

**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).

Zachary Maxwell Bluestone

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

United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri

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.

United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri
Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, Room 20.333
Saint Louis, Missouri 63102

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

1986; Chesterfield, Missouri

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.

2013 – 2016, Harvard Law School; J.D., 2016

2009 – 2010, University of Oxford; MBA, 2011

2005 – 2009, Georgetown University; B.S., 2009

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.

2020 – present

United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri

Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, Room 20.333
Saint Louis, Missouri 63102
Appellate Chief (2021 – present)
Assistant United States Attorney, Violent Crimes Unit (2020 – present)

2018 – 2020
Missouri Attorney General's Office
815 Olive Street, Suite 200
Saint Louis, Missouri 63101
Special Assistant Attorney General (2020) (reappointed to argue Eighth Circuit case)
Deputy Solicitor General (2018 – 2020)

2016 – 2018
Honorable Raymond W. Gruender
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse
111 South 10th Street, Room 23.365
Saint Louis, Missouri 63102
Law Clerk

January – August 2016, Summer 2015
United States Senator Orrin G. Hatch
Office of the President Pro Tempore
United States Capitol Building, S-125
Washington, District of Columbia 20515
Legal Fellow (internship converted to paid position in May 2016)

Summer 2015
White & Case LLP
701 Thirteenth Street Northwest
Washington, District of Columbia 20005
Summer Associate

2014 – 2015
President and Fellows of Harvard College
1033 Massachusetts Avenue, 2nd Floor
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138
Research Assistant

Summer 2014
United States Department of Defense
Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Military Commissions
1610 Defense Pentagon
Washington, District of Columbia 20301
Legal Intern

Summer 2013
Bluestone Strategies, LLC
Chesterfield, Missouri 63005
President

January – July 2013
The Heritage Foundation
214 Massachusetts Avenue Northeast
Washington, District of Columbia 20002
Special Assistant to Senator Jim Talent

2012
Romney for President, Inc.
c/o Red Curve Solutions, LLC
138 Conant Street, 2nd Floor
Beverly, Massachusetts 01915
Iowa Field Representative (June – December 2012)
Missouri Regional Political Director (January – June 2012) (approximate)

1990 – 2022 (approximate)
Country Club Car Wash
2999 Highway K
O'Fallon, Missouri 63368
Part Owner (2002 – 2022)
Vice President (2009 – 2012)
Assistant Supervisor (2002 – 2005)
Carwasher, Cashier (1990 – 2002)

Other Affiliations (Uncompensated):

2023 – present
The Association of the Bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
c/o Michael L. Jente
600 Washington Avenue, Suite 2500
Saint Louis, Missouri 63101
Treasurer (2024 – present)
Board Member (2023)

2022 – present
Forest Park Forever
5595 Grand Drive
Saint Louis, Missouri 63112
Young Friends Board Chair, Ex Officio Member of Board of Directors (2023 – present)
Young Friends Board Member (2022)

2017 – present
Buckingham Condo Association
4928 Buckingham Court
Saint Louis, Missouri 63108
President

2011 – present (intermittent)
Georgetown University
3700 O Street Northwest
Washington, District of Columbia 20057
Alumni Admissions Program Interviewer

2015 – 2016
Lawfare National Security Blog
1775 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, District of Columbia 20036
Masthead Contributor, Column Editor

March – December 2010
Lod Community Foundation
115 Henrietta Szold, Apartment 35
Lod, Israel
Volunteer Consultant

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.

David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy Award, Missouri Bar Foundation (2020)

Heyman Federal Public Service Fellowship, Harvard Law School (2019)

Georgetown Originalism Summer Seminar, Center for the Constitution, Georgetown Law (2018)

James Wilson Fellowship, James Wilson Institute (2017)

Harvard Law School
Graduation Recognition for 1,000+ Hours of Pro Bono Service (2016)
Dean's Scholar Prize for National Security Law (2015)
Dean's Scholar Prize for Corporations (2014)

Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy
Managing Editor, National Symposium Editor (2015 – 2016)
Deputy Managing Editor (2014 – 2015)
Editor (2014)
Harvard Law Republicans
President (2015 – 2016)
Vice President (2014 – 2015)
Harvard National Security & Law Association
Executive Vice President (Fall 2015)
Vice President for Academics (2014 – 2015)

John Hay Fellow, John Hay Initiative (2013 – 2014)

University of Oxford
Skoll Centre Associate, Saïd Business School (2010)

Georgetown University
Graduated *Summa Cum Laude* (2009)
Phi Beta Kappa (2009)
Carroll Fellows Initiative (2006 – 2009)

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.

Federal Practice Committee, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
(2023 – present)

Eighth Circuit Bar Association (2021 – present)
Treasurer (2024 – present)
Board Member (2023)

Federal Bar Association (2023 – present)

Missouri Bar (2016 – present)

Bar Association of Metropolitan Saint Louis (2017 – 2024, intermittent)

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.

Missouri, 2016

To my knowledge, there have been no lapses in membership.

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

United States Supreme Court, 2019

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 2019

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, 2018

United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, 2019

Supreme Court of Missouri, 2016

To my knowledge, 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.

Forest Park Forever (2018 – present)

Ex Officio Member, Board of Directors (2023 – present)

Young Friends Board Chair (2023 – present)

Young Friends Board Member (2022)

Hockey North America (2017 – present)

Federalist Society (2013 – present)

Georgetown University Alumni Admissions Program (2011 – present, intermittent)

USA Hockey (2019 – 2020)

Saint Louis Vision Volleyball Club (2016 – 2018)

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity (2006 – 2009, inactive since graduation)

Chapter President (2008)

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 11.a 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.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is an all-male social fraternity that is part of an unofficial co-ed Greek system at Georgetown University that includes all-female sororities.

To the best of my knowledge, none of the other 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 copies of all published material to the Committee.

Press Release, *St. Louis County Man Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison for Drug Robbery, Carjacking*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, May 6, 2025, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-county-man-sentenced-15-years-prison-drug-robbery-carjacking>.

Press release, *St. Louis County Man Convicted of Charges Related to Five Armed Robberies*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Apr. 3, 2025, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-county-man-convicted-charges-related-five-armed-robberies>.

Press release, *St. Louis County Felon Admits Gun, Fentanyl Possession Charges*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Mar. 11, 2025, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-county-felon-admits-gun-fentanyl-possession-charges>.

Press release, *St. Louis County Man Admits Drug Robbery, Carjacking*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Feb. 4, 2025, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-county-man-admits-drug-robbery-carjacking>.

Press release, *St. Louis Man Admits Carjacking and Shooting Incidents*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Jan. 21, 2025, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-man-admits-carjacking-and-shooting-incidents>.

Press release, *St. Louis Carjacker Sentenced to 19 Years in Prison*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Dec. 10, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-carjacker-sentenced-19-years-prison>.

Press release, *Man who Supplied Drugs that Killed Jail Inmate Sentenced to 16 Years in Prison*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Dec. 4, 2024,

available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-carjacker-sentenced-19-years-prison>.

Press release, *Double Carjacker Sentenced to 13 Years in Prison*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Nov. 7, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/double-carjacker-sentenced-13-years-prison>.

Press release, *Man who Smuggled Fatal Drugs into Jail Sentenced to 22 Years in Prison*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Nov. 5, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/man-who-smuggled-fatal-drugs-jail-sentenced-22-years-prison>.

Press release, *Four Plead Guilty in Two St. Louis Area Carjackings*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Sept. 5, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/four-plead-guilty-two-st-louis-area-carjackings>.

Press release, *Pair Faces Attempted Kidnapping, Gun Charges*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Aug. 30, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/pair-faces-attempted-kidnapping-gun-charges>.

Press release, *Man Admits St. Louis Carjacking*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Aug. 5, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/man-admits-st-louis-carjacking>.

Press release, *Felon Who Robbed St. Louis Pizza Delivery Driver Sentenced to 9 1/2 Years in Prison*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, July 31, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/felon-who-robbed-st-louis-pizza-delivery-driver-sentenced-9-12-years-prison>.

Press release, *Teen Admits Two St. Louis Area Carjackings*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, July 29, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/teen-admits-two-st-louis-area-carjackings>.

Press release, *Former St. Louis School Principal Sentenced to Two Consecutive Life Terms in Prison for Teacher's Murder*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, June 25, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/former-st-louis-school-principal-sentenced-two-consecutive-life-terms-prison-teachers>.

Press release, *St. Louis Teacher's Killer Sentenced to Two Consecutive Life Terms in Prison*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, June 18, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-teachers-killer-sentenced-two-consecutive-life-terms-prison>.

Press release, *St. Louis County Man Accused of Drug Robbery with a Machine Gun*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, June 13, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-county-man-accused-drug-robbery>.

machine-gun.

Press release, *Two Men Admit Smuggling Drugs into Jail, Causing Inmate's Death*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, May 28, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/two-men-admit-smuggling-drugs-jail-causing-inmates-death>.

Press release, *Oklahoma Man Convicted of Murder-For-Hire of St. Louis Schoolteacher*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Mar. 20, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/oklahoma-man-convicted-murder-hire-st-louis-schoolteacher-0>.

Press release, *St. Louis County Man Sentenced for Gun Crime*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Mar. 13, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-county-man-sentenced-federal-gun-crime>.

Press release, *St. Louis County Man Who Absconded from Federal Supervision Sentenced to 51 Months in Prison*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Jan. 18, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-county-man-who-absconded-federal-supervision-sentenced-51-months-prison>.

Press release, *Felon Admits Robbing St. Louis Pizza Delivery Driver*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Jan. 11, 2024, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/felon-admits-robbing-st-louis-pizza-delivery-driver>.

Press release, *Man Indicted on Charges Connected to Five St. Louis Area Robberies*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Dec. 21, 2023, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/man-indicted-charges-connected-five-st-louis-area-robberies>.

Press release, *St. Louis County Man Admits Federal Gun Crime*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Dec. 7, 2023, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-county-man-admits-federal-gun-crime>.

Press release, *Man Charged with Downtown St. Louis Carjacking*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Sept. 6, 2023, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/man-charged-downtown-st-louis-carjacking>.

Press release, *Three Charged in Fentanyl Overdose in St. Francois County Jail*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Aug. 23, 2023, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/three-charged-fentanyl-overdose-st-francois-county-jail>.

Press release, *Felon Accused of Robbing Pizza Delivery Driver in St. Louis*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, July 24, 2023, available at

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/felon-accused-robbing-pizza-delivery-driver-st-louis>.

Press release, *Man Admits Fleeing from St. Louis Police with Gun, Drugs*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, July 11, 2023, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/man-admits-fleeing-st-louis-police-gun-drugs>.

Press release, *Man Accused of Fatal Hit and Run in St. Louis Charged with Federal Gun Crime*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, July 11, 2023, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/man-accused-fatal-hit-and-run-st-louis-charged-federal-gun-crime>.

Press release, *Farmington Man Admits Methamphetamine Distribution*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, June 28, 2023, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/farmington-man-admits-methamphetamine-distribution>.

Press release, *St. Louis Man Caught with Two Guns After Dangerous High-Speed Chase Sentenced to 8 Years in Prison*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Apr. 10, 2023, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-man-caught-two-guns-after-dangerous-high-speed-chase-sentenced-8-years-prison>.

Press release, *St. Louis Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Possessing Gun in Connection with a Kidnapping*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Mar. 27, 2023, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-man-sentenced-10-years-prison-possessing-gun-connection-kidnapping>.

Press release, *St. Louis Felon Admits Possession of Stolen SUV, AR-15*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Dec. 6, 2022, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-felon-admits-possession-stolen-suv-ar-15>.

Press release, *St. Louis County Felon Admits to Gun, Methamphetamine Charges*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Nov. 18, 2022, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-county-felon-admits-gun-methamphetamine-charges>.

Press release, *St. Louis Man Sentenced to 6 Years in Prison on Gun Charge*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Oct. 26, 2022, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-man-sentenced-6-years-prison-gun-charge>.

Press release, *St. Louis Man Sentenced to Five Years in Prison for Gun Crime after Domestic Violence Incident*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Aug. 2, 2022, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-man-sentenced-five-years-prison-gun-crime-after-domestic-violence-incident>.

Press release, *St. Louis Man Sentenced to Six Years in Prison for Drug and Gun Crimes*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, June 30, 2022, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-man-sentenced-six-years-prison-drug-and-gun-crimes>.

Press release, *St. Louis County Man Sentenced to Nearly Five Years in Prison for Fentanyl Possession*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, May 23, 2022, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-county-man-sentenced-nearly-five-years-prison-fentanyl-possession-0>.

Press release, *St. Louis Man Facing Murder Charge in Toddler's Death Gets 46 months on Federal Gun Charge*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, May 19, 2022, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-man-facing-murder-charge-toddler-s-death-gets-46-months-federal-gun-charge>.

Press release, *St. Louis Man Sentenced for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm after Domestic Dispute*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, May 2, 2022, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-man-sentenced-unlawful-possession-firearm-after-domestic-dispute>.

Press release, *Judge Sentences Jefferson County Woman on Drug and Gun Charges*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Mar. 21, 2022, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/judge-sentences-jefferson-county-woman-drug-and-gun-charges>.

Press release, *St. Louis Man Pleads Guilty for Three Separate Incidents Involving Drug and Gun Crimes*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Mar. 4, 2022, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-man-pleads-guilty-three-separate-incidents-involving-drug-and-gun-crimes>.

Press release, *St. Louis Man Enters Guilty Plea for Being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Feb. 15, 2022, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-man-enters-guilty-plea-being-felon-possession-firearm>.

Press release, *St. Louis County Man Pleads Guilty to Possession with the Intent to Distribute Fentanyl*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Feb. 7, 2022, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-county-man-pleads-guilty-possession-intent-distribute-fentanyl>.

Press release, *St. Louis Man Pleads Guilty to Unlawful Possession of a Firearm after Domestic Dispute*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Jan. 28, 2022, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/st-louis-man-pleads-guilty-unlawful-possession-firearm-after-domestic-dispute>.

Press release, *Judge Sentences St. Louis Man for Drugs and Weapons Charges*, United

States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Mar. 22, 2021, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/judge-sentences-st-louis-man-drugs-and-weapons-charges>.

The Unscripted Evolution of Presidential Nominations: From Founding-Era Idealism to the Dominance of Party Primaries, 39 Harv. J.L. & Pub. Pol'y 963 (2016). Copy supplied.

Water Wars: In the South China Sea, Beijing Faces Twin Threats of New U.S. Military Presence and Pushback from an Old Friend, Lawfare, Mar. 25, 2016. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: After Recent Diplomatic Clashes, Sino-Japanese Relations Hang in the Balance, Lawfare, Mar. 18, 2016. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: Flexing Muscles, U.S. Deploys Great Green Fleet to South China Sea, Lawfare, Mar. 11, 2016. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: With Tensions Simmering, ASEAN Foreign Ministers Weigh in on South China Sea, Lawfare, Mar. 4, 2016. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: Missile-Deployment Controversy Splashes on, as PRC Foreign Minister Visits Washington, Lawfare, Feb. 26, 2016. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: China Makes Waves with Missile Deployment After Uneventful U.S.-ASEAN Summit, Lawfare, Feb. 19, 2016. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: Calm Before Potential ASEAN-Summit Storm, Lawfare, Feb. 12, 2016. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: U.S. Navy Back for FON in the South China Sea, Lawfare, Feb. 5, 2016. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: American Angling Ahead of ASEAN Summit, Lawfare, Jan. 29, 2016. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: Taiwanese Election Serves as Rebuke to PRC, Lawfare, Jan. 22, 2016. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: Beijing Faces Further Pushback over Moves in the Asian Pacific, Lawfare, Jan. 15, 2016. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: A Month of Simmering Tensions to Ring in the New Year, Lawfare, Jan. 8, 2016. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: Maritime Disputes Feature Prominently During Int'l Summit Circuit, Lawfare, Nov. 20, 2015. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: Calling for Calm amid South China Sea Storm, Xi Unleashes Diplomatic Offensive, Lawfare, Nov. 13, 2015. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: A Week of FON Fallout, Lawfare, Nov. 6, 2015. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: The PRC's Double Trouble in the South China Sea, Lawfare, Oct. 31, 2015. Copy supplied.

10/25 Session: A Rare Sunday Hearing, Part I, Lawfare, Oct. 28, 2015. Copy supplied.

10/25 Session: A Rare Sunday Hearing, Part II, Lawfare, Oct. 28, 2015. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: Big News of the Week Is No Big News, Lawfare, Oct. 23, 2015. Copy supplied.

Yesterday at Guantanamo, 10/21 Session: Hearing Canceled as Translators "Can't Do Two Things at One Time", Lawfare, Oct. 22, 2015. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: U.S.-China War of Words Continues but Still No Action, Lawfare, Oct. 16, 2015. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: What the TPP Means for the PRC, Lawfare, Oct. 9, 2015. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: Presidents Xi and Obama at the UN, Lawfare, Oct. 2, 2015. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: Update on Joint Press Conference, Lawfare, Sept. 25, 2015. Copy supplied.

Water Wars: Mr. Xi Comes to America, Lawfare, Sept. 25, 2015. Copy supplied.

Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy, Managing Editor (Volume 39, Issues 2 – 3, 2015 – 2016); National Symposium Editor (Volume 39, Issue 1, 2015); Deputy Managing Editor (Volume 38, Issues 1 – 3, 2015 – 2016); Editor (Volume 37, Issue 3, 2014). All pieces published by the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy during the time I was an editor are available at <https://journals.law.harvard.edu/jlpp/vols-35-39/>.

With Matthew Smallcomb, *SFS-Qatar: Cultural Dialogue a Call Away*, The Hoya, Mar. 17, 2008. Copy supplied.

Around the Big East: Women—No. 3 Notre Dame, The Hoya, Nov. 15, 2005. Copy supplied.

Around the Big East: Men—No. 8 Notre Dame, The Hoya, Nov. 15, 2005. Copy supplied.

b. Supply 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.

Provost's Ad Hoc Working Group on the Curriculum, Georgetown University, A Call to Action: Curriculum and Learning at Georgetown (2009). Copy supplied.

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

Letter to Hon. Chuck Grassley, Chairman, and Hon. Richard Durbin, Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, from Current and Former Senior Personnel and Appellate Lawyers of the Missouri Attorney General's Office in Support of the Nomination of D. John Sauer to Serve as Solicitor General of the United States (Feb. 24, 2025). Copy supplied.

Letter to Hon. Chuck Grassley, Chairman, and Hon. Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, from Former Harvard Law School Students of Judge Kavanaugh (July 19, 2018). Copy supplied.

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

March 4, 2025: Speaker, "Criminal Procedure: Adjudications," Washington University School of Law, Saint Louis, Missouri. I spoke about my role as a prosecutor. I have no notes, recording, or transcript. The address of Washington University School of Law is One Brookings Drive, Saint Louis, Missouri 63130.

September 8, 2024: Speaker, "Young Friends Social," Forest Park Forever, Saint Louis, Missouri. I discussed the work of Forest Park Forever, a nonprofit organization, and specifically its Young Friends Board. I have no notes, recording, or transcript. The address of Forest Park Forever is 5595 Grand Drive, Saint Louis, Missouri 63112.

September 14, 2022: Speaker, "Appellate Courts," Saint Louis University School of Law, Saint Louis, Missouri. I spoke about appellate practice from an advocate's perspective and answered questions from students. I have no notes, recording, or transcript. The address of Saint Louis University School of Law is 100 North Tucker Boulevard, Saint Louis, Missouri 63101.

November 3, 2021: Panelist, "The Fourth Amendment in the 21st Century: Evolving Concept of 'Expectation of Privacy,'" Federal Bar Association—St. Louis Chapter, Saint Louis, Missouri. I discussed the impact of new technologies on the conception of privacy under the Fourth Amendment. I have no notes, recording, or transcript. The address of the Federal Bar Association is 4250 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 301, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

March 3, 2021: Panelist, "Being Happy as a Lawyer," Collegium Institute for Catholic Thought & Culture. I discussed my career and answered career-related questions. I have no notes, recording, or transcript. The address of the Collegium Institute is P.O. Box 30730, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104.

February 27, 2020: Panelist, "U.S. Supreme Court Roundup: New Decisions and Cases on the Horizon," Federal Bar Association—St. Louis Chapter and The Federalist Society—St. Louis Lawyers Chapter, Saint Louis, Missouri. Notes supplied.

October 30, 2011: Speaker, "Social Entrepreneurship and Peace: Leveraging Economics as an Alternative Approach," Practical Models for Peace Conference, Common Bond Institute, Neve Shalom, Israel. PowerPoint supplied.

On frequent occasions during my time with Romney for President in 2012, I gave introductory remarks and other public speeches. I have no record of the specific dates of those events, and I do not have any notes, transcripts, or recordings.

While participating in student organizations in college and law school, I gave remarks on various occasions in connection with introducing speakers and otherwise facilitating or participating in student events. I do not have a record of or recall the specific occasions and contents of any of these remarks. However, the following student newspaper articles captured limited quotes from statements I made during debates as a member of the Georgetown University Student Associate Senate:

Molly Redden, *GUSA and SAC Clash over Club Fund*, The Georgetown Voice, Apr. 24, 2008. Copy supplied.

Juliana Brint, *GUSA Passes Funding Budget*, The Georgetown Voice, Apr. 17, 2008. Copy supplied.

Julia Cai, *Club Budgets Tackle Excess Reserves*, The Georgetown Voice, Apr. 11, 2008. Copy supplied.

Juliana Brint, *Funding Boards Hash out Next Year's budget*, The Georgetown Voice, Apr. 10, 2008. Copy supplied.

Juliana Brint, *GUSA Election Part II*, The Georgetown Voice, Feb. 28, 2008. Copy supplied.

Juliana Brint, *GUSA, Corp Support Hoya Independence*, The Georgetown Voice, Jan. 31, 2008. Copy supplied.

Lynn Kirshbaum, *Salaries and Bullet-Proof Vests: No Laughing Matter*, The Georgetown Voice, Mar. 22, 2007. Copy supplied.

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

I was briefly interviewed by First Alert 4/KMOV on December 11, 2024 as part of the station's telethon for Forest Park ("A Day 4 Forest Park"), and while other segments are accessible online, my interview does not appear to be available.

Former St. Louis Principal Sentenced to 2 Life Terms in Prison for Murder-for-Hire of Teacher, Unborn Child, First Alert 4/KMOV, June 25, 2024. Copy of article supplied and video available at <https://www.firstalert4.com/2024/06/25/former-st-louis-principal-sentenced-life-prison-after-pleading-guilty-murder-for-hire-charges-death-teacher-unborn-child/>.

George Hageman, *Summer Internship Spotlight – Department of Defense*, The OPIA Student Blog, Feb. 19, 2015. Copy supplied.

Emily McGinnis, *Streaming Dialogues, Uniting Cultures in the Classroom*, The Hoya, Jan. 13, 2009. Copy supplied.

Bailey Heaps, *For Georgetown, a Fraternity of Firsts*, The Hoya, May 16, 2008. Copy supplied.

Julia Cai, *\$800,000 in Club Funds Unspent*, The Hoya, April 4, 2008. 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 or had any unsuccessful bids for elective or 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.

Election-Week Volunteer, Tom Cotton for Senate (2014)
 State Convention Volunteer, Pete Snyder for Lieutenant Governor (2013)
 Field Representative, Regional Political Director, Romney for President (2012)
 Volunteer, Talent for Senate '06 (2006)
 Volunteer, Bush-Cheney '04 (2004)

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 2016 to 2018, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Raymond W. Gruender, Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

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

I have not practiced law alone.

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

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

I have not served as an arbitrator or mediator.

- b. Describe:

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

Overall, my practice has struck several balances. I have significant trial and appellate experience in both federal and state court, and my focus has split almost evenly between civil and criminal law. I have worked for the State of Missouri and in all three branches of the federal government. And while the bulk of my legal experience has been in public service, I was a summer associate at a Big

Law firm and remain grounded from the practical realities of helping run a family business after my father's death. Additionally, I have supervised a large volume of cases—reviewing roughly 750 substantive filings and conducting more than 150 moot courts—all while maintaining an extensive caseload of my own.

In May 2016, just after law school graduation, Senator Orrin Hatch invited me to join his staff upon the completion of my legal internship with his office. I stayed in the Office of the President Pro Tempore, where I focused on parliamentary procedure, continuity-of-governance issues, and various projects related to the Senator's national security portfolio.

For the next two years, I served as a law clerk to Judge Raymond W. Gruender on the Eighth Circuit. In that capacity, I wrote nearly 75 bench memoranda, helped prepare for oral arguments, and drafted dozens of opinions. Additionally, as a two-year clerk, I trained new clerks and reviewed work product before it went to Judge Gruender.

I next joined the Missouri Attorney General's Office, where I served as a Deputy Solicitor General from 2018 to 2020. In that role, I helped manage the State's appellate caseload, which included reviewing briefs, conducting moot courts, first-chairing significant appeals, drafting cert petitions and transfer applications, coordinating amicus support, and advising the Attorney General. I also litigated several high-profile cases in trial courts, handling everything from depositions and motions practice to preliminary-injunction hearings and trials.

Since 2020, I have served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Missouri. I started out as a prosecutor in the Violent Crimes Unit, where I focused on carjackings, robberies, and serious gun and drug offenses, as well as postconviction matters and appeals. In 2021, the United States Attorney appointed me as the District's Appellate Chief. In that role, I oversee both civil and criminal appeals—determining office legal positions, approving all appellate briefs before filing, coordinating moot courts and oral arguments, and advocating for or against further review in the event of adverse decisions. Additionally, I oversee postconviction and related matters, craft office-wide responses to repeat legal issues (e.g., retroactive Guidelines amendments, COVID compassionate release), and weigh in on significant legal issues during pretrial proceedings or trials. On top of these responsibilities, I maintain my own caseload of violent-crimes prosecutions.

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

As a Deputy Solicitor General, my clients were the State of Missouri, its agencies, and the Attorney General. I specialized in appellate practice and litigation involving constitutional claims.

At the United States Attorney's Office, my clients are the United States of America and its agencies. I specialize in appellate and postconviction practice, violent-crimes prosecutions, and complex legal issues in both criminal and civil cases.

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.

Nearly my entire practice has been in trial-court or appellate litigation, with the frequency of court appearances varying with each job. During my clerkship, I was in the Eighth Circuit on about a monthly basis and observed more than one hundred oral arguments. While at the Attorney General's Office, I appeared in the Missouri Supreme Court, Missouri Court of Appeals, and Eighth Circuit relatively frequently—with about four oral arguments per year—and had less frequent but significant exposure to state and federal trial courts. And in the United States Attorney's Office, I appear in the Eastern District of Missouri very frequently, including warrant applications, initial appearances, detention hearings, suppression hearings, plea colloquies, sentencing hearings, and jury trials. I also appear in the Eighth Circuit relatively frequently, both to supervise appeals and for my own oral arguments.

i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. | federal courts: | 80% |
| 2. | state courts of record: | 20% |
| 3. | other courts: | 0% |
| 4. | administrative agencies: | 0% |

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. | civil proceedings: | 40% |
| 2. | criminal proceedings: | 60% |

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 was chief counsel in two complex cases—one criminal and one civil. In another, I managed the case but had to miss the beginning of trial to argue a multi-million-dollar appeal the same day. And for the final two cases, I was associate counsel.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

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| 1. | jury: | 40% |
| 2. | non-jury: | 60% |

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

My practice before the United States Supreme Court was primarily during my tenure as a Deputy Solicitor. In that role, I helped coordinate Missouri's amicus participation in several cases and edited various filings prepared by other attorneys. In terms of specific cases, I participated in the moot-court process for the Solicitor General's argument in *Buckley v. Precythe*, which resulted in a 5-4 win for Missouri. 587 U.S. 119 (2019). I contributed to a petition for writ of certiorari and reply in *Missouri Ethics Comm'n v. Free & Fair Election Fund*, No. 18-896, and appeared on both filings (copies supplied). And I was counsel of record in two cases in which I recommended waiving response to cert petitions that were ultimately denied: *Schwartz v. Jennings*, No. 19-6495 (Jan. 13, 2020) and *Van Orden v. Stringer*, No. 19-6892 (Feb. 24, 2020).

While my Supreme Court practice has been more limited in my current role, I have served as a point of contact for the Solicitor General's Office in several cases with cert petitions arising out of cases from the Eastern District of Missouri, providing copies of the record and limited input where necessary.

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

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

1. *United States v. Perkins*, No. 4:23-CR-728-SEP (E.D. Mo. Apr. 3, 2025) (Pitlyk, J.)

I served as the sole prosecutor during the investigation, charging, and pretrial-motions stages of this case, which involved five armed robberies of local businesses. The defendant invoked sovereign-citizen ideology and created a complex Sixth Amendment issue by firing his court-appointed attorneys while refusing to represent himself. After briefing and multiple hearings, the Court proceeded to trial with defense counsel in place, and another prosecutor entered as second chair. Over the course of a four-day trial, the Government presented 16 witnesses (including two experts), as well as a host of physical and digital evidence. The jury ultimately returned a guilty verdict on all nine counts after less than 30 minutes of deliberation, and the defendant now faces at least 31 years in prison at his sentencing hearing in July 2025.

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2. *United States v. Noll, et al.*, 4:23-CR-416-SEP (E.D. Mo. 2025) (Pitlyk, J.)

This prosecution targeted a conspiracy to smuggle controlled substances into a local county jail. The conspiracy involved several discrete distributions, which ultimately led to the overdose death of an inmate after the conspirators successfully smuggled fentanyl, heroin, and methamphetamine into the facility concealed in a Bible. I handled every aspect of the case, from investigation and charging to pretrial motions, plea negotiations, and sentencing. In the end, the most culpable defendants received sentences of 22 years and 16 years.

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3. *United States v. Green, et al.*, No. 4:22-CR-136-RLW (E.D. Mo. 2024) (White, J.); *United States v. Cutler*, No. 24-2324 (8th Cir.) (appeal pending)

This prosecution involved the brutal murder-for-hire of an elementary school teacher after she refused to terminate a pregnancy. Defendant Cornelius Green devised a plan to hire his childhood friend and co-defendant, Phillip Cutler, to murder his girlfriend for just a few thousand dollars while he traveled out of town to establish an alibi. The defendants originally had been charged in state court, but those prosecutions had stalled for nearly six years. After the conspiracy was charged federally, Green pleaded guilty, and I served as second chair during the seven-day jury trial of Cutler, which resulted in a guilty verdict. The district court sentenced both defendants to consecutive life sentences, and Cutler's appeal challenging the exclusion of hearsay statements from a deceased witness is currently pending.

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4. *United States v. Jackson, et al.*, No. 4:22-CR-120-RWS (E.D. Mo. 2024) (Sippel, J.)

I served as the lead prosecutor of a ring of teenage carjackers who robbed two vehicles at gunpoint and also stole other cars and firearms. I initially pursued charges against the only assailant who was over 18 at the time of the first carjacking, with state authorities taking responsibility for the juvenile suspect. After the State declined charges, the juvenile committed a second carjacking with other accomplices, and a federal grand jury indicted them. Given the gravity of the offenses and the repeat misconduct, I successfully moved for the transfer of the juvenile to adult status under 18 U.S.C. § 5032. All of the assailants ultimately pleaded guilty and received significant sentences, ranging from 6 to 13 years.

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5. *United States v. Williams*, 36 F.4th 792 (8th Cir. 2022) (Smith, C.J., Wollman, Erickson, JJ.); No. 4:19-CR-437-CDP (E.D. Mo. Mar. 24, 2023) (Perry, J.)

This case involved a suppression claim and an interlocutory appeal. Prior to my entry, the district court granted the defendant's motion to suppress drug evidence based on its conclusion that no reasonable officer could believe the defendant's girlfriend could consent to the search of a "man bag" located in her bedroom. After securing authorization from the Solicitor General to pursue an affirmative appeal, I briefed and argued the case before the Eighth Circuit, which reversed the suppression order. I continued to handle the case on remand, with the defendant pleading guilty on the verge of trial and accepting a 10-year sentence in light of the previously excluded evidence and the armed kidnapping of the girlfriend's stepfather.

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6. *Sarasota Wine Mkt., LLC v. Schmitt*, 987 F.3d 1171 (8th Cir. 2021) (Loken, Shepherd, Erickson, JJ.)

In this case, I represented state officials on appeal from the dismissal of a civil-rights action challenging Missouri's three-tier system for alcohol distribution. A Florida wine retailer, its owner, and two Missouri consumers brought suit under 28 U.S.C. § 1983, claiming that the regulatory scheme violates both the "dormant" Commerce Clause and the Privileges and Immunities Clause by barring unlicensed out-of-state retailers from shipping wine to local consumers. Prior to my involvement, the district court granted a motion to dismiss under Rule 12(b)(6) for failure to state a claim. On appeal, I handled the briefing and coordination with amici curiae. After leaving the Attorney General's Office, I was reappointed as a Special Assistant Attorney General to argue the case before the Eighth Circuit, which affirmed the dismissal in light of Supreme Court precedent and the authority granted to states under the Twenty-First Amendment.

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In this case, I represented the State of Missouri and various agencies after public-sector unions brought an action for declaratory and injunctive relief seeking to halt legislative changes to Missouri's "merit" system of state employment. Working with agency clients, I handled the preliminary-injunction briefing and argument, hired expert witnesses, conducted extensive written discovery, and either took or defended ten depositions. I then managed a trial team of two other attorneys during a four-day bench trial, which included delivering an opening statement, directing and cross-examining key witnesses, and making a closing argument. The trial court granted the plaintiffs injunctive relief, interpreting the bill's mandate that state employees "shall be employed at-will" as merely a default rule from which the union could negotiate and concluding that, otherwise, the law violated the right to collective bargaining under the Missouri Constitution. The Missouri Supreme Court ultimately reversed, holding that the statute required at-will employment and that it did not violate the unions' constitutional rights.

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8. *Laughlin v. Perry*, 604 S.W.3d 621 (Mo. banc 2020) (Draper, C.J., Breckenridge, Fischer, Powell, Russell, Stith, Wilson, J.J.)

The issue in this case was whether Missouri public defenders are entitled to official immunity for actions taken in the scope of representing indigent clients. After successfully challenging his burglary conviction based on an obscure jurisdictional defect, Dwight Laughlin sued his former public defenders for legal malpractice, and a jury awarded him \$600,000. The Missouri Court of Appeals affirmed, finding it inappropriate to extend official immunity given the liability coverage under the State's Legal Expense Fund. *Laughlin v. Perry*, 2019 WL 2909058, at *3–4 (Mo. Ct. App. 2019). At that point, I entered the case and successfully applied for transfer to the Missouri Supreme Court (similar to a cert petition). I then oversaw the drafting of the opening brief, wrote a reply brief, and argued the case. The Missouri Supreme Court reversed, rejecting the notion that the availability of legal-expense coverage precluded a finding of “immunity from suit” and extending official immunity to Missouri public defenders as a matter of first impression.

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9. *State ex rel. Schmitt v. Choi*, Nos. 16BA-CV02758, 16BA-CV03144, 2020 WL 5093608 (Mo. 13th Cir. Ct. June 8, 2020) (Harris, J.); 627 S.W.3d 1 (Mo. Ct. App. 2021)

In this case, the State of Missouri intervened in an action for declaratory and injunctive relief on behalf of faculty and staff and challenged a University of Missouri rule that categorically prohibited all firearms at any UM campus on both statutory and constitutional grounds. The trial court granted the University judgment on the pleadings as to the statutory claim before my involvement in the case. Upon my entry, I oversaw all aspects of the case on the as-applied constitutional challenges, including discovery, depositions, and hiring and challenging expert witnesses. The case proceeded to a two-day bench trial, which I managed, and I also drafted the State's proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. The trial court ruled in favor of the University but was later reversed in part on appeal after my representation ended.

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10. *Holmes v. Nelson*; No. ED106799, 2019 WL 2094061 (Mo. Ct. App. May 14, 2019) (Clayton, Quigless, Richter, J.J.); *Holmes v. Steelman*, 624 S.W.3d 144 (Mo. banc 2021) (Breckenridge, Fischer, Powell, Russell, Stith, Wilson, J.J.; Draper, C.J., dissenting)

This case involved a dispute between the City of Saint Louis and the State of Missouri as to liability coverage for a police department after it shifted from state to local control. While \$2.5 million was directly at stake, this case also dictated the outcome for more than \$15 million of contested liability in parallel litigation. I originally was tasked with reviewing a reply brief for the intermediate court of appeals, but after discovering that critical precedent had been omitted, I redrafted the brief and filed it before the deadline that same day. Another attorney argued the case, and the Court of Appeals sided with the City. I then successfully applied for transfer to the Missouri Supreme Court, drafted substitute briefs, and argued the case. The Missouri Supreme Court vacated the judgment in light of the originally omitted precedent.

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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.)

Since 2018, I have had supervisory duties that do not directly involve litigation. As both Appellate Chief and a Deputy Solicitor, my main responsibilities have included reviewing briefs and coordinating moot courts. In total, I have supervised approximately 1,000 matters, including more than 750 substantive filings and 150 moots. I also routinely provide detailed feedback to attorneys and conduct trainings to improve writing and advocacy skills.

At the United States Attorney's Office, in addition to overseeing appeals and postconviction matters, I have worked on a number of significant legal issues. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, I spearheaded the office's response to compassionate release requests, motions for release from pretrial detention, and speedy-trial issues, and I supported efforts to recover stimulus funds from inmates owing restitution. Similarly, I have worked with stakeholders like the Court, United States Marshals Service, and the Federal Public Defender's Office on various matters, such as developing a procedure for retroactive Guidelines amendments, addressing writ issues, and negotiating standard features of plea agreements. To keep the office apprised of current legal issues and to facilitate training, I read all Eighth Circuit opinions and circulate monthly summaries with specific guidance for both civil and criminal AUSAs. Finally, in my role as a prosecutor, I have conducted a number of investigations involving grand jury subpoenas, warrants, and other tools that have both led to charges and exonerated targets.

As a Deputy Solicitor, I worked with agency clients not only in the course of litigation, but also in non-litigation contexts. There were a number of policy and non-litigation projects I completed for the Attorney General and other senior leadership in the office. And lastly, I participated in depositions and mediations in a high-profile federal case that resulted in a consent judgment for discovery violations committed during a prior administration.

I have never acted or registered as a lobbyist.

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

I have never taught my own course.

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

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 have no plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation.

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

When my nomination is formally submitted to the Senate, I will file my mandated Financial Disclosure Report and supply a copy to this Committee.

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 anticipate potential conflicts of interest arising in two main contexts. First, as a

supervisor in the United States Attorney's Office with a significant caseload, I would recuse myself from any matter open or pending during my tenure. Moving forward, I would ensure that I had no personal role in any case that comes before me. Second, my wife is a non-equity partner at a law firm, so I would recuse in any case where she represents a party and consider whether additional limitations are warranted. Moreover, I will evaluate any other real or potential conflict, or relationship that could give rise to appearance of conflict, on a case-by-case basis and determine the appropriate action, including recusal where necessary.

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

I will carefully review and address any real or potential conflicts by referring to 28 U.S.C. § 455; Canon 3 of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges; and any other laws, rules, and practices governing such circumstances.

25. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each.

My commitment to pro bono work and public service started in law school. At graduation, I was recognized for completing more than 1,000 hours of pro bono work, which included my time at the Department of Defense and the Senate, as well as various projects with White & Case's pro bono clients (e.g., a women's college, a rabbi, and an education nonprofit working in Africa). Since then, I have dedicated my career to public service with the State of Missouri and in all three branches of the Federal Government. While these roles have restrictions on serving private clients, I have mentored legal interns, volunteered as a guest judge for moot-court competitions, spoken to law school classes, and served on the board of a bar association and on a court committee. Outside the legal profession, I have been a longtime member of Forest Park Forever, a nonprofit that maintains one of the largest urban parks in the country, and I currently serve on its board. I have promoted local students attending Georgetown University through its Alumni Admissions Program. And finally, my wife and I have been active supporters of Almost Home, a nonprofit founded by two Franciscan Sisters of Mary that helps young, impoverished moms keep and care for their children.

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.

Senator Schmitt's office originally contacted me on November 21, 2024. I met with his General Counsel in Saint Louis five days later, and we discussed the judicial vacancies in the Eastern District of Missouri. On December 10, Senator Schmitt's office invited me to submit a set of application materials, which I sent on December 20. I also submitted a similar set of materials to Senator Hawley's office on December 23 after a brief email exchange. I then received an email from Senator Hawley's office on January 23, 2025 and met with several members of his staff in Saint Louis on February 3. My understanding from press reports is that Senator Hawley created an advisory committee to advise him on judicial nominations, but I am not aware of their recommendations.

Starting on February 7, I have been in contact with officials from the White House Counsel's Office. I interviewed with several attorneys from that office in Washington, D.C., on February 12 and was informed of my tentative selection on March 26. Since then, I have been in regular contact with the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice in preparation for a potential nomination. On May 6, the President called to tell me I would be nominated to the Eastern District of Missouri.

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.

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I, ZACHARY M. BLUESTONE, do swear
that the information provided in this statement is, to the best
of my knowledge, true and accurate.

May 5, 2025
(DATE)

Zachary M. Bluestone
(NAME)



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