

**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).

Cristian Matthew Stevens

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.

Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District
One Post Office Square
815 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

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

1973; St. Louis, 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.

1995 – 1998, University of Missouri School of Law; J.D. *cum laude*, 1998

1992 – 1995, University of Missouri-Columbia; B.A. *magna cum laude*, 1995

Summer 1993, Lindenwood University; no degree received

1991 – 1992, University of Missouri-St. Louis; no degree received.

6. **Employment Record:** List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or description.

2021 – present
Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District
One Post Office Square
815 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63101
Judge

2019 – 2021
Office of the Missouri Attorney General
207 West High Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
First Assistant Attorney General (2020 – 2021)
Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Division (2019 – 2021)

2017 – 2019
Armstrong Teasdale LLP
7700 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 1800
Clayton, Missouri 63105
Partner

2002 – 2017
Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri
111 South Tenth Street, Suite 20.333
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
Assistant United States Attorney

1999 – 2002
Bryan Cave LLC
211 North Broadway, Suite 3600
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
Associate Attorney

1998 – 1999
Honorable Pasco M. Bowman II, Chief Judge
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
400 East Ninth Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
Law Clerk

1998
Bryan Cave LLC
211 North Broadway, Suite 3600
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
Summer Associate

1997

Gallop Johnson and Neuman LLP
101 North Hanley Road
Clayton, Missouri 63105
Summer Associate

1996
Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri
111 South Tenth Street, Suite 20.333
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
Summer Intern

1995
Trailhead Brewing Company
920 South Main Street
St. Charles, Missouri 63301
Waiter

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 military. I registered for 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.

Creve Coeur Police Department Citizen Support Award, 2024, for performing CPR on motorist suffering cardiac arrest

Honored at the Missouri Bar Foundation and Public Service Awards Luncheon at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Missouri Bar with the W. Oliver Rasch Award for outstanding substantive article

U.S. Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service, 2015, for the investigation of the events surrounding the August 9, 2014, officer-involved shooting in Ferguson, Missouri

U.S. Attorney's Award for Most Outstanding Trial of the Year, 2014, for the trial, as a special prosecutor in state court, of a 1991 cold-case homicide in which the defendant murdered his ex-wife and left her body in the Mark Twain National Forest

U.S. Attorney's Special Achievement Award, 2005, for the trial and conviction of a defendant who escaped from a federal facility, murder his brother-in-law, and was featured on the U.S. Marshals Service's list of 15 Most-Wanted Fugitives.

Editor-in-Chief, *Missouri Law Review*, 1997 – 1998

Order of the Coif, 1998

Judge Roy W. Harper Prize for Best Work in Constitutional Law, 1997

ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law, 1997

Student Representative, Missouri Students Association, 1992 – 1993

Finalist, 1996 Fall Moot Court Competition

National Moot Court Prize, 1996

CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Basic Business Principles for Lawyers, 1996

Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society, 1995

Golden Key Honor Society, 1995

Honors College Community Involvement Program, mentoring foster children, 1994 – 1995

University of Missouri Honors College, 1991 – 1995

J.G. Heinberg Research Scholarship in Political Theory, 1992

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.

Missouri Bar, 1998 – present
Member

Illinois Bar, 1999 – present (Inactive)
Member

Federal Bar Association, St. Louis Chapter, approximately 2017 – present
Member

The Federalist Society, St. Louis Chapter, approximately 1999 – present
Member

St. Louis County Bar Association, approximately 2017 – present
Member

Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, approximately 2017 – present
Member

The Lawyers Association of St. Louis, approximately 2017 – present
Member

Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District Committee Assignments:

2021-22: Library Committee; Docket Committee

2022-23: Library Committee; Docket Committee; Rules Committee; Wellness
Committee

2023-25: Executive Committee (Secretary); Library Committee; Public Information
Committee; Rules Committee; Docket Committee; Wellness Committee

Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District Writ Panels:

April 2022

September 2022 (Presiding Judge)

April 2023

November 2023 (Presiding Judge)

June 2024

January 2025 (Presiding Judge)

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, 1998

Illinois Bar, 1999

There has been no lapse in membership. My bar license in Illinois is inactive because I do not practice there.

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.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 1998

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, 2000

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, 2017

U.S. District Court of the Western District of Missouri, 2018

There has been no lapse 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.

St. Louis Shamrock Club, 2025 – present

Licensed Foster Parents, Missouri Children's Division. Completed the nine-week Missouri Foster STARS Training Program in August 2017 and became licensed foster parents. We discontinued our service as foster parents after we adopted our daughter in 2019.

Missouri Athletic Club, approximately 2017 – present

The Backstoppers, Inc., approximately 2017 – present

Whitehouse Retreat, St. Louis Jesuit House of Retreats, approximately 1998 – present

Order of the Coif, 1998 – present

University of Missouri-Columbia Alumni Association, intermittent since 1995

Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society, 1995 – present

Golden Key Honor Society, 1995 – present

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

To my knowledge, none of the organizations listed above discriminates on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. The Missouri Athletic Club was racially segregated until the 1960s and was a male-only athletic club until the 1980s, but it had been fully integrated for decades by the time my family and I became members.

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.

Listen to What DOJ is Telling You: Principles of Federal Prosecution of Business Organizations, ACC Docket (January 2019). Copy supplied.

Attorney-Client Privilege: Varied Interpretations of Upjohn Present Challenges, Missouri Lawyers Weekly (August 2018). Copy Supplied.

Attorney-Client Privilege: Varied Interpretations of Upjohn Present Challenges, Missouri In-House Counsel Magazine (August 2018). Copy Supplied.

Mitigating Risk: How Thorough Investigations Can Limit Government Intervention, Whitepaper, Corporate Counsel (August 2018). Copy supplied.

Internal Investigations: Lessons Learned for Corporate Counsel and the Investigating Lawyer, Journal of the Missouri Bar (May/June 2018), recipient of the Missouri Bar Foundation 2019 W. Oliver Rasch Award for outstanding substantive article. Copy supplied.

Lessons from Ferguson: What Corporate Counsel Should Know About Internal Investigations, ACC Newsletter (July 2017). Copy supplied.

Press release, *Former President of St. Louis Law Enforcement Officer Association Sentenced on Fraud Charges*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Dec. 12, 2016, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/former-president-st-louis-law-enforcement-officer-association-sentenced-fraud-charges>.

Press release, *East St. Louis Man Pleads Guilty to Kidnapping Charges*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Nov. 2, 2016, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/east-st-louis-man-pleads-guilty-kidnapping-charges>.

Press release, *Former President of St. Louis Law Enforcement Officer Association Pleads Guilty to Fraud Charges*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Sept. 13, 2016, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/former-president-st-louis-law-enforcement-officer-association-pleads-guilty-fraud>.

Press release, *Former President of St. Louis Law Enforcement Officer Association Indicted on Fraud Charges*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Apr. 18, 2016, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/former-president-st-louis-law-enforcement-officer-association-indicted-fraud-charges>.

Press release, *Two Local Men Charged Involving a Drug-Related Homicide*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Mar. 3, 2016, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/two-local-men-charged-involving-drug-related-homicide>.

Press release, *Frederickton, Missouri Man Sentenced on Federal Weapons Charges*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Dec. 9, 2015, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/frederickton-missouri-man-sentenced-federal-weapons-charges>.

Press release, *Franklin County Man Indicted on Federal Drug and Weapons Charges*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, June 29, 2015, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/franklin-county-man-indicted-federal-drug-and-weapons-charges>.

Press release, *Illinois Man Sentenced For Assaulting Federal Agents*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, June 2, 2014, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/illinois-man-sentenced-assaulting-federal-agents>.

Press release, *Local Man Sentenced To Lengthy Prison Sentence On Federal Firearms Charges*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Apr. 10, 2014, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/local-man-sentenced-lengthy-prison-sentence-federal-firearms-charges>.

Press release, *Former bank robber and three associates indicted on bank robbery conspiracy charges*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, May 3, 2012, available at https://www.justice.gov/archive/usao/moe/news/2012/may/mcallister_otis.html.

Press release, *St. Louis County man sentenced to almost 27 years on drug and weapons charges*, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Jan. 5, 2012, available at https://www.justice.gov/archive/usao/moe/news/2012/january/shores_mark.html.

Revolutionary or Aberrational?: The Status of the Supreme Court's Recent Federalism Cases in the Eighth Circuit, 44 St. Louis U. L.J. 529 (Spring 2000). Copy supplied.

Note, *Criticism of Crack Cocaine Sentences Is Not What It Is Cracked Up To Be: A Case of First Impression Within the Ongoing Crack vs. Cocaine Debate*, 62 Mo. L. Rev. 869 (Fall 1997). 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.

Department of Justice Report Regarding the Criminal Investigation into the Shooting Death of Michael Brown by Ferguson, Missouri Police Officer Darren Wilson, Mar. 4, 2015, <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/opa/press->

releases/attachments/2015/03/04/doj_report_on_shooting_of_michael_brown_1.pdf.

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.

Testimony in support of Missouri statute prohibiting carjacking, Missouri State Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee (Jefferson City, Missouri, February 3, 2020). I do not have a copy of the testimony.

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 13, 2025, Faculty, *Advanced Trial Skills Training for Judges: Objections and Preservation of Issues at Trial* (Columbia, Missouri). Copy supplied.

February 7, 2025, Host, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District Legislative Luncheon (St. Louis, Missouri). Copy supplied.

November 23, 2024, Visiting Judge, St. Louis County Circuit Court Adoption Saturday, Case No. 22-461 (Clayton, Missouri). Outline supplied.

October 10, 2024, *Views from the Appellate Bench*, Armstrong Teasdale (Clayton, Missouri). The presentation was on observations of appellate judges regarding briefing and oral argument. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Armstrong Teasdale is 7700 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 1800, Clayton, Missouri 63105.

September 26, 2024, Panel Member, *Objections at Trial and Other Methods of Avoiding Waiver in Civil Litigation*, St. Louis County Bar Association, Armstrong Teasdale (Clayton, Missouri). The panel presentation was on best practices for preservation of error at all stages of the litigation process, with an emphasis on recent decisions of Missouri appellate courts. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Armstrong Teasdale is 7700 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 1800, Clayton, Missouri 63105. Announcement and agenda supplied.

August 20, 2024, Panel Member, Judicial Panel, Missouri Attorney General's Office New Attorney Orientation (Jefferson City, Missouri). The judicial panel was on briefing and argument observations of judges for new assistant attorneys general. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Missouri Attorney General's Office is 207

West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

June 21, 2024, Panel Member, Judicial Panel, Missouri Association of Trial Lawyers Annual Conference (Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri). The judicial panel was on briefing and argument observations of judges. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Missouri Association of Trial Lawyers is 240 East High Street, Suite 300, P.O. Box 1792, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

June 6-8, 2024, Panel Member, Blended Judicial Panel, Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers 39th Annual Meeting (Branson, Missouri). The judicial panel was on observations of trial, appellate, and Supreme Court judges. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers is 101 East High Street, Suite 200, P.O. Box 1072, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

March 12, 2024, Presiding, Docket, Holman Middle School Field Trip, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District (St. Louis, Missouri). Docket supplied.

March 7, 2024, Panel Member, *A Constitution that Still Works: The Fourth Amendment and Cell Phones*, Festus Middle School (Festus, Missouri). Copy supplied.

January 19, 2024, Panel Member, *Judicial Conversation*, Judicial Panel with Judges Duane Benton, Stephen Clark, Steven Grasz, Federalist Society Missouri Chapters Meeting CLE (Jefferson City, Missouri). Outline and description supplied.

December 22, 2023, Presiding, Attorney C.J. Tammons Swearing-In Ceremony, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District of Missouri En Banc (St. Louis, Missouri). Attorney oath supplied.

November 15, 2023, Speaker, Judge Margaret Donnelly Retirement Ceremony, St. Louis County Circuit Court (Clayton, Missouri). The speech was to thank and congratulate Judge Margaret Donnelly, the judge who presided over the adoption of our daughter, on her retirement. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the St. Louis County Circuit Court is 105 South Central Avenue, Clayton, Missouri 63105.

November 14, 2023, *The Curious Cold Case of Farrell Wayne Cross*, Columbia College Forensic Science Club (Columbia, Missouri). Copy supplied.

October 17, 2023, Panel Member, *How to Have Difficult Conversations and Handle Crazy Cases*, Panel with Judge Thomas Albus and Ted Bruce, Missouri Attorney General's Office Conference CLE (Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri). The presentation was on observations of former prosecutors regarding investigating and prosecuting difficult cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Missouri Attorney General's Office is 207 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

2023, Speaker, St. Louis County Police Association Luncheon (St. Louis, Missouri). The presentation was on the role of police officers in protecting the rule of law. I have no

notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the St. Louis County Police Association is 115 Baxter Road, Manchester, Missouri 63011.

April 4, 2023, Host, St. Austin School Field Trip, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. The presentation was to welcome students of St. Austin School to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District is 815 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. A thank you note from the students is supplied.

February 10, 2023, Host, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District Legislative Luncheon (St. Louis, Missouri). Copy supplied.

January 20, 2023, Panel Member, *The Role of a Judge/The Initiative Petition Process Under the Missouri Constitution*, Judicial Panel with Judges Duane Benton, Stephen Limbaugh Jr., Matthew Schelp, and John Torbitzky, Federalist Society Missouri Chapters Meeting CLE (Jefferson City, Missouri). Outline, description, and audio file supplied.

November 16, 2022, Panel Member, Judicial Panel with Judges Robin Ransom and James Journey, Missouri Attorney General's Office Annual Conference CLE (Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri). The panel presentation was on observations of trial, appellate, and supreme court judges for assistant attorneys general. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Missouri Attorney General's Office is 207 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

November 14, 2022, Panel Member, *Advice for Law Clerks*, Judicial Panel with Judges Stith, Gardner, Dowd, and Torbitzky, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District CLE (St. Louis, Missouri). The panel presentation was on advice of appellate judges for law clerks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District is One Post Office Square, 815 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

November 10, 2022, Special Docket and Presentation, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District of Missouri (Francis Howell North High School, St. Charles, Missouri). Docket supplied.

October 13, 2022, Panel Member, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis Young Lawyers Section Panel, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District of Missouri (St. Louis, Missouri). The panel presentation was an informal reception welcoming members of the young lawyers section of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis is 319 North Fourth Street, Suite 100, St. Louis, Missouri 63102.

September 27, 2022, Presiding, Assistant Attorneys General Class of 2022 Swearing-In Ceremony, Missouri Attorney General's Office (Jefferson City, Missouri). Attorney oath supplied.

September 15, 2022, Panel Member, *May It Please the Court, Judicial Advice and Insights on Appeals*, Missouri Bar/Judicial Conference Annual Meeting CLE (Springfield, Missouri). The panel discussion was on the observations of appellate judges regarding briefing and arguing cases on appeal. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Missouri Bar is 326 Monroe Place, P.O. Box 119, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Program supplied.

July 21, 2022, University of Missouri Law Students Reception with Judges Kelly Broniec and Thomas Albus, St. Louis County Circuit Court (Clayton, Missouri). The presentation was an informal welcome reception for law students of the University of Missouri School of Law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the University of Missouri Law School is 203 Hulston Hall, Columbia, Missouri 65211. The address of the St. Louis County Circuit Court is 105 South Central Avenue, Clayton, Missouri 63105.

June 9, 2022, *The Rule of Law and Mentoring*, Installation Ceremony, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District of Missouri En Banc (St. Louis, Missouri). Outline supplied.

February 10, 2022, Presiding, Judge Chris McDonough Swearing-In Ceremony, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court (St. Charles, Missouri). Outline supplied.

November 3, 2021, Panel Member, *The Evolving Concept of Expectation of Privacy and the Fourth Amendment*, St. Louis County Circuit Court, Missouri Athletic Club, CLE (St. Louis, Missouri). The presentation was on recent federal cases dealing with the application of the Fourth Amendment to new technological innovations, like GPS monitoring, cell tower tracking, and drone surveillance. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the St. Louis County Circuit Court is 105 South Central Avenue, Clayton, Missouri 63105.

September 9, 2021, *The Missouri Attorney General's Office*, Lashley & Baer, P.C., CLE (St. Louis, Missouri). Notes supplied.

August 24, 2021, Panel Member, *Attorney General Responses to Human Trafficking*, National Association of Attorneys General Southern Region Meeting. Program supplied.

May 17, 2021, *Objections at Trial*, Missouri Attorney General's Office (Jefferson City, Missouri). Outline supplied.

September 17, 2019, Panel Member, *Constitution Day Panel*, Missouri S&T University (Rolla, Missouri). Notes supplied.

June 25, 2019, Instructor, *Vehicle Stops Report*, Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation Law Enforcement Conference (Osage Beach, Missouri). Copy supplied.

June 6, 2019, Panel Member, *Basic Issues in Violent Crime and Narcotics Prosecutions*, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri CLE (St. Louis, Missouri). The

presentation was on basic legal issues encountered in the prosecution of federal violent crimes and drug cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri is 111 South Tenth Street, Suite 20333, St. Louis, Missouri 63102.

May 30, 2019, *Upjohn: The Attorney-Client Privilege in the Corporate Context*, Missouri Attorney General's Office CLE (St. Louis, Missouri). Copy supplied.

May 4, 2019, Guest Speaker, Thirty-Second Annual Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial Service (Jefferson City, Missouri). Program and notes supplied.

April 4, 2019, Keynote Speaker, Eastern Missouri Law Enforcement Training Academy Commencement Ceremony (Lake St. Louis, Missouri). Notes and program supplied.

February 28, 2019, *Upjohn: The Attorney-Client Privilege in the Corporate Context*, University of Missouri Law School Career Expo CLE (Columbia, Missouri). Copy supplied.

November 16, 2018, *In the Media Spotlight: Lessons Learned from Ferguson and Other High-Profile Investigations*, National Association of Police Organizations 2018 Legal Seminar CLE (Las Vegas, Nevada). Copy supplied.

November 7, 2018, *Upjohn: The Attorney-Client Privilege in the Corporate Context*, Armstrong Teasdale Alumni CLE (St. Louis, Missouri). Copy supplied.

November 5, 2018, *In the Media Spotlight: Lessons from High Profile Investigations*, Washington University School of Law Criminal Law Society (St. Louis, Missouri). Copy supplied.

September 27, 2018, *Investigations in the Age of #MeToo*, Missouri Bar/Missouri Judicial Conference 2018 Annual Meeting CLE (St. Louis, Missouri). Copy supplied.

July 25, 2018, *Upjohn: The Attorney-Client Privilege in the Corporate Context*, Association of Corporate Counsel Nevada Chapter CLE (Las Vegas, Nevada). Copy supplied.

June 19, 2018, *Lessons from High Profile Investigations: From Ferguson and Greitens to Corporate Investigations*, Armstrong Teasdale Summer Intern Meeting (St. Louis, Missouri). Copy supplied.

June 1, 2018, *Lessons from High Profile Investigations: From Ferguson and Greitens to Corporate Investigations*, United States Law Firm Group CLE (St. Louis, Missouri). Copy supplied.

May 16, 2018, *Upjohn: The Attorney-Client Privilege in the Corporate Context*, Association of Corporate Counsel/Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis Corporate

Counsel Institute CLE (St. Louis, Missouri). Copy supplied.

April 26, 2018, *False Claims and Qui Tam Lawsuits: From Whistleblower Protection to Litigation*, Armstrong Teasdale CLE (St. Louis, Missouri). Copy supplied.

September 13, 2017, *False Claims and Qui Tam Lawsuits: From Whistleblower Protection to Litigation*, Association of Corporate Counsel Mid-America Chapter CLE (Kansas City, Missouri). Copy supplied.

June 29, 2017, *Lessons from Ferguson: What Corporate Counsel Should Know About Internal Investigations*, Federal Bar Association CLE (St. Louis, Missouri). Copy supplied.

November 2016: Keynote Speaker, FBI National Academy Eastern Missouri Chapter (St. Louis, Missouri). The speech was on the role of law enforcement officers in protecting the rule of law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the FBI National Academy is Building 8-102, Quantico, Virginia 22135.

September 2016: Instructor, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Academy (Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Brunswick, Georgia). The presentation was on the investigation and prosecution of federal violent crimes. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the ATF Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center is 1131 Chapel Crossing Road, Building 86, Glynco, Georgia, 31525.

August 2016: Instructor, *Basics of Prosecution of Federal Violent Crime*, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Academy (St. Louis, Missouri). The presentation was on the investigation and prosecution of federal violent crimes. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Academy is 315 South Tucker Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63102.

June 2016: Keynote Speaker, St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy Commencement Ceremony (St. Louis, Missouri). The speech was on the role of police officers in protecting the rule of law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the St. Louis County Police Academy is 1266 Sutter Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63133.

May 2016: Instructor, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Academy (Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Brunswick, Georgia). The presentation was on the investigation and prosecution of federal violent crimes. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the ATF Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center is 1131 Chapel Crossing Road, Building 86, Glynco, Georgia, 31525.

April 20, 2016: *State v. Farrell Cross*, Major Case Conference, Twin Lakes Retired Police Officers Scholarship Foundation (Mountain Home, Arkansas). Copy supplied.

April 6, 2015: *Appellate Practice Tips*, Federal Bar Association Appellate Practice CLE (St. Louis, Missouri). Outline 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.

October 25, 2021, *Stevens named to Eastern District*, Missouri Lawyers Media. Copy supplied.

October 22, 2021, *Top aide to Missouri attorney general picked for appeals court post*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Copy supplied.

January 6, 2020, *Deputy AG brings experience to Safer Streets prosecutions*, Missouri Lawyers Media. Copy supplied.

January 22, 2019, *Missouri attorney general, U.S. attorney announce partnership to target violent crime in St. Louis area*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Copy supplied.

June 4, 2018, *Dismissal of Greitens charges sparks ethical debates*, Missouri Lawyers Media. Copy supplied.

May 31, 2018, *Governor's attorneys approached St. Louis prosecutor with deal: He'll resign, you drop felony charge*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Copy supplied.

April 24, 2018, *Investigator on Greitens' criminal case refuses to answer deposition questions*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Copy supplied.

April 20, 2018, Appearance on *MSNCB Live* with Craig Melvin regarding investigations and prosecution of Missouri Governor Eric Greitens. I have no clips or transcripts of this interview.

March 22, 2018, *Judge rejects Greitens' request to move up trial*, Associated Press, Jefferson City News Tribune. Copy supplied.

March 21, 2018, *Experts: Plenty of reasons for Greitens to seek bench trial*, Associated Press, New York Times. Copy supplied.

March 21, 2018, *Judge refuses to change trial date for Greitens*, Missouri Lawyers Media. Copy supplied.

March 15, 2018, *Man investigating Greitens' affair was himself investigated by FBI for bigamy*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Copy supplied.

February 19, 2018, *Laterals bring prosecutorial, judicial chops to job*, Missouri Lawyers Media. Copy supplied.

February 19, 2018, *New Partners 2018*, Missouri Lawyers Media. Copy supplied.

January 25, 2018, *Attys React to DOJ's New Memo on FCA Dismissals*, Law360. Copy supplied.

January 23, 2018, *St. Louis circuit attorney has broad power over Greitens probe but little to go on, experts say*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Copy supplied.

February 23, 2017, *Former assistant U.S. attorney joins Armstrong*, Missouri Lawyers Media. Copy supplied.

February 9, 2017, *Armstrong Teasdale Adds Federal Prosecutor Who Led Ferguson Case*, The American Lawyer. Copy supplied.

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

I was nominated to serve as a Judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, by the Appellate Judicial Commission of the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan and appointed by Governor Mike Parson in 2021. I was retained by the voters in a merit retention election in 2024. The Missouri Court of Appeals is a regional intermediate appellate court with jurisdiction over 26 counties in eastern Missouri. The court hears civil and criminal appeals from the state circuit courts and appeals from some administrative agencies.

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

As an appellate judge, I have been on the panel for more than 270 cases decided by opinion and I have written more than 90 opinions. I have served as a special judge with the Supreme Court of Missouri on one civil case, *Crown Diversified Industries Corp., et al., v. Zimmerman*, SC100219 (January 4, 2024). I have served as a visiting judge with the St. Louis County Circuit Court on one adoption case, Case No. 22-461 (November 23, 2024).

i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	0%
bench trials:	0%

As a court of appeals, the Missouri Court of Appeals does not maintain records regarding what percent of the cases on appeal were jury trials or bench trials at the circuit court level.

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings: 70%
criminal proceedings: 30%

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

Citations for all opinions I have written, including concurrences and dissents are provided in Appendix 13b.

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).

The ten most significant cases over which I have presided are listed below. All of the cases were reported.

1. *DMK Holdings v. City of Ballwin*, 646 S.W.3d 708 (Mo. App. E.D. 2022)

A fence DMK installed on one of its properties failed city inspection because it was not installed in a “professional” manner. At another property, DMK installed solar panels without a permit. DMK filed a claim for inverse condemnation, arguing the applicable city ordinance required the fence to be installed in a “workmanlike” manner, not a “professional” manner, and a declaratory judgment action, arguing the installation of the solar panels did not require a permit. The trial court granted summary judgment in favor of the city. The Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court’s summary judgment because the plain and ordinary meanings of the terms “workmanlike” in the city ordinance and “professional” used by the inspector were indistinguishable on any principled basis according to the definitions in Webster’s Third New International Dictionary. The city likewise was entitled to summary judgment because DMK’s solar panels were mounted on a “roof,” within the plain and ordinary meaning of that term, which required a permit under the city ordinance. The Court made clear that the interpretation of an ordinance is a question of law for the independent judgment of the reviewing court in the first instance, and an agency’s interpretation with no basis in the ordinance’s text is not entitled to any deference.

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2. *Reddick v. Spring Lake Estates Homeowner's Ass'n*, 648 S.W.3d 765 (Mo. App. E.D. 2022)

The family of a decedent who fell on a neighbor's property filed a wrongful death suit against the homeowner's association, the home inspector, and the inspector's liability insurer. The decedent's family alleged the homeowner's association was negligent in failing to adequately light the subdivision, and the inspector negligently inspected the property. The trial court granted summary judgment in favor of the homeowner's association and dismissed the claims against the home inspector and the insurance company. The Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's judgment because the homeowner's association did not assume a duty to adequately light the private property where the decedent fell, and the home inspector owed no duty of care to decedent, who was not a party to the inspection contract between the inspector and the neighboring homeowner. The Court also held that the insurance company was not a party to, nor bound by, a contract between the plaintiffs and the inspector, in which the inspector agreed not to contest liability or move to dismiss the negligence claim against him. Pursuant to a statute recently amended by the legislature to allow insurers to intervene in such cases, the insurer had a right to intervene, contest liability and damages, and move to dismiss the claims against the inspector.

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3. *Interest of A.L.D.*, 649 S.W.3d 370 (Mo. App. E.D. 2022).

The trial court held a juvenile certification hearing via video conference because of the COVID-19 pandemic and certified the juvenile for prosecution as an adult. The juvenile appealed the trial court's decision, arguing the video conference procedure violated his confrontation and due process rights under the Missouri and United States Constitutions. The Court of Appeals reversed the trial court's decision based on recent Missouri Supreme Court precedent that the video conference procedure violated the juvenile's rights to confrontation and due process. The Court quoted Judge Zel Fischer's admonition on behalf of the Missouri Supreme Court, "Neither the United States Constitution nor the Missouri Constitution are entitled to take 'sick days,'" *J.A.T. v. Jackson Cty. Juv. Off.*, 637 S.W.3d 1, 10 (Mo. banc 2022), and Justice Scalia's observation, "Virtual confrontation might be sufficient to protect virtual constitutional rights; I doubt whether it is sufficient to protect real ones," *Order of the Supreme Court*, 207 F.R.D. 89, 94 (2002).

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4. *City of Columbia v. Spectra Commc'ns Grp.*, 652 S.W.3d 356 (Mo. App. E.D. 2022).

CenturyLink allegedly violated the license tax ordinances of the cities of Columbia and Joplin. The trial court granted partial summary judgment to the cities on all counts and

awarded \$53,802,060.70 to Columbia and \$1,153,678.23 to Joplin for unpaid license taxes, interest, penalties, attorneys' fees, and expenses. The Court of Appeals affirmed in part and reversed in part. The Court found the trial court's judgment did not account for qualifying language in the cities' ordinances: "To the extent the Cities acknowledge the qualifying language, they effectively urge us to ignore it . . . But this Court's role is to interpret the law, not to amend it. *See Li Lin v. Ellis*, S.W.3d 238, 244 (Mo. banc 2020) ("[T]his Court, under the guise of discerning legislative intent, cannot rewrite the statute . . ."). *State ex rel. Vandeenboom v. Bd. of Zoning Adjustment of Kansas City*, 633 S.W.3d 446, 458 (Mo. App. W.D. 2021) ("In interpreting laws, we are not authorized to re-write them in contravention of the plain language effected by the legislative body enacting them."). The Cities, by contrast, generally are free to amend their own ordinances." Finally, the Court reversed the award of attorneys' fees because, pursuant to the American rule, each party generally bears its own fees, and the statutes allowing for fees for "willful" violations of the ordinances did not apply.

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5. *Williams v. City of Kinloch*, 657 S.W.3d 236 (Mo. App. E.D. 2022).

The City of Kinloch impeached and removed its mayor for alleged tax delinquencies, perjuring himself in denying any tax delinquencies, and an outstanding traffic warrant. Forty-eight days after his removal, the mayor filed a petition for judicial review. The trial court reversed the impeachment and removal of the mayor. The Court of Appeals reversed the trial court's judgment because the City's e-mail delivery of its decision impeaching and removing the mayor was the requisite "mailing or delivery" of notice

pursuant to the applicable statute, and the mayor's petition for judicial review was untimely filed outside the 30-day statutory filing period. Thus, the trial court was without authority to consider the mayor's petition.

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6. *Copeland v. WRBM, LLC*, 679 S.W.3d 30 (Mo. App. E.D. 2023).

Copeland worked as a deck crew member on a ship that traveled the Mississippi River in Missouri and other states. Copeland was injured on the vessel in a work-related incident while the vessel was between Iowa and Wisconsin. Copeland filed suit and his employer, WRBM, moved to dismiss the petition for lack of personal jurisdiction. The trial court granted the motion to dismiss. The Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's dismissal because Copeland failed to plead that his claims arose from WRBM's transaction of business in Missouri, his employment contract with WRBM was made in Missouri, or that WRBM committed any tortious act in Missouri, as required by Missouri's long-arm statute. The Court also questioned whether the long-arm statute extends jurisdiction over non-resident defendants to the same extent as due process, given that the plain language of the long-arm statute requires that a cause of action "arise from" the defendant's acts within the state but due process more broadly allows for suits that "arise out of or relate to" the defendant's contacts within the state.

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7. *D.J. by and through Jackson v. First Student, Inc.*, 2024 WL 3152509 (Mo. App. E.D. 2024) (Stevens, J., dissenting), *transferred to Mo. S.Ct.* (Oct. 1, 2024), *vacated and remanded, D.J., by and through R.J. v. First Student, Inc.*, 2025 WL 662596 (Mo. banc 2025).

The plaintiff, a fourth-grade student, was struck by a hit-and-run driver after alighting from a school bus at the wrong corner of the intersection where his usual bus stop was located. The bus driver activated the eight-way flashing lights and extended the stop arm on the school bus to warn motorists that students were exiting the bus. The plaintiff exited and crossed in front of the bus. The hit-and-run driver, who was stopped behind the bus, suddenly accelerated around the left side of the bus, crossing the double-yellow line into the oncoming traffic lane. The bus driver laid on the bus horn, but the vehicle struck the plaintiff, continued through the stop sign at the intersection, and sped away. The plaintiff suffered a fractured left ankle and a sprained right ankle and limped back to the bus. The hit-and-run-driver was never identified. The plaintiff sued the bus company and bus driver. The jury found that the plaintiff was dropped off at a reasonably safe location but found for the plaintiff against the bus company and awarded \$1.3 million on the claim that the bus company was negligent. A majority of the Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment because the conduct of the hit-and-run driver was foreseeable and did not eclipse the bus company's negligence.

In dissent, I reasoned that the plaintiff was dropped off at a reasonably safe place, which is the only legal duty owed by the bus company in this kind of case, and that the criminal act of the hit-and-run driver, and not any negligence on the part of the bus company, was the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries.

The Supreme Court of Missouri granted transfer. Consistent with my dissent, the Supreme Court vacated the judgment of the trial court and held that the criminal act of the hit-and-run driver was the proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries. *D.J. by and through R.J. v. First Student, Inc.*, 707 S.W.3d 581 (Mo. banc 2025).

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8. *Cole v. Kan. City S. Ry. Co.*, 2024 WL 3764262 (Mo. App. E.D. 2024) (Stevens, J., dissenting), *transferred to Mo. S.Ct.* (Nov. 19, 2024).

Christopher Cole, an employee of the railroad, was injured in Illinois when he hit a sign next to the railroad tracks as he attempted to board a moving train. Cole filed a negligence and negligence *per se* action against the railroad in St. Louis, Missouri, under the Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA). The trial court found that the railroad was not entitled to a contributory negligence defense under 45 U.S.C. §§ 53, 54a and an Illinois safety regulation. The majority opinion of the Court of Appeals affirmed that the railroad was not entitled to a contributory negligence defense.

In dissent, I concluded the railroad was entitled to a contributory negligence defense under the plain language of the statutes and persuasive authority of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, which is the only authoritative decision on the issue. The majority's decision would sow confusion, encourage forum shopping in St. Louis, and give FELA different meanings in Illinois and Missouri, even with regard to identical accidents in Illinois to which the same Illinois safety regulation applies.

The Missouri Supreme Court granted transfer, but has yet to decide the case.

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9. *Arch Energy v. City of Brentwood*, 2025 WL 837487 (Mo. App. E.D. 2025).

The City of Brentwood amended its zoning ordinance over the objections of a gas station owner. The gas station owner sued the city, and the trial court granted summary judgment to the city. The Court of Appeals held the city was not entitled to summary judgment because it did not provide the statutorily mandated notice “in an official paper or paper of general circulation in [the] municipality” of a public hearing on the ordinance “at which parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard.” The Court of Appeals lacked jurisdiction to consider whether the trial court erred in denying the gas station owner’s motion for summary judgment because the denial of a motion for summary judgment is not a final judgment subject to appeal. The Court reversed the trial court’s summary judgment in favor of the city and remanded the case for further proceedings.

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10. *Sandbach v. KMS-KFC, LLC*, 2025 WL 966890 (Mo. App. E.D. 2025).

Employees of a fast-food restaurant engaged in a confrontation with plaintiffs, who were customers of the restaurant. The confrontation was video recorded on security cameras. The plaintiffs sued the restaurant in the underlying lawsuit for assault, negligence, and other torts. In discovery, the plaintiffs learned that the video of the incident had been destroyed while it was in the restaurant's possession. The plaintiffs filed the instant suit for the destruction of the video based on an independent tort of spoliation of evidence. The trial court granted the restaurant's motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim. The Court of Appeals affirmed and, after a survey of the law of various states and rationales for not adopting a tort of spoliation, decided that Missouri does not recognize an independent tort of spoliation of evidence. The Court noted that, if good reasons existed for adopting such a tort, the legislature could enact legislation doing so.

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d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.

The ten most significant opinions I have written are listed below. All of the decisions were published.

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

To the best of my knowledge, certiorari was not requested or granted in any of the cases for which I authored the panel opinion.

- 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.

None of my opinions has been reversed by a reviewing court, nor have any of my judgments been affirmed with significant criticism of my substantive or procedural rulings.

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.

Eleven, or approximately 11 percent, of the opinions I have written as an appellate judge are unpublished opinions. The opinions are available on Westlaw, Lexis, and the court's website, www.courts.mo.gov.

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.

Citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues are listed below. All of the opinions were officially reported.

Interest of T.D., 645 S.W.3d 669 (Mo. App. E.D. 2022).

Interest of A.L.D., 649 S.W.3d 370 (Mo. App. E.D. 2022).

State v. Hampton, 661 S.W.3d 409 (Mo. App. E.D. 2023).

State v. Thompson, 2024 WL 4018668 (Mo. App. E.D. 2024), *transferred to Mo. S.Ct.* (Nov. 5, 2024), *affirmed*, *State v. Thompson*, 2025 WL 1117745 (Mo. banc 2025).

State v. Rugen, 2025 WL 757047 (Mo. App. E.D. 2025).

State v. Beeson, 2025 WL 678404 (Mo. App. E.D. 2025).

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I have not sat by designation on a federal court of appeals.

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

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- 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.

I have utilized the standards in Rule 2, Canon 2 of the Missouri Code of Judicial Conduct in determining whether to recuse myself. Canon 2.11 provides, in part, "A judge shall recuse himself or herself in any proceeding in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned"

When I assumed the position of Judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, I recused myself from any matter in which I actively participated during my tenure at the Missouri Attorney General's Office, and any criminal matter that was pending at the Missouri Attorney General's Office when I was First Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Division. The Missouri Attorney General's Office represents the State in all felony criminal appeals. As a result, all felony criminal appeals pending when I served at the Missouri Attorney General's Office were assigned to the other Judges of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District.

I am not aware of any case, motion or matter that has come before me in which a litigant or party has requested that I recuse myself due to an asserted conflict of interest.

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.

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position was appointed by then-Attorney General of Missouri Eric Schmitt.

In 2019, I applied for a vacancy on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. To the best of my knowledge, I was one of four candidates interviewed for the vacancy by the White House Counsel's Office. I was not nominated by the President.

In 2021, I applied for a vacancy on the Supreme Court of Missouri. I was not one of three finalists recommended to the Governor.

In 2023, I applied for two vacancies on the Supreme Court of Missouri. To the best of my knowledge, I was one of 45 applicants interviewed by the Appellate Judicial Commission. I was not one of six finalists recommended to the Governor.

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

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

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

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

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

1998 – 1999
Honorable Pasco M. Bowman II, Chief Judge
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
400 East Ninth Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
Law Clerk

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

I did not practice 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;

1999 – 2002

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Associate Attorney

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Assistant United States Attorney

2017 – 2019
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Partner

2019 – 2021
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207 West High Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Division

2020 – 2021
Office of the Missouri Attorney General
207 West High Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
First Assistant Attorney General

2021 – present
Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District
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St. Louis, Missouri 63101
Judge

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

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

- b. Describe:

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

character has changed over the years.

From 1998 to 1999, as a law clerk for Judge Pasco M. Bowman II, I researched federal civil and criminal law issues and drafted legal opinions and memoranda.

From 1999 to 2002, as a litigation associate at Bryan Cave LLC, my practice focused on civil commercial litigation. My practice primarily involved representing commercial entities as plaintiffs or defendants in civil cases litigated in state and federal courts, at all stages of litigation, including pretrial discovery and motion practice, trial, and appeal. In *Biomedical Systems Corp. v. GE Marquette Medical Systems, Inc.*, 4:99-CV-1590 CAS (E.D. Mo. 2001), I served as the associate attorney on the trial team led by former United States Attorney Edward L. Dowd Jr., which sued a subsidiary of General Electric for breach of contract and fraudulent misrepresentation on behalf of a local, family-owned company. After a three-week jury trial, the jury awarded a verdict of \$75 million in favor of our client, then reported to be the largest civil verdict in the history of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

From 2002 to 2017, as an Assistant United States Attorney at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri, my practice focused on prosecuting federal violent crimes and other violations of federal criminal statutes in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. My practice largely involved the prosecution of homicides, other violent crimes, and white collar crimes, at all stages of litigation, including pretrial discovery and motion practice, trial, and appeal. I led, with an attorney from the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, the investigation of the August 9, 2014, officer-involved shooting in Ferguson, Missouri. There was unprecedented political strife, social unrest, and media attention associated with the case. The investigation proved exhaustive and impartial. The investigation's findings were summarized in an 86-page report released by the United States Attorney General at a national press conference on March 4, 2015.

From 2017 to 2019, as a litigation partner at Armstrong Teasdale LLP, I created and engaged in a law practice focused on civil litigation, internal investigations, and white collar criminal defense, specializing in complex legal issues arising from the intersection of civil litigation, investigations, criminal prosecutions, and media coverage.

From 2019 to 2021, as First Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Division at the Missouri Attorney General's Office, my practice focused on managing both the Civil and Criminal Divisions. Within those divisions, I supervised more than 150

lawyers in the Appellate, Consumer Protection, Litigation, Labor, Governmental Affairs, Financial Services, Public Safety, and Medicaid Fraud Sections. My practice ran the gamut from civil plaintiffs' lawsuits to defending state agencies, prosecutions of state crimes to special prosecutions of federal crimes, and from trials in state circuit courts to appeals in courts of last resort. My practice also largely involved the commencement and management of then-Attorney General Eric Schmitt's most impactful legal initiatives: the Safer Streets Initiative partnering with the United States Attorney's Offices for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri to prosecute federal violent crimes; the Safe Kits Initiative to eliminate the backlog of untested sex assault kits in Missouri; the Hope Initiative bringing civil lawsuits and criminal prosecutions against human traffickers; and the creation of the Cold Case Homicide Unit. I also remained a practicing lawyer. I was appointed as a Special Assistant United States Attorney at the United States Attorney's Offices for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri. In March 2021, I successfully tried a first-degree murder case in state circuit court. And I successfully represented the judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri in a federal Section 1983 lawsuit brought against them by a lawyer whose license had been suspended.

Since 2021, I have been an appellate judge, reviewing civil and criminal appeals from state trial courts and administrative agencies.

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

The clients I represented while in private practice (1999-2002 and 2017-19) primarily were businesses defending against civil lawsuits filed in federal and state courts or facing potential white collar criminal liability.

My client as an Assistant United States Attorney (2002-17) was the United States of America.

My client as the First Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Division (2019-21) was the State of Missouri.

- 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 one hundred percent of my practice has been in litigation, and I have appeared in court frequently at every stage of my career. Particularly as an Assistant United States Attorney (2002-17), I appeared on approximately a weekly basis before the judges and magistrate judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. I continued to appear in court regularly as First Assistant Attorney General and Deputy

Attorney General for the Criminal Division (2019-21), both in state courts and as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in federal court. I appeared in court less as a partner at Armstrong Teasdale (2017-19) and as an associate at Bryan Cave (1999-2002) due to the complexity and lengthy pendency of the civil cases on which I worked.

i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. | federal courts: | 70% |
| 2. | state courts of record: | 25% |
| 3. | other courts: | 0% |
| 4. | administrative agencies: | 5% |

ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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| 1. | civil proceedings: | 30% |
| 2. | criminal proceedings: | 70% |

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 to verdict approximately 40 cases in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri and state courts. I was chief counsel or co-counsel in approximately 38 of those cases and associate counsel in two of those cases.

I also have authored approximately 30 appellate briefs and argued approximately 21 appeals in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the Missouri Court of Appeals.

i. What percentage of these trials were:

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| 1. | jury: | 95% |
| 2. | non-jury: | 5% |

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.

I have not practiced before the Supreme Court of the United States.

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

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

The ten most significant litigated matters which I personally handled are listed below. I was the attorney of record and lead trial counsel unless otherwise indicated.

1. *Trapp v. State of Missouri, et al.*, 2:21-CV-4006 MDH (2021), United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Judge M. Douglas Harpool.

I represented the judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri in a Section 1983 due process and equal protection lawsuit filed by a lawyer whose license was suspended. The trial court dismissed the case for lack of jurisdiction.

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2. *State v. Kilgore*, 18SR-000437 (2021), Henry County, Missouri, Circuit Court, Judge James Journey.

I tried a corrections officer who attempted to solicit inmates to murder her husband and smuggled contraband to the inmates. Ultimately, the defendant arranged a murder-suicide, in which her father murdered her husband and then committed suicide at a gas station convenience store in Osceola, Missouri. The jury convicted the defendant of first-degree murder, acceding to corruption, and all other counts.

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3. *United States v. Wilson*, 4:16-CR-165 HEA (2016), U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Judge Henry E. Autrey.

I prosecuted a wire fraud scheme perpetrated by a police sergeant serving as president of the Ethical Society of Police (ESOP). The defendant misappropriated more than \$80,000 from the ESOP bank account to support his unrelated business promoting comedy shows. He was indicted on, and pleaded guilty to, nine counts of wire fraud.

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4. *State v. Cross*, 12SF-CR00126 (2014), St. Francois County, Missouri, Circuit Court, Judge Sandra Martinez.

As a special prosecutor in state court, I tried a 1991 cold-case homicide in which the defendant murdered his ex-wife and left her body in the Mark Twain National Forest. The jury convicted the defendant of first-degree murder.

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5. *United States v. Warren, et al.*, 4:13-CR-221 CDP (2014), U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Judge Catherine D. Perry.

I tried and obtained the convictions of criminal defendants who conspired to commit a home-invasion robbery.

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6. *United States v. McAllister, et al.*, 4:11-CR-481 SNLJ (2013), U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr.

I tried defendants engaged in a bank robbery conspiracy, in which its leader organized and directed the conspiracy from federal prison. His co-conspirators traveled from

Memphis, Tennessee, to St. Louis, Missouri, to commit the armed robbery of a bank. All defendants were convicted by a jury or pleaded guilty.

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7. *United States v. Meador*, 1:06-CR-134 CDP (2009), U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Judge Catherine D. Perry.

I tried a conspirator in an interstate racketeering homicide, in which the victim traveled from Texas to southeast Missouri to engage in a large-scale drug transaction. The jury convicted the defendant on all counts.

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8. *United States v. Hyles*, 1:05-CR-57 HEA (2006), U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Judge Henry E. Autrey.

I tried and obtained the conviction of a criminal defendant who engaged in a murder-for-hire conspiracy with her husband. The "hitman" traveled from Memphis, Tennessee, to southeast Missouri to murder a witness in a Missouri state drug case. He entered the victim's home at 3 a.m. and fatally shot him in the back of the head as he slept. The jury convicted the defendant on all counts.

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9. *United States v. Flenoid*, 4:03-CR-501 CDP (2004), U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Judge Catherine D. Perry.

I tried and convicted a criminal defendant who escaped from a federal facility, murdered his brother-in-law and attempted to kidnap his girlfriend. The defendant had been a fugitive for more than three years and was featured on the U.S. Marshals Service's list of 15 Most-Wanted Fugitives.

Co-counsel:

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10. *Biomedical Systems Corp. v. GE Marquette Medical Systems, Inc.*, 4:99-CV-1590 CAS (2001), U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Judge Charles A. Shaw.

I served as the associate attorney on the trial team that sued a subsidiary of General Electric for breach of contract and fraudulent misrepresentation on behalf of a local, family-owned company. After a three-week jury trial, the jury awarded a verdict of \$75 million in favor of our client.

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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.)

As an Assistant United States Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri, I led, with an attorney from the Civil Rights Division, the investigation of the August 9, 2014, officer-involved shooting in Ferguson, Missouri. There was unprecedented political strife, social unrest, and media attention associated with the case. The investigation proved exhaustive and impartial. The investigation's findings were summarized in an 86-page report released by the United States Attorney General at a national press conference on March 4, 2015.

I have not lobbied for any client or organization, although I testified on behalf of the Attorney General of Missouri in support of a statute prohibiting carjacking at a hearing before the Missouri State Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee in Jefferson City, Missouri, on February 3, 2020.

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.

Seminar on the Office of the Attorney General, University of Missouri School of Law, Fall 2024. The course is an introduction to the Office of the Missouri Attorney General, its statutory responsibilities and limitations, its various civil and criminal sections, and to lawyers and judges who previously served at the Office. The students submitted and presented a paper on a topic of particular interest covered during the course of the seminar. A schedule and syllabus for the course are provided in Appendix 19.

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.

When I turn 65, I will be eligible for a pension from the State of Missouri based on my years of state employment. The amount of the pension is indeterminable at this point.

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 hope to continue to teach the *Seminar on the Office of the Attorney General* at the University of Missouri School of Law.

22. **Sources of Income:** List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees,

dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

See Financial Disclosure Report.

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

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

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

My wife and I own stock in numerous publicly traded companies. If I was assigned to a case involving any of those companies, I would either recuse myself or sell the stock pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 1043.

As long as I teach at the University of Missouri School of Law, I would recuse from any case in which it is a party.

If confirmed, I will recuse in any litigation where I have ever personally played a role. Cases most likely to present conflicts of interest would be those related to my prior service as a government lawyer. If confirmed, I would recuse myself in any such matter in which, during my government service, I had participated as counsel, advisor, or material witness or had expressed an opinion concerning the merits. See 28 U.S.C. § 455(b)(3).

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

When confronted with any potential conflict of interest issue, I will comply with the Code of Conduct for United States Judges and applicable statutes, including 28 U.S.C. § 455. I will be guided by Eighth Circuit precedent, procedures, and policies.

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

As a practicing attorney (1998 – 2021), I spent most of my career in public service as a law clerk at the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1998 – 1999), an Assistant United States Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri (2002 – 2017), and First Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General at the Missouri Attorney General's Office (2019 – 2021), where I could not provide pro bono legal services. As a judge (2021 – present), I likewise cannot provide pro bono legal services. I nonetheless routinely volunteer my time to promote and enhance the legal system by teaching at judicial conferences and continuing legal education programs, judging moot court competitions, and speaking to students, bar associations, police associations, and civic and community groups about civil and criminal law, and trial and appellate procedure. I also engaged in the Appellate Judges Service Project for LifeWise StL/HeadStart, in which I volunteered to read books to pre-kindergarten aged children in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 18, 2024.

26. **Selection Process:**

a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

On November 26, 2024, I met with Senator Schmitt's General Counsel regarding the judicial vacancies on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. On December 18, 2024, I submitted my application for one of the vacancies to the office of Senator Schmitt. On February 4, 2025, I submitted my application to the office of Senator Hawley. On February 12, 2025, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office in Washington, D.C. On March 26, 2025, the White House Counsel's Office informed me that the President was considering me for one of the vacancies. Since then, I have communicated regularly with the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy in completing this questionnaire and other related materials.

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.

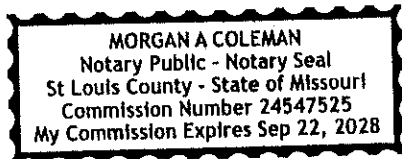
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I, Cristan M. Stevens, do swear
that the information provided in this statement is, to the best
of my knowledge, true and accurate.

4/28/2025
(DATE)

[Signature]
(NAME)



Morgan A. Coleman
(NOTARY)