

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).

Jamar Kentrell Walker

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

United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia

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

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Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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

1986; Nassawadox, Virginia

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.

2008 – 2011, University of Virginia School of Law; J.D., 2011

2004 – 2008, University of Virginia; B.A. (with distinction), 2008

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.

2015 – present

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Financial Crimes & Public Corruption Unit, Deputy Chief (February 2022 – May 2022)
Assistant United States Attorney (2015 – 2022)

Summer 2010, 2012 – 2015
Covington & Burling LLP
850 Tenth Street, Northwest
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Associate (2012 – 2015)
Summer Associate (Summer 2010)

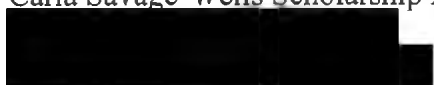
2011 – 2012
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
Walter E. Hoffman United States Courthouse
600 Granby Street
Norfolk, Virginia 23510
Law Clerk to the Honorable Raymond A. Jackson

Summer 2009
Patton Boggs LLP
2500 M Street, Northwest
Washington, DC 20037
Summer Associate

Summer 2008
Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP (now defunct)
Two World Financial Center
New York, New York 10281
Sponsors for Educational Opportunity Legal Intern

2006 – 2008
Penske Truck Leasing
1295 Seminole Trail
Charlottesville, Virginia 22901
Customer Sales Representative

Other affiliations (uncompensated unless otherwise indicated):

2021 – present
Carla Savage-Wells Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Board of Directors

2018 – 2020

Simpatico Management LLC



Owner (50%)

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

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

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

Federal Bureau of Investigation—Washington Field Office, Service Awards (2016, 2018, 2018, 2019, 2021)

National Black Lawyers, Top 40 Under 40 (2020)

National LGBTQ+ Bar Association, Best 40 Under 40 (2020)

DC Gay Flag Football League, Legends Award (2018)

Living Classrooms, Rising Star Award (2016)

Mid-Atlantic Black Law Students Association, Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition, Best Oral Advocate (2010)

University of Virginia School of Law

Bracewell & Giuliani Best First Year Oral Argument (2008 – 2009)

Merit Scholarship (2008)

University of Virginia

Graduated with Distinction (2008)

The 21 Society Honor (2008)

Office of African-American Affairs Longevity of Excellence Award (2008)

American Mock Trial Association National Champion (2006, 2007)

American Mock Trial Association All-American Attorney (2006, 2007)

Bayly-Tiffany Scholarship (2004)

Eastern Shore News, Leadership Scholarship (2004)

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.

Black LGBTQ+ Legal Professionals Caucus

DC LGBT Bar Association

National LGBTQ+ Bar Association

Northern Virginia Black Attorneys Association

Old Dominion Bar Association

United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia
Committee on Race, Policing & Prosecution (2020 – present)
Diversity Committee (2015 – present)
DOJ Pride (2020 – present)
U.S. Department of Justice Association of Black Attorneys (2020 – present)

Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference

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.

Virginia, 2011
District of Columbia, 2012

There have been no lapses in membership, though I have been on inactive status in the District of Columbia since 2016, after I became an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia.

- b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require special admission to practice.

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2012
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 2012
United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, 2012

There have been no lapses in membership.

11. Memberships:

- a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

American Mock Trial Association
Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2020 – present)

University of Virginia Collegiate Mock Trial, Assistant Coach (2008 – 2013)

University of Virginia School of Law, Class Agent (2011 – present)

Virginia21, Advisory Council (2015 – present)

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

To the best of my knowledge, none of the organizations listed above currently discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

12. Published Writings and Public Statements:

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

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.

None.

- 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.

None.

- 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.

The following list reflects my best efforts to identify the speeches and talks I have delivered. To compile this list, I searched my records and various Internet sources. There may, however, be other speeches or talks that I have been unable to recall or identify.

September 9, 2021: Guest Speaker, "Public Interest Law and Advocacy Skills," University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia. Outline supplied.

June 25, 2021: Panelist, "Out in Enforcement: Challenges and Issues in Federal Government Enforcement Careers," National LGBTQ+ Bar Association (virtual). The panel discussed pursuing a government career as an LGBTQ+ attorney. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association is 1701 Rhode Island Avenue, Northwest, Washington, DC 20036.

April 14, 2021: Panelist, "Negotiations," University of Virginia School of Law (virtual). The panel discussed various strategies for conducting successful negotiations in challenging circumstances. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Virginia School of Law is 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

February 6, 2021: Mock Trial Judge, Regional Tournament, American Mock Trial Association (virtual). I served as a judge for a collegiate mock trial tournament and offered brief comments regarding the students' presentations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Mock Trial Association is Webster Hall, Suite 212, 3950 East Newman Road, Joplin, Missouri 64801.

February 5, 2021: Mock Trial Judge, Regional Tournament, American Mock Trial Association (virtual). I served as a judge for a collegiate mock trial tournament and offered brief comments regarding the students' presentations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Mock Trial Association is Webster Hall, Suite 212, 3950 East Newman Road, Joplin, Missouri 64801.

November 2, 2020: Panelist, "Professional Responsibility," University of Virginia School of Law (virtual). The panel discussed ethical dilemmas faced by lawyers, how to appropriately and professionally interact with opposing counsel, and general career advice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Virginia School of Law is 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

September 22, 2020: Guest Speaker, "Public Interest Law and Advocacy Skills," University of Virginia School of Law (virtual). I used the same outline as that supplied in connection with the September 9, 2021 presentation listed above.

August 7, 2020: Mock Trial Judge, One Last Time Tournament Final Round, American Mock Trial Association (virtual). Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=452BuxfpQVs> (my comments begin at approximately 2:25:39).

August 2020 (specific date unknown): Speaker, "Standing Alongside #BlackLivesMatter," National LGBTQ+ Bar Association (virtual). Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SICbHzfrz9o> (my remarks begin at approximately 2:38).

April 15, 2020: Panelist, "Professional Responsibility," University of Virginia School of Law (virtual). The panel discussed ethical dilemmas faced by lawyers, how to appropriately and professionally interact with opposing counsel, and general career advice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Virginia School of Law is 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

February 13, 2020: Guest Speaker, Career Week, Cora Kelly Elementary School, Alexandria, Virginia. I spoke to third-grade students about my life and career. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Cora Kelly Elementary School is 3600 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22305.

July 23, 2019: Mock Trial Participant, Kamp Kappa Street Law Program, Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.—Alexandria-Fairfax Alumni Chapter, Alexandria, Virginia. I served as the prosecuting attorney for a mock trial presentation and then briefly spoke to the students about their career paths. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.—Alexandria-Fairfax Alumni Chapter is 6343 South Kings Highway, Alexandria, Virginia 22306.

May 10, 2019: Guest Speaker, Career Week, Community Lab School, Charlottesville, Virginia. I spoke to students about the judicial branch, the United States legal system, and my career as a lawyer. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Community Lab School is 1200 Forest Street, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

April 10, 2019: Panelist, “Professional Responsibility,” University of Virginia School of Law (virtual). The panel discussed ethical dilemmas faced by lawyers, how to appropriately and professionally interact with opposing counsel, and general career advice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Virginia School of Law is 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

September 6, 2018: Speaker, Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, Virginia. As a representative of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Virginia, I introduced applicants for naturalization and offered brief remarks about the importance of United States citizenship. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia is United States Courthouse for the Eastern District of Virginia, 401 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

July 24, 2018: Mock Trial Participant, Kamp Kappa Street Law Program, Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.—Alexandria-Fairfax Alumni Chapter, Alexandria, Virginia. I served as a prosecuting attorney for a mock trial presentation and then briefly spoke to the students about their career paths. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.—Alexandria-Fairfax Alumni Chapter is 6343 South Kings Highway, Alexandria, Virginia 22306.

April 10, 2018: Panelist, “Negotiations,” University of Virginia School of Law (virtual). The panel discussed various strategies for conducting successful negotiations in challenging circumstances. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Virginia School of Law is 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

September 18, 2017: Panelist, “UVA Law Prosecution Panel: Real Deal on Prosecution,” University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia. The panel discussed pursuing a career as a prosecutor. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Virginia School of Law is 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

August 17, 2017: Guest Speaker, “University of Virginia School of Law Pre-Orientation Program,” University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia. I spoke to first-year law students about fostering a sense of community and belonging for students of diverse backgrounds. I have no notes, transcript, or

recording. The address for the University of Virginia School of Law is 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

February 23, 2017: Panelist, “Diversity in the Legal Profession,” University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia. The panel discussed ways in which law students can market themselves as diverse candidates. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the University of Virginia School of Law is 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903.

July 18, 2016: Mock Trial Participant, Kamp Kappa Street Law Program, Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.—Alexandria-Fairfax Alumni Chapter, Alexandria, Virginia. I served as a witness for a mock trial presentation and then briefly spoke to the students about their career paths. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.—Alexandria-Fairfax Alumni Chapter is 6343 South Kings Highway, Alexandria, Virginia 22306.

June 6, 2016: Commencement Speaker, Nandua High School, Onley, Virginia. Speech supplied.

July 20, 2015: Mock Trial Participant, Kamp Kappa Street Law Program, Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.—Alexandria-Fairfax Alumni Chapter, Alexandria, Virginia. I served as a prosecuting attorney for a mock trial presentation and then briefly spoke to the students about their career paths. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.—Alexandria-Fairfax Alumni Chapter is 6343 South Kings Highway, Alexandria, Virginia 22306.

March 9, 2012: Moderator, “Behind the Gavel: Demystifying the Judiciary,” National Black Law Students Association National Convention, Washington, DC. I moderated a panel of judges who spoke about their paths to the judiciary. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the National Black Law Students Association is 80 M Street, Southeast, Washington, DC 20003.

April 28, 2004: Guest Speaker, Mary N. Smith Middle School, Accomack, Virginia. I spoke to eighth-grade students about their transition from middle school to high school. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. Mary N. Smith Middle School no longer exists.

- 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.

The following list reflects my best efforts to identify the interviews I have given. To compile this list, I searched my records and various Internet sources. There may, however, be other interviews that I have been unable to recall or identify.

Carol Vaughn, *Community Remembers Former Nandua Principal Larry Thomas*, Eastern Shore Post (Sept. 9, 2021). Copy supplied.

5/10/15/25: *How's Life After Law School?*, UVA Lawyer (Fall 2021). Copy supplied.

Ted Shockley, *From our classrooms to federal courtrooms*, Eastern Shore First (Feb. 5, 2021). Copy supplied.

Jamar Walker '11: *The Freedom to Explore at Patton Boggs*, University of Virginia School of Law News & Media (July 20, 2009). Copy supplied.

Law Students Coach Undergraduate Trial Team to Victory, Virginia Law Weekly (May 2, 2007). Copy supplied.

Jeanne Nicholson Siler, *The wins of court*, Virginia Mock Trial News (Oct. 25, 2006) (reprinted in multiple sources). Copy supplied.

Local student on UVa national championship Mock Trial team, Eastern Shore News (Apr. 19, 2006). Copy supplied.

Mary Herring, *Hometown ties continue to ensure student's success*, Tidewater Builder (Aug. 1, 2005). Copy supplied.

Bill Sterling, *Two win News leadership honor*, Eastern Shore News (June 6, 2004). Copy supplied.

13. **Judicial Office:** State (chronologically) any judicial offices you have held, including positions as an administrative law judge, whether such position was elected or appointed, and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court.

I have not held judicial office.

- a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment? _____
- i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:
- jury trials: _____%
- bench trials: _____%
- ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:
- civil proceedings: _____%
- criminal proceedings: _____%

- b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.
 - c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).
 - d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.
 - e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.
 - f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.
 - g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.
 - h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.
 - i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.
14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an “automatic” recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

I have not held judicial office.

- a. whether your recusal was requested by a motion or other suggestion by a litigant or a party to the proceeding or by any other person or interested party; or if you recused yourself sua sponte;

- b. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal;
- c. the procedure you followed in determining whether or not to recuse yourself;
- d. your reason for recusing or declining to recuse yourself, including any action taken to remove the real, apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other ground for recusal.

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

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

I have not held public office. I have had no unsuccessful candidacies for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

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

I have not held any memberships or offices in or rendered any services to any political party or election committee. I have not held a position or played a role in a political campaign.

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 2011 to 2012, I served as a clerk to the Honorable Raymond A. Jackson on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

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

I have never practiced law alone.

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

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Deputy Chief (February 2022 – May 2022)
Acting Chief (May 2022 – present)

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

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

b. Describe:

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

In 2012, after completing my clerkship, I joined Covington & Burling LLP's Washington, DC office as an associate. During my three years at the firm, I drafted various pleadings, briefs, and memoranda. I also interviewed witnesses, defended depositions, supervised discovery productions, and counseled clients. All of my work was civil in nature, and it spanned the gamut from commercial insurance litigation to products liability.

In 2015, I joined the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) and was assigned to the Financial Crimes & Public Corruption Unit. As an AUSA, I handled every aspect of criminal proceedings, including investigations, grand jury proceedings, motions, jury trials, and appeals. I prosecuted a variety of cases, including bribery, money laundering, wire

fraud, bank fraud, access device fraud, foreign corrupt practices, and securities fraud.

From February to May 2022, I served as Deputy Chief of the Financial Crimes & Public Corruption Unit, and since May 2022, I have served as the Unit's Acting Chief. In those roles, I not only maintain my own active case docket, but also have significant leadership and managerial responsibilities. In particular, I manage the dockets of other prosecutors, intake cases from our law enforcement partners, advise my colleagues on their cases, review and approve indictments and plea agreements, and provide recommendations to the Office's senior management on significant matters.

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

While in private practice from 2012 to 2015, I typically represented corporations and other business entities, and I handled an array of civil matters, with a focus on commercial disputes relating to insurance coverage and products liability.

At the United States Attorney's Office, I represent the United States, and my work has been exclusively criminal in nature. As a member of the Office's Financial Crimes & Public Corruption Unit, I have prosecuted a variety of cases, including bribery, money laundering, wire fraud, bank fraud, access device fraud, foreign corrupt practices, and securities fraud.

- 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.

My practice has been almost exclusively in litigation. In private practice, I did not appear in court. At the United States Attorney's Office, I appear in court frequently for all types of proceedings, including grand jury litigation, plea hearings, sentencing hearings, motion hearings, and trials.

- 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: 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.

I have tried five cases to verdict, judgment, or final decision. I served as chief counsel in two of the matters, co-lead counsel in one matter, and associate counsel in the remaining two matters.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
- | | |
|--------------|-----|
| 1. jury: | 80% |
| 2. non-jury: | 20% |

- 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:

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

1. *United States v. Cook*, No. 1:21-cr-72 (E.D. Va.) (Hilton, J.); No. 22-4275 (4th Cir.)

Mr. Cook was the sole owner, president, and CEO of Metropolitan Aviation LLC, a company that flew chartered private jet flights and managed privately owned aircraft. At some point during the life of the business, Mr. Cook encountered cash flow issues. Rather than use lawful means to address the company's problems, Mr. Cook created a shell entity in the name of his girlfriend to conceal his businesses assets. He also fraudulently transferred funds to personal accounts in her name and directed her to set up bank accounts that he effectively used and controlled. Mr. Cook then filed for bankruptcy in his personal capacity to discharge his debts. In that process, Mr. Cook lied at the meeting of his creditors regarding his relationship with the shell entity and other assets.

Ultimately, Mr. Cook had over \$6 million in debt discharged in bankruptcy. The indictment charged Mr. Cook with bankruptcy fraud, fraudulent transfer and concealment, falsification of records in a bankruptcy proceeding, false bankruptcy declaration, and false statements in relation to a bankruptcy proceeding. After a trial, the district court found Mr. Cook guilty of the then remaining counts, and sentenced him to two-and-one-half years' imprisonment. Mr. Cook appealed his conviction and sentence; the appeal remains pending before the Fourth Circuit. Since 2017, I have served as lead counsel for the United States. During the trial, I delivered the government's opening statement and conducted multiple direct examinations, including examining the lead case agent, the bankruptcy trustee assigned to Mr. Cook's case, and the witness from a victim company. I also delivered the government's rebuttal argument. My colleague is handling the appeal in consultation with the United States Attorney's Office's Appellate Unit.

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2. *United States v. Mitchell*, No. 1:19-cr-101 (E.D. Va.) (Trenga, J.); No. 20-4345, 2022 WL 738612 (4th Cir. 2022) (Thacker, Harris, Quattlebaum, JJ.)

Mr. Mitchell, along with his co-conspirator, Mr. Almirall, was a managing principal of a company called AURA Exchange. Through AURA, the defendants promised their clients that they could help obtain funding for a host of business purposes, such as real estate transactions and television projects. Instead, the defendants spent large portions of their clients' funds on personal expenses, including trips to casinos, concert tickets, stays at beach resorts, cash withdrawals, and wire transfers. In at least one instance, a victim provided the defendants with nearly the entirety of his life savings. Mr. Almirall pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and he was sentenced to more than five years in prison (No. 1:18-cr-392). Mr. Mitchell proceeded to trial on the multiple counts of wire fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud charged against him. After a weeklong trial, the jury convicted Mr. Mitchell on all counts, and the district court sentenced him to more than six years' imprisonment. Mr. Mitchell appealed his conviction, and the Fourth Circuit affirmed without oral argument. Mr. Mitchell is now seeking compassionate release. Since 2018, I have served as lead counsel for the United States. In that capacity, I assisted with the investigation. Before trial, I drafted and opposed various motions *in*

limine. During trial, I delivered the government's opening statement and rebuttal argument. I also examined several witnesses, including the main victim, and I cross-examined Mr. Mitchell. And I served as lead drafter of the government's appellate brief.

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3. *United States v. WMT Brasilia S.a.r.l.*, No. 1:19-cr-192 (E.D. Va.) (O'Grady, J.)

After a significant investigation, WMT Brasilia, a subsidiary of Walmart Inc., was charged with and pleaded guilty to violations of the books and records provisions of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Specifically, personnel responsible for implementing and maintaining the company's internal accounting controls related to anti-corruption were aware of certain failures involving these controls, including the improper use of third-party intermediaries to facilitate payments to governmental entities. In connection with the guilty plea, Walmart signed a non-prosecution agreement that included a monetary penalty. In total, Walmart paid a criminal penalty of \$137 million and agreed to disgorge \$144 million in profits to the United States Securities & Exchange Commission. Since 2016, I have served as co-lead counsel for the United States in this matter. In that capacity, I assisted with the investigation, and I represented the government at WMT Brasilia's change of plea hearing. The case remains ongoing, as, per the terms of the resolution, counsel for Walmart continues to provide the government with compliance-related updates.

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4. *United States v. Zilevu*, No. 1:19-cr-356 (E.D. Va.) (Alston, J.)

Mr. Zilevu was employed as an information technology specialist at the United States Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Zilevu allegedly used the identities of three victims to open credit card accounts in their names and subsequently used those cards for his own personal benefit at various places in and around the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Zilevu was charged with access device fraud and aggravated identity theft. After a four-day trial, the jury found Mr. Zilevu guilty of access device fraud and not guilty of aggravated identity theft, and the district court sentenced him to five months' imprisonment. Mr. Zilevu did not appeal. In 2021, I helped represent the United States in this matter. As a more experienced prosecutor, I assisted the lead counsel—who was trying his first case—in developing trial strategy, crafting witness examinations, and preparing jury instructions and exhibits for trial. At trial, I also examined multiple government witnesses, including the lead case agent, and I delivered the government's closing argument.

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5. *United States v. Millender*, No. 1:16-cr-239 (E.D. Va.) (Trenga, J.); 970 F.3d 523 (4th Cir. 2020) (Motz, Wynn, Richardson, JJ.)

From 2017 to 2021, I helped prosecute this complex, multi-defendant fraud case. Two defendants (Mr. and Mrs. Millender) proceeded to trial, and one defendant (Ms. Wells) pleaded guilty and cooperated with the government. Mr. Millender was the pastor of a church in Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Millender, along with his co-conspirators, defrauded various members of his congregation by convincing them that he was investing their money in a riskless fund and by further claiming that a portion of their funds was being used to support small business owners in underdeveloped countries. In truth, Mr. Millender used the victims' funds to conduct risky day trading and to support his lavish lifestyle, and he never provided any funds to entrepreneurs in underdeveloped countries. Losses to the victims totaled approximately \$1.3 million. Before trial, Ms. Wells pleaded guilty, and she was sentenced to two-and-one-half years in prison. In 2017, after a two-week trial, the jury convicted Mr. Millender of 31 counts and Mrs. Millender of seven counts. The district court vacated the convictions on the ground that the evidence was insufficient as a matter of law to establish the charged offenses. The government appealed, and the Fourth Circuit reversed. Mr. Millender died during the pendency of the appeal, and after the Fourth Circuit's ruling, Mrs. Millender ultimately pleaded guilty to money laundering and received a probationary sentence. From 2017 to 2021, I served as co-lead counsel for the United States, handling the investigation and various aspects of the trial, including the government's opening statement, examinations of multiple witnesses, and the cross-examination of Mr. Millender. I also co-drafted the government's appellate briefs and assisted in preparing the Chief of the Appellate Unit for oral argument.

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6. *United States v. Conrad*, No. 1:16-cr-169 (Lee, Hilton, JJ.); 760 F. App'x 199 (4th Cir. 2019) (Keenan, Floyd, Thacker, JJ.)

Mr. Conrad was the Director of Systems Operation & Security at the Bureau of Industry & Security (BIS), a branch of the United States Department of Commerce. While serving as a project manager for a data migration project at BIS, Mr. Conrad solicited and received bribes from a local businessman, Mr. Bedford, in exchange for steering a lucrative data migration project to him. One of Mr. Bedford's companies made over \$200,000 in payments to Mr. Conrad and performed free renovation work at Mr. Conrad's residence. Mr. Bedford's companies received over \$1 million in profit from the contract Mr. Conrad steered to Mr. Bedford's company in exchange for the bribe payments. Mr. Bedford pleaded guilty to conspiracy to pay and receive bribes and bribery of a public official, cooperated with the government, and was sentenced to two years' probation (No. 1:16-cr-264). Mr. Conrad was charged with acceptance of bribes by a public official and conspiracy to commit bribery. After a three-day trial, the jury convicted Mr. Conrad of both counts, and the district court sentenced him to four years in prison. Mr. Conrad appealed his conviction, and the Fourth Circuit affirmed. Thereafter, Mr. Conrad moved to set aside his judgment of conviction, which the district court denied. From 2015 to 2021, I served as one of two prosecutors for the United States, handling numerous key aspects of the case. I assisted with the investigation. At trial, I examined several witnesses and delivered the government's closing argument. I also helped draft the government's appellate brief and prepare my colleague for the Fourth Circuit oral argument. And I successfully opposed Mr. Conrad's post-conviction motion.

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7. *United States v. Carpenter*, No. 1:19-cr-362 (E.D. Va.) (O’Grady, J.)

Mr. Carpenter, a former NFL player, orchestrated a scheme to defraud the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Mr. Carpenter owned a janitorial supply distribution business and established a relationship with at least two WMATA employees who were assigned WMATA-issued credit cards in connection with their work.

Mr. Carpenter devised a scheme whereby the WMATA employees permitted him to charge their credit cards for supplies that were never delivered. In these instances, Mr. Carpenter would retain a substantial portion of the amount charged from the sales for his own personal benefit, and he gave the employees cash payments in exchange for their permitting him to charge their cards. Mr. Carpenter was indicted on charges of wire fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud. After significant investigation and litigation, Mr. Carpenter pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and the district court sentenced him to two years’ probation and six months of home confinement with electronic monitoring. Thereafter, Mr. Carpenter violated his probation; the district court thus revoked his probation and imposed 90 days of incarceration to be followed by two years of supervised release and 36 hours of community service. From 2015 to 2021, I served as lead counsel for the United States in this case. In that capacity, I assisted with the initial investigation into more than 20 potential subjects. I also analyzed multiple years of evidence from WMATA to determine whether charges were viable and against whom such charges would be appropriate. I handled Mr. Carpenter’s sentencing hearing. And I argued for the government at Mr. Carpenter’s probation revocation hearing.

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8. *United States v. Chahal*, No. 1:18-cr-152 (E.D. Va.) (Brinkema, J.)

Mr. Chahal operated an investment fraud scheme through the Kane Capital Investment

Group. Mr. Chahal executed this fraud by falsely representing that Kane Capital had earned returns of roughly 28 to 34 percent annually, when in fact, Mr. Chahal had suffered substantial losses in managing investors' funds. Mr. Chahal also created falsified brokerage statements to conceal the losses he had sustained and siphoned off some of his investors' funds by transferring the money to accounts he controlled or by spending the funds on personal items. When investors asked for returns on their investment, Mr. Chahal frequently used money from newer investors to pay disbursements to older investors, without disclosing this fact to his investors. Investors to Mr. Chahal's scheme suffered losses totaling at least \$626,000. The indictment charged Mr. Chahal with multiple counts of wire fraud, securities and commodities fraud, and aggravated identity theft. Ultimately, Mr. Chahal pleaded guilty to wire fraud and securities and commodities fraud, and the district court sentenced him to two-and-one-half years' imprisonment. From 2017 to 2020, I served as one of two prosecutors on the case, handling numerous aspects of the matter, including the government's successful plea-bargaining negotiations.

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9. *United States v. Foster*, No. 1:15-cr-148 (E.D. Va.) (Ellis, J.)

Mr. Foster—a former staff member of the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation—devised a scheme to fraudulently obtain approximately \$500,000 from three women whom he targeted because of their age, health, marital, and/or family status. Mr. Foster told the victims he needed money for a host of expenses and, in at least one instance, promised to help a victim obtain her deceased husband's pension funds by virtue of his position in the Senate. Mr. Foster was indicted on seven counts of wire fraud. Mr. Foster ultimately pleaded guilty to three counts of wire fraud, and he was sentenced to over three years in prison. From 2015 to 2017, I served as co-counsel for the United States in this case. In that capacity, I assisted with the investigation, interviewing the victims and a number of other witnesses in preparation for trial. I also argued on behalf of the government at the sentencing hearing.

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10. *Travelers Indem. Co. v. Northrop Grumman Corp.*, 3 F. Supp. 3d 79 (S.D.N.Y. 2014) (Forrest, J.); 4 F. Supp. 3d 599 (S.D.N.Y. 2014) (Forrest, J.); 677 F. App'x 701 (2d Cir. 2017) (Raggi, Chin, Lohier, JJ.)

Northrop Grumman Corporation (NGC) manufactured and tested airplanes, weapons, satellites, and other military equipment at a facility in the Bethpage, New York area. In connection with its operations, NGC used and stored degreasers and other chemicals, and an array of parties filed suit against NGC, alleging that those chemicals caused contamination and other property damage. NGC's insurers filed suit seeking a declaratory judgment that they had no duty to defend or indemnify NGC in connection with the underlying litigation. The insurers moved for summary judgment, and the district court granted the motion. NGC appealed, and the Second Circuit affirmed. From 2012 to 2014, I helped represent NGC in the district court as an associate at Covington & Burling LLP. In that capacity, I took multiple depositions of witnesses who claimed that their groundwater was contaminated by spills in and around the Bethpage area. I also conducted a number of witness interviews and drafted outlines associated with expert witness depositions. And I helped draft portions of various briefs. I left the firm before the summary judgment motion was decided.

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

The vast majority of my legal practice has been in litigation, though I have also engaged in various other significant legal activities. For instance, at the United States Attorney's Office, I regularly assist with investigations, leading investigative teams composed of federal law enforcement officers, local law enforcement officers, and other attorneys. I have also presented countless matters for indictment or for witness testimony to grand juries empaneled in the Eastern District of Virginia. Additionally, as Deputy Chief and now Acting Chief of the Office's Financial Crimes & Public Corruption Unit, I have taken on significant supervisory responsibilities. For example, I am responsible for ensuring that cases my colleagues and our law enforcement partners pursue are also just causes. I routinely meet to discuss matters with my colleagues whom I supervise to ensure that I understand what, if any, charges would be appropriate in a given case. I am also responsible for updating the Office's senior management on any issues arising that may warrant their involvement. Finally, I have taken on a number of roles in the Office unrelated to my case responsibilities. For instance, since 2015, I have been a member of the Office's Diversity Committee. As a member of that committee, I work with colleagues to improve the Office's efforts to recruit diverse candidates and celebrate

diversity throughout the year, including organizing the Office's first Pride Month celebration in 2019 and successive celebrations since then.

I have not performed any lobbying activities, and I am not and have never been 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 not taught any courses.

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

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.

None.

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).

See attached Financial Disclosure Report.

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

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24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

- a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, categories of litigation, and financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest when you first assume the position to which you have been nominated. Explain

how you would address any such conflict if it were to arise.

If confirmed, I would recuse myself from any cases, or cases involving investigations, in which I previously had been involved. Otherwise, I am not aware of any persons, parties, categories of litigation, or financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest when I first assume the position to which I have been nominated. If a potential conflict arose, I would evaluate and resolve any potential conflicts of interest on a case-by-case basis following the Code of Conduct for United States Judges and the rules and standards regarding disqualification specified in 28 U.S.C. § 455. I would also consult relevant judicial decisions and published advisory opinions issued by the Judicial Conference's Committee on Codes of Conduct.

- 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 evaluate and resolve any potential conflicts of interest on a case-by-case basis following the Code of Conduct for United States Judges and the rules and standards regarding disqualification specified in 28 U.S.C. § 455. I would also consult relevant judicial decisions and published advisory opinions issued by the Judicial Conference's Committee on Codes of Conduct.

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.

During my legal career, I have sought to serve the community in various ways. My work at the United States Attorney's Office is dedicated to upholding the rule of law and keeping people in the Eastern District of Virginia safe. Outside of work, I also have served as an unpaid coach for the University of Virginia's undergraduate mock trial team. In addition, I have volunteered to participate in mock trials associated with the Kamp Kappa Street Law Program, which seeks to introduce young boys to careers in the justice system. I have also served as a mentor to various law students and lawyers, including through the DC LGBT Bar Association, the University of Virginia School of Law Black Law Students Association, and the Virginia State Bar. Further, as a member of the DC Gay Flag Football League, I have regularly participated in the League's "Day of Service," which typically involves delivering meals to needy families or serving food at soup kitchens.

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 November 8, 2021, I submitted an application to Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine for a position on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. On January 27, 2022, I interviewed with the Senators' selection committee. On February 11, 2022, I interviewed with Senators Warner and Kaine. On February 28, 2022, Senator Kaine advised me that he and Senator Warner would be referring my name to the White House for consideration. On March 4, 2022, I interviewed with an attorney from the White House Counsel's Office. Since March 7, 2022, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the United States Department of Justice. On July 13, 2022, my nomination was submitted 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.