

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-JUDICIAL NOMINEES

PUBLIC

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

Ronald Charles Gathe, Jr.

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

United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana

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

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Residence:

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

1974; New Roads, Louisiana

5. **Education**: List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

Southern University Law Center, 1997-2000
J.D. - May 2000

Xavier University of Louisiana, 1992-1996
Bachelor of Science, Accounting - May 1996

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

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

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

Distinguished Alumni Award, Southern University Law Center, 2016

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.

Baton Rouge Bar Association

American Bar Association

Federal Bar Association of New Orleans

Louis Martinet Legal Society

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

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

Louisiana, May 2001

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. District Court Middle District of Louisiana (April 2001)
U.S. District Court Western District of Louisiana (April 2001)
U.S. District Court Eastern District of Louisiana (April 2001)

All state courts in Louisiana (May 2001)

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.

National Black Prosecutor's Association (2010 - Present)
Treasurer/ Vice President of Membership (August 2010 - Present)

Louisiana Black Prosecutor's Association (2014 - 2016)
Founder/President (August 2014 - August 2016)

Xavier University of Louisiana Alumni Association Baton Rouge Chapter (2003 - 2005)
President (August 2003 - May 2005)

Baton Rouge Primary Collaborative Care, Inc. (2003 - 2005)
Member of the Board of Directors (August 2005 - August 2007)

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Baton Rouge Chapter, Inc. (2003 - Present)
Member and Legal Committee Chair (August 2003 - May 2005)

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

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is a fraternity that does not allow female members. Other than that, to my knowledge, none of these organizations discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

12. Published Writings and Public Statements:

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

I have done my best to identify all books, articles, letters to the editor, editorial pieces and other published material, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have not been able to identify any responsive materials.

- b. Supply four (4) copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

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

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

I have done my best to identify any testimony, official statements, or other communications related, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. I have not been able to locate any responsive materials.

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

I have done my best to identify transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered, including through a review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have not been able to locate any responsive materials.

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

I have done my best to identify all interviews given, including through a review of my personal files, and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

Joe Gyan, Jr., *In 2015 Slaying of Highland Road Couple, Two Men Get September Trial Date*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Dec. 4, 2020, 2020 WLNR 37488465.

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Joe Gyan, Jr. & Bryn Stole, *2 Juries, 1 Courtroom Possible for Murder Trials *** Cousins Accused in BR Couple's Robbery, Slaying*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Apr. 12, 2017, at 1A, 2017 WLNR 40726879.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Man Sentenced to 8 Years in Deadly 'Road Rage' Crash *** 5 Killed After Driver Veered Across Median Near Highland*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Sept. 1, 2016, at B1, 2016 WLNR 27386981.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Last-Minute Appeal Delays Sentencing *** St. Landry Man Convicted in Fatal 2011 Crash*, Baton Rouge Advocate, May 13, 2016, at B1, 2016 WLNR 15715434.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Toddler Beaten to Death, Doctor Testifies *** Man Faces Possible Life Sentence*, Baton Rouge Advocate, July 15, 2015, at B1, 2015 WLNR 20497467.

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Andrea Gallo, *Man Convicted in Toddler's Death *** Judge Calls Fatal 2011 Beating 'Senseless'*, Baton Rouge Advocate, July 14, 2015, at B1, 2015 WLNR 20820870.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Retrial Sought in Crash Case *** Man Convicted of Vehicular Homicide*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Mar. 23, 2015, at B1, 2015 WLNR 8604875.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Judge Barred from DWI Crash Sentence*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Nov. 11, 2014, at A1, 2014 WLNR 35914923.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Sentencing Postponed in Fiery I-10 Crash that Killed 5*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Oct. 17, 2014, at A1, 2014 WLNR 32566907.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Jury Convicts Man in Crash *** Fiery '11 Head-on Collision Killed 5*, Baton Rouge Advocate, July 12, 2014, at A1, 2014 WLNR 21998756.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Testimony Delayed in Vehicular Homicide*, Baton Rouge Advocate, July 11, 2014, at B3, 2014 WLNR 21688462.
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Joe Gyan, Jr. *Convicted BR Woman Speaks at Trial *** High-Speed, Reckless Driving Preceded Fatal Crash, Witnesses Testify*, Baton Rouge Advocate, July 10, 2014, at A1, 2014 WLNR 21688373.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Man Convicted of Killing Woman During Dispute *** Fatal Arguments Over Tinted Windows*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Nov. 1, 2013, at B1, 2013 WLNR 27534080.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Woman in Road Rage Case Freed *** Judge Grants Bail for Fatal Crash Figure*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Aug. 17, 2013, at B4, 2013 WLNR 20497749.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Woman Convicted on Five Counts of Negligent Homicide *** Judge Issues Ruling After 3-Day Trial*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Aug. 10, 2013, at A1, 2013 WLNR 19792366.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Pickup blamed in wreck *** Witness Says Drunken Driver Caused Deaths*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Aug. 9, 2013, at A1, 2013 WLNR 19746298.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Screams Heard as Car Burned*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Aug. 8, 2013, at A1, 2013 WLNR 19622848.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Jury Continues Deliberations in 2009 Murder Trial*, Baton Rouge Advocate, May 23, 2012, at A7, 2012 WLNR 10890852.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Both Sides Rest Case in '09 Murder Trial*, Baton Rouge Advocate, May 22, 2012, at B1, 2012 WLNR 10810080.

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Katie Kennedy, *Jury Finds BR Man Guilty in 09 Death*, Baton Rouge Advocate, June 19, 2011, at B1, 2011 WLNR 12298956.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *'Police Etiquette' Session Widens to Other Topics*, Baton Rouge Advocate, April 23, 2011, at B9, 2011 WLNR 7954248.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Toddler Murder Trial Begins*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Mar. 1, 2010, at B1, 2010 WLNR 4286245.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *State Rests in Murder Case *** Ex-girlfriend Says Suspect has Temper*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Apr. 8, 2011, at B1, 2011 WLNR 6848806.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Accused: Tate had dirt *** Husband Blames Powerful Enemies in Slaying*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Mar. 23, 2011, at B1, 2011 WLNR 5680316.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *EBR Application of Death Penalty Under Fire Again*, Baton Rouge Advocate, March 1, 2011, at B7, 2011 WLNR 4080733.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Lawyer Attacks EBR Death Penalty Use*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Jan. 20, 2010, at B5, 2010 WLNR 1233976.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Jury Convicts BR Man, 27, in Killing of Ex-Girlfriend*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Sept. 26, 2009, at B4, 2009 WLNR 19035571.

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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Man Gets Life Term in Killing*, Baton Rouge Advocate, July 15, 2009, at B5, 2009 WLNR 13514818.

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Ashley M. Bailey, *Jury Convicts Scott in Double Murder*, Baton Rouge Advocate, June 20, 2009, at B2, 2009 WLNR 11838797.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Attorney: Defendant Didn't Pull Trigger*, Baton Rouge Advocate, June 18, 2009, at B3, 2009 WLNR 11691460.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *BR Man Guilty of Murder, Faces in Life in Prison*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Dec. 16, 2008, at B3, 2008 WLNR 24143432.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *BR Man Faces Life in Shooting*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Sept. 23, 2008, at B4, 2008 WLNR 18083529.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Contract-killing Trial Ends in Mistrial*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Aug. 3, 2008, at B1, 2008 WLNR 14475586.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Jury Still Deliberating Contract Killing Case*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Aug. 2, 2008, at B1, 2008 WLNR 14441340.
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Joe Gyan, Jr., *Pair Pled in '07 Killing*, Baton Rouge Advocate, July 1, 2009, at B10, 2008 WLNR 12560057.
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Adrian Angelette, *Two BR Women indicted in January Contract Killing*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Aug. 4, 2007, at B5, 2007 WLNR 14991478.
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Adrian Angelette, *2nd Man Indicted in Killing*, Baton Rouge Advocate, May 11, 2007, at B4, 2007 WLNR 10642287.
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Adrian Angelette, *BR Man Indicted in Murder Case*, Baton Rouge Advocate, May 11, 2007, at B5, 2007 WLNR 10642481.
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Adrian Angelette, *Arguments Begin in BR Murder Trial*, Baton Rouge Advocate, May 10, 2006, at B2, 2006 WLNR 23718031.
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Adrian Angelette, *Grand Jury Indicts Man for Murder After February Shooting Killed Friend*, Baton Rouge Advocate, Apr. 14, 2006, at A17, 2006 WLNR 23733612.

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

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

I have not run for public office.

- 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 am a member of the Democratic Party but have not held a position or played a formal role in a political campaign.

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

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

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

Law clerk for Judge James Best, Eighteenth Judicial Court, August 2000-October 2001

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

May 2001 - Present

Law Offices of Ronald C. Gathe, Jr. & Associates, L.L.C.

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

- 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.

The general character of my law practice is personal injury law, family law, corporate law, and succession law. I have maintained a part time practice and it has not changed since it's been licensed.

As an Assistant District Attorney from January 2002- June 2003, I started off prosecuting defendants who weren't paying their child support. From June 2003 – April 2010, I then moved to prosecuting defendants with felonies, such as a felony possession of firearms. From April 2010- Present, I was elevated to handle jury trials of homicides and rapes.

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

My typical clients while in private practice consisted of those who sought advice relating to personal injury, family law, corporate law, and succession matters. I have maintained this since 2001.

My clients as the Assistant District Attorney are citizens of the State of Louisiana.

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

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 - 1. federal courts; 0%
 - 2. state courts of record; 100%
 - 3. other courts; 0%
 - 4. administrative agencies 0%
- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 - 1. civil proceedings; 2%
 - 2. criminal proceedings. 98%

While in private practice, I rarely appeared in court. The percentage of my practice in litigation was approximately 2%.

As an Assistant District Attorney, I frequently appear in court. The percentage of my practice in litigation is approximately 95%.

- d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.
 - i. What percentage of these trials were:
 - 1. jury; 98%
 - 2. non-jury; 2%

I tried over approximately fifty cases to verdict. I served as lead prosecutor on approximately thirty trials and co-counsel on approximately twenty trials.

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

practice.

I have not practiced before the Supreme Court.

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

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

1. State of Louisiana v. Dacarius Holliday
Case No. 05-07-0908
District Court, 19th Judicial District, East Baton Rouge Parish
The Honorable Wilson Fields
2010

In this case, I, as co-counsel, represented the state against the defendant along with Dana Cummings who served as lead prosecutor. The defendant met Amanda Coon in Pensacola, Florida in April 2007. In May 2007, Amanda Coon left her two year old son at home with defendant, Dacarius Holiday, while she went to work. Upon her return home, she discovered the child unresponsive on the sofa. The defendant told police that he had beaten the child because the boy had urinated on himself. The autopsy showed that the child died of multiple traumatic injuries, including a lacerated liver, renal artery, and a fractured rib. The defendant was charged and convicted of first-degree murder of a two-year old child by a unanimous jury. The jury convicted the defendant and determined that the defendant be sentenced to death. My work consisted of jury selection, interviewing witnesses, cross examination, and all the necessary trial preparation work.

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2. State of Louisiana v. Carlos Lampley
Case No. 07-14-1125
District Court, 19th Judicial District, East Baton Rouge Parish
The Honorable Trudy White
2017

This case was the first human trafficking trial in the 19th Judicial District Court. The defendant was convicted and charged with trafficking of children for sexual purposes, human trafficking, and attempted trafficking. He was sentenced on trafficking of children for sexual purposes to fifteen years without parole, twenty years without parole for human trafficking, and five years without parole for attempted human trafficking. My role as lead prosecutor consisted of supervising the investigative phase, jury selection, interviewing witnesses, cross examination, and all the necessary trial preparation work.

Co-counsel:
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3. State of Louisiana v. Greg Harris
Case No. 03-09-0429
District Court, 19th Judicial District, East Baton Rouge Parish
The Honorable Trudy White
2009

In this case, the victim, Chiquita Tate, was an attorney in Baton Rouge. She married the defendant, Greg Harris. On February 20, 2009, the victim's body was discovered in her office with thirty-one stab wounds. A bleach bottle with a

bloodstain on the handle was recovered from the defendant's home. DNA testing confirmed that the stain was likely a mixture of DNA from the victim and defendant. This discovery, along with additional evidence, led to the defendant's conviction and the defendant was charged with one count of second-degree murder. After a jury trial, he was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to forty years without parole. I served as co-counsel on this case, where my work consisted of jury selection, interviewing witnesses, cross examination, and all the necessary trial preparation work.

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4. State of Louisiana v. David Leger
Case No. 03-11-0844
District Court, 19th Judicial District, East Baton Rouge
The Honorable Trudy White
2017

In this case, the defendant engaged in a race on the highway, which resulted in the death of five people. He was charged and convicted of five counts of vehicular homicide and sentenced to eight years. I served as lead prosecutor in this case and handled supervising the investigative phase, jury selection, interviewing witnesses, cross examination, and all the necessary trial preparation work.

Co-counsel:
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5. State of Louisiana v. David Williams
Case No. 06-13-0291
District Court, 19th Judicial District, East Baton Rouge
The Honorable Trudy White
2018

In this case, the defendant shot two men in East Baton Rouge Parish. He then brought the bodies to West Baton Rouge Parish, where he burned them in a car. The defendant was charged and convicted of two counts second degree murder. The trial court imposed a life sentence without parole on each count. I served as lead prosecutor on this case and handled supervising the investigative phase, jury selection, interviewing witnesses, cross examination, and all the necessary trial preparation work.

Co-counsel:
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6. State of Louisiana v. Derrick Moore
Case No. 09-04-0289
District Court, 19th Judicial District, East Baton Rouge
The Honorable Wilson Fields
2009

In this case, the defendant knocked on the door of the victim. He inquired about the location of money. The defendant began to fire his weapon killing the victim. . The defendant was charged and convicted of second-degree murder and attempted second degree murder. The defendant was sentenced to life for the second-degree murder conviction and fifteen years for the attempted second-degree conviction. As lead prosecutor on this case, I handled supervising the investigative phase, jury selection, interviewing witnesses, cross examination, and all the necessary trial preparation work.

Co-counsel:
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7. State of Louisiana v. Derrick Gordy
Case No. 10-09-0544
District Court, 19th Judicial District, East Baton Rouge
The Honorable Trudy White
2012

In this case, the defendant tried to rob a mother and her son as they were moving out of an apartment. The robbery was unsuccessful, causing the defendant to leave the scene. As he was leaving, he heard the mother and son on the phone with the police. He decided to shoot, and he killed them both. The defendant was charged with two counts of second-degree murder. He was convicted on two counts of manslaughter. I served as co-counsel on this case and my work consisted of jury selection, interviewing witnesses, cross examination, and all the necessary trial preparation work.

Co-Counsel:
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Opposing Counsel:
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8. State of Louisiana v. Darryl Winfrey
Case No. 03-07-1095
District Court, 19th Judicial District, East Baton Rouge
The Honorable Trudy White

2009

In this case, the defendant stabbed the victim forty-three times, including a fatal wound to her heart. The defendant was convicted and charged with second-degree murder and a unanimous jury sentenced to him life. As lead counsel, I handled supervising the investigative phase, jury selection, interviewing witnesses, cross examination, and all the necessary trial preparation work.

Co-counsel:

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Opposing Counsel:

Anthony Bertucci (deceased)
Lenny Perez (deceased)

9. State of Louisiana v. Freddie Washington
Case No. 03-07-1093
District Court, 19th Judicial District, East Baton Rouge
The Honorable Wilson Fields
2009

In this case, the victim came out of a Circle K and met two females. He asked them to ride with him. He told one of the females his name. She recognized the name as someone who her friend wanted to kill. She secretly called her friend, who hired the defendant to kill the victim. The females set up the victim leading him to the defendant. The defendant then proceeded to kill the victim. The defendant was charged and convicted of second-degree murder. He was sentenced to life. As lead prosecutor, I handled supervising the investigative phase, jury selection, interviewing witnesses, cross examination, and all the necessary trial preparation work.

Co-counsel:

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Opposing Counsel:

Candace O'Brien (no longer practicing)
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225-772-4426

10. State of Louisiana v. Willie Dunn, Jr.
Case No. 02-010-0170
District Court, 19th Judicial District, East Baton Rouge
The Honorable Trudy White
2013

In this case, the victim and the defendant had a verbal altercation outside of a local nightclub. The victim was rumored to be communicating with the defendant's wife. The defendant grabbed a gun and shot the victim twice fatally injuring the victim. I served as co-counsel and handled jury selection, interviewing witnesses, cross examination, and all the necessary trial preparation work.

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

I have not pursued any significant legal activities including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not involve litigation. All significant litigation ended in verdicts. I have not performed any lobbying activities.

17. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a

syllabus of each course, provide four (4) copies to the committee.

Criminal Law
Southern University Law Center
2012 - 2017

This criminal law course examined the principles and policies regulating substantive criminal law. Topics that were covered include theories of crime and punishment, elements of a crime, notion of criminal responsibility, parties to a crime, defenses to criminal liability, offenses against person, property and society, and inchoate crimes. Syllabus Provided.

Criminal Procedure
Southern University Law Center
2013 - 2020

This course examined how criminal procedure regulates the adjudication process in enforcing substantive criminal law. Topics that were covered include the Fourth Amendment, Fifth Amendment, Sixth Amendment, the pretrial process, adjudication of guilt, and the role of the defense lawyer. Syllabus Provided.

Trial Advocacy
Southern University Law Center
2014

This trial advocacy course prepared students for organizing thoughts and documents in preparation for trial, hearing, motions, or any other appearance before a tribunal. Syllabus Provided.

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

None.

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

I do not have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, without or without compensation, during my service.

20. **Sources of Income:** List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items

exceeding \$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

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

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

22. **Potential Conflicts of Interest**:

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

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

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

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

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

I volunteer time with the youth, particularly Summer Youth Basketball. I instituted a Junior District Attorney Program from 2014-2019, which introduced young children to the court system to become young prosecutors. The program was comprised of 7th graders, and it typically began the last week of school in May. The students received a blue blazer at the beginning of the program and had to earn a district attorney badge by

the end. To earn the badge, the students would experience the different phases of a criminal proceeding. They were able to investigate mock crime scenes, bring the investigations to a lab, and proceed to trial with the evidence.