2017)

A coal mine owner-operator sued the United States, seeking a partial refund of reclamation fees paid to the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, on grounds that the owner-operator's mine allegedly contained 12% of lignite coal that was subject to lower reclamation fees than assessed for other types of coal. I second-chaired a four-day trial and assisted with post-trial briefing. The trial court ultimately held that the plaintiff was not entitled to a reclamation fee refund.

The case was heard and decided by Judge Thomas C. Wheeler.

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10. *Yama Ribbons & Bows Co. v. United States*, Case No. 20-00059, 698 F. Supp. 3d 1255 (Ct. Int'l Trade 2024) (Representation: 2020-2024)

I represented the Department of Commerce in this case where an exporter filed suit challenging Commerce's final determination in an administrative review of a countervailing duty order covering narrow woven ribbons with woven selvedge imported from the People's Republic of China. The plaintiff challenged Commerce's finding that a preferential lending program for the coated paper industry was similar to the Export Buyer's Credit Program for the woven ribbons industry as the basis for an adverse inference subsidy rate. I served as lead counsel and briefed the case through the two remand redeterminations and argued the case before the court.

The case was heard and decided by Judge Timothy C. Stanceu.

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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.)

In addition to the matters described above, I have frequently been a mentor to both new attorneys and summer interns at the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Branch, National Courts Section. I have also participated in interviewing candidates for both attorney and summer intern positions at the National Courts Section. From approximately 2016 through 2020, I assisted in organizing educational outings for the summer interns, which included trips to the U.S. Department of State, the White House, Congress, and other locations.

In 2021, I reviewed briefs for the 72nd Annual Regional Rounds of the National Moot Court Competition that the University of Iowa College of Law held.

I have never acted or registered as a lobbyist.

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 any courses.

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.

I do not have any anticipated deferred income or future benefits.

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

If confirmed, I have no plans for outside activities.

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

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

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

If confirmed, I will recuse in any litigation where I have ever played a role. For a period of time, I anticipate recusing in all cases where I entered an appearance as Senior Trial Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice. I will also recuse in any case touching upon work I performed while in the White House Counsel's Office. Lastly, I will evaluate any other real or potential conflict, or relationship that could give rise to appearance of conflict, on a case-by-case basis and determine appropriate action with the advice of parties and their counsel including recusal where 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 and all other laws, rules, and practices governing such circumstances.

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

I have predominantly fulfilled this responsibility through public service, having spent roughly 80 percent of my legal career in the federal government representing the American people and upholding the rule of law.

In private practice, I represented a pro bono client in a merits hearing through the Legal Aid Society and he was ultimately granted asylum before the U.S. Immigration Court in Newark, New Jersey. The individual had previously appealed his denial of asylum and he was granted a new hearing due to a credible fear that, should he return to Uganda, he would face persecution for his religious beliefs. I first-chaired the merits hearing and supervised two junior associates. In preparing for the hearing, I also coordinated with the individual's family members living abroad to provide supporting declarations. I received an award from the Legal Aid Society for my work on this case, which I estimate amounted to more than 200 hours.

In addition, I participated in the Her Justice volunteer program and represented women seeking uncontested divorces, child support orders, and orders of protection. I attended hearings, prepared the supporting paperwork, and estimate that each case took approximately 15 hours of work. After Super Storm Sandy devastated the New York metropolitan area, I also assisted two families with insurance recovery efforts and claims through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This work included site visits with insurance adjusters, drafting letters documenting the claims, and corresponding with both insurance adjusters and government officials. I estimate that I spent about 60 hours on these cases.

26. **Selection Process:**

a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

On July 21, 2025, I emailed my resume to the White House Counsel's Office seeking consideration for the vacancy in the United States Court of International Trade. On September 12, 2025, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. I interviewed with United States Trade Representative Ambassador Jamieson

Greer and another senior official on November 12, 2025. On January 29, 2026, the White House Counsel's Office contacted me to let me know that I was under consideration for nomination. Since then, I have been in contact with officials from the White House Counsel's Office and the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy regarding my nomination. On February 09, 2026, the President informed me of his intent to nominate me.

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

No.

AFFIDAVIT

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

2/23/26
(DATE)

Kara Marie Westercamp
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City/County of Arlington
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