

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).

Christopher “Chris” Robert Wolfe

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

United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas

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.

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Residence: Fort Worth, Texas

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

1972; Lubbock, Texas

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.

1995 – 1998, Baylor Law School; J.D., 1998

1990 – 1995, Baylor University; B.A., 1995

Summer 1994, McLennan Community College, no degree

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.

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Special Assistant United States Attorney (2003)
Assistant United States Attorney

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Waco, Texas 76706
Server

Summers 1991 and 1993
Camp Ozark
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Mt. Ida, Arkansas 71957
Camp Counselor

Summer 1992
First Baptist Church
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Lubbock, Texas 79401
Recreation Staff

1998 – 1999
Doulos Ministries
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Mentor (Uncompensated)

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

I did not serve in the military. I registered for the selective service upon turning 18.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or

professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

Baylor Law School

Mock Trial Team (ATLA) -- Regional Champion (1997 – 1998)

Dewitt and Linnie Bowmer Award for excellence in cross-examination skills (1997)

Order of Barristers (1996)

Student Bar Association President (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.

Tarrant County Bar Association (2020 – present)

American Inns of Court, Master Member of the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court (2019 – 2024)

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.

Texas, 1998

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.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2003 – 2019

U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, 2008

Practiced in the Northern District of Texas from 2003 – 2008 and 2010 – 2018, but did not apply for admission. Admission is not required for Department of Justice Attorneys under Local Rule 57.11.

I allowed my membership in the Fifth Circuit Bar to lapse after being appointed to the state bench in 2018.

I allowed my membership in the District of Minnesota to lapse after transferring to the Northern District of Texas as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in 2010.

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 (2012 – present)

Fort Worth Chapter Advisory Board Member (2018 – present)

Mira Vista Country Club (2020 – present)

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.

To the best of my knowledge, none of the organizations listed 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.

None

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

None

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.

Tarrant County Bail Bond Board Agenda, January 7, 2026. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Bail Board Agenda, December 3, 2025. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Bail Board Agenda, November 5, 2025. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Bail Board Agenda, October 1, 2025. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Bail Board Agenda, September 4, 2025. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Bail Board Agenda, August 6, 2025. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Bail Board Agenda, July 2, 2025. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Bail Board Agenda, June 4, 2025. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Bail Board Agenda, May 7, 2025. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Bail Board Agenda, April 3, 2025. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Bail Board Agenda, March 5, 2025. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Bail Board Agenda, February 5, 2025. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Bail Board Agenda, January 8, 2025. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Juvenile Services Annual Report, 2024. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Juvenile Services Annual Report, 2023. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Juvenile Services Annual Report, 2022. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Juvenile Services Annual Report, 2021. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Juvenile Services Annual Report, 2020. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Juvenile Services Annual Report, 2019. Copy supplied.

Tarrant County Juvenile Services Annual Report, 2018. Copy supplied.

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

October 24, 2025: Judge, Tournament of Champions Mock Trial Competition, hosted by Baylor Law School. I served as a judge during a mock trial competition. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings of the event. The address of Baylor Law School is 1114 S. University Parks Drive, Waco, Texas 76706.

February 12, 2025: Panelist, “Meeting of the Texas Christian University Pre-Law Society,” Fort Worth, Texas. I was a panelist with two State District Judges. We spoke about our education, professional backgrounds, and advised college students on how to apply for and prepare for law school. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address of Texas Christian University is 2800 S. University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76109.

October 15, 2024: Panelist, “Tarrant County Republican Assembly,” Fort Worth, Texas. I was a panelist with two Tarrant County judicial candidates at a meeting of the Tarrant County Republican Assembly where we discussed the Tarrant County judiciary. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address of the Tarrant County Republican Assembly is BRIT Commons Room, 1700 University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

February 16, 2024: Judge, TYLA National Mock Trial Competition, hosted by Baylor Law School. I served as a judge during a mock trial competition. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings of the event. The address of Baylor Law School is 1114 S. University Parks Drive, Waco, Texas 76706.

April 13, 2023: Panelist, “Texas A&M University School of Law Student Chapter of the Federalist Society hosted Professor Barry Latzer, John Jay College, to discuss his book, *The Myth of Overpunishment: a Defense of the American Justice System and a Proposal to Reduce Incarceration While Protecting the Public.*” I was invited to introduce Professor Latzer to the audience. I had never met Professor Latzer or read any of his writings. I was provided with a bio, and introduced Professor Latzer. I also fielded questions on the topic of sentencing in Texas state courts at the conclusion of Professor Latzer’s speech. Other than the provided bio, I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address of Texas A&M University School of Law is 1515 Commerce Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

February 22 and September 27, 2021, March 1 and October 3, 2022, and February 25 and September 22, 2025: Speaker, “Texas Christian University Courts and Judicial Process class for Criminal Justice majors,” Fort Worth, Texas. I regularly speak to a class of college students about my educational and professional background, the role of courts, judicial selection, criminal discovery rules, and criminal trials. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address of Texas Christian University is 2800 S. University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76109.

November 17, 2021, November 9, 2022, April 26 and November 29, 2023, April 10 and October 30, 2024, April 16 and November 19, 2025: Speaker, “Texas Christian University Constitutional Law Class for Criminal Justice Majors,” Fort Worth, Texas. I

regularly speak to a class of college students on basic Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments issues. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address of Texas Christian University is 2800 S. University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76109.

July 20, 2021: Panelist, "Looking at the Practice of Law Post-COVID from Multiple Perspectives," San Antonio, Texas. I participated as a panelist at the Advanced Criminal Law Annual Course hosted by the State Bar of Texas. A copy of the video is not publicly available. The address of the State Bar of Texas is LB# 676916, P.O. Box 972298, Dallas, Texas 75397-2298.

June 7, 2019, June 2, 2023, and May 30, 2025: Judge, Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition, hosted by Baylor Law School. I served as a judge during a mock trial competition. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings of the event. The address of Baylor Law School is 1114 S. University Parks Drive, Waco, Texas 76706.

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.

The facts speak for themselves. Seventy-nine people lodged in the back of an 18-wheeler creates a dangerous situation. Passengers reportedly pay at least \$1,500 each to get across the border, The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Aug. 10, 2004. Copy supplied.

Pursuit of profit spurs immigrant smugglers, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Aug. 10, 2024. Copy supplied.

Trucker ordered to remain jailed in immigrant smuggling case, MyPlainview, Aug. 10, 2004. Copy Supplied.

79 Mexicans found crammed into truck, The Spokesman-Review, Aug. 10, 2004. 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.

District Judge, 213th Judicial District of Texas (October 2018 – present)

I serve as Judge of the 213th District Court of Texas, a court of general jurisdiction. I preside primarily over felony, criminal cases filed in Tarrant County. I was appointed to the bench in October 2018 by Governor Greg Abbott, elected in 2020, and re-elected in 2024.

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

I have presided over approximately 70 jury trials.

i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	99%
bench trials:	1%

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings:	0%
criminal proceedings:	100%

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

None

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).

1. *State of Texas v. Heath* (Case No. 1474853); No. 01-19-00794-CR, 2021 WL 4095243 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] Sept. 9, 2021, pet. Ref'd) (mem. Op., not designated for publication); Heath v. Dir., TDCJ, No. 4:24-CV-1132-P, 2025 WL 462084 (N.D. Tex. Feb. 11, 2025) (op. & order)

The defendant shot two young men multiple times with an assault rifle and then beat them with the butt of the rifle. While the victims were found down the street from the defendant's residence, there was no evidence of a dispute or that the defendant knew the victims. There were also no witnesses to the shootings. The defendant confessed to his wife and two neighbors within minutes of the murders that he killed two men. His wife and neighbors lied to law enforcement when initially questioned, but later admitted to their knowledge of the murders. The defendant's wife also admitted to hiding evidence in her home. A year after the murders, the rifle was discovered in a lake about an hour drive away from the defendant's home by a father and son who were fishing. The defendant's DNA was located on the weapon.

On September 12, 2019, the jury found the defendant guilty of capital murder, triggering an automatic Life sentence. I presided over the trial and sentenced the defendant to Life imprisonment.

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2. *State of Texas v. Kimbro* (Case No. 1496789)

The defendant was indicted for capital murder for sexually assaulting and murdering a young woman in her garage-apartment. Detectives connected the defendant to the victim through cell phone records, DNA, and surveillance cameras. The defendant consented to an interview days after the murder. Detectives confronted the defendant, but did not arrest him because they were still investigating.

Immediately after the interview, the defendant drove to a nature preserve. There, he sexually assaulted and killed another young woman who had been hiking on a trail. Her body was found days later in a lake. Detectives eventually linked the defendant to the two victims through DNA. During the investigation, law enforcement discovered that the defendant had also been accused of aggravated sexual assault by three other victims, but had not been prosecuted.

The state sought the death penalty. On the eve of trial, after six-weeks of individual voir dire, the defendant pleaded guilty to two counts of capital murder and three counts of aggravated sexual assault. In exchange for his guilty pleas, the state waived the death penalty. On March 18, 2022, I sentenced the defendant to two Life sentences, and three terms of 20 years' imprisonment for the sexual assaults of the additional victims.

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3. *State of Texas v. McClellan* (Case No. 1458845); No. 08-19-00033-CR, 2021 WL 129412 (Tex. App.—El Paso Jan. 14, 2021, pet. Ref'd) (not designated for publication)

The defendant slit his father's throat with a straight razor and removed his eyes with a spoon. He later admitted that he had been using angel dust, heroin, and marijuana. The defendant's father survived and testified at trial.

On November 29, 2018, the jury found the defendant guilty of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and assessed his punishment at 35 years' imprisonment. I presided over the trial and sentenced the defendant.

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4. *State of Texas v. Nevilles* (Case No. 1807516); No. 02-25-00137-CR (notice of appeal filed May 7, 2025)

The defendant abducted and sexually assaulted an eight-year-old girl while she was shopping for a Christmas gift with her mother at Walmart. With permission from her mother, the victim walked a few aisles away to look for an item. The defendant approached the victim, told her that he had seen her stealing, and led her to a dark storage room in the back of the store and sexually assaulted her. An employee walked into the room during the assault and turned on the lights. The defendant directed the victim out of the room and down an aisle in the store. The defendant eventually separated himself from the victim and fled. The victim ran to her mother. The defendant was arrested a few days later in front of a children's indoor playground.

On May 2, 2025, a jury found the defendant guilty of aggravated assault of a child, indecency with a child by contact, and aggravated kidnapping, and assessed his punishment at Life imprisonment on each count. I presided over the trial and sentenced the defendant to consecutive terms of Life imprisonment.

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5. *State of Texas v. Nix* (Case No. 1781937); No. 02-25-00059-CR (notice of appeal filed Feb. 28, 2025)

The defendant sexually exploited over 15 children between the ages of three and eight. Two of the victims were disabled. Parents of the victims used an online childcare service to locate and hire a babysitter. They hired the defendant. While babysitting, the defendant recorded the sexual abuse of children with his smartphone and sent the videos to others via the internet.

The defendant pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual exploitation in federal court and was sentenced to 60 years' imprisonment. The state subsequently indicted the defendant for continual sexual abuse of a child. He pleaded guilty before me. On February 21, 2025, I presided over the sentencing hearing and sentenced the defendant to a consecutive term of Life imprisonment.

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6. *State of Texas v. Powell* (Case No. 1563875); No. 02-19-00206-CR, 2021 WL 5370163 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth Nov. 18, 2021, pet. Ref'd) (mem. Op., not designated for publication)

The defendant, 50, was convicted of capital murder for dismembering his 26-year-old girlfriend and dissolving her body in acid. The victim was an exotic dancer who struggled with substance abuse. She disappeared months after accusing her live-in boyfriend of domestic violence. Law enforcement began searching for the victim after her grandmother filed a missing-person report. Detectives searched the defendant's house and found the victim's DNA on the floors and baseboards of the defendant's bedroom. These areas had been painted over by the defendant, a contractor by trade. The defendant's teenage son eventually informed law enforcement that the defendant had told him that he had "taken care of" the victim by cutting her into small pieces with a power saw and dissolving her body in chemicals. The son testified at trial that he, on the night of the murder, saw his dad's bedroom with blood splattered on the walls and ceiling.

The state pursued a capital-murder conviction based on the defendant's retaliation against the victim for cooperating with the state. During trial, I allowed the state to admit instances of abuse against the victim under the doctrine of "forfeiture by wrongdoing." On May 21, 2025, a jury found the defendant guilty of capital murder. I sentenced the defendant to Life imprisonment.

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7. *State of Texas v. Revill* (Case No. 1596013); No. 02-19-00325-CR, 2021 WL 2586809 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth June 24, 2021, pet. Ref'd) (mem. Op., not designated for publication)

The defendant kidnapped his ex-girlfriend outside of her apartment. He then killed her and hid her body. Her body was never found.

On August 22, 2019, a jury convicted the defendant of aggravated kidnapping. During the punishment phase of the trial, the state proved that the defendant also killed another ex-girlfriend 10 years earlier, but was never prosecuted. I sentenced the defendant to Life imprisonment.

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8. *State of Texas v. Ricker* (Case No. 1830850); No. 02-24-00253-CR (notice of appeal filed Aug. 5, 2024)

The defendant sexually abused his oldest daughter over the course of six years, beginning when she was around 11 years old.

During trial, the defendant testified, admitted to a minimized version of the allegations, and blamed his daughter. On July 11, 2024, a jury found the defendant guilty of continuous sexual abuse of a child. I presided over the trial and sentenced the defendant to Life imprisonment.

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9. *State of Texas v. Sypho* (Case No. 1529695); No. 02-23-00048-CR, 2024 WL 3059062 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth June 20, 2024, no pet.) (mem. op., not designated for publication)

The defendant executed a man during a robbery of a grocery store. The victim stopped by a grocery store late in the evening to check on his wife and bring her dinner. The victim's wife was the manager of the store and responsible for closing. The defendant and a co-defendant entered the store and ordered employees at gunpoint to open a safe in the office. The victim attempted to intervene to protect his wife, but was shot multiple times by the defendant. The victim's wife ran toward her husband, but was assaulted by the defendant. The defendant directed the wife to remove money from the safe. She complied and handed the money to the defendant. The defendant stepped over the victim's dead body and fled with his co-defendant. The offense was captured on video. Also on video was the defendant, co-defendant, and their girlfriends celebrating after the robbery. Two days after the robbery, the defendant recorded his engagement to his girlfriend. The engagement ring was purchased with proceeds from the robbery.

On March 6, 2023, the jury found the defendant guilty of capital murder. I presided over the trial and sentenced the defendant to Life imprisonment.

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10. *State of Texas v. Ybarra* (Case No. 1773209); No. 02-23-00115-CR, 2024 WL 1100785 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth Mar. 14, 2024, pet. ref'd) (mem. op., not designated for publication)

The defendant was convicted of sexually assaulting his adult half-sister. A police officer saw a car parked on the side of an access road near a highway. The officer stopped to investigate and saw two individuals in the front passenger seat. The officer saw the defendant on top of a woman and instructed him to get out of the car. When the defendant exited the car, the officer noticed the woman was barely moving and disoriented. The officer helped the woman out of the car. When questioned, the defendant told officers that the woman was someone he had just met at a bar and confirmed that they were having sex. Officers later discovered the victim was the defendant's half-sister. The victim was extremely intoxicated, incoherent, and confused. Upon realization of what had occurred, the victim was emotional, scared, and said that she had blacked out. A toxicologist opined that the victim's blood alcohol level at the time of the offense could have been somewhere between 0.22 and 0.28.

On April 27, 2023, a jury found the defendant guilty of sexual assault. During the punishment phase of the trial, the state proved that the defendant had sexually assaulted another half-sister years earlier. The jury assessed punishment at 25 years' imprisonment. I presided over the trial and sentenced the defendant.

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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.

None

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

Cappiello v. State, No. 02-19-00197-CR, 2022 WL 1420763, at *6-7 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth May 5, 2022, pet. ref'd) (mem. op., not designated for publication), *cert. denied*, 143 S. Ct. 591 (2023).

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.

Cappiello v. State, No. 02-19-00197-CR, 2022 WL 1420763, at *6-7 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth May 5, 2022, pet. ref'd) (mem. op., not designated for publication), *cert. denied*, 143 S. Ct. 591 (2023).

The defendant was a home remodeling contractor who swindled money from elderly customers. At trial, a jury found the defendant guilty of three offenses: theft based on a scheme, theft from elderly persons based on a scheme, and misapplication of fiduciary property from elderly persons. On appeal, the defendant challenged the sufficiency of the evidence. Because the defendant's scheme was a one-time contract for services, the court of appeals held that the defendant could not have been acting as a fiduciary. The court of appeals, thus, held the evidence insufficient on that charge and ordered acquittal. Regarding the theft convictions, the court of appeals held that theft and theft from elderly persons were the same for double-jeopardy purposes, reversed the lesser theft conviction, and ordered an acquittal. The court of appeals affirmed the defendant's conviction for theft from elderly persons and his 47-year sentence. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals refused discretionary review without comment, and the United States Supreme Court denied certiorari.

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.

None

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.

None

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.

I have never sat by designation on a federal court of appeals.

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:

To the best of my recollection, I have never been asked to recuse or deemed recusal necessary.

- 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 any non-judicial public offices.

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.

None

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

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

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

I have not served as a clerk.

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

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator.

b. Describe:

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

In 1999, I began my legal career practicing general civil litigation at a medium-sized law firm. I subsequently left the firm for public service and to gain trial experience. From 2000 to 2003, I prosecuted various state, criminal offenses at the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office. In 2003, I joined the U.S. Attorney's Office. From 2003 to 2018, I was a trial attorney and prosecuted federal criminal offenses, primarily drug-trafficking and white-collar crimes. I was appointed to the bench in 2018. Since that time, I have served as a state district judge, presiding over a felony criminal docket.

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

I have been in public service and practiced criminal law since 2000, either as a prosecutor or judge.

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 have been in the courtroom for almost my entire legal career, either as a prosecutor or judge.

i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1.	federal courts:	56%
2.	state courts of record:	44%
3.	other courts:	0%
4.	administrative agencies:	0%

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

1.	civil proceedings:	1%
2.	criminal proceedings:	99%

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 approximately 40 cases, most as lead counsel.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

1.	jury:	98%
2.	non-jury:	2%

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

I have not practiced before the Supreme Court of the United States.

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

nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

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

1. *United States v. Grant*, 4:12-CR-160-Y (N.D. Tex. -- Fort Worth Division) (Judge Terry R. Means) (Representation: 2012 – 2013)

A strip-club owner offered to pay individuals to kill a mayor and city attorney. The city had filed a nuisance lawsuit against the defendant, based on code violations and reports of guns and drugs in the club. The defendant believed the city was attempting to shutter his business. The defendant was indicted and eventually pleaded guilty to for murder-for-hire. On January 22, 2013, the defendant was sentenced to the statutory maximum punishment of 10 years' imprisonment. I was lead counsel.

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2. *United States v. Reeder*, 4:02-CR-128-Y (N.D. Tex. – Fort Worth Division); 207 F. App'x 435 (5th Cir. 2006) (per curiam), cert. denied, 550 U.S. 952 (2007) (Judge Terry R. Means) (Representation: 2003 – 2005)

Husband and wife defendants operated a multi-million-dollar Ponzi scheme, promising a 40 percent return to investors. The couple attracted investors with biblical references and promises of fortune. The SEC eventually shutdown their business, after it was more than \$9,000,000 in debt. The SEC determined the defendants were using money from new

investors to pay purported profits to earlier investors. Victims trusted the defendants because of their connections to Christian ministry. After a two-week trial, the defendants were convicted on 13 counts of mail fraud and one count of money laundering. On February 28, 2005, the husband was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment. His wife was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment. AUSA Paul Gartner (deceased) was lead counsel. I was co-counsel at trial, directed and cross-examined witnesses, and delivered closing argument.

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3. *United States v. James*, 4:14-CR-070-A (N.D. Tex. – Fort Worth Division) (Judge John McBryde) (Representation: 2003 – 2005)

The defendant, an accounting manager for a country club, embezzled over \$250,000 from his employer and failed to pay taxes on the embezzled money. State law enforcement failed to charge the defendant.

The government charged the defendant with tax evasion based on a failure to report illegal income. The government had to prove that the defendant knew he had a responsibility to report ill-gotten gain, not simply that he failed to pay taxes. A jury found the defendant guilty of tax evasion. On October 31, 2014, the defendant was sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment. AUSA Doug Allen was lead counsel. I tried the case.

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4. *United States v. Chesser*, EP-17-CR-1339-DB (W.D. Tex. – El Paso Division); 795 F. App’x 242 (5th Cir. 2019) (per curiam) (Judge David Briones) (Representation: 2018)

An FBI Special Agent materially altered her birth certificate by changing her birth year, file number, and file date, and made false statements on her passport application. Because the defendant worked in El Paso, attorneys in the Western District of Texas were recused. In March 2018, after a four-day jury trial, the defendant was convicted of three false-statement counts. Judge Briones sentenced the defendant to four years’ probation and a \$1,000 fine on each count. I tried the case with AUSA Paulina Jacoba (retired).

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5. *United States v. Auxter*, 4:04-CR-123-Y (N.D. Tex. – Fort Worth Division) (Judge Terry R. Means) (Representation: 2004 – 2005)

The defendant was caught smuggling 79 illegal aliens, including 14 children, from El Paso to Dallas in the trailer of his 18-wheeler. The defendant was stopped for inspection by a Texas DPS Trooper. The temperature was above 100 degrees and the defendant’s trailer was unventilated. The illegal aliens had been escorted to El Paso by smugglers and led to the defendant’s trailer. The defendant pleaded guilty to alien smuggling. On February 7, 2005, the defendant was sentenced to 30 months’ imprisonment. I was sole counsel.

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6. *United States v. Johnson et al*, 4:14-CR-071-A (Northern District of Texas – Fort Worth Division), 2015 WL 13173107 (N.D. Tex. June 17, 2015) (order denying motion for release pending appeal), judgments aff'd, 841 F.3d 299 (5th Cir. 2016) (Judge John McBryde) (Representation: 2014 – 2015)

The defendant and her daughter-in-law operated a tax preparation office. They prepared and filed false and fraudulent tax returns resulting in an estimated loss to the government of over \$25,000,000. The defendants filed returns with fraudulent schedules, deductions, exemptions, and credits to reduce the amount of taxes owed and obtain money from the IRS. Their clients obtained fraudulent refunds, enabling the defendants to charge higher fees, build client loyalty, and increase their business through referrals. After a week-long bench trial, both were convicted on multiple counts of conspiracy to prepare false and fraudulent tax returns and other tax offenses. The defendant was sentenced to 170 months' imprisonment. Her co-defendant daughter-in-law was sentenced to 96 months' imprisonment. I tried the case with AUSA Mark Nichols.

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7. *United States v. Gadley and Smith*, 4:11-CR-203-Y (N.D. Tex. – Fort Worth Division) (Judge Terry R. Means) (Representation: 2011 – 2013)

The defendants prostituted underaged girls. The victims were promised money and protection, but instead were physically and sexually abused and forced to have sex with men for minimal amounts of money. The defendants took nude or barely-clothed pictures of the girls and posted them on websites that advertised prostitution. The girls were

pushed to work long hours and acquire more clients. The defendants pleaded guilty to sex trafficking and were sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment. I was lead counsel.

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8. *United States v. Dickey*, 4:11-CR-091-Y (N.D. Tex. -- Fort Worth Division) (Judge Terry R. Means) (Representation: 2011 – 2012)

The defendant represented himself as a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and solicited fraudulent investments from elderly individuals promising to purchase FDIC-insured certificates of deposit for guaranteed returns at above-market rates. The defendant was not a CFP and the investments did not exist. He effectively ran a Ponzi scheme by paying early investors with subsequent investors' money, giving the appearance of legitimacy, which led to referrals of additional investors. The defendant stole over \$2,000,000 from victims. He pleaded guilty to mail fraud. On February 15, 2012, Judge Means sentenced the defendant to 151 months' imprisonment. I was lead counsel.

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9. *United States v. Halas*, 4-11-CR-113-Y (N.D. Tex. – Fort Worth Division) (Judge Terry R. Means) (Representation 2011 – 2017)

The defendant ran a fraudulent investment scheme, promising to pool investors' money into limited partnerships and to invest in stock and currency exchange markets. Investors were promised specified percentages of the partnership's earnings. The defendant lost money in the stock market after only investing a portion of initial investments and failed to report these losses to investors. Instead, the defendant reported false profits, solicited further investments, and began making Ponzi payments. Initial investors received money from recent investors, falsely believing they were receiving profits from their investments. The defendant pleaded guilty to mail fraud, was sentenced to 48 months' imprisonment, and ordered to pay over \$520,000 in restitution. I was sole counsel.

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10. *United States v. Haumesser et al*, 7:17-CR-008-O (United States District Court – Fort Worth Division); 770 F. App'x 721 (5th Cir. 2019) (Judge Reed O'Connor) (Representation: 2017 – 2018)

Defendants distributed large amounts of methamphetamine in Wichita Falls, Texas. Local law enforcement requested help from federal authorities. ATF Special Agents and Task Force Officers coordinated a roundup of 14 individuals. All defendants eventually pleaded guilty. In or around January 2018, the lead defendants were sentenced to 188 months' imprisonment. I was lead counsel.

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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 above, I have served on the Tarrant County Juvenile Board since November 2018. The Board oversees the county's juvenile detention center and related services.

I have served on the Tarrant County Bail Bond Board since January 2025. The Board oversees the county's bail bond business, contracts, and contemplated litigation.

Since 2023 I preside over defendants in the Felony Alcohol Intervention Program ("FAIP"), a four-year, intense supervision and treatment program for repeat DWI offenders.

I also mentor interns in my court for college students who intend to apply to law school.

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 not taught a course.

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 am eligible for retirement benefits earned after service with Tarrant County (Texas County and District Retirement System), and the State of Texas (Employees Retirement System of Texas).

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.

I have no plan, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment during my service on the court.

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 transmitted to the Senate, I will file my Financial Disclosure Report and supplement this Questionnaire with a copy of that Report.

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

If confirmed, I will recuse in any litigation where I have ever played a role. I don't anticipate a need to recuse based on my role as a federal prosecutor or state district judge, I will evaluate any 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 been in public service for 25 years, but have not performed pro bono work outside of my employment.

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 March 3, 2025, I sought consideration for one of the vacancies in the United States District Courts for the Western District of Texas (Waco Division) and the Northern District of Texas (Dallas Division) by submitting a completed questionnaire to the Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee (FJEC) through the offices of U.S. Senators Cornyn and Cruz. On May 8, 2025, I received a call from the FJEC Chairman inviting me to interview before members of the FJEC. I interviewed on May 16, 2025.

On June 27, 2025, I was contacted by Senator Cruz's office to schedule an interview. On June 30, 2025, I was contacted by Senator Cornyn's office to schedule an interview. I interviewed with Senator Cruz at his Washington, D.C. office on July 23, 2025. Later that day, I interviewed with Senator Cornyn at his Washington, D.C. office.

On October 22, 2025, I was contacted by an official with the White House Counsel's Office to schedule an interview. On November 5, 2025, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office in Washington, D.C. Since November 20, 2025, I have been in contact with officials from the White House Counsel's Office and from the Office of Legal Policy. On January 6, 2026, President Trump called to inform me that I would be nominated.

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, Christopher R. Wolfe, do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

January 7, 2024
(DATE)

Chris Wolfe
(NAME)

Candace M. Fyfe
(NOTARY)

