January 6, 2014

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have reviewed the Senate Judiciary Questionnaire that I previously filed on September 10, 2013, in connection with my nomination to be a United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Incorporating the additional information listed below, I certify that the information contained in these documents and items is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Q.6
I inadvertently omitted my affiliation as a board member with the non-profit organization set forth below.

2009 – present
Brazeal Dennard Chorale
9000 East Jefferson Avenue
Suite 25-10
Detroit, Michigan 48214
Board Member

Q.12(d)
Since my previously submitted questionnaire, I gave the following remarks:

November 2013: Remarks to approximately 12 high school students from Generation of Promise. I received the students in the jury room and answered general questions about my role as a judge. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The Generation of Promise organization is sponsored by the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, 3031 West Grand Boulevard, Suite 525, Detroit, Michigan 48202.
Q.13(a)
Since my previously submitted questionnaire, I have presided over 10 criminal jury trials and 3 bench trials that resulted in judgment.

Q.13(a)(i)
Of the approximately 171 cases over which I have presided, 42% were jury trials and 58% were bench trials.

I am also forwarding an updated net worth statement and financial disclosure report as requested in the questionnaire. I thank the Committee for its consideration of my nomination.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Linda V. Parker
Judge
Wayne County Circuit Court Judge

cc: The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

PUBLIC

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

2. **Position**: State the position for which you have been nominated.
   
   United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan

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.
   
   Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan
   401 Frank Murphy Hall of Justice
   1441 Saint Antoine Street
   Detroit, Michigan 48226

4. **Birthplace**: State year and place of birth.
   
   1958; Detroit, Michigan

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.
   

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.
   
   2009 – present
   Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan
   401 Frank Murphy Hall of Justice
   1441 Saint Antoine Street
Detroit, MI 48226
Circuit Court Judge

1991 – 2013
State Board of Law Examiners
925 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, MI 48913
Bar Exam Grader (2011 – 2013)
Board Member (2000 – 2010)

2003 – 2008
Michigan Department of Civil Rights
Capital Tower Building
110 West Michigan Avenue, Suite 800
Lansing, MI 48933
Department Director

2000 – 2003
Detroit Institute of Arts
5200 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202
Director of Development

1994 – 2000
United States Attorney’s Office
211 West Fort Street
Detroit, MI 48226
Executive Assistant United States Attorney

1989 – 1994
Dickinson Wright
500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 4000
Detroit, MI 48226
Associate Attorney (1989 – 1992)

1985 – 1989
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460
Staff Attorney

1983 – 1985
District of Columbia Superior Court
500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001  
Law Clerk for Senior Judge William S. Thompson (deceased)

September 1982 – June 1983  
Gaffney, Anspach, Schembler, Klimaski & Marks  
Washington, D.C. (no longer in existence)  
Legal Assistant

September 1982 – December 1982  
United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
Office of General Counsel  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Student Volunteer

September 1982 – February 1983  
The George Washington Law School  
2000 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20000  
Research Assistant for Professor Elyce Zenoff (deceased)

Summer 1982  
Joint Center for Political Studies  
805 Fifteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
Executive Secretary

January 1982 – December 1982  
Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Internship  
United States House of Representatives  
House Education and Labor Committee  
Rayburn House Office Building  
45 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
Congressional Legislative Intern

Summer 1981  
United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps  
Office of General Counsel  
901 North Stuart Street  
Arlington, VA 22203  
Legal Intern

Summer 1980  
City of Detroit Summer Youth Employment Program  
60 Belmont
Detroit, MI 48202
Recreation Specialist

Other affiliations (uncompensated):

1989 – present
Wolverine Bar Association
645 Griswold Street
Detroit, Michigan 48226
President (1997 – 1998)
Vice President (1996 – 1997)
Secretary (1995 – 1996)

American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan
2966 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48201
Advisory Board Member (2008 – present)
Active Board Member (2003 – 2006)

2004 – present
Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion
3031 West Grand Boulevard
Suite 525
Detroit, MI 48202
Board Member

2005 – present
Boys Hope Girls Hope Detroit
19905 Roslyn Road
Detroit, MI 48221
Board Member (2005 – present)
Board Chair (2012 – present)

2009 – present
Marygrove College
8425 McNichols Road
Detroit, MI 48221
Trustee

February 2013 – present
Harbortown Development Condo Association
250 East Harbortown Drive
Detroit, MI 48207
Board Member
2010 – 2013
Welcoming Michigan
Advisory Board Member
3030 Ninth Street, Suite 1A
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

January 2013 – August 2013
Cesar Chavez Academy
4100 Martin Street
Detroit, MI 48210
Board Member

2011 – 2012
Detroit Chapter of Links, Inc.
Post Office Box 20665
Ferndale, MI 48220
Chapter President

2004 – 2007
Ceciliaville Athletic Board
10400 Stoepel
Detroit, MI 48204
Board Member

2004 – 2007
Saint Monica & Saint Augustine Church
4151 Seminole Street
Detroit, MI 48214
Stewardship Committee Member

2003 – 2005
Michigan First Credit Union
27000 Evergreen Road
Lathrup Village, MI 48076
Supervisory Committee Member

1990 – 1996
New Steps, Inc.
(no longer exists)
Board Member (1990 – 1996)
Board Chair (1994 – 1996)

1991 – 1994
American Diabetes Association
Michigan Affiliate
30300 Telegraph Road
Suite 117
Franklin, MI 48025
Board Member

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

I have not served in the United States Military. I was not required to register 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.

Oakland County NAACP Freedom Fighter Award (2009)
National Association of Human Rights Workers (2008)
Professional Woman of the Year, Detroit Club National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s’ Clubs (2007)
Women of Achievement Award, Anti-Defamation League (2006)
Most Interesting and Influential, New Citizens Press (2005)
Damon J. Keith Community Spirit Award (2005)
Spirit of Detroit Award, Detroit City Council (2005)
Distinguished Service Award, Wolverine Bar Association (2002)
Community Service Award, United States Department of Justice (1998)

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.

Association of Black Judges of Michigan (2009 – present)
Michigan State Bar Foundation (1996 – present)
State Bar of Michigan (1989 – present)
   68th State Bar President’s Dinner Committee, Member (2003)
   Law Practice Management Section Council, Member (2003 – 2005)
Wolverine Bar Association (1989 – present)
   Secretary (1995 – 1996)
   Vice President (1996 – 1997)
   President (1997 – 1998)
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.

   District of Columbia, 1984
   Michigan, 1989

   Sometime after I returned to Detroit, Michigan, my membership in the Washington D.C. bar lapsed for non-payment. I have not practiced law in D.C. since returning to Detroit.

   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.

   District of Columbia Court of Appeals (1985)
   Michigan Supreme Court (1989)
   Michigan Court of Appeals (1989)

   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.

   Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT)  
   (1999 – 2009)  
   Co-Chair (2007 – 2008)

   Advisory Board Member (2008 – present)  
   Active Board Member (2003 – 2006)

   Board Member

   Boys Hope Girls Hope Detroit (2005 – present)  
   Board Member (2005 – present)
Board Chair (2012 – present).

Cesar Chavez Academy (January 2013 – August 2013)
Board Member

Ceciliaville Athletic Center (2004 – 2007)
Board Member (2004 – 2007)

Detroit Chapter of Links, Inc. (2002 – present)
Member (2002 – present)
Chapter President (2011 – 2012)

Harbortown Development Condo Association (2013 – present)
Board Member (February 2013 – present)


Marygrove College (2009 – present)
Trustee


Michigan Alliance Against Hate Crimes (2003 – 2009)

Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals (2010 – present)


Environmental Justice Workgroup

Michigan First Credit Union (2003 – 2006)
Supervisory Committee Member (2003 – 2006)
Chair (2005 – 2006)
Alternate Chair (2004)

Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion (2004 – present)
Board Member (2004 – present)

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (1994 – present)
Life Member
Chair, Women in Partnership with Teen Mothers (1986 – 1989)

Board Member (1990 – 1996)
Board Chair (1994 – 1996)

Saint Augustine and Saint Catholic Church (1996 – present)
Stewardship Committee (2004 – 2007)


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.

Membership in the Detroit Chapter of Links, Inc., and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women of D.C. Inc., is restricted to women. None of the other organizations listed above currently discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex or religion either through formal membership 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.


We Will Do Our Part On Election Day; Be Sure To Do Yours, Ethnic NewsWatch, October 19, 2004. Copy supplied.


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

From December 2003 to December 2008, I was the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. In this capacity, I reviewed amicus briefs and reports issued by the Department. I have included those that I could identify after searching my files and the Internet:


Michigan Supreme Court, Amici Curiae Brief, Michigan Civil Rights Commission and Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Haynes v. Oakwood Healthcare, Inc., et al., Elliot Larsen Civil Rights Act Broad Enough to Protect Privilege to Practice, 2006. I have been unable to obtain a copy.

Michigan Supreme Court, Amici Curiae Brief, Michigan Civil Rights Commission and Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Feyz v. Mercy Memorial Hospital, Peer Review Doctrine Does Not Preclude Filing of Civil Rights Claim, April 26, 2005. I have been unable to obtain a copy.


Michigan Supreme Court, Amici Curiae Brief, Michigan Civil Rights Commission and Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Sharda Garg v. Macomb County Community Mental Health Services, Michigan Supreme Court, No. 121361, 2004. I have been unable to obtain a copy.


As part of my responsibilities as the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, I also reviewed reports issued by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. I have included those that I could identify after searching my files and the Internet:


During my tenure as the Executive Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan from 1994 to 2000, I drafted, in part, and fully reviewed annual reports issued in 1996 and 1997 and the Millennium Report issued in 2001. I have included them below:


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.

As part of my responsibilities as the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, I participated in the public meetings held by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. The Michigan Civil Rights Commission held bi-monthly public meetings across the state, in which I spoke in my capacity as the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. Further, periodically, a public forum on a particular topic was held immediately following these meetings. I am providing minutes of all of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission meetings and where available, minutes from the public forums. I have also included a list of those public forums that I could identify for which I did not have any notes, transcript, or recording. Archival recordings of the bi-monthly minutes are available at the address of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, 110 West Michigan Avenue, Suite 800, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

January 2006: Remarks, Public Hearing to Investigate Alleged Voter Fraud, Michigan Civil Rights Commission, Detroit, Michigan. I gave brief remarks explaining that the purpose of the public hearing was to give canvassers an opportunity to explain their petitioning gathering process and those who signed an opportunity to testify as to their experience. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.


August 23, 2004: Remarks, Public Forum, Michigan Civil Rights Commission, Clinton Township, Michigan. I listened as residents from Clinton Township spoke about the challenges they faced in their efforts to seek employment and to be treated fairly in the work place and spoke about Departmental strategies and resources. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

As the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, I was asked to serve as a member of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality’s Environmental Justice Work Group. The minutes from the meetings of this group are set forth below:


During my tenure as the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, I appeared before various committees of the Michigan Legislature, participated in various public forums sponsored by the Department, and submitted correspondence in my official capacity. I have included those I could identify after searching my files and the Internet below:


July 2007: Remarks, Public Hearing, State Representative Andy Coulouris, Buena Vista, Michigan. In my capacity as Director of the Department, I attended a public hearing convened by Representative Coulouris to discuss the potential disparate impact of the closure of the Secretary of State office located in Buena Vista, Michigan, on people of color, the elderly and persons with disabilities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

March 2007: Testimony before the House Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee of the Michigan Legislature, regarding the Michigan Civil Right Commission’s One Michigan at the Crossroads Report. Although I have no transcript or recording, a copy of the report on which my testimony was based has been previously supplied in Question 12b.


July 25, 2005: Opening Statement at public hearing held by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, the Michigan Department of Human Services, and the Michigan Advisory Council on the Overrepresentation of Children of Color in Foster Care, related to foster care system. I have no transcript or minutes, but a copy of the report on which my statement was based has been previously supplied in Question 12b.

May 18, 2005: Letter to the House Committee on Government Operations, regarding Department website. Copy supplied.


January 2004: Testimony before the Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of the Michigan Board of Law Examiners, regarding a request that a specific rule pertaining to the standard of eligibility for applicants to the Michigan State Bar be stricken. Transcript supplied.

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.

May 2013, May 2012, May 2011, May 2010: Presenter, Wayne County Circuit Adult Drug Treatment Court, Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. As a judge with responsibility for managing a drug court docket, during the graduation ceremony each year, I have provided certificates to the individual participants assigned to my docket who successfully completed Drug Court. While presenting the certificates, I commented briefly on the success of each individual participant. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan is 1441 Saint Antoine Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

April 11, 2013: Keynote Speaker, Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength (M.O.S.E.S.) 16th Annual Banquet, Detroit, Michigan. Notes supplied.

November 4, 2011: Administered Oath, Race2Equity Conference, Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, Detroit, Michigan. I was asked to administer an oath to members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The oath that I administered was drawn from a paper that set forth the guiding principles of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion is 3031 West Grand Boulevard, Suite 525, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

May 2011: Speaker, Law Day, Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. I received a group of female high school students in my courtroom and spoke to them about the availability of expungement of criminal records, and the various procedures involved within the practice of criminal law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address of the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan is 1441 Saint Antoine, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

September 23, 2010: Speaker, Boys Hope Girls Hope 25th Anniversary Dinner, Detroit, Michigan. As Chair of the 25th Anniversary Dinner, I provided brief remarks explaining the importance of the mission of Boys Hope Girls Hope and thanked the many individuals in attendance for their support. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Boys Hope Girls Hope Detroit is P.O. Box 21085, Detroit, Michigan 48221.

April 30, 2010: Speaker, Public Defense Reform: The Impact on the School to Prison Pipeline, Freedom Institute, Detroit, Michigan. My remarks focused on the high school drop-out rate and its connection to future criminal activity. I also touched on the need for enhanced funding for public defense. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Freedom Institute is 15800 West McNichols Road, Suite #224, Detroit, Michigan 48235.

November 12, 2009: Contributor, pre-recorded video aired when Saul A. Green received the 62nd Humanitarian Tribute from the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, Detroit, Michigan. Video supplied.


October 20, 2008: Speaker, Town Hall Meeting, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Sierra Club, Detroit, Michigan. I provided brief remarks regarding the importance of community input on matters pertaining to environmental contamination in their community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48909.


April 24, 2008: Panel Moderator, Closing Gaps In School Completion, Race Matters for Michigan’s Children: Closing the Gap Toward A Successful Workforce of Tomorrow Conference, Voices for Michigan’s Children, Lansing, Michigan. I served as the moderator of the panel examining ways in which school drop-out rates can be lowered. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address of Voices for Michigan’s Children is 330 Marshall Street, Suite 211, Lansing, Michigan 48912.
May 27, 2008: Speaker, 2008 Asian Pacific American Heritage Day Celebration, Governor’s Advisory Council on Asian and Pacific American Affairs, Lansing State Capitol, Lansing, Michigan. I spoke about the importance of diversity in the state of Michigan and the particular contributions and civil rights challenges of the Asian Pacific American community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Advisory Council is 110 West Michigan Avenue, Suite 800, Lansing, Michigan 48933.


April 2008: Guest Speaker, “Contributions of Youth,” Focus HOPE’s Generation of Promise Youth Roundtable, Detroit, Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. My remarks focused upon the contributions that youth can make in the effort to respect diversity. The address of Focus Hope is 1355 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48238.


March 2008: Luncheon Speaker, Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Michigan Capitol 2008, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Lansing, Michigan. I provided remarks to the attendees regarding the importance of diversity in Michigan and the impact of Proposal 2 in Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. I have no recollection of the Michigan chapter of the sorority to which I provided remarks. The address of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, International Headquarters is 5656 South Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

February 2008: Speaker, Michigan Legislative Black Caucus Meeting, Lansing, Michigan. I provided remarks concerning the potential legislative responses to hate crime. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus is 124 North Capitol, Anderson House Office Building, Lansing, Michigan.

January 2008: Moderator, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day program, Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Henry Ford Museum is 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, Michigan 48124.

January 2008: Moderator and Speaker, Second Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day “Youth Roundtable on Diversity and Michigan’s Future,” Schoolcraft College, Livonia, Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The
address of the Schoolcraft College is 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152.

October 2007: Panelist, “Losing the Battle, But Not the War: Diversity in the Legal Profession After Proposal 2.” Wolverine Bar Association, Detroit, Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Wolverine Bar Association is 645 Griswold Street, Suite 961, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

September 2007: Panelist, State of Michigan NAACP, Lansing, Michigan. The discussion topics for the panel included the decisions of the Michigan Supreme Court on voter identification requirements and the impact of Proposal 2. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of NAACP Lansing Branch is 530 South Pine Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

September 2007: Opening Speaker, “Michigan’s Response to Hate: Building United Communities,” Michigan Department of Civil Rights and the Michigan Alliance Against Hate Crimes. My remarks focused upon the establishment of community based responses systems to hate crimes and bias incidents. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Michigan the Department of Civil Rights is 110 West Michigan Avenue, Suite 800, Lansing, Michigan 48933.


April 26, 2007: Speaker, Michigan State Planning Body for Legal Services, Lansing, Michigan. I provided remarks pertaining to the assessment of the impact of the passage of the constitutional ban on affirmative action in state programs. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Michigan State Planning Body for Legal Services is c/o State Bar of Michigan, 306 Townsend Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.


the unions and the civil rights community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the United Auto Workers Local 598 is G-3293 Van Slyke Road, Flint, Michigan 48507.

January 14, 2007: Speaker, “Honoring the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” Community Unity Celebration, Dearborn Heights, Michigan. The celebration of Dr. King was hosted by Andy Dillon, Speaker of the House. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the State Capitol is Capitol Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

January 2007: Co-Host, Governor’s Youth Roundtable Discussion on Diversity. The Governor and I spoke with approximately 35 high school students from Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties about their perspectives on diversity, inclusion and what youth enjoy about living in Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Youth Roundtable is Michigan Roundtable and Diversity, 525 New Center One, 3031 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

January 2007: Keynote Speaker, “The Celebration of the Work and Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” Jewish Community Council, Detroit, Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Jewish Community Council is 6735 Telegraph, Suite 140, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48301.

October 26, 2006: Speaker, “Is Equal Opportunity a Reality in 2006?” Washtenaw County Bar Association, Ann Arbor, Michigan. My remarks focused upon the imperative of inclusion in educational and employment settings. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Washtenaw County Bar Association is 101 East Huron, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107.


October 17, 2006: Luncheon Speaker, 23rd Annual Metropolitan Detroit Teen Conference, Merrill-Palmer Institute, Detroit, Michigan. My remarks focused on the importance of youth advocacy and engagement. Remarks supplied.


October 2006: Keynote Speaker, “Reaffirming Affirmative Action in Michigan,” Battle Creek NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner, Battle Creek, Michigan. I have no notes, transcript or recording, but the presentation would have been substantially similar to the one on October 21, 2006, for which remarks have been provided.

August 7, 2006: Panelist, 81st Annual National Bar Association Conference, Detroit, Michigan. I participated in a panel discussion on affirmative action. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the National Bar Association is 1225 11th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

July 28, 2006: Speaker, “Katherine Dunham National Memorial Tribute,” Fellowship Chapel, Detroit, Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Fellowship Chapel is 7707 West Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan.

May 30, 2006: Interview, Anti-Defamation League, Metro Detroit, Michigan. I was the recipient of the Women of Achievement Award provided by the Anti-Defamation League. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Anti-Defamation League is 25800 Northwestern Highway, Suite 980, Southfield, Michigan 48075.

May 23, 2006: Keynote Speaker, Today’s Civil Rights Movement, Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit, Michigan. I provided remarks on the civil rights challenges and opportunities facing Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Detroit Historical Museum is 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202.


May 2006: Speaker, “Buy Michigan First,” Michigan Department of Management and Budget. I provided remarks to contractors regarding diversity as a value within the procurement process in the State. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget is 302 South Walnut Street, Lansing, Michigan 48902.


April 12, 2006: Panelist, “Intellectual Diversity,” Nancy Cantor Distinguished Lecture Series, Ann Arbor, Michigan. I discussed the topic of affirmative action. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Nancy Cantor Distinguished Lecture Series is National Center for Institutional Diversity, 3338
School of Education Building, University of Michigan, 610 East University Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109.

March 27, 2006: Speaker, Civil Rights Summit, Wayne State University, Michigan Civil Rights Commission, Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Detroit, Michigan. I provided remarks concerning the necessity and goals of the Civil Rights Summit. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission is 110 West Michigan Avenue, Suite 800, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

February 21, 2006: Panelist, Fourth Annual State of Black Americans in Michigan, Lansing, Michigan. My remarks addressed the needs of African American communities relative to housing and employment. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, and I do not recall the name of the sponsoring organization.


January 2006: Speaker, “United Against Hate,” Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Detroit, Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is 5050 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan 48204.

December 2005: Remarks, Press Conference, Advocates for Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT), Detroit, Michigan. I was one of many individuals who offered remarks at a press conference convened by ALPACT regarding the rising number of reported hate crimes in Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. ALPACT is staffed by the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion. The address of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion is 3031 West Grand Boulevard, Suite 535, Detroit, Michigan 48202.


October 27, 2005: Panelist, Achieving a Diverse Democracy, Michigan American Constitution Society for Law and Policy Lawyer Chapter, Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Michigan American Constitution Society for Law and Policy Lawyer Chapter at Wayne State University is 42 West Warren Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202.


September 19, 2005: Speaker, Race Relations and Diversity Task Force, Birmingham, Michigan. My remarks focused on the importance of diversity
within the state of Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Race Relations and Diversity Task Force is The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.


August 2005: Panelist, Second Annual Diversity Symposium, Macomb County Ministerial Alliance, Macomb County Branch NAACP, Clinton Township, Michigan. I provided remarks as a panelist regarding the state of civil rights in Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Macomb County Branch NAACP is P.O. Box 1063, Mount Clemens, Michigan 48046.

June 2 – 4, 2005: Panelist, Affirmative Action in Michigan, 25th Annual Mackinac Policy Conference, Detroit Regional Chamber of Conference. I spoke on a panel that examined the potential impact of the elimination of affirmative action in the State of Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce is One Woodward Avenue, Suite 1900, Detroit, Michigan 48232.

May 19, 2005: Remarks, Ninth Annual Damon J. Keith, Community Spirit Award Luncheon, Wolverine Bar Association, Detroit, Michigan. I was given this award by the Wolverine Bar Association in recognition of my service and advocacy for the disenfranchised. My acceptance remarks focused upon the need for lawyers to give back to the community at large through advocacy and service. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Wolverine Bar Association is 645 Griswold, Suite 961, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

May 16, 2005: Panelist, “A Community Dialogue on Race,” Public Forum, New Detroit, Inc. and Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Detroit, Michigan. The forum was designed to discuss race relations in Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for New Detroit, Inc. is 3011 West Grand Boulevard, Suite 1200, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

May 15, 2005: Keynote Speaker, NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner, Bay City, Michigan. I spoke about the civil rights challenges and opportunities facing Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Bay City NAACP is Post Office Box 335, Bay City, Michigan 48707.

January 2005: Speaker, "How Far We've Come," Delta College, Saginaw, Michigan. My remarks focused upon the progress that has been made relative to civil rights in the State of Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Delta College is 1961 Delta Road, Saginaw, Michigan 48710.

January 14, 2005: Panelist, Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Wayne State University Law School is 471 West Palmer Street, Detroit, Michigan 48202.


October 2004: Conference Speaker, "Revitalizing the Purpose and Spirit of Education: The Imprint of Brown v. Board of Education," Marygrove College, Detroit, Michigan. I provided remarks concerning the Brown v. Board of Education decision and its impact today on education. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Marygrove College is 8425 McNichols Road, Detroit, Michigan 48221.

September 30, 2004: Speaker, 69th Annual State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting, Connecting the Dots: Brown v. Board and Its Impact on Equal Justice, Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan. My remarks were presented to members of the Michigan bar and focused on the impact of Proposal 2 on public education. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address of the State Bar of Michigan is 306 Townsend Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.


September 2004: In my capacity as the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, I participated in a Voter Information and Protection Drive, a comprehensive campaign in Michigan to provide information to potential voters regarding the rights and responsibilities associated with voting and protection to voters who encounter challenges in their effort to vote. I spoke at various forums and was interviewed by various media outlets across the state on the issue of voter information and protection. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

Fall 2004: Moderator, Race and Civil Rights in Detroit, Detroit Public Library. I moderated a discussion following remarks provided by Kevin Boyle about his novel, The Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Detroit Public Library is 5201 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202.


April 15, 2004: Keynote Speaker, Fair Housing Association of Southwest Michigan, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Remarks supplied.


March 22, 2004: Keynote Speaker, “The Path That We Are On,” Lansing, Michigan. I have no notes, transcript or recording, and I cannot recall to whom the remarks were made.

March 10, 2004: Speaker, Citizens for Progressive Change, Benton Harbor, Michigan. In my capacity as the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, I provided remarks related to civil disturbances in the summer of 2003 in Benton Harbor, Michigan. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address of the Citizens for Progressive Change is 185 East Main Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022.

January 2004: Panelist, “Detroit As A Cool City Beyond the 21st Century,” Detroit Urban League and the American Jewish Committee of Michigan. I have no notes, transcript or recording. The address of the Detroit Urban League is 208 Mack Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48201.

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.

Through review of my files and the Internet, I have attempted to locate any items
responsive to this question. During my tenure as the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, from 2003 to 2009, I gave many interviews to local radio, television and print media reporters. I do not recall all the interviews I have given or the dates of such interviews. The Department also issued press releases many times during my tenure and these press releases often contained a quote from me. I am providing copies of all the material that I could locate.


Press Conference, *Detroit Branch NAACP Legal Redress Committee to Unveil 'And Justice For All,'* PRNewswire-USNewswire, May 29, 2007. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.


May 2007: I was interviewed by Lansing Comcast Newsmakers. The primary focus of the interview was the aftermath of Proposal 2. I have been unable to obtain a transcript or recording.

May 2007: I was interviewed by Good Morning America to discuss the civil rights implications of a “women only” floor being promoted in a new Grand Rapids Marriott Hotel. Transcript supplied.


March 16, 2007: I was a guest on the Lou Perry Show, a radio program broadcast on WLBY, 1600 AM. My remarks focused on the One Michigan at the Crossroads report issued by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. I have been unable to obtain a transcript or recording.


March 2007: I spoke on a public affairs radio program, Manoranjan Show, which aired on WPON, 1460 AM. I spoke about civil rights issues in Michigan. I have been unable to obtain a transcript or recording.


August 31, 2006: I participated in an interview with MIRS, the Michigan Information and Research Service, regarding the impact of eliminating affirmative action in the state of Michigan. I have been unable to obtain a transcript or recording.

August 22, 2006: I participated in a conversation televised on PBS as “Bridging the Racial Divide.” I have been unable to obtain a transcript or recording.


June 16, 2006: I was interviewed by Ron Scott on For My People, a current events television program which is broadcast throughout various parts of Southeastern Michigan. The topic of the discussion was the outcome of the hearings conducted by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission on the signature gathering process for the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative. I have been unable to obtain a transcript or recording.


May 23, 2006: I participated in a taping for a local PBS documentary. The interview included a general discussion on race relations in Michigan with a particular focus on segregation, hate crime and affirmative action. Notes supplied.

May 1, 2006: I interviewed with One United Michigan to discuss affirmative action. Video supplied.


Call Sam Sports, Protecting The Civil Rights of Voters, Fraud Is Claimed On Ballot Initiative, Detroit Free Press, January 12, 2006. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.


Press Release, Civil Rights Commission Announces Public Hearing to Investigate


June 12, 2006: Press Conference, Detroit, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Michigan. I along with the Chair of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, held press conferences in the cities of Detroit, Lansing, and Grand Rapids to report the findings of the hearings on the allegations of petition fraud. Notes supplied.


June 2004: I was interviewed by WJLB, an AM radio station in Detroit, Michigan. My remarks focused upon the Cool Cities Initiative advanced by Governor Jennifer Granholm and the aftermath of the conversation on race at the Mackinac Policy Conference. Notes supplied.


*Civil Rights Chief Vows Aid To Benton Harbor*, The Herald Paladium, March 11, 2004. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.


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.

Since January 2009, I have been a Circuit Court Judge for Wayne County Circuit Court. I was appointed to this position by then-Governor Jennifer M. Granholm in December 2008. I was elected to this position without opposition in November 2010 and reelected in a contested race in November 2012. As a Circuit Court Judge, I sit on a state court of general jurisdiction presiding over felonies, high misdemeanors and appeals from district court cases originating from various cities and/or municipalities in Wayne County. I also manage the docket for the Wayne County Drug Treatment Court.

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

As of August 2013, I have presided over approximately 158 cases that have gone to verdict or judgment.

i. Of these, approximately what percent were:

- jury trials: 40%
- bench trials: 60%
ii. Of these, approximately what percent were:

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

As a state court trial judge sitting in a court of general jurisdiction, I have not written any published opinions. I have, in some cases, issued opinion orders which provide a detailed analysis of legal issues and findings of fact. I have also issued opinion orders which are responsive to Motions for Relief of Judgment filed by incarcerated persons seeking review of dispositions which led to their incarceration. The referenced orders are on file with the clerk of the court in hard copy and are not readily searchable.

c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature 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 (3) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).


This began as a jury trial involving charges of second degree murder. The first trial, over which I presided, resulted in a mistrial. Following the retrial, at which a jury found the defendant guilty, the defendant appealed the conviction on several grounds including ineffective assistance of counsel. Specifically, defense counsel failed to introduce cell phone tower records that placed defendant at a location a distance away from the murder scene. The Court of Appeals remanded on the issue of the ineffective assistance of counsel claim for a hearing. I conducted that hearing and found ineffective assistance of counsel, which was affirmed by the appellate court, which then reversed the previous conviction and remanded for a retrial. After a bench trial, I ultimately ruled in favor of acquittal.

Prosecutor:
Steven Kaplan (former Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor)
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This was a two-defendant murder trial wherein the defendants were tried by separate juries. I ruled that each defendant was entitled to a separate jury trial because their defenses were inconsistent and irreconcilable. According to the prosecution, one of the defendants requested that the victim meet with him at a certain location. The prosecution theorized that it was the defendant’s intent to murder the individual upon meeting. The second defendant was aware of the plan as he appeared immediately after the shooting to pick up the first defendant in his automobile. Each of the defendants was charged with premeditated murder. The jury found each defendant guilty of all of the charged offenses, and I sentenced both defendants to life without parole. The sentences and convictions were affirmed on appeal.

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This was a jury trial involving charges of torture, homicide, and felony murder. The jury trial lasted for one month and generated a significant amount of media attention in the courtroom. The defendant and his girlfriend were at the defendant’s apartment on the night of the murder. An argument ensued and the defendant physically abused his girlfriend during the evening. At some point during the abuse, he telephoned his girlfriend’s father who was residing in another state and advised him that he was going to sexually abuse his daughter. He then beat the victim to death. Based upon testimony from the medical examiner, it was determined that the abuse amounted to torture given the duration of time which was established by the physical injuries. I ruled on numerous pre-trial evidentiary motions. I allowed the admission of evidence on prior acts of abused against women with whom defendant had been previously involved and denied both the motion to quash and to reduce the charge to second degree murder. The case was presented to a jury, which found the defendant guilty of felony murder and murder in the second degree. I sentenced the defendant to natural life on the felony murder charge and 23 to 80 years on the murder in the second degree charge. The sentences are concurrent.

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This was a jury trial involving charges of homicide in the second degree and three additional charges of vehicular homicide resulting from failure to stop at scene of accident, failure to use due care when passing emergency vehicle causing death and operating a vehicle with a revoked license. The victim was an auxiliary police
officer from Taylor, Michigan. After denying defendant’s motion to quash the information setting forth the referenced charges, the case proceeded to jury trial. The jury trial lasted for one week. The defendant was found guilty of each of the four charges. I sentenced him to 45 to 67 years on murder in the second degree and 15 to 30 years on each of the three remaining counts. The sentences are concurrent.

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The defendant was a lifelong government employee who had recently won close to $3 million from the state lottery. Not long after his lottery win, the defendant entered into an altercation with his daughter’s landlord, which resulted in the death of the landlord. The first trial resulted in a mistrial based upon a statement made by a prosecution witness that I concluded would taint the jury. Following the second jury trial, which lasted for one week, the defendant was convicted of second degree murder and the commission of a felony with a firearm. I sentenced the defendant to a term of 20 to 35 years for second degree murder and the statutorily-mandated two years for commission of a felony with a firearm. These are consecutive sentences.

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6. People v. Thomas et al., Nos. 11-009271-01, 02, 03, 04 (Third Judicial Circuit, Wayne County, Michigan 2011).

This was a four-defendant trial in which three of the defendants were tried by jury and one waived his right to a jury trial and was tried by a bench trial. The defendant tried by bench was charged with being an accessory after the fact. I sentenced the defendant tried by bench trial to a term of one to ten years for evidence tampering and the statutorily mandated sentence of two years for felony firearm. By law, this was a consecutive sentence. Each of the defendants tried by jury was charged with three counts of first degree murder. The jury found one defendant guilty as charged, and was hung as to the other two defendants. I sentenced the defendant found guilty by jury of three counts of first degree murder to three concurrent life sentences. The retrial by jury as to the remaining two defendants was tried by another judge, but I understand that it also resulted in guilty verdicts.

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This was a jury trial of a 25-year old cold case double murder involving local drug dealers and users. Prior to trial, the defendant argued that his confession was involuntary and should be suppressed because he was under the influence of medication and suffering from a painful leg injury. I observed the confession, which was taped, and noted that the defendant was read his constitutional rights prior to the interrogation, and concluded that although the defendant spoke about his leg discomfort, his recollection was not compromised as he had recall of details and never requested that the interrogation cease because of medication or discomfort. Thereafter, this witness-intensive case resulted in convictions of two counts of murder, three counts of assault with intent to murder and first degree criminal sexual conduct by the defendant. I sentenced the defendant to life imprisonment.

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I received this case on remand from the Michigan Court of Appeals. The predecessor judge had granted defendant’s motion to suppress which resulted in a dismissal of the matter. The Court of Appeals thereafter reinstated the charges and remanded to the Circuit Court. The case involved taxation and compliance requirements under both state and federal laws. The defendant was found guilty by a jury for a violation of the Tobacco Product Tax Act. Based on the sentencing guidelines, I sentenced the defendant to a term of probation for five years along with payment of the requisite tax and penalties.

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This was a bench trial involving nine counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct. The victim was a nine-year old girl who was the daughter of defendant’s girlfriend. Defendant had been released from prison within the last year of incurring these charges for similar criminal behavior. I found the defendant guilty on each of the nine counts and imposed a consecutive sentence of 25 to 75 years for each of the nine counts.

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The defendant was charged with first degree premeditated murder, arson of a home, and the commission of a felony with a firearm. This was a jury trial. The evidence included a video that was captured by a surveillance camera on the grounds of a church located across the street of the home which was burned. The prosecution theorized that the defendant killed the victim with a gun while he was in his home, left the defendant's home and returned with gasoline and burned the home. After viewing the video, the jury found the defendant guilty of arson of a home and acquitted the defendant of premeditated murder and felony firearm charges. I sentenced the defendant to a term of 10.8 years to 20 years.

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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.

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9. People v. Williams, No. 09-016205-01 (Third Judicial Circuit, Wayne County, Michigan 2009), remanded No. 299446 (Michigan Court of Appeals 2011),
reversed and remanded No. 299446 (Michigan Court of Appeals 2012) (copies previously supplied in Question 13c).

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

Certiorari has not been requested or granted in any of my cases.

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.

I granted the defendant’s motion to suppress his confession to murder on the grounds that his confession was coerced and he did not knowingly and voluntarily waive his right to counsel.

People v. Daniel McCullough, No. 311083 (Third Judicial Circuit, Wayne County Michigan), No. 11-012362 (Michigan Court of Appeals 2013) (copy of appellate opinion supplied).

I granted the defendant’s motion to suppress statements made during a reenactment of activity which led to the death of an infant. The appellate court reversed my decision.

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

None of my opinions have been published. Hard copies of these opinions are in the Wayne County Clerk’s Office. Because they are in hard copy, they are not readily searchable.

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.

While I have not issued opinions on federal or state constitutional issues raising questions of first impression, I have on a regular basis issued opinions on both federal and state constitutional issues such as Fourth Amendment search and seizure, Fifth Amendment double jeopardy, Sixth Amendment right to counsel and right to a speedy trial. None of these rulings or opinions, however, have resulted in significant opinions.

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

There are no cases in which I sat by designation on a federal court of appeals.

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

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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 Criminal Division employs a process that allows the trial court judge to decide the recusal motion in the first instance. Thereafter, if the requesting attorney would like to have the decision reviewed, the request will be reviewed by the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division.

I am automatically recused from all cases in which James Anthony Parker, my brother, appears as a defense attorney in Wayne County Circuit Court where I am a sitting judge. In addition, where my brother has previously conducted the preliminary examination in district court, I recuse myself if the defense attorney on that case in Wayne County Circuit Court files a motion based upon the preliminary examination where my brother appeared as defense counsel.

In addition to the matters referenced above, there are two cases in which I recused myself.

In *People v. Moore*, 10-010389-01, the defense attorney was exceptionally contentious. His demeanor was disruptive to the court proceedings and I accordingly warned him that he could be held in contempt. He in turn asked that I recuse myself believing that I was biased. I declined to do so, explaining to him on the record that I had no bias but wanted only to be able to proceed with the trial without disruptive behavior. Consistent with the recusal policy of the Criminal Division, the defense attorney had the option of requesting to have the recusal motion heard by the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division. He chose not to follow this procedure and the jury trial continued to verdict. At the conclusion of trial, the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office filed a grievance against the defense attorney with the Attorney Grievance Committee. I was contacted by the Attorney Grievance Committee and was asked to give a statement over the telephone as to specific behavior that was alleged to have occurred by the defense attorney while off the record. I provided an oral statement and thereafter reported the conversation to the Presiding Judge. It has since been determined by the Presiding Judge that I should recuse myself from all matters in which the defense attorney is the attorney of record until the Attorney Grievance Committee has reached a final decision. The matter remains open with the Attorney Grievance Committee.
In *People v. Jones*, 12-003509-01, it was brought to my attention that the defendant was a member of a family who belonged to the church where I also am a member. I brought this matter to the attention of both the prosecutor and the defense attorney. The defense attorney spoke with his client, who asked that I recuse myself. While I did not know or recognize the family members or the defendant, I recused myself in order to avoid the appearance of bias or any other impropriety.

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

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

   I have not held public office other than judicial office. I have had no unsuccessful candidacies for public office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

   I was nominated to the Michigan Board of Law Examiners by the Michigan Supreme Court and appointed by the then-Governors for two five-year terms. I was appointed by Governor John Engler in 2000 and by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm in 2005.

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 2012, I authorized Judge Kelley to list me as an endorser of her candidacy for the Michigan Supreme Court.

   I participated as a volunteer in former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm’s initial run for office in 2002. I hosted a fundraiser, distributed literature and served as a surrogate speaker on one occasion.

   I participated as a volunteer in former Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer’s initial run for office in 1992. I was a member of Archer’s Arrows, a women’s group supporting his candidacy and attended campaign events and distributed literature.

   I served as Treasurer for the re-election campaign of Judge Trudy Archer in 1990.
In 1996, I was one of several attorneys who signed a letter in support of the election of Judge Robert Young to the Michigan Court of Appeals following his appointment to the Michigan Court of Appeals in 1995.

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

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

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

      From 1983 to 1985, I clerked for the Honorable Judge William S. Thompson, Senior Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court.

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

      I have never practiced alone.

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

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

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

b. Describe:

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

After clerking, I joined the Environmental Protection Agency in 1985. My duties as a government lawyer at the Environmental Protection Agency focused on the enforcement of federal environmental laws and regulations. After joining Dickinson Wright in 1989, I represented clients in real estate transactions with environmental implications, negotiated consent agreements with state and federal environmental agencies and negotiated contracts for the removal of hazardous substances from commercial buildings.

The nature of my practice changed in 1994 when I joined the United States Attorney’s Office in the Eastern District of Michigan as the Executive Assistant United States Attorney to United States Attorney Saul Green. I served as the office liaison between local, state, and federal law enforcement, as well as with members of the faith based, social justice, grass roots activists and neighborhood community associations. Issues addressed included closing drug houses, police misconduct, racial profiling, and the establishment of crime prevention task forces that were funded by federal grant dollars and included participation by all levels of law enforcement and community organizations.

My next legal position after leaving the United States Attorney’s Office was my service from 2003 to 2008 as the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. I managed a 133-person office, which consisted of six separate offices throughout the State of Michigan. The office was primarily responsible for the resolution of administrative complaints pertaining to discrimination based upon race, religion, gender, and disabilities in the areas of housing, education and employment.

ii. your typical clients and the areas at each period of your legal career, if any, in which you have specialized.
My typical clients during my practice at Dickinson Wright included commercial building owners and Fortune 500 companies in the automotive and manufacturing industries. I also assisted a colleague at my firm who served as common counsel to committees consisting of attorneys representing clients who were sued by the state and federal environmental agencies for the historic disposal of hazardous waste in Michigan and Minnesota. My area of specialization was environmental law.

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.

Prior to becoming a judge, I appeared in court infrequently. Although my legal practice involved litigation, the majority of that litigation was either resolved before trial or went to trial after I left. As an environmental lawyer at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, all of the cases for which I had responsibility were settled through negotiated consent decrees and/or the payment of fines and penalties. During my years at Dickinson Wright, my practice focused primarily on environmental matters, all of which were in litigation or could lead to litigation if compliance was not achieved or settlements not negotiated. I consulted periodically with respect to litigation involving environmental matters led by real estate and bankruptcy attorneys at the firm and participated in discovery and motions practice. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, I appeared before a grand jury. As the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, I had oversight responsibilities for the administrative enforcement process, as well as the filing of amicus briefs in state court. Although I appeared in court rarely, I made two appearances in federal court in two separate cases. As a result, my percentage of appearance in court is as follows:

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

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
   1. civil proceedings: 50%
   2. criminal proceedings: 50%

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 did not try any cases to verdict, judgment, or final decision.
i. What percentage of these trials were:
   1. jury: 0%
   2. non-jury: 0%

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:

   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.

   Environmental Protection Agency:

   I worked as a staff attorney at the United States Environmental Protection Agency from 1985 through 1989. From 1985 to 1987, I worked in the Special Litigation Section of the Toxic Substance Enforcement Division. Enforcement actions were brought against individuals and companies for violations of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Most of the complaints filed were based on violations concerning polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and asbestos in buildings and schools. My cases all settled through negotiations or consent decrees. From 1987 to 1989, I worked in the Office of Waste Management, where I negotiated consent decrees under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) which regulates the private sector, as well as federal, state and local government entities that generate, treat, store and dispose of hazardous waste.

   Dickinson Wright:

   During my years at Dickinson Wright, both as an associate and as a partner, between 1989 and 1994, my practice focused primarily on environmental matters, all of which were in litigation or could have led to litigation if compliance was not achieved or settlements not negotiated. Most of these matters arose from historic waste disposal and
involved the following types of actions where I assisted with representing the firm's corporate clients:

- Orders issued or threatened to be issued by federal or state agencies requiring response or cleanup actions;

- Actions filed or threatened litigation to recover costs incurred by federal or state agencies for response activities;

- Actions brought by one or more private parties against other parties seeking cost recovery or contribution for cleanup costs incurred and equitable relief with respect to future cleanup costs (I represented both plaintiffs and defendants);

- Actions involving insurance claims for coverage for environmental cleanup costs; and

- Toxic tort litigation

None of these cases went to trial while I was at the firm, as many of these matters were pending or evolving in different phases over several years. I assisted with negotiating consent decrees with state or federal environmental agencies. I also assisted with discovery, including depositions, interrogatories and requests for admissions in contribution or cost recovery actions, and motion practice. I also secured expert witnesses and worked with experts in developing their testimony, as well as taking and defending expert witness depositions. In addition to the above types of matters, I consulted periodically with respect to litigation involving environmental matters led by real estate and bankruptcy attorneys at the firm.

In Rasmussen Group, et al. v. Eagle-Picher Industries, No. 92-00948 (S.D. OH), on appeal No. 94-3337 (6th Cir.), I appeared in a case involving a bankrupt entity which owned a commercial building that sat on contaminated grounds. This bankruptcy case was first appealed to the district court and later appealed to the Sixth Circuit. The case was subsequently voluntarily dismissed by the parties.

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United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Michigan:

During my years at the United States Attorney’s Office, between 1994 and 2000, I worked on an environmental prosecution with federal agents, which resulted in three related cases. I appeared before a grand jury in the Eastern District of Michigan and provided opening remarks and presented witnesses. Each of the cases proceeded beyond the grand jury and ultimately resulted in plea bargains. I have listed the contact information below:


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In approximately 1997, I worked with the head of the Civil Rights Division on the
Eastpointe Police Department matter, a racial profiling investigation. I was intimately
involved with the investigation, which included interviewing many individuals who had
encountered alleged instances of racial profiling while driving.

Michigan Department of Civil Rights:

As the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, a state agency with
enforcement authority over state civil rights laws, I oversaw administrative complaints
and amicus briefs filed in state and federal court that covered a range of topics that were
relevant to the Department.

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.)

United States Attorney’s Office:

As the Executive Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, I developed and facilitated legal training responsive to the professional needs of the more than 100 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies operating within the district. Through the work of the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee, I oversaw the facilitation and development of “Agents as Witnesses” training comprised of mock trial exercises in federal court with Assistant United States Attorneys and seasoned federal agents serving as instructors to federal and local agents and officers. I also worked on trainings for law enforcement agencies that covered a broad variety of specific legal and law enforcement topics, including Gangs and Gang Intervention, Asset Forfeiture, Counterfeit Item Identification, Domestic Terrorism, and Bank Fraud. Further, as a result of a partnership between the police academies in the district and Michigan State University, I oversaw community policing training for more than 150 line officers and supervisors using the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) training module.

I also developed a mentoring program within the Office for incoming Assistant United States Attorneys and facilitated a Monday Lunch Speaker Series which brought in various speakers to talk about issues affecting the external and internal work of the Office.

Circuit Judge:

Since joining the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan in 2009, I have gained significant experience overseeing a broad variety of issues that arise during trial over the course of more than 150 cases that I have seen to verdict or judgment. These have included both bench and jury trials involving high misdemeanors and felonies.

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.

None.

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.
None.

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

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

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


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.

   I would recuse myself from any case in which I participated while in private practice or as a government lawyer. In addition, my brother is a criminal defense attorney and while it is unlikely that he would have a case in federal court, should such occur, I would recuse myself from any such matter. I also would review on a case-by-case basis the existence of a potential conflict of interest arising from any former client relationships or financial interests. Thereafter, I would handle any potential conflicts in accordance with the recusal statutes and the Code of Conduct for United States Judges.

   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 consult and abide by rules and decisions that address what constitutes a conflict of interest including 28 USC Section 455 and the Code of Conduct for United States Judges.

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.

As a young lawyer in Washington, D.C., I devoted a significant amount of time to work with teen mothers. At that time, Washington, D.C. had one of the highest rates of teen pregnancy. From 1984 to 1989, I was the Chair of the Teen Pregnancy Committee within the Coalition of 100 Black Women of D.C., Inc., where we instituted a mentoring program pairing professional women with teen mothers. In addition to chairing that Committee for three years, I mentored a teen mother during this period.

In response to the homelessness crisis in America and particularly in Washington, D.C., I worked with a group of lawyers who formed an organization called North Star from 1987 to 1989. North Star recognized that one of the most critical challenges homeless children face is the constant changing of schools due to the transient nature of their families. North Star was aware that the evidence showed that residential instability is associated with poor academic outcomes among children. As a result, we instituted a tutoring program at the various shelters throughout the District of Columbia.

From 1991 to 1993, I worked at the Women’s Justice Center where I prepared personal protection orders for victims and also served on the board of First Step, which is a shelter facility for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

From 1994 to 2000, I was involved with New Steps, Inc., an organization committed to providing services to new mothers in substance abuse recovery. I eventually became the Chair of the New Steps Board which was devoted to identifying needed resources for the mothers as well as raising funds to support their needs.

Since 1993, I have participated in the Detroit Public Schools COMPACT Program, which provided tutoring services to students and have served as a frequent “career day” speaker in schools in Detroit and throughout Southeastern Michigan.

For six years, I have served as a board member and am currently the board chair of Boys Hope Girls Hope of Detroit. The Detroit chapter, formed over 25 years ago, provides housing and private school education to academically gifted children (ages 7-18) who have resided in emotionally and physically dangerous home environments. These children receive financial support for college from the organization upon graduation from high school.

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.

A Judicial Advisory Committee was convened by Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, and I submitted my application on January 31, 2013. I interviewed with the Judicial Advisory Committee on March 21, 2013, in Detroit. I received a letter on April 8, 2013 from Senators Levin and Stabenow indicating that with the recommendation of the Judicial Advisory Committee, my name would be forwarded to President Obama for his consideration to fill one of the four vacancies on the District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Since April 8, 2013, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On May 30, 2013, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel’s Office and the Department of Justice in Washington, DC. On July 25, 2013, the President submitted my nomination to the Senate.

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

No.
AFFIDAVIT

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

7-26-13 (DATE)  
(Linda V. Parker) (NAME)

TONIA FRAZIER AKINS  
Notary Public - Michigan  
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My Commission Expires Dec. 10, 2014  
Acting in the County of Wayne.