

UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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

Robert Cekada

Robert J. Cekada (used between 6-1992 to 6-1993)

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

Director – Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

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.

**Office – ATF Headquarters 99 New York Ave NE Washington, DC
20226**

**Primary Residence - Boca Raton, FL
Apartment – Arlington, VA**

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

DOB 11-01-1971. Astoria, New York

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.

**John Jay College of Criminal Justice 01-1990 to 01-1993 73 credits earned –
no degree.**

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.

11/2005 – Present - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

- **4/10/2025 – Present ATF Deputy Director – ATF Headquarters 99 New York Avenue NE Washington, DC 20226**
- **09/25/2022 – 04/09/2025 ATF Executive Assistant Director Operations – ATF Headquarters 99 New York Ave NE Washington, DC 20226**
- **01/30/2022 – 09/24/2022 ATF Deputy Assistant Director – Central – ATF Headquarters 99 New York Ave NE Washington, DC 20226**
- **01/20/2020 – 01/29/2022 ATF Special Agent in Charge – Miami Field Division 11410 NW 20th Street, Suite 201 Miami, FL 33172**
- **06/10/2018 – 01/19/2020 ATF Special Agent in Charge – Baltimore Field Division 31 Hopkins Plaza, 6th Floor Baltimore, MD 21201**
- **03/05/2017 – 06/09/2018 ATF Assistant Special Agent in Charge – Philadelphia Field Division 601 Walnut Street, Suite 1000E Philadelphia, PA 19106**
- **10/19/2014 – 03/04/2017 ATF Group Supervisor Miami HIDTA North/STOP – 7795 SW 6th Street Plantation, FL 33498**
- **01/26/2014 – 10/18/2014 ATF Special Assistant, to the Assistant Director, Office of Field Operations, ATF Headquarters 99 New York Ave NE Washington, DC 20226**
- **04/07/2013 – 01/25/2014 ATF Special Agent – Project Officer, Office of Field Operations, Firearms Operations Division, ATF Headquarters 99 New York Ave NE Washington, DC 20226**
- **05/22/2011 – 04/06/2013 ATF Special Agent, Tampa Field Division, Fort Myers Satellite Office 12499 Brantley Commons Ct. Ft. Myers, FL 33907**
- **11/13/2005 – 05/21/2011 ATF Special Agent, Baltimore Field Division, Hyattsville II Field Office – Regional Area Gang Enforcement (RAGE) Task Force 7833 Walker Drive, Suite 580 Greenbelt, MD 20770**

Plantation Police Department (FL)

- **09/10/2001 – 11/01/2005 – Police Officer, City of Plantation (FL) Police Department 451 NW 70th Terrace Plantation, FL 33317**
 - **03/02/2003 – 11/01/2005 (**Part Time Off-Duty Work) Law Enforcement Consultant, Ituran Florida Corporation 3330 NW 53rd Street Suite 302, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309**
 - **11/10/2002 – 03/01/2003**
- **05/01/2002 – 05/31/2002 (**Part-Time Off-Duty Work) Security Officer Intercept Investigative Agency 6120 Washington Street Hollywood, FL 33021**

Ituran Florida Corporation

- **08/10/2000 – 09/09/2001 Law Enforcement Consultant, Ituran Florida Corporation** 3330 NW 53rd Street Suite 302, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

New York City Police Department

- **05/1999 – 07/2000 Detective Specialist** – NYPD Organized Crime Control Bureau, Gang Investigation Division
- **06/1996 – 05/1999 Police Officer Special Assignment** – NYPD Street Crime Unit / City Wide Anti-Gang Enforcement Unit
- **01/1994 – 06/1996 Police Officer Special Assignment** – NYPD Housing Bureau Gang Graffiti Unit (Citywide)
- **01/1993 – 01/1994 Police Officer** – NYPD Housing Bureau Police Service Are # 5 Harlem. New York
- **06/30/1992 – 01/1993 Police Cadet** – New York City Police Academy

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

I have not served in the U.S. Military. I have registered for Selective Service.

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

ATF Performance Appraisals

- 2006 - 2025: Outstanding Performance Ratings

Awards and Recognition

- 2012 and 2017 – Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, U.S. Attorney for the SDFL, and the Middle District of Florida
- 2017 Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), Broward County Task Force of the Year, Miami HIDTA North
- 2006, 2007, 2013, and 2017 – ATF Special Act Awards
- 2016 – FLEOA, National Award for Investigative Excellence, Miami HIDTA North
- 2009 and 2015 – ATF Quality Step Increase (QSI)
- 2012 and 2017 – ATF Distinguished Service Medals
- 2012 Federal Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, presented by the United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida
- 2012 Project Safe Neighborhood Award, U.S. vs. Erick ROMAN et al., Rod J. Rosenstein, United States Attorney, District of Maryland

- 2012 Letter of Commendation, Robert Prettyman, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Delaware
- 2011 Letter of Commendation, Rod J. Rosenstein, United States Attorney, District of Maryland
- 2007 FLEOA National Award for Investigative Excellence, Operation Mano Dura (MS-13)
- 2003 Crime Stoppers Award, Broward County (FL)
- 2003 Officer of the Month, Plantation Police Department (FL)
- 2003 Distinguished Performance Award, Plantation Police Department (FL)
- 2001 Letter of Commendation, Edgar Domenech, Special Agent in Charge, ATF New York Field Division
- 1998 International Police Association Award of Merit
- 1998 NY/NJ Detectives Crime Clinic Award
- 1997 New York Police Department Honor Legion Award of Merit
- 1993-2000 Numerous NYPD Commendation Awards, Meritorious Police Duty Awards, Meritorious Police Duty and Excellent Police Duty Awards.

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.

Not Applicable

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

Not Applicable

- 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.
- 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.

11. **Memberships:**

- 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.

- **Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA)**
- **International Association Chief's of Police (IACP)**
- **Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)**
- **National Crime Gun Intelligence Governing Board**
- **Association of Croatian American Professionals**
- **Domestic Security Executive Advisory Board**
- **Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission**

- b. 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.

To the best of my knowledge none of the above listed organizations 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.

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.
- **See attached: 2026-01-09 Graffiti_Rob Cekada Book Scan 12(a)**
 - **See attached: A guide to Graffiti_RC.1994.12(a)**
 - **See attached: Florida Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training_Cekada Graffiti News Article.12(a)**
 - **See attached: Make D.C. Safe & Beautiful Task Force Surge Operation Closes 2025 with More Than 8,000 Arrests, Nearly 800 Illicit Guns Off the Streets**
 - **New Ballistic Forensic Resource Established in Frederick County**
- 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.

Not applicable.

- 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.
- **See attached: NICS Alert Memo Final RC April 12, 2025.12(c)**
 - **See attached: ATF Ruling 2025-1: Importing Dual-Use Barrels, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives June 23, 2025. 12(c)**
 - **See attached: ATF Ruling 2025-2: Importing Training Rounds, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives June 23, 2025. 12(c)**
- 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.
- **See attached: ATF Director Steve Dettelbach's Farewell. January 13, 2025.12(d)**
 - **See attached: NNOAC Presentation February 4, 2025_RC.12(d)**
 - **See attached: Press Releases 2017 – 2025.12(d)**
 - **See attached: Quotes and Speeches 2017-2025.12(d)**
 - **See attached: Speech - Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center Graduation 249th Basic Training Class November, 2025.12(d) Rightside Up**
 - **See attached: TPs Cekada Wichita Press Conf. November 14, 2025.12(d or e)**
 - **Remarks Delivered:**
 - **August 5-7, 2025: Import/Export Conference, The Firearm Industry Trade Association, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Washington, D.C. <https://x.com/ATFHQ/status/1953803695193252214>**
 - **June 2, 2025: 2025 Firearms and Ammunition Compliance Conference, Firearms & Ammunition Import/Export Roundtable and Firearms Regulatory Accountability Coalition, Arlington, VA <https://www.fairtradegroup.org/event-6016771>**
 - **June 22, 2024: Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence, 92nd Annual Meeting of The U.S. Conference of Mayors, Loews Kansas City Hotel, Kansas City, MO. <https://www.usmayors.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Mayors-92nd-Annual-Meeting-WEB-Agenda-061824.pdf>**
 - **June 3, 2024: Working with Federal Law Enforcement Partners to Keep our Cities Safe, 91st Annual Meeting of The U.S.**

Conference of Mayors, Columbus Hilton Downtown, Columbus, OH. <https://www.usmayors.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Columbus-Annual-Meeting-WEB-Agenda-053023.pdf>

- **October 24, 2017: Philly Fast Brass: A Comprehensive Crime Gun Intelligence Program, International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA. <https://www.theiacpconference.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Event-Book-as-of-10.30.17.pdf>**
- 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.
- **See attached: TPs Cekada Wichita Press Conf. November 14, 2025. 12(d or e)**
 - **See attached: ATF launches anti-gun trafficking campaign in South Florida, cracking down on “straw purchasing” July 18, 2025. 12(e)**
 - **See attached: Armed and Dangerous: How the ATF Retrieves Guns From Banned Buyers, February 19, 2019. 12(e)**
 - **See attached: Police Experts Identifying Gangs, Feuds, Drugs and Personal Signatures, The New York Times, October 4, 1996. 12(e)**
 - **See attached: Graffiti Brush-Off Police Get Ready to Clean Up Housing, New York Daily News, April 27, 1995. 12(e)**
 - **See attached: NYC Police Read the Writing on the Walls, New York Daily News, April 27, 1995.**
 - **tached: NYC Police Read the Writing on the Walls, CNN, February 7, 1995.**
 - **See attached: Making It Work; When City Walls Speak, The New York Times, January 8, 1995. 12 (e)**
- f. If applicable, list all published judicial opinions that you have written, including concurrences and dissents. Supply the citations for all published judicial opinions to the Committee.

Not Applicable

13. Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:

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

Not Applicable

- 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.

Not Applicable

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

- a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:
 - i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- 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.

Not Applicable

- 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.

Not Applicable

- v. Whether you have held any judicial office, including positions as an administrative law judge, on any U.S. federal, state, tribal, or local court and if so, please provide the name of the court, the jurisdiction of that court, whether the position was appointed or elected, and the dates of your service.

Not Applicable

b. Describe:

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

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- 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.

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

- 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.

Not Applicable

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

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.

Not Applicable

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

- a. the date of representation;

Not Applicable

the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and

- b. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

17. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide four (4) copies to the committee.

- 02-04-2025 National Narcotics Officers Coalition – Washington, DC

- 2020-2021 Multiple presentations – South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Crime Gun Intelligence Center
- 2013 Instructor, Homemade Explosives Identification and Post Blast Investigations geared to the Guatemala National Bomb Squad. Guatemala City, Guatemala
- 2012- 2017 Instructor, Homemade Explosives Identification, Process and Disposal ATF, National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR)
- 2011- 2017 Instructor, Post Blast Investigations geared to the Diplomatic Security Service ATF, National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR)
- 2012 Guest Lecturer, Latin Kings-Maryland, Case Study United State's Attorney's Office, Delaware
- 1998 Guest Lecturer, 7th Annual Gang Information Sharing Conference sponsored by ATF, California Gang Investigator's Association
- 1998 Guest Lecturer, Gang Information Sharing Conference sponsored by MAGLOCLN and the N.Y.S. Police, Albany, New York
- 1998 Guest Lecturer, Crime Trends in America sponsored by MAGLOCLN, Pittsburgh (PA) Police Department and the Pennsylvania State Police, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1997 Guest Lecturer, Caribbean Gang Information Sharing Conference, sponsored by ATF, Nassau, Bahamas
- 1997 Guest Lecturer, Gang Information Sharing Conference, sponsored by ATF, Kansas City (MO) Police Department and the Fraternal Order of Police, Kansas City, MO
- 1997 Guest Lecturer, 6th Annual Gang Information Sharing Conference sponsored by ATF, MAGLOCLN and the Baltimore (MD) Police Department, Baltimore, MD
- 1997 Guest Lecturer, Gang Information Sharing Conference, Nassau County (NY) Police Department Nassau County, NY
- 1996 Guest Lecturer, 3rd Annual Gang Information Sharing Conference sponsored by MAGLOCLN and the Queens County (NY) District Attorney's Office Queens, NY
- 1996 Guest Lecturer, 6th Annual Narcotics Information Sharing Conference sponsored by MAGLOCLN, Ocean City (MD) Police Department and the Maryland State Police
- 1996 Guest Lecturer, Latin Kings Information Sharing Conference sponsored by MAGLOCLN and the Schenectady (N.Y.) Police Department, Schenectady, NY
- 1996 Guest Lecturer, Threat Groups, Monmouth County (NJ) Sheriff's Office, Monmouth County, NJ
- 1995 Guest Lecturer, 2nd Annual Gang Information Sharing Conference sponsored by ATF, MAGLOCLN and the Queens County (NY) District Attorney's Office Queens, NY
- 1995 Guest Lecturer, 4th Annual Gang Information Sharing Conference sponsored by ATF, MAGLOCLN and the Baltimore (MD) Police Department Baltimore, MD

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

Not applicable.

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

No

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

CY 2025 ATF salary - \$225,700.00

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

See Attached - financial net worth statement.

22. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable