

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).

Margaret Rose Guzman  
Margaret Rose Pytko (married name)

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

United States District Court Judge for the District of Massachusetts

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.

Ayer District Court  
25 East Main Street  
Ayer, Massachusetts

I reside in Worcester, Massachusetts.

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

1960; Worcester, Massachusetts

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.

1989 – 1992, Boston University Law School; J.D., 1992

1987 – 1989, Clark University; B.A. (High Honors, magna cum laude), 1989

1986, Newcastle Polytechnic (United Kingdom); no degree received (study abroad program)

1985 – 1986, University of Southern Maine; no degree received

6. **Employment Record**: List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation

from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or description.

2017 – present  
Ayer District Court  
25 East Main Street  
Ayer, Massachusetts 01432  
First Justice, District Court Judge

2009 – 2017  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Trial Court  
One Pemberton Square  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108  
Associate Justice of the District Court

2007 – 2009  
Defender Services, United States District Court  
595 Main Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01608  
Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorney

2005 – 2009  
General Law Practice  
539 Park Avenue  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01603  
Solo Practitioner

1992 – 2005  
Committee for Public Counsel Services  
340 Main Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01608  
Trial Attorney

1989 – 1992  
Central Electric Supply  
Murray Avenue  
Worcester, Massachusetts  
Showroom Assistant

Summer 1991  
Boston University School of Law  
765 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts 02215  
Legal Intern

Spring 1991

Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky & Popeo, PC  
One Financial Center  
Boston, Massachusetts 02111  
Legal Intern

Summer 1990  
Committee for Public Counsel Services  
340 Main Street, Room 724  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01608  
Legal Intern (unpaid)

Summer 1989  
Digital Equipment Corporation  
Technology Drive  
Westborough, Massachusetts  
Clerical Assistant

Other affiliations (Uncompensated)

October 2021, April 2021, October 2020  
The National Judicial College  
University of Nevada  
College Drive  
Reno, Nevada 89557  
General Jurisdiction/Core Skills Faculty

January Term 2022, 2020 and 2019  
Harvard Law School  
1563 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138  
Trial Advocacy Workshop Instructor

2018 – present  
Worcester Business Development Corporation  
89 Shrewsbury Street, Suite 300  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01604  
Board Member

2017 – present  
Creative Hub Worcester  
653 Main Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01608  
Board Member

2013 – 2016  
Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women

455 Main Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01608  
Vice Chair and Commission Member

2006 – 2009  
Worcester Youth Center  
326 Chandler Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01602  
Board Member

2005 – 2009  
Committee for Public Counsel Services  
44 Bromfield Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108  
Committee Member

2005 – 2009  
City of Worcester Planning Board  
455 Main Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01608  
Appointed Member

1995 – 2005  
Dismas House of Central Massachusetts  
30 Richards Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01603  
Board President (1999 – 2005)  
Board Member (1995 – 1999)

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 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.

Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys, Las Primeras Award (2005)

Boston University Law School, Edward Hennessey Scholar (1992)

Clark University  
Graduated magna cum laude (1989)

Graduated with High Honors (1989)  
Phi Beta Kappa, Highest Honors (1989)

University of Southern Maine  
Dean's List (Spring 1986)  
Dean's List (Fall 1985)

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 Judges Association (2015 – 2017)

District Court Committee on Race and Ethnic Fairness,  
Appointee (2015 – present)

Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (2003 – 2009)

Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys (2007 – 2014)

Massachusetts Bar Association (2008 – 2017)

Massachusetts Judges Conference (2009 – 2019)

National Association of Women Judges (2016 – 2018)

Supreme Judicial Select Committee on Race and Bias, Appointee (2015 – present)

Worcester County Bar Association (1999 – 2018)

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.

Massachusetts, 1993

There have been no lapses in membership. I have been an inactive member (judicial status) since my appointment to the bench in 2009.

- 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.

Supreme Court of the United States, 1999

United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, 1994

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.

City of Worcester Planning Board (2005 – 2009)

Clark University

Alumni Council (2021 – present)

Diversity and Inclusion Task Force (2018 – 2020)

Alumni Mentor Program (2015 – present)

Law and Regulatory Affairs Network (2017 – 2019)

University Park Campus School Mentor (1998 – 2012)

Committee for Public Counsel Services (2005 – 2009)

Creative Hub Worcester, Board Member (2017 – present)

Dismas House of Central Massachusetts

Board President (1999 – 2005)

Board Member (1995 – 1999)

Hanover Theatre, Ambassador (2016 – present)

Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Board member (2022 – present)

Worcester Business Development Corporation, Board Member (2018 – present)

Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women, Vice Chair and Commissioner (2013 – 2016)

Worcester Youth Center, Board Member (2006 – 2009)

- 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 these organizations currently discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

**12. 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 a material to the Committee.

None.

- 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.

*Up in Smoke: The Legal Ramifications of the Decriminalization of Marijuana*, Worcester County Bar Association (December 2011). Copy supplied.

- 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 searched my files and electronic databases in an effort to locate all reports, memoranda, and policy statements. I have located the materials listed below, but it is possible that there may exist a few that I have been unable to identify.

From December 2013 until 2016, I served as a commissioner and as the vice chair of the Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women. During that time, the Commission held five public hearings in which I participated:

Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women; (September 22, 2014). Minutes supplied.

Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women; (August 18, 2014).  
Minutes supplied.

Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women; (June 23, 2014).  
Minutes supplied.

Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women; (May 19, 2014).  
Minutes supplied.

Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women; (March 5, 2014).  
Minutes supplied.

From July 2005 to June 2009, I served as a member of the Planning Board for the City of Worcester, Massachusetts. During that time, the Board held public hearings in which I participated. Minutes supplied for the following hearings:

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (June 24, 2009)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (June 3, 2009)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (May 6, 2009)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (April 22, 2009)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (April 1, 2009)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (March 18, 2009)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (March 4, 2009)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (February 18, 2009)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (February 4, 2009)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (January 21, 2009)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (January 7, 2009)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (December 10, 2008)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (November 12, 2008)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (October 15, 2008)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (October 1, 2008)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (September 17, 2008)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (September 3, 2008)  
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Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (August 6, 2008)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (July 16, 2008)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (June 18, 2008)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (June 4, 2008)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (May 21, 2008)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (May 7, 2008)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (April 2, 2008)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (March 19, 2008)  
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Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (February 15, 2006)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (February 1, 2006)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (January 25, 2006)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (January 18, 2006)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (January 4, 2006)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (December 28, 2005)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (December 14, 2005)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (November 30, 2005)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (November 9, 2005)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (October 26, 2005)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (October 12, 2005)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (September 28, 2005)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (September 14, 2005)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (August 24, 2005)  
Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (August 10, 2005)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (July 27, 2005)

Worcester Planning Board, Public Meeting (July 13, 2005)

- 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.

March 21, 2022: Guest Speaker, Fifth and Sixth Grades of the LaFamilia Dual Language School, Worcester, Massachusetts through the Massachusetts Trial Court's National Judicial Outreach efforts. I discussed the role of a judge and other participants in the judicial system with the students of the two grades and answered questions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Massachusetts Trial Court is One Pemberton Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

January 21, 2022: Guest Speaker, Judicial Cafecito with Judge Margaret Guzman, Hispanic National Bar Association Region 1 (via Zoom). I delivered remarks to participants and answered questions regarding my career path and appointment to the Massachusetts state court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Hispanic National Bar Association is 2020 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, Suite 279, Washington, DC 20006.

October 27, 2021: Lecturer, "Sentencing and Jury and Trial Management for General Jurisdiction," National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada. PowerPoint supplied.

June 11, 2021: Guest Speaker, Sterling Boy Scout Troop 169, Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony. I made remarks about the efforts and sacrifice by the awardees, including the hardships universally suffered due to the pandemic. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Sterling Boy Scouts is c/o Taubert, 8 John Dee Road, Sterling, Massachusetts 01564.

April 22, 2021: Lecturer, "Sentencing and Jury and Trial Management for General Jurisdiction," National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada (via Zoom). I used the same PowerPoint that was provided for the lecture on October 27, 2021.

March 29, 2021: Panelist, "District Court Judicial Forum 2021," Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Boston, Massachusetts (via Zoom). I participated in a moderated panel regarding recent criminal case law updates. I have no notes,

transcript, or recording. The address for MCLE is Ten Winter Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02111.

October 22, 2020: Lecturer, "Sentencing and Jury and Trial Management for General Jurisdiction," National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada (via Zoom). I used the same PowerPoint that was provided for the lecture on October 27, 2021.

August 24, 2020: Panelist, "Revisiting the Cristino Hernandez slaying," Worcester Historical Museum (via Zoom). Panelist and as the former counsel of Mr. Hernandez, discussed the 30-year-old case of the death of Cristino Hernandez. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Worcester Historical Museum is 30 Elm Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609.

March 12, 2019: Speaker, Groton Dunstable High School visit to the Ayer District Court, Ayer, Massachusetts. After the eleventh-grade students observed the court session, I participated in a general question-and-answer session about their observations and other general court topics. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Groton Dunstable High School is 703 Chicopee Row, Groton, Massachusetts 01450.

September 25, 2018: Guest Speaker, Groton Dunstable High School, AP Law and Society class, Groton, Massachusetts. I discussed the role of the courts and the justice system and I participated in a question-and-answer session. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Groton Dunstable High School is 703 Chicopee Row, Groton, Massachusetts 01450.

May 25, 2018: Panelist, "Color of Justice," Lowell District Court, Lowell, Massachusetts. I discussed my career path with a group of female middle school students. In addition to general remarks, I led a roundtable discussion with a smaller group. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Lowell District Court is 370 Jackson Street, Lowell, Massachusetts 01852.

February 15, 2018: Panelist, "Bench Meets Bar," Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts. I participated in a moderated panel regarding my path from law school to the bench. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Boston University School of Law is 765 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02215.

September 28, 2017: Guest Speaker, Groton Dunstable High School, AP Law and Society class, Groton, Massachusetts. I discussed the role of the courts and the justice system and I participated in a question-and-answer session. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Groton Dunstable High School is 703 Chicopee Row, Groton, Massachusetts 01450.

September 7, 2017: Panelist, "Criminal Justice Reform," Clark University. I discussed issues including incarceration, treatment for substance use disorder, and

access to justice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Clark University is 950 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01603.

November 16, 2016: Panelist, “Diversity in Law Practice,” Networked Communities Initiative, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts. Each participant discussed their own path to attending Clark and their resulting career trajectory. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Clark University is 950 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01603.

March 29, 2016: Judge, High School Mock Trial Finals, Massachusetts Bar Association, Boston, Massachusetts. As one of three judges, I presided over the final competition and made brief remarks after the event. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Massachusetts Bar Association is 20 West Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111.

February 26, 2016: Guest Speaker, Clark University Women’s Leadership Lunch Series, Boston, Massachusetts. My remarks reflected on the impact of my Clark experience, as well as my education and career. I also participated in a question-and-answer session. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Clark University is 950 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01603.

December 2014 (specific date unknown): Attendee, “In Our Own Backyard,” Discussion hosted by the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. The event was a discussion among city leaders and public officials on the opioid epidemic in Worcester County. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the District Court is 595 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01608.

November 22 – 23, 2013: Judge, Moot Court Competition, Fitchburg State University. I served as a judge during a two-day competition. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for Fitchburg State University is 160 Pearl Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts 01420.

June 6, 2013: Commencement Speaker, Oxford High School Graduation, Oxford, Massachusetts. I was the invited Commencement speaker for the 35th anniversary of my graduation from my alma mater. I spoke about important life lessons, and my journey after my own high school graduation. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Oxford High School is 495 Main Street, Oxford, Massachusetts 01540.

March 2013 (specific date unknown): Panelist, “Hearsay Hazards,” Suffolk Law School Advanced Legal Studies, Boston, Massachusetts. I participated in a moderated panel on issues relating to hearsay evidence. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Suffolk Law School is 120 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

January 3, 2012: Presiding Judge, Swearing-In Ceremony, City of Worcester Elected officials, North High School, Worcester, Massachusetts. I administered the oath of office to all newly elected members of the city council and school board. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the City of Worcester is 455 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01608.

October 24, 2011: Guest Lecturer, "Ethics," Boston College law School Clinical Program. I discussed the ethical obligations of lawyers, especially those representing and prosecuting criminal defendants. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Boston College School of Law is 885 Centre Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02459.

April 11, 2011: Panelist, "An Evening with Hispanic Justices," Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys and Suffolk Law School's Latin American Law Student Association, Boston, Massachusetts. I discussed my career path. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for Suffolk Law School is 120 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

December 9, 2009: I gave remarks at the official ceremony of the taking of my judicial oath of office in Worcester District Court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for Worcester District Court is 225 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01608.

May 10, 2007: Panelist, Public hearing on the siting of the Dismas House of Central Massachusetts Residential Program for former offenders. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for Dismas House is 30 Richards Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01603.

- 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.

Jim Keogh, *The Clark Community Recalls the Life and Legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, ClarkNow (Sept. 21, 2020). Copy supplied.

Christopher Lilly, *Court System in the Time of Covid*, Westford Community Access Television (Aug. 20, 2020). Video available at <https://cloud.castus.tv/vod/westfordcat/video/5f821652687933557ff25281?page=HOME>.

Christopher Lilly, *Topics from Ayer District Court*, Westford Community Access Television (Sept. 18, 2017). Video available at

<https://cloudcastus.tv/vod/westfordcat/video/5f821654687933557ff257c7?page=HOME>.

*Officials Confront Opiate Epidemic in 'Backyard,'* Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Dec. 12, 2014). Copy supplied.

On September 24, 2013, I was interviewed by Lucinda Rivera, host of Discovering the Law on Boston Community Access Television, about civics and the constitution. The interview was broadcast on cable. I have no transcript or recording.

Gary Murray, *Judicial Insight – Group of Jurists and Students Visit Law Schools in China*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Jan. 30, 2011). Copy supplied.

Gary Murray, *Fledgling Judges – Transition from Being Lawyers Takes Attention, Adjustment*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Oct. 19, 2009). Copy supplied.

Gary Murray, *'How Can You Defend those People?' -Lawyers say Counsel Bolsters Fair Trials*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Apr. 26, 2009). Copy supplied.

*Slaying Rocks Leominster Townhouse Community: Husband Facing Murder Charge*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Mar. 27, 2009). Copy supplied.

Marisa Donelan & Nick Brown, *Leominster Police: Husband Confesses to Stabbing Wife to Death*, Sentinel & Enterprise (Mar. 27, 2009). Copy supplied.

Gary Murray, *Freed Suspect Bitter at Jailing – Man Confined Over 2 Years*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Feb. 11, 2009). Copy supplied.

*MA Main Pleads Not Guilty in Fatal Machete Attack*, The Associated Press State and Local Wire (Feb. 2, 2009). Copy supplied.

*Slay Suspect Free; DNA is Not a Match*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Dec. 23, 2008). Copy supplied.

Dianne Williamson, *Fiscal Hole Grows Deeper for Vet's Widow*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Jan. 31, 2008). Copy supplied.

Marla A. Goldberg, *Man Acquitted of Murder*, The Republican (Jan. 30, 2007). Copy supplied.

J.J. Higgins, *Shooting Suspect held on \$200K Bail*, Sentinel & Enterprise (Feb. 24, 2006). Copy supplied.

Gary Murray, *Local Lawyers See Roberts as Smart But Untested Judge*,

Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Sept. 9, 2005). Copy supplied.

Jo Hill, *'Amber' Suspect Faces Rape Charge; Bail Set; Documents Impounded*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Sept. 1, 2004). Copy supplied.

*2 Men Arraigned in Alleged Abduction*, Bos. Globe (Aug. 27, 2004). Copy supplied.

Milton Valencia, *Evaluation Ordered for Fitchburg Man; Suspect Pleads Not Guilty in Son's Death*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Jan. 21, 2004). Copy supplied.

Peter Schworm, *Man Pleads Not Guilty in Stabbing His Sons*, Bos. Globe (Jan. 21, 2004). Copy supplied.

Thomas Caywood, *Fitchburg Dad Charged with Son's Killing Sent for Psych Testing*, Bos. Herald (Jan. 21, 2004). Copy supplied.

Gary Murray, *Wit, Charm, and Tenacity Provide Winning Mix*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Aug. 10, 2003). Copy supplied.

Lee Hammel, *Arm of Justice Takes in Mentally Ill; Police, Jails Play Larger Role*, Worcester Sunday Telegram (Feb. 24, 2002). Copy supplied.

Gary Murray, *Courthouse Cleared After Tragedy*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Sept. 12, 2001). Copy supplied.

Doug Hanchett, *Ex-Marine Pleads Innocent to Raping Daughter's Pals*, Bos. Herald (July 6, 2001). Copy supplied.

Gary Murray, *Plea Deals Keep Courts Functioning*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Feb. 25, 2001). Copy supplied.

Karen Nugent, *Suspect Chats on Way to Court*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Dec. 13, 2000). Copy supplied.

Margo Sullivan, *Prison System Taken to Task, Pilgrimage Comes to City*, Worcester Sunday Telegram (Oct. 29, 2000). Copy supplied.

Shaun Sutner, *Lawyers will Have Chance to Render Verdicts on Judges*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Oct. 1, 2000). Copy supplied.

Mike Elfland, *Cause of Death Key to Spinelli Defense*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Aug. 25, 2000). Copy supplied.

Matthew Bruun, *Trial Unlikely in 1996 Rape Case*, Worcester Telegram and

Gazette (June 21, 2000). Copy supplied.

Gary Murray, *Suspect in Bar Slaying Held Without Bail*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (June 14, 2000). Copy supplied.

Gary Murray, *Man Allegedly Pulls Out BB Gun on Clerk for \$10*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Apr. 5, 2000). Copy supplied.

Gary Murray, *Courthouse Repair Deal Draws Cheers*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (July 18, 1998). Copy supplied.

Gary Murray, *Retirement Won't End Career*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (May 3, 1998). Copy supplied.

Gary Murray and John O'Connor, *Woodward Verdict Shocks Legal Experts*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Nov. 1, 1997). Copy supplied.

Mary Anne Magiera, *Y Cheers Ruling on Counseling Records*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (July 22, 1997). Copy supplied.

Emilie Astell, *Message in Ruling, Area Observers Say*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (May 28, 1997). Copy supplied.

Pamela Sacks, *Halls of Justice Differ in Dignity: Courthouse Cries Out for Updating*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (Feb. 9, 1997). Copy supplied.

Dianne Williamson, *They Both Trusted the System, But Rape Case Jury Only Believed*, Worcester Telegram and Gazette (May 23, 1995). Copy supplied.

Sally Jacobs, *Videotape Shows Arrest, But the Unseen is Disputed*, Bos. Globe (Oct. 5, 1993). 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 was appointed as an Associate Justice of the District Court by Governor Deval Patrick on June 24, 2009, and sworn in on July 21, 2009. The District Court is a state court of General Jurisdiction. The District Court has jurisdiction over criminal, civil, housing, mental health, and other types of cases as enumerated by the statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, common law, and city and town ordinances. Since my appointment, I have served in Civil and Criminal sessions in more than 32 of the 62 District Courts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On March 21, 2017, I was appointed to a five-year term as the First Justice of the Ayer District Court, by District Court Chief Justice Paul Dawley. In addition to the duties of

the court of General Jurisdiction, I have responsibility for administration of a District Court of more than 50 employees, and a jurisdiction covering ten municipalities and 14 law enforcement agencies. In March 2022, I was re-appointed as the First Justice of the Ayer District Court, Ayer, Massachusetts.

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

I have presided over more than 1,000 cases that have gone to verdict or judgment. Approximately 300 of those cases involved jury trials and approximately 700 of the cases involved bench trials.

- i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	30%
bench trials:	70%

- ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings:	25%
criminal proceedings:	75%

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

As a state trial court judge, all of my opinions are unreported decisions that are disseminated to the parties by the Clerk-Magistrate's office. The court maintains a copy as part of the case record which is open to the public.

- 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. Commonwealth v. Steers, 2048CR000730, Ayer District Court (2020)

In the early afternoon, an off-duty Massachusetts State Trooper came upon a car stopped partially over the stop line at an intersection. After the car didn't move, the officer drove around the car and saw that the operator appeared to be unconscious with the motor running. After several attempts, the officer was able to wake the driver. Due to his concerns, the officer told the driver to "Stay here" and then called for local police who arrived shortly thereafter. The local police took over the interaction with the defendant who was subsequently charged with Operating while Impaired as a 3rd Offense. The defendant claimed that the off-duty officer committed an unlawful seizure when he told him to stay. The

defendant's motion to suppress sought to exclude all evidence from the initial encounter through his arrest. I conducted an evidentiary hearing and ruled that the encounter and actions of the off-duty officer were not investigative. I therefore denied the motion to suppress. The matter remains open and is scheduled for jury trial.

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2. Commonwealth v. Harris, 1948CR000772, Ayer District Court (2019)

During a traffic stop for speeding, the defendant was arrested after the police suspected impaired operation. The passenger was not allowed to drive the car, but was permitted to leave without incident. During an inventory search of the vehicle, police found an unlicensed firearm in the glove box and several containers of alcohol. The defendant challenged the stop and the subsequent search of the vehicle. Prior to deciding on the motion and in light of a recent Supreme Judicial Court decision of Commonwealth v. Goncalves-Mendez, 484 Mass. 80 (2020), on very similar facts, I rescheduled that matter for further hearing on the specific issues of whether use of the inventory policy to conduct the search was appropriate. Additional inquiry at an evidentiary hearing established that the officer was unaware that a valid driver could be allowed to drive the vehicle away. As a result, I allowed the motion and ordered that the items from the search of the vehicle were suppressed. The defendant entered a guilty plea to the Operating Under the Influence charge. Decision supplied.

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3. Gallagher et al. v. Town of Westford, 1948CV0076, Ayer District Court (2019)

Two neighbors found themselves in a long-standing conflict over each other's dogs. After each neighbor retained attorneys, various local agencies, including the Police Department, Animal Control Officers and the Board of Selectmen became involved through a series of contested challenges. After the Board of Selectmen issued an order of euthanasia, the owner of the condemned dogs filed a petition for judicial review. After an evidentiary hearing and a review of the previous hearings, I found serious procedural flaws in the process that led to the order of euthanasia. Therefore, I granted the petition and rescinded the order of the Board of Selectmen. Ruling supplied.

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4. Commonwealth v. Viana, 1848CR000352, Ayer District Court (2018)

The defendant was charged with numerous driving offenses, including Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol. The evidence related to the OUI charge was primarily based on test results from a blood draw taken while the defendant received treatment at a hospital. The defendant filed a motion to exclude the evidence, challenging the test's reliability. The hearing involved numerous witnesses – both lay and expert, multiple exhibits, competing legal arguments and filings, and two days of oral argument. Based on my review of the entire record, I found that the Commonwealth failed to establish sufficient reliability of the scientific method and granted the motion to exclude. Decision supplied. The Commonwealth did not seek appellate review of the ruling. At a jury-waived trial, the defendant was found not guilty on the OUI. She subsequently entered a guilty plea to negligent operation and failing to stop for police, resulting in a suspended jail sentence.

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5. Walsh v. James, 1848SU0042, Ayer District Court (2018)

In 2018, a landlord sought an eviction order against his tenant, through a summary process action. Landlord Walsh sought to evict Ms. James, who was a Tenant at Will. The tenant filed an answer in opposition, alleging that the eviction was filed in retaliation for a claim of injury on the property. I held a hearing with both self-represented parties. My review of the testimony and evidence clearly established that the landlord had taken funds for a security deposit and a last month rent deposit in 2011, at the start of the tenancy. In doing so, the landlord was obligated to place those funds in separate interest earning accounts. Violations of these state provisions can carry significant penalties. The landlord had not only failed to separate and place the funds in appropriate accounts, but also used the funds without notice to the tenant. Based on the evidence, I denied the landlord's petition for eviction. Additionally, I granted the tenant's counterclaim for damages. Based on the statutory allowable interest from 2011, the award of \$814.20 was also subject to treble damages, resulting in a judgment for the Tenant of \$2,442.60. Finally, I ordered the landlord to place the \$2,000 security deposit in separate accounts or return that amount to the tenant. Ruling supplied.

Both parties were pro se.

6. Wojcik v. Ceppetelli, 1664CV000272, Dudley District Court (2016)

In 2016, the plaintiff, who was terminated from her job as a teacher at a local high school, filed suit against the Special Education Coordinator for the school district for wrongful termination. Six of the plaintiff's former co-workers had provided information that was relied on in the termination decision. Plaintiff's counsel and an investigator conducted a series of surprise visits to the witnesses, causing the witnesses to be concerned enough to seek legal representation from the same firm that was representing the School District. Thereafter, the court heard the plaintiff's motion to disqualify counsel of record for the six witnesses, alleging that the joint representation was a breach of the Massachusetts Rules of

Professional Conduct. The credible evidence from the hearing established a pattern of intimidation tactics carried out by the plaintiff's investigator, targeting the six individuals. All of the named witnesses expressed fear and concern. After consideration of the evidence and the prevailing case law, it was clear that this instance of joint representation did not raise issues of ethical violations. I denied the motion. Ruling supplied.

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7. Parmar v. O'Neill and Corbett Development, 1648CV000865, Ayer District Court (2015)

Between 2015 and 2021, Mr. O'Neill and his development company were named in more than ten separate civil and small claim actions by individuals and small businesses for numerous civil claims resulting in financial losses. Most of the cases resulted in default judgments, and repeated defaults on hearings to establish payment on the judgments. One of the plaintiffs obtained a *capias*, which allowed a sheriff to take Mr. O'Neill into custody and transport him to court. While before me, Mr. O'Neill made a final promise to return on a scheduled day to make payment on the judgment. I informed Mr. O'Neill that a failure to be present with the funds would result in a filing of a contempt citation, which would allow the defendant to be held in custody until he could be brought before me to answer and cure the contempt. Mr. O'Neill failed to appear. Some six weeks later, the court was notified that Mr. O'Neill was in custody in Maine, being held on the Ayer District Court contempt citation. He was transported to court and released after he posted the bail which was equal to the civil judgment. By the time Mr. O'Neill next appeared in court to answer to the other civil cases, he had retained counsel and provided notice of a bankruptcy filing.

Both parties were self-represented.

8. Commonwealth v. B.J.R., 91 Mass App Ct. 1112 (2020)

After a young man was arraigned in the Attleboro District Court on assault and battery charges, I determined that the defendant was not presently competent to

stand trial. The defense subsequently filed a motion to dismiss the charges in the interest of justice, as the defendant's incompetence was a permanent condition. At the hearing on the motion, the prosecutor conceded that the defendant was incompetent and that it was a permanent condition. The main issue was whether I had the authority to issue a dismissal based on the particular circumstances of this case. After consideration of the admitted evidence and the state of the law, I allowed the motion and immediately dismissed the charges. On the Commonwealth's appeal, the Appeals Court upheld the dismissal.

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9. Commonwealth v. Disessa, 1548CR001173, Ayer District Court (2015)

The defendant, a long-time inmate, was charged with two counts of assault and battery on a jail guard, for trying to prevent a search of his cell. Ultimately, the search was conducted and produced a book of USPS stamps. After a jury trial over which I presided, the defendant was found not guilty on both counts. Thereafter, Mr. Disessa, still an inmate, filed a pro se handwritten motion for return of the stamps. When the hearing was finally held after numerous delays by actions of the jail, I ruled that the stamps needed to be returned as they were no longer evidence. After the ruling, the jail admitted that they had not retained the stamps. The parties negotiated an agreement- the defendant waived his right to future claim and the jail credited the value of the stamps to Mr. Disessa's account.

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10. McCarthy v. Commerce Ins., 0868CV000504: 85 Mass. App. Ct. 1110 (2014)  
(remand decision)

The central issue at trial was notice of denial of collision coverage. A previous jury trial established that the insurance company doctored a letter to establish

notice. In a verdict for the plaintiff, the jury made a specific finding that the insurance company failed to provide notice. The trial judge made rulings for the bad faith insurance claims (M.G.L. ch 176D and 93A). Several issues were appealed, resulting in the jury verdict and the judge's ruling being set aside. The appeals court remanded the case for retrial on specific jury instruction errors and the 176D and 93A award. What was not to be relitigated was the prior jury finding that the insurance company failed to provide adequate notice. With those guideposts, the parties appeared before me on several occasions. I created a fixed schedule for the attorneys, with filing dates for any remaining pre-trial motions and issues. On the eve of trial, the parties notified the court of a settlement.

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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.

1. Commonwealth v. Viana, 1848CR0352 (unpublished), Ayer District Court, (2018). Decision previously supplied in response to Question 13c.

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2. Commonwealth v. Gandra, 1848CR1006 (unpublished), Ayer District Court

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3. Commonwealth v. Titus, 1748CR0731 (unpublished), Ayer District Court.  
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4. Commonwealth v. Lin, 1664CR1741, and Commonwealth v. Zheng,  
1664CR1744, Dudley District Court (2016). Copies supplied.

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5. Commonwealth v. Hendry, 1648CR0722 (unpublished), Ayer District Court (2016). Copy supplied.

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6. Commonwealth v. Oliva, 1521CR0902 (unpublished) Marlborough District Court (2015). Copy supplied.

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7. Commonwealth v. Seaman, 1557CR0574 (unpublished), Wrentham District Court (2015). Copy supplied.

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8. Commonwealth v. Vazquez, 1533CR5847 (unpublished), New Bedford District Court (2015). Copy supplied.

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9. Commonwealth v. Martin, 1470CR0588 (unpublished), Fitchburg Jury Session for the Winchendon District Court (2014). Copy supplied.

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10. Commonwealth v. Shea, 1433CR4080, (unpublished), Attleboro District Court (2014). Copy supplied.

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

I have not ruled on any case 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.

Commonwealth v. Delima, 94 Mass. App. Ct. 1121 (2019). The defendant was charged with committing a violation of a harassment protection order, by posting a video on You Tube criticizing the plaintiff (complainant) in the order. After being informed of the defendant's posting on YouTube, the plaintiff subsequently viewed the video. The jury found the defendant guilty. On review, the Appeals Court found that the evidence was insufficient to support conviction for violation of a harassment order and ordered an entry of required finding of not guilty.

Commonwealth v. Richards, 480 Mass. 413 (2018). A defendant had been found not guilty on a charge of operating while under the influence, but still had his license revoked based on a breath test refusal. At the close of the trial, the defendant requested that his license be restored. The trial judge denied the request, and soon thereafter retired. The defendant subsequently made renewed request for reinstatement of his driving privileges to another judge, who suggested he bring the motion again after more time had passed. The defendant brought another motion seeking reinstatement, after a period of several years and after the second judge also retired. After a hearing, I granted the motion. The Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the motion was time barred.

Commonwealth v. Hanuschak, 81 Mass. App. Ct. 1132 (2012). The defendant was charged with operating while under the influence of alcohol (impairment theory), and for operating with possessing an alcohol limit of .08 or above (per se theory). The evidence included a breath test obtained some hours after the evidence of operation. At the close of the case, I denied a defense request for a

required finding of not guilty. After jury deliberation, the jury found the defendant not guilty of impaired operation, but guilty on the per se count. Upon reconsideration, I entered a required finding of not guilty on the per se theory due to the significant period of time between operation and the breath test. The Commonwealth appealed my ruling, and the Appeals Court reinstated the guilty finding.

- 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.

All of my rulings, whether written or read into the record, are unpublished. The written decisions are maintained in the original case file by the court, either in paper or scanned into an electronic record. The orally reported rulings remain accessible by the recording maintained by the court.

- 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 have not written any significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues.

- 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 not sat by designation on any 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:

- 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.

The Massachusetts District Court does not have an automatic recusal system. However, I have recused myself from many decisions due to several factors, including prior legal representation, having knowledge of the case due to familiarity with one of the litigants, or personal involvement with the controversy or persons involved with the controversy.

For more than 17 years, I represented defendants in Worcester and other counties of the Commonwealth in many courts. Over the last 13 years serving on the state court, I have been presented with many cases involving prior clients and where I recused myself sua sponte. I do not have a list of those cases.

I have had only one case in which recusal was requested due to alleged bias and/or conflict of interest:

Duff and Duff v. Picciotto, 1848CV0034. The attorney for the defendant filed a motion requesting that I reverse a ruling made against his client and that I recuse myself. He directed the motion to the Chief Judge of the District Court, my regional administrative judge and me. He also simultaneously filed a complaint to the Judicial Conduct Commission. The attorney alleged that I had demonstrated personal bias against him and his client, that I made erroneous rulings of law and that I had mistreated him in front of his client. After consultation with my superior administrators and in consideration of the Judicial Conduct Commission complaint, a joint decision was made to transfer the case to another District Court Judge. I did not have to address the issue of recusal, but did cooperate with the investigator for the Judicial Conduct Commission, which ultimately dismissed the complaint as not supported.

**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.

From 2005 to 2009, I served as a member of the City of Worcester Planning Board. I was appointed to that position by Worcester Mayor Timothy Murray in 2005. My service on the board ended in July 2009, after my judicial appointment to the district court.

In 2020, I was selected by City Manager Ed Augustus for a position as a member of the Worcester Civic Center Commission. After consideration of the possible appearance of a conflict, I withdrew my appointment prior to taking 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.

In 2007, I participated in a single day of door knocking in New Hampshire on behalf of the Barack Obama campaign.

In 2008, my then-husband hosted a fundraiser in our home for Massachusetts state senate candidate Michael Moore.

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 never served as a law clerk.

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

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- 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 never served in the capacity of mediator or arbitrator in any 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.

From 1992 to 2005, I was a fulltime public defender employed with the Committee for Public Counsel Services. I primarily represented indigent criminal defendants charged with felonies from arraignment through resolution, whether by trial, plea, or other disposition. My representation included direct client interaction, investigation, discovery and motion practice, as well as jury and jury-waived trials. Most of the cases resolved in the Superior Court.

In 1997, I received certification to represent individuals charged with murder (first and/or second degree). I achieved that certification as a result of my jury trial experience with charges that carried life sentences and other criteria.

In 2005, I left the Public Defender office and opened my own practice. I expanded the scope of my cases to include privately retained criminal court representations, administrative appeals, civil matters, and court appointed criminal cases in the Federal District Court. I continued my criminal trial practice and made appearances in many courts throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

From 1992 to 2005, all of my clients were indigent criminal defendants. My trial work was primarily in the Superior Court.

From 2005 to 2009, my clients were primarily privately retained criminal defendants. I accepted a small number of court appointments for indigent criminal defendants.

- 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.

The entirety of my practice was in litigation. As a public defender from 1992 to 2005, I appeared in court frequently. During my time as a solo practitioner from 2005 to 2009, I continued to appear in court frequently.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
  1. federal courts: 2%
  2. state courts of record: 93%
  3. other courts: 0%

4. administrative agencies: 5%

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. civil proceedings: 15%
- 2. criminal proceedings: 85%

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

During my career as an attorney, I tried more than 175 cases to verdict, judgment, or final decision. I was sole counsel in all but a handful of these cases.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

- 1. jury: 85%
- 2. non-jury: 15%

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 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:

1. Commonwealth v. Hadley, 78 Mass. App. Ct. 405 (2010) (Worcester County)

In 2005, the defendant, whom I represented, was indicted for murder and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon by way of a shod foot. The defendant was alleged to have kicked his county jail cellmate during an argument over a deck of cards. The cellmate complained about pain and later died when his spleen ruptured while receiving medical treatment. Prior to trial, the matter was the subject of numerous motions, relating to the collection and loss of evidence, custodial statements of the defendant, and challenges to the legal sufficiency of the charges. Ultimately, the matter was presented to a jury. Mid-trial, the prosecution attempted to introduce a newly discovered witness to an alleged admission by the defendant. The trial was suspended while the admissibility of the evidence was litigated. Over the defendant's objection, the evidence was allowed to be presented to the jury. The jury deliberation resulted in a conviction for involuntary

manslaughter, and the defendant was sentenced to a term of 2 to 3 years in the state prison.

Representation:

2005 – 2008

Court and Judge:

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Honorable Peter Agnes (Superior and Appeals Court – retired)

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2. Commonwealth v. Hayes, 08-1047 (Worcester Superior Court)

In 2008, the defendant, whom I represented, was indicted for possession of a large capacity firearm and trafficking in a class b substance. The charges resulted from a search and arrest by a team of Worcester Police Officers. The team was executing a court default warrant for the defendant for a misdemeanor charge. When the officers knocked, Mr. Hayes opened the door and was detained by the senior officer. The rest of the team conducted a full search of the two-story house. Officers reported finding a gun under a crib mattress in an upstairs bedroom and cocaine in a different upstairs bedroom. During my investigation, I learned of a cellphone message recording involving the senior officer from the search and an individual known to the defendant. The recording appeared to be inadvertent. The speaker was attempting to make a call and thought he had hung up his phone when it went to voicemail. Instead, the conversation he was having with the police officer was recorded and clearly established that the warrant was a pretext to conduct a search of the defendant's residence. Relying in part on the tape, I filed a motion to suppress the search. The prosecution opposed use of the tape, which they characterized as a surreptitious recording. The judge disagreed, admitting the tape as an inadvertent recording and granting the motion to suppress. The charges were then dismissed.

Representation:

2008 – 2009

Court and Judge:

Worcester Superior Court  
Honorable Peter Agnes (Superior and Appeals Court – retired)

Counsel for the Commonwealth:

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3. Commonwealth v. Leo, 2002 (Worcester Superior Court)

A defendant, with a long history of anti-social behavior, was indicted for an aggravated rape and other serious offenses assault. Over the next five years, the defendant fired eight attorneys, filed numerous pro-se motions and managed to delay trial. In late 2006, a superior court judge allowed the defendant's motion for new counsel, upon the defendant's agreement to a trial date certain in 90 days. Once I received the appointment by the private division of the Committee for Public Counsel Services to represent the defendant, immediate tasks included meeting with the client, becoming familiar with all of the years of pro-se pleadings and reviewing the voluminous discovery. I also initiated my own investigation. On the 90th day, we began the empanelment of the jury and started the trial. On the third day of trial, Mr. Leo decided he wanted to enter a guilty plea. In addition to my own discussion with Mr. Leo, the court spent a considerable time exploring Mr. Leo's decision. Ultimately, he pleaded guilty to all charges and was sentenced to Life in prison with a concurrent sentence of 20 to 30 years. Within a short period, Mr. Leo began litigating, unsuccessfully, to vacate his plea and requested a new trial.

Representation  
2006 – 2007

Court and Judge  
Worcester County Superior Court  
Judge Francis Fecteau, Trial judge (Superior Court, and Appeals Court, retired)  
Judge Richard Tucker (retired) First Motion for New Trial  
Judge Gavin Reardon (Renewed Motion for New Trial)

Counsel for the Commonwealth:  
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4. Commonwealth v. Dancy, 2006 (Hampden County Superior Court)

The defendant, whom I represented, was indicted by the Hampden County Grand Jury, along with three other men, for charges of the murder of a young man as a result of an incident in Springfield in July 2004. The defendant and three co-defendants were among the July 4th celebrants leaving a waterfront fireworks display and making their way up the main street. Two young men, one of whom was the deceased, and not affiliated with

the defendants, came from the opposite direction and walked into the crowd. When the two groups of men were in proximity to each other, at least one gun was drawn and fired, killing one of the men. The prosecution theory for the shooting was animosity between the two groups. Defense investigation called that theory into question, as the ballistics report from the prosecution, as well as independent expert examination, established that the young man who died likely was killed by his own bullet which hit the ground and ricocheted. During the three-week joint trial of all four defendants, the court and counsel dealt with issues of prejudicial publicity, concerns of impact of gang references, and the caustic behavior of one trial counsel which was directed at the judge, but mostly impacted his own client. The jury returned verdicts of not guilty for all defendants.

Representation:

2005 – 2007

Court and Judge:

Hampden County Superior Court  
Judge Brian McDonald (retired)

Counsel for the Commonwealth:

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5. Commonwealth v. Jimenez, 438 Mass. 213 (2002)

In 1998, I took over representation of the defendant as his third attorney. The matter had been in pretrial posture for some time and was ready for motion litigation and ultimately trial. The defendant was arrested after the execution of a no-knock search warrant and charged with drug related offenses. The defendant was not the target of the warrant, but was present, in possession of drug paraphernalia, and his fingerprints were found on two bags of 600-plus grams of Class A and Class B drugs. The defendant filed a motion

challenging both the issuance of the warrant, as well as the manner of its execution. The motion judge denied the motion and the trial was held in front of a second judge. The jury returned guilty verdicts on all charges. Through appellate counsel, the matter was challenged to the Appeals Court, which ruled the motion should have been granted. On further appellate review, the Supreme Judicial Court also determined that the motion should have been granted. The verdicts were set aside.

Representation:

1998 – 2002

Court and Judge:

Worcester Superior Court

Motion: Honorable James Donohue (deceased)

Trial: Honorable Nonnie Burnes (deceased)

Counsel for the Commonwealth:

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6. Commonwealth v. Lugudde, 62 Mass. App. Ct. 1103 (2004) (Worcester County)

I represented Mr. Lugudde, a Worcester teenager who was charged with first degree murder, armed robbery, and conspiracy to commit armed robbery. A surveillance video captured three men entering a gas station convenience store – one of them shooting the clerk. A second man assaulted the clerk, still alive, behind the counter. The video also showed Lugudde behind the counter appear to pull the second man off the clerk before the clerk died at the scene. Lugudde’s defense was in part based on the other defendants having approached him earlier that evening at a house party and encouraging him to come along for the ride. Lugudde alone took his case to trial, where I tried to create distance between his actions and those of the other defendants, arguing that the video established doubt as to his intent and his culpability for the actions of the other defendants. My client testified about drinking heavily before leaving the house party and that he believed that they were entering the store to shoplift cigarettes. The jury found the defendant not guilty of murder and guilty of the lesser charge of unarmed robbery. He was sentenced to a state prison term of 10 to 15 years. And he still faced trial for conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

After sentencing, even though the Commonwealth offered a concurrent sentence to the defendant on a guilty plea to the conspiracy, the court required that he go to trial. A second jury was empaneled. The trial proceeded in much the same way, and the second jury found the defendant guilty of the lesser charge of conspiracy to commit unarmed robbery. He was sentenced to an additional state prison sentence of 10 to 15 years. On appeal, another attorney represented the defendant, and the appeals court affirmed the unarmed robbery conviction but reversed the conviction for conspiracy.

Representation:

2001 – 2003

Judge and Court:

Worcester Superior Court  
Honorable James Donohue (Deceased)

Counsel for the Commonwealth:

Lawrence Murphy (retired)

7. Commonwealth v. Leonard, 428 Mass. 782 (1999) (Worcester County)

The defendant was indicted for murder, arson, home invasion and other related offenses. The defendant was charged with committing a home invasion, assaulting the 82-year-old resident, handcuffing her before stealing her money, and then setting the house on fire. Significant pre-trial motions were litigated, including evidence of prior bad acts. While serving as a second counsel on the matter, I researched and prepared numerous pre-trial motions, worked through the voluminous discovery, and participated in the examination of witnesses. The jury found the defendant guilty on all charges. He was sentenced to mandatory life with parole.

Representation

1996 – 1998

Court and Judge:

Worcester Superior Court  
Honorable Martha Sosman (deceased)

Primary/Co-Counsel:

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Counsel for the Commonwealth

Lawrence Murphy (retired)

8. Commonwealth v. Caissie, Worcester Superior Court (1996)

The defendant, whom I represented, was charged with arson. A common love interest was the cause of a dispute between the defendant and the tenant in a second-floor apartment. The two were seen having a loud argument, and, shortly thereafter, a fire destroyed the same apartment. The tenant testified as an eyewitness but was defensive on cross examination. In the first trial, the jury was deadlocked, resulting in a mistrial. Before retrial, I used some unexpected trial statements of the tenant to locate other

witnesses and evidence calling into question her credibility. At the retrial, the tenant was combative, confrontational, and dismissive of the new evidence which included the tenant's hand drawn depiction of the apartment, showing two areas where the fire started. The drawing was created on the night of the fire. This was in contrast to the state fire inspector's testimony that the locations of the initiation of the fire could not be determined for more than a week. The new information and presentation provided support for the defendant's theory that it was the tenant herself who started the fire. The defendant was acquitted by the jury.

Representation:

1996 – 1997

Court and Judge:

Worcester Superior Court

Honorable James McHugh (Superior and Appeals Court – retired)

Counsel for the Commonwealth:

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9. Commonwealth v. Andino, Worcester Superior Court (1994)

The defendant, whom I represented, was indicted for aggravated rape, kidnapping and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. The defense was mistaken identification, made stronger after the investigation established numerous inconsistencies between the complainant statements and descriptions as compared with the evidence obtained by the police. Further, the procedures used to obtain an identification of the perpetrator were highly suggestive of the defendant, despite a lack of similarity between Mr. Andino and the physical description of the attacker. No further scientific testing was conducted. Prior to the trial, the defense litigated pre-trial motions to exclude the identification evidence as impermissibly suggestive. The motions were denied. At trial, the jury was faced with contrasting narratives: a steadfast complainant, convinced of the correctness of her identification of the defendant as the perpetrator, and the defendant's testimony, supported by admitted evidence. The defendant was found not guilty.

Representation:

1993 – 1994

Court and Judge:

Worcester Superior Court

Judge Elizabeth Butler (Superior Court, retired)

Counsel for the Commonwealth:

Kathleen Dellostritto, Esq. (retired)

10. Commonwealth v. Hernandez, Central District Court (1993)

The defendant was a 30-year-old Spanish-speaking El Salvadorean with development delay who was arrested after making a scene at a medical facility where his sister worked. He was charged with disorderly conduct and assault and battery. His appointed attorney did not oppose a period of commitment to a state mental health facility for evaluation for competency. A series of court delays ensued and no one followed up regarding the defendant's case and the status of his commitment. A judge reached out to me in my capacity as a public defender, asking that I look into the status of the defendant's confinement. It was immediately apparent upon review of the court dockets that Mr. Hernandez was months over the statutory time he could be held. Within days I was able to have him back in court, where he was immediately released. The charges were dismissed.

Representation:

1993

Court and Judge:

Honorable Martha Brennan (deceased)

Counsel for the Commonwealth:

Edward Bagley, Assistant District Attorney (deceased)

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 March 2017, I became the presiding judge in the Ayer District Court, with a staff of nearly 50 employees. Our court covers a large geographical area and is the community court for 10 separate municipalities and several state police barracks. I am in regular contact with the chiefs of the different departments, often must confer with the local town authorities, and am the point person for issues raised by the regular business of the court. Within the first week of the initial court disruptions during the pandemic, I reached out to the leaders of all our law enforcement agencies to discuss a process for maintaining access for the public. I also began a series of weekly meetings with all staff to discuss the changing protocols, to determine the needs of each department, and to create plans for continuing the court's business, while ensuring the safety of staff and the public. The diligence of staff and our court users allowed us to maintain access to emergency and other important legal redress, which we did without experiencing any closure due to Covid exposure.

Since 2015, I have served on several Massachusetts Trial Court committees, including the Supreme Judicial Select Committee on Race and Bias, the District Court Committee on Race and Ethnic Fairness, and the newly reconstituted all court leadership committee. In several of the committees, I have chaired sub-committees related to Public Outreach, Data Collection, and Judicial Education.

In 2014, as a member and commissioner of the inaugural Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women, I was tasked with creating a policy statement and specific guidelines, including adherence to the Open Meeting Law requirements. The draft was presented to the committee for approval and it was adopted unanimously.

While serving as a public defender, I served as mentor and supervisor to numerous new attorneys in the office. In addition to assisting in trial preparation, I sat as a second attorney for numerous trials. When I opened my own practice, I also took on training and mentoring for attorneys in the Worcester Bar Advocate program.

I have not performed any lobbying activities 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 four (4) copies to the committee.

I have served as part of a team of instructors who teach a one-week Trial Advocacy Workshop at Harvard Law School. I taught this course during the Law School Winter Terms in 2019, 2020, and in January 2022. Syllabi supplied.

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 have no anticipated receipts or expected future benefits or compensation of any kind.

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

No.

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

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

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 the 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.

No family members or other persons, parties, categories of litigation or financial arrangements are likely to present potential conflicts of interest for me.

- 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 would handle any actual or potential conflicts of interest by applying the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, and any other relevant ethical canons or rules.

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.

In addition to my service as a public defender and judge, at every stage of my legal career I have participated in service to my community through volunteer involvement in numerous nonprofit organizations. For more than ten years, I was a board member of the Dismas House of Central Massachusetts. The program helped reintegrate former criminal offenders and inmates into society. I worked with many of the house residents to clear warrants, help restore driving privileges, and prepare resumes for work. When I served on the board of the Youth Center in Worcester, I often took on pro bono efforts regarding criminal cases, school disciplinary hearings, and other legal matters. I was a mentor to several students at the University Park Campus School from the eighth grade through and beyond graduation. The school offered quality public education to students living in challenged homes and neighborhoods in the Main South area of Worcester. While serving on the Worcester County Commission of the Status of Women, I

participated in engagements with the public and community leaders to raise awareness about issues affecting woman and girls, specifically in Worcester County. For the last five years, I have volunteered at the Creative Hub of Worcester, whose mission is to create a space for art education for at-risk youth and art programs to be available to an underserved community

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 April 16, 2021, I submitted an application to the Bipartisan Advisory Committee on Massachusetts Judicial Nominations convened by Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren to be considered for a position on the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. On May 3, 2021, I interviewed with the advisory committee. On June 11, 2021, I interviewed with Senators Warren and Markey. On November 5, 2021, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. Since November 6, 2021, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On July 13, 2022, the President announced 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.