

**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).

Evelyn Padin

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

United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey

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: Law Offices of Evelyn Padin
 286 First Street
 Jersey City, New Jersey 07302

Residence: Mountainside, New Jersey

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

1960; Jersey City, New Jersey

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.

1989 – 1992, Seton Hall Law School; J.D., 1992
1990, Tulane University; Certificate in European Legal Studies, 1990
1983 – 1985, Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services; M.S.W., 1985
1979 – 1983, Rutgers University; B.A., 1983

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.

2003 – present
Law Offices of Evelyn Padin

286 First Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
Solo Practitioner (2019 – present)
Managing Attorney (2003 – 2019)

2003 – 2004
City of Jersey City
Office of Landlord Tenant Relations
280 Grove Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
Counsel to Landlord Tenant Board

1995 – 2003
Law Offices of Evelyn Padin
440 Jersey Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
Solo Practitioner

1998
City of Jersey City
Jersey City Municipal Court
280 Grove Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
Municipal Court Judge

1992 – 1994
Linares & Coviello, P.C.
307 Montgomery Street
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003
Associate

1992
Superior Court of New Jersey, Sussex County
43 – 47 High Street
Newton, New Jersey 07860
Law Clerk to the Honorable Lorraine Parker

Summer 1991
Seton Hall Law School Legal Services Clinic
1109 Raymond Boulevard
Newark, New Jersey 07102
Intern

Summer 1990
Seton Hall Law School Juvenile Justice Clinic
1109 Raymond Boulevard

Newark, New Jersey 07102
Intern

Summer 1989
Law Offices of Abad Perez
215 Culver Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey 07306
Law Clerk

1987 – 1989 (approximate)
Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
201 Lyons Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07112
Psychiatric Social Worker

1985 – 1987
Kateri Residence
150 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10024
Geriatric Social Worker

1983 – 1986
Palisades Medical Center
7600 River Road
North Bergen, New Jersey 07047
Crisis Intervention Counselor

Other affiliations (uncompensated unless otherwise indicated):

2020 – present
C & E Developers, LLC
286 First Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
Member (50% profit share)

2019 – present
143 Newark Avenue, LLC
286 First Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
Member (50% profit share)

2019 – present
Hudson County Bar Association
583 Newark Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
Parliamentarian (2021 – present)

Board of Trustees, Member (2019 – present)

2017 – present
364 8th Street, LLC
286 First Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
Member (50% profit share)

2017 – present
Lefrak, LLC
286 First Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
Member (50% profit share)

2015 – present
328 Montgomery, LLC
286 First Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
Member (50% profit share)

2014 – present
Carevel Foundation
286 First Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
Board of Trustees, Co-Chair (2014 – present)
Board of Trustees, Member (2014 – present)

2010 – present
P & M Ventures, LLC
286 First Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
Member (50% profit share)

2010 – present
SRP Holdings, LLC
286 First Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
Member (50% profit share)

2003 – 2010, 2021 – present
Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey
P.O. Box 25562
Newark, New Jersey 07101
Board of Trustees, Member

2014 – 2021
New Jersey State Bar Association Foundation
One Constitution Square
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901
Board of Directors, Member

2018 – 2020
American Bar Foundation
321 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60654
House of Delegates, Member

2010 – 2020
New Jersey State Bar Association
One Constitution Square
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901
President (2019 – 2020)
President-Elect (2018 – 2019)
First Vice President (2017 – 2018)
Second Vice President (2016 – 2017)
Treasurer (2015 – 2016)
Secretary (2014 – 2015)
Board of Trustees, Member (2010 –2014)

2016 – 2018
New Jersey Association for Justice
150 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08608
Board of Governors, Member

2017
New Jersey Women Lawyers Association
372 Franklin Avenue, Suite 713
Nutley, New Jersey 07110
Board of Directors, Member

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

I did not serve in the military. I was not required to register for the 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.

New Jersey City University, Presidential Medal Recipient (2021)

New Jersey State Bar Association Foundation, Distinguished Service Award (2021)

New Jersey State Bar Association, Professional Attorney of the Year (2020)

Historic Downtown Special Improvement District, Outstanding Service & Contributions to the Downtown Jersey City Community Award (2020)

National Council of State Bar Presidents, American Bar Association Diversity Scholar (2020)

New Jersey State Legislature, Senate & General Assembly Resolution in Recognition of Accomplishments (2019)

Rutgers Law School, Camden, Alianza Organization, Latina Trailblazer Award (2019)

Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, Margarita Echeverria Trailblazer Award (2019)

Jersey City Real Estate Developers, Powerful Latina of New Jersey Award (2019)

New Jersey Law Journal, "Top 50 People" in New Jersey (2019)

American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys, "10 Best Personal Injury Attorneys for Client Satisfaction" (2019)

James Beard Foundation, Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership Program Fellow (2019)

State of New Jersey, Leadership Award (2019)

Tri-County State Scholarship of Passaic County, Women of Distinction Award (2018)

Latinas United for Political Empowerment, Latina Pioneer Award (2018)

Union City Board of Education, Resolution for Pro Bono Work (2017)

Justice Virginia Long American Inns of Court, Distinguished Service Award (2017)

Institute for Latino Studies, Illustrious Latino Award (2016)

Jersey City Puerto Rican Parade Committee, Puerto Rican Woman of the Year (2014)

County of Hudson, Businesswoman of the Year (2011)

City of Jersey City, Businesswoman of the Year (2011)

Jean Robertson Women Lawyer Scholarship Foundation, Scholarship Recipient (1990)

Hudson County Bar Association Foundation, Scholarship Recipient (1990)

Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, Scholarship Recipient (1990)

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.

American Bar Association (2014 – present)
House of Delegates, Member (2018 – 2020)

American Bar Foundation, Fellow (2014 – present)

The Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey (2021 – present)

Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey (1992 – present)
Board of Trustees, Member (2003 – 2010, 2021 – present)

Hudson County Bar Association (1992 – present)
Parliamentarian (2021 – present)
Board of Trustees, Member (2019 – present)

Justice Virginia Long American Inns of Court (2017 – 2020)

National Conference of State Bar Presidents (2017 – present)
Diversity Committee, Member (2019 – present)
Meetings Committee, Member (2019 – present)
Membership Committee, Member (2019 – 2020)

New Jersey Association for Justice (2012 – present)
Board of Governors, Member (2016 – 2018)

New Jersey State Bar Association (2007 – present)
President (2019 – 2020)
President-Elect (2018 – 2019)
First Vice President (2017 – 2018)
Second Vice President (2016 – 2017)
Treasurer (2015 – 2016)
Secretary (2014 – 2015)
Board of Trustees, Member (2010 – 2014)
Access to Justice Committee, Chair (2020)
Automobile Negligence Committee, Member (2020 – present)
Committee on Racial Equality in the Law, Member (2020 – present)

Diversity Committee, Co-Chair (2010 – present)
Family Law Executive Committee, Member (2010 – present)
Adoption Law & Family Law Subcommittee, Member (2018)
Judicial & Prosecutorial Committee, Member (2017 – present)
Long Term Planning Committee, Member (2017 – present)
Meetings, Arrangements & Program Committee, Member (2010 – present)
Nominating Committee, Member (2011, 2020 – 2021)
Women in the Profession Committee, Member (2012 – present)

New Jersey State Bar Association Foundation (2014 – 2021)
Board of Directors, Member (2014 – 2021)

New Jersey Women Lawyers Association (2017)
Board of Directors, Member (2017)

Seton Hall Law School, Diverse Attorneys of Seton Hall Committee
Co-Chair (2020 – present)
Member (2019 – present)

State of New Jersey, Supreme Court Committee on Diversity, Inclusion & Community
Engagement (2019 – present)

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.

New Jersey, 1992

There have been no lapses in membership.

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

Supreme Court of the United States, 2008
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, 1992

There have been no lapses in membership.

11. **Memberships:**

- a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school.

Provide dates of membership or participation and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

Carevel Foundation (2014 – present)
Board of Trustees, Co-Chair (2014 – present)
Board of Trustees, Member (2014 – present)

New Jersey Puerto Rico Commission (2021 – present)

New Jersey Restart & Recovery Advisory Council, Ambassador (2020 – 2021)

State of New Jersey, On Campus Sexual Assault Committee (2021 – present)

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

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

12. Published Writings and Public Statements:

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

Message from NJSBA President Evelyn Padin, N.J. State Bar Ass’n (Apr. 1, 2020). Copy supplied.

President’s Perspective: Serving you and each other in challenging times, N.J. Law. Mag. (Apr. 2020). Copy supplied.

President’s Perspective: NJSBA to offer practice management help, N.J. Law. Mag. (Feb. 2020). Copy supplied.

With Norberto Garcia, Andrew Sarrol, William T. Rogers III, Melinda Colon Cox, Dalya Youssef & Rahil Darbar, *Bar Associations Condemn Anti-Semitism*,

Star-Ledger (Jan. 9, 2020). Copy supplied.

President's Perspective: 50 Years of Service to Ensure New Jersey's Bench and Slate of Prosecutors are Top-Notch, N.J. Law. Mag. (Dec. 2019). Copy supplied.

President's Perspective: Volunteer Today to be a Part of NJSBA Law Day Events, N.J. Law. Mag. (Oct. 2019). Copy supplied.

President's Perspective: Calling All New Jersey Lawyers to Fight Hunger, N.J. Law. Mag. (Aug. 2019). Copy supplied.

President's Perspective: Focusing on due process for all and a historic chapter in NJSBA history, N.J. Law. Mag. (June 2019). Copy supplied.

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

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Edward C. Eastman, Jr., Esq., Regarding Testimony Before New Jersey Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee (Nov. 19, 2019). Copy supplied.

- 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.

I have tried my best to identify all materials responsive to this question, including through searches of my files and internet databases. But there may be some materials that I have not been able to identify or locate.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, Regarding Real Estate Transactions (May 14, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D., Acting Administrative Director of the New Jersey Courts (Apr. 24, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, Regarding Extending Suspensions and Deadlines (Apr. 21, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, Regarding Extension of Tax Deadlines (Apr. 17, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D., Acting Administrator of the New Jersey Courts, Regarding Use of JEDS System in Family Part Matters (Apr. 15, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D., Acting Administrator of the New Jersey Courts, Regarding Early Settlement Panels (Apr. 14, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, *et al.*, Regarding Emergency Aid to Assist 501(c)(6) Organizations (Apr. 14, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, Regarding Remote Notarial Acts (Apr. 13, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Stephen Sweeney, New Jersey Senate President, Regarding A3903 (Apr. 7, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Stephen Sweeney, New Jersey Senate President, Regarding A3902 (Apr. 7, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, Regarding Criminal Law Concerns (Apr. 3, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Christopher C. Krebs, Director of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (Mar. 31, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, Regarding Request for Action (Mar. 27, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Robert Asaro-Angelo, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Honorable Russell Wojtenko, Jr., Director and Chief Judge of the Division of Workers' Compensation, Regarding Remote Court

Operations (Mar. 27, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, Regarding Closure of Immigration Courts (Mar. 26, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Stephen Sweeney, New Jersey Senate President, and Craig J. Coughlin, New Jersey Assembly Speaker, Regarding Emergency Tax Proposals (Mar. 25, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to New Jersey Assembly Members, Regarding Remote Notarial Acts (Mar. 24, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D., Acting Administrator of the New Jersey Courts, Regarding Rules Report (Mar. 23, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey (Mar. 21, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, Regarding Mitigating the Effect of COVID-19 on Real Estate Transactions (Mar. 19, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to James J. Tedesco III, Bergen County Executive, Regarding Bergen County Executive Order (Mar. 18, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, Regarding Bergen County Executive Order (Mar. 18, 2020). Copy supplied.

New Jersey State Bar Association *Amicus* Brief, *Sullivan v. Max Spann Real Estate & Auction Co.*, No. 082209 (N.J. App. Div. Mar. 5, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D., Acting Administrative Director of the New Jersey Courts, Regarding Proposed Amendments to Rule 3:11 for Out-of-Court Identification (Feb. 5, 2020). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D., Acting Administrative Director of the New Jersey Courts, Regarding Proposed Amendments to Rule 3:4-2 Concerning the

First Appearance of a Defendant (Feb. 5, 2020). Copy supplied.

New Jersey State Bar Association *Amicus* Brief, *Delaney v. Dickey*, No. 083440 (N.J. Dec. 19, 2019). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, Regarding Proposed Amendment to RPC 1.2 (Nov. 5, 2019). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Heather Joy Baker, Clerk of the New Jersey Supreme Court, Regarding Comments on 2020 Proposed Disciplinary Budget (Nov. 4, 2019). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, Regarding Funding Shortfall for the Board of Bar Examiners (Oct. 9, 2019). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D., Acting Administrative Director of the New Jersey Courts, Regarding Municipal Courts (Oct. 1, 2019). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to Robert Asaro-Angelo, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Regarding Court Security (Sept. 30, 2019). Copy supplied.

New Jersey State Bar Association *Amicus* Brief, *State v. Andrews*, No. A-000291-17 (N.J. Sept. 20, 2019). Copy supplied.

New Jersey State Bar Association Brief in Support of Petition for Review, *In re S. Ct. Advisory Comm. on Prof'l Ethics Op. No. 735*, No. 083396 (N.J. Sept. 13, 2019). Copy supplied.

New Jersey State Bar Association *Amicus* Brief, *Nieves v. Off. of Pub. Defender*, No. 082262 (N.J. Aug. 30, 2019). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the New Jersey Law Revision Committee, Regarding Guardianship Statute (July 23, 2019). Copy supplied.

Letter from Evelyn Padin, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, to the Honorable Robert Menendez, U.S. Senator for New Jersey, Regarding Family Separation (June 28, 2019). Copy supplied.

New Jersey State Bar Association *Amicus* Brief, *New Jersey v. Olenowski*, No. 082253 (N.J. May 28, 2019). Copy supplied.

In March 2019, I testified on behalf of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey before a New Jersey Special Assembly Judicial Panel in favor of reforming New Jersey's attorney-malpractice law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, and I am unable to identify the specific date on which I testified.

- 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.

I have tried my best to identify all materials responsive to this question, including through searches of my files and internet databases. But there may be some materials that I have not been able to identify or locate.

October 28, 2021: Panelist, Disbarment for Misappropriation, New Jersey State Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Phoenix, Arizona. The panel discussed the consequences of misappropriating a client's funds. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

October 14, 2021: Panelist, Legal Issues Specific to Hispanic Clients, Stark & Stark, P.C., Lawrenceville, New Jersey (virtual). The panel discussed Hispanics' pathways to success in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Stark & Stark, P.C. is 993 Lenox Drive, Building Two, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

September 28, 2021: Panelist, Celebrating Hispanic Legal Achievements, Genova Burns, LLC, Jersey City, New Jersey (virtual). The panel discussed achievements of the Hispanic legal community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Genova Burns, LLC is 30 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

June 15, 2021: Commencement Speaker, New Jersey City University, Jersey City, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

May 5, 2021: Panelist, Advanced Mediation Training, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, New Brunswick, New Jersey (virtual). The panel

discussed mediation in family law cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

March 30, 2021: Panelist, Annual Women's Empowerment Leadership & Law Conference, Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey (virtual). The panel discussed pathways to leadership in the law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey is P.O. Box 25562, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

February 2, 2021: Moderator, What's Cool about NCBP, National Conference of Bar Presidents, Chicago, Illinois (virtual). I moderated a panel about trends in building bar association membership. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the National Conference of Bar Presidents is 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

October 27, 2020: Panelist, 21st Century Lawyer: Effective Virtual Meetings, National Conference of Bar Presidents, Chicago, Illinois (virtual). The panel discussed successful techniques for hosting a remote conference. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the National Conference of Bar Presidents is 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

October 11, 2020: Panelist, Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, Monmouth County Superior Court, Freehold, New Jersey (virtual). The panel discussed careers in the law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Monmouth County Superior Court is 71 Monument Street, Freehold, New Jersey 07728.

April 1, 2020: Moderator, SBA Loans and Other Financial Lessons for Law Firms, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, New Brunswick, New Jersey (virtual). I moderated a panel about the federal requirements law firms needed to meet in order to qualify for the newly formed Paycheck Protection Program. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

April 1, 2020: Speaker, NJSBA President Evelyn Padin Speaks From the Heart About Seeking Out Help, New Jersey State Bar Association (virtual). Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yi8u6E76q6w>.

March 24, 2020: Speaker, A Message From Our NJSBA President, New Jersey State Bar Association, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrG1ItDmWV0>.

March 7, 2020: Moderator, Successful Women in the Law, Seton Hall Law School, Newark, New Jersey. I moderated a panel about succeeding in the public

and private sectors as a female attorney. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Seton Hall Law School is 1109 Raymond Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

February 22, 2020: Speaker, Welcoming Remarks, 2020 Solo and Small-Firm Conference, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Iselin, New Jersey. I welcomed attendees to the conference. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

February 7, 2020: Panelist, Challenges for Women Attorneys, New Jersey Lawyers Assistance Program, New Brunswick, New Jersey. The panel discussed challenges faced by women in the legal profession. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the New Jersey Lawyers Assistance Program is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

February 3, 2020: Speaker, Celebrating the 19th Amendment and Alice Paul, New Jersey State Bar Association, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

December 7, 2019: Panelist, Expungement and Second Chances Conference, New Jersey Reentry Corporation, Union City, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

November 20, 2019: Speaker, Opening Remarks, New Jersey State Bar Association Diverse Attorneys Reception, New Jersey Law Center, New Brunswick, New Jersey. I welcomed attendees to the reception. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the New Jersey Law Center is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

November 6, 2019: Speaker, Opening Remarks, New Jersey State Bar Association Mid-Year Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico. I welcomed attendees to the conference. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the New Jersey State Bar Association is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

October 26, 2019: Panelist, Immigrant Integration Day: Bringing Communities Together, Immigration and American Citizenship Organization, Passaic, New Jersey. The panel discussed the role of immigrants in the United States. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Immigration and American Citizenship Organization is 647 Main Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055.

October 26, 2019: Speaker, Opening Remarks, Women of Color and Justice Program, Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

October 24, 2019: Speaker, Pro Bono Awards, New Jersey State Bar Association, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

October 21, 2019: Speaker, Hispanic Heritage Month: Celebrating Attorneys in the Law, Lowenstein Sandler, LLP, Roseland, New Jersey. I used the same remarks as those supplied in connection with the October 26, 2019 Rutgers Law School event listed above.

October 18, 2019: Speaker, Alianza of Rutgers Law School, Camden, New Jersey. I spoke about the importance of diversity in the legal community. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Alianza of Rutgers Law School is 217 North Fifth Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102.

September 26, 2019: Speaker, Celebrating Hispanic Heritage, State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Newark, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

September 13, 2019: Speaker, Insights: Hispanic Heritage Month 2019, New Jersey State Judiciary, Trenton, New Jersey (virtual). Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-AbTdufkbjQ>.

August 22, 2019: Speaker, American Lawyers Alliance Conference, American Bar Association, San Francisco, California. I gave remarks congratulating New Jersey's teachers-of-the-year award recipients. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the American Bar Association is 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

August 19, 2019: Speaker, Remarks and Administration of Lawyers Oath to Rutgers Law School 1L Class, Rutgers Law School, Camden, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

August 16, 2019: Speaker, Remarks and Administration of Lawyers Oath to Seton Hall Law School 1L Class, Seton Hall Law School, Newark, New Jersey. I used the same remarks as those supplied in connection with the August 19, 2019 event listed above.

August 16, 2019: Speaker, Remarks and Administration of Lawyers Oath to Rutgers Law School 1L Class, Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey. I used the same remarks as those supplied in connection with the August 19, 2019 event listed above.

June 26, 2019: Speaker, Trailblazer Award Speech, Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, Pompton Plains, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

June 26, 2019: Speaker, Diversity at a Crossroads, New Jersey State Bar Association, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

June 26, 2019: Speaker, Pride Flag-Raising Event, New Jersey State Bar Association, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

June 18, 2019: Speaker, Recognizing Future Leaders of America, Save Latin America Organization, North Bergen, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

May 17, 2019: Speaker, Evelyn Padin, NJSBA's First Latina President, Sworn in Last Week, New Jersey State Bar Association, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7eHyDVnZE8>.

May 16, 2019: Speaker, Presidential Installation Speech, New Jersey State Bar Association, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

May 15, 2019: Speaker, Latinas in the Law, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Atlantic City, New Jersey. I spoke about barriers that Hispanic women face in the legal profession. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

May 6, 2019: Speaker, Union City Community Law Day, City of Union City, Union City, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

April 29, 2019: Speaker, Opening Remarks, Law Day Event, New Jersey State Bar Association, Union City, New Jersey. I used the same remarks as those supplied in connection with the May 6, 2019 event listed above.

May 17, 2018: Speaker, Introduction of Senator Cory Booker, New Jersey State Bar Association, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Remarks supplied.

March 7, 2015: Speaker, Alimony Modification in the Law, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, New Brunswick, New Jersey. I spoke about seeking modification of alimony awards based on retirement or illness. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

January 2, 2015: Speaker, Alimony Legislative Changes, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, New Brunswick, New Jersey. I spoke about recent legislative changes regarding alimony awards. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

2015: Speaker, Suddenly Solo, Annual Solo and Small Firm Conference, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, New Brunswick, New Jersey. I spoke about the challenges solo practitioners face in the legal profession. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, and I am unable to recall or identify the specific date of the event. The address for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

2011: Speaker, Second Family Law Issues, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Atlantic City, New Jersey. I spoke about the impact of integrating stepchildren into a blended family. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, and I am unable to recall or identify the specific date of the event. The address for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

2010: Speaker, Immigration & Domestic Violence, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Phoenix, Arizona. I spoke about benefits provided by the Violence Against Women Act to victims of domestic violence. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, and I am unable to recall or identify the specific date of the event. The address for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

2010: Speaker, Hot Tips for Family Practitioners, New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education, New Brunswick, New Jersey. I spoke about various aspects of practicing family law. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, and I am unable to recall or identify the specific date of the event. The address for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education is One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

- 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.

I have tried my best to identify all interviews responsive to this question, including through searches of my files and internet databases. But there may be some interviews that I have not been able to identify or locate.

Dan Rivoli, *New Jersey Loosens Restaurant Rules Before NYC Allows Indoor Dining*, Spectrum News NY1 (Feb. 6, 2021). Copy supplied.

Joshua Rosario, *Jersey City Restaurant Week aims to give local eateries a boost amid Covid-19 struggles*, Jersey J. (Jan. 26, 2021). Copy supplied.

Brett Johnson, *Ruling lets law students join firms while awaiting delayed bar exam*, ROI-NJ (Apr. 13, 2020). Copy supplied.

Jeannie O'Sullivan, *COVID-19 Makes for Socially Distanced NJ Bar Convention*, Law360 (Apr. 13, 2020). Copy supplied.

Kathleen Hopkins, *NJ coronavirus shuts down new jury trials*, Asbury Park Press (Mar. 12, 2020). Copy supplied.

New Jersey State Bar Association donates to Puerto Rican charities at Mid-Year

Meeting, N.J.L.J. (Nov. 18, 2019). Copy supplied.

NJSBA Diverse Judges Reception to honor two state superior court judges with Justice Thurgood Marshall Award, N.J.L.J. (Nov. 11, 2019). Copy supplied.

Press Conference, New Jersey Reentry Services Commission (Oct. 22, 2019).
Remarks supplied.

Joanna Cagis, *Report outlines 100 recommendations to aid in former prisoners' transition to civilian life*, L. & Pub. Safety (Oct. 22, 2019). Copy supplied.

Colleen O'Dea, *First Latina Takes Key Role in NJ Law, Finds Time to Juggle Plenty More*, N.J. Spotlight News (July 3, 2019). Copy supplied.

NJSBA President Evelyn Padin honored with Trailblazer Award, N.J.L.J. (June 17, 2019). Copy supplied.

Jeannie O'Sullivan, *Championing Small Firms, NJ Bar Prez Eyes Malpractice Limit*, Law360 (June 14, 2019). Copy supplied.

Presidential Edition, N.J. State Bar Ass'n (June 4, 2019). Audio available at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/njsba-sidebar/id1343399912>.

Steve Hockstein, *Attorneys help community at Law Day Union City*, N.J.L.J. (May 27, 2019). Copy supplied.

In the Spotlight: Seton Hall Law Alumnus, Evelyn Padin '92, First Latina to be Sworn in As NJSBA President, Seton Hall L. Alumni Mag. (May 2019). Copy supplied.

Suzette Parmley, *Bill to Shorten Malpractice Filing Period Passes Assembly Judiciary Committee*, law.com (Mar. 18, 2019). Copy supplied.

Ken Vercammen, *Ken Vercammen w president elect Evelyn Padin and past president Tom Prol in Rome*, N.J. Bus. L. (Nov. 15, 2018). Copy supplied.

Terence T. McDonald, *Judge has tossed out police negligence case*, Jersey J. (Sept. 22, 2017). Copy supplied.

Kate Coscarelli, *Padin sworn in as treasurer*, Targeted News (May 27, 2017). Copy supplied.

Meg Fry, *Scholarship fund honors business leaders*, NJBIZ (Mar. 31, 2017). Copy supplied.

Terence T. McDonald, *Jersey City mulls changes to pedestrian plaza to address*

rowdy crowds, Jersey J. (Mar. 6, 2017). Copy supplied.

Terence T. McDonald, *Mother of murdered 3-month-old targets Jersey City cops in suit*, Jersey J. (Jan. 11, 2017). Copy supplied.

2012 Baby Death Case, FiOS1 N.J. (Jan. 10, 2017). Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2eRP9aEvK4>.

David Gialanella, *1.99M for Pedestrian Who Lost Leg*, N.J.L.J. (Nov. 7, 2016). Copy supplied.

Lynn Hazan, *Sugartown Bakery & Cafe*, Facebook (June 21, 2015) (reprinted in multiple sources). Copy supplied.

Michaelangelo Conte, *Jersey City man charged with killing son facing other legal battle*, Jersey J. (Apr. 28, 2015). Copy supplied.

Kate Coscarelli, *Padin sworn in as secretary*, Targeted News (May 20, 2014). Copy supplied.

Sally Deering, *Hard Grove Café in Jersey City Raises the Bar*, Riverview Observer (Sept. 15, 2013). Copy supplied.

Michaelangelo Conte, *Two 15-million-dollar lawsuits against Jersey City*, Jersey J. (Dec. 7, 2012). Copy supplied.

Michaelangelo Conte, *Hearing postponed for Jersey City man*, Jersey J. (Dec. 2, 2012). Copy supplied.

Charles Toutant, *Hudson Co. Suit by Worker Paralyzed in 15-foot Fall Settles for \$4.275M*, N.J.L.J. (July 19, 2010). 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.

In 1998, I was appointed by Mayor Bret Schundler as a Municipal Court Judge for the City of Jersey City, New Jersey. I served in that capacity for approximately one year. The Jersey City Municipal Court is a local court that adjudicates motor-vehicle violations, parking tickets, minor criminal-type offenses (such as simple assault and theft), and municipal-ordinance offenses (such as housing-code violations).

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

As a Municipal Court Judge, I presided over approximately 3,000 cases that went

to verdict or judgment. Approximately half of those cases were criminal matters, and the remaining half involved traffic violations.

i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	0%
bench trials:	100%

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings:	50%
criminal proceedings:	50%

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

As a Municipal Court Judge, I did not author any written opinions. My decisions were generally issued from the bench and recorded by the court audio system. The decisions were filed in the Jersey City Municipal Court and are not identifiable by citation other than the case file number. The case files are stored in the Jersey City Municipal Court's case management system or paper files.

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).

As a Municipal Court Judge, I presided over all manner of motor-vehicle, parking-ticket, minor criminal-type, and municipal-ordinance cases. I also acted upon search warrant applications presented by law enforcement, conducted arraignments, established bail, and executed commitment papers. And I regularly adjudicated requests by alleged victims of domestic violence for temporary orders of protection. All of my decisions were issued from the bench, and I did not render any written opinions.

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.

As a Municipal Court Judge, I did not author any written opinions.

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

Certiorari was not requested or granted in any of my cases.

- f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

To the best of my knowledge, the decisions I issued as a Municipal Court Judge were never reversed by a reviewing court or 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.

As a Municipal Court Judge, I did not author any written opinions. My decisions are stored in the Jersey City Municipal Court's case management system or paper files.

- 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.

Given the nature of the Jersey City Municipal Court docket, I did not have occasion to draft any significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues.

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

I have never 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:

Under New Jersey Court Rule 1:12-1(d), a Municipal Court Judge must recuse herself when there is any reason that might preclude a fair and unbiased hearing and judgment, or that might reasonably lead counsel or the parties to believe so. To the best of my recollection, no litigant or party requested that I recuse myself in any case while I served as a Municipal Court Judge, nor did I ever face a conflict of interest that required me to recuse myself from a matter *sua sponte*.

- a. whether your recusal was requested by a motion or other suggestion by a litigant or a party to the proceeding or by any other person or interested party; or if you recused yourself sua sponte;
- b. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal;
- c. the procedure you followed in determining whether or not to recuse yourself;
- d. your reason for recusing or declining to recuse yourself, including any action taken to remove the real, apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other ground for recusal.

15. Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:

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

I have never held a public office other than judicial office. I have had no unsuccessful candidacies for public office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

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

I have not held any offices 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.

In 1992, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Lorraine Parker on the Superior Court of New Jersey, Sussex County.

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

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

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Associate

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City of Jersey City
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Municipal Court Judge

2003 – 2004
City of Jersey City
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2003 – 2019
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- iv. whether you served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and, if so, a description of the 10 most significant matters with which you were involved in that capacity.

In approximately 2018, I was appointed by the Honorable Donald Kessler of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, to serve as a mediator in two family law cases. I cannot recall or identify the case names, numbers, or any other identifying information. I do recall, however, some information about the cases. In particular, the first case involved the distribution of assets and determination of permanent spousal support following the dissolution of a 25-year marriage. After two mediation sessions, the matter settled. In the second case, the couple disputed only the issue of spousal support, and following one mediation session, the matter settled.

b. Describe:

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

After clerking on the Superior Court of New Jersey, I joined Linares & Coviello, P.C., a small firm in Bloomfield, New Jersey. While there (from 1992 to 1994), I litigated personal injury cases in New Jersey state court and participated in arbitration hearings in various matters. In connection with those disputes, I conducted discovery, took and defended depositions, drafted and argued various motions, and conducted evidentiary hearings.

Since 1995, I have owned and operated my own law practice. Over the course of that 26-year period, my practice has grown and changed. During my first ten years as a solo practitioner, I obtained extensive experience in criminal and civil law, and I appeared regularly in the Superior Court of New Jersey and occasionally in the United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the District of New Jersey. I also represented individuals in Social Security disability hearings.

During the last 16 years, I have focused on representing litigants in personal injury and family law cases, and I frequently appear in court in connection with such matters. Currently, approximately 85% of my practice is devoted to personal injury litigation on behalf of plaintiffs. I continue to represent parties who were severely injured in automobile and premises liability negligence matters. In addition, I represent parties in matrimonial and non-dissolution matters involving alimony, custody, child support, equitable distribution, domestic violence, and college contribution matters. And I handle various criminal, municipal, workers' compensation, estate planning, and landlord tenant cases.

My work on such matters has given me significant trial experience. I have taken hundreds of depositions and argued numerous motions in court. I

have also litigated multiple trials. And I have participated in various mediations and arbitrations.

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

Throughout my time in private practice, I have primarily represented individual clients. My practice has focused on personal injury and family law matters, but I also have significant experience in criminal, municipal, workers' compensation, estate planning, and landlord tenant law.

- c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

During my nearly 30 years as a lawyer, the vast majority of my practice has been in litigation, and I have appeared in court frequently. Most often, I appear in court to handle civil discovery motions, summary judgment motions, and settlement conferences in state court. I have also appeared in federal bankruptcy court and occasionally in federal district court. And I have tried cases to verdict or judgment and handled evidentiary hearings in both civil and matrimonial proceedings.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. federal courts: 5%
- 2. state courts of record: 80%
- 3. other courts: 10%
- 4. administrative agencies: 5%

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. civil proceedings: 85%
- 2. criminal proceedings: 15%

- 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 approximately ten jury trials to verdict, judgment, or final decision. Those cases varied in subject matter, ranging from personal injury to commercial litigation matters. I have also tried approximately 200 cases to final decision in family court. Those matters included domestic violence, pendente lite, and matrimonial and non-dissolution matters of all types. Additionally, I have litigated approximately 20 cases to final decision before administrative law judges in Social Security proceedings. In all of these approximately 230 cases, I was sole or lead counsel.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
 - 1. jury: 70%
 - 2. non-jury: 30%

- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply four (4) copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

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

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

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

1. *Lin v. Lin*, No. FM-09-901-20 (N.J. Sup. Ct.) (Schillari-Rich, J.)

This family law case involved a dispute about child custody between a mother who previously lived in New Jersey and moved to China with her child, and a father residing in New Jersey. The parties met and were married in New Jersey. During the marriage, the parties travelled to China, where the mother's entire family resided. The mother alleged that the parties agreed to raise their child in China. The father filed suit, contesting this allegation, asserting that the mother had fraudulently removed their daughter from New Jersey under the pretext that she would be returning within one month, and seeking the return of the child. The case raised issues of jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of Chinese orders, the Uniform Child Custody and Jurisdiction Act, the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, and immigration fraud. The New Jersey courts declined to exercise jurisdiction over the child, as the child had been living outside of the state for more than six months. The case was unsuccessfully mediated several times, and the mother refused to return to New Jersey. From 2020 to 2021, I was sole counsel for the father in this matter, handling every aspect of the litigation and mediations.

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2. *Hanna v. Ypellar*, No. HUD-L-3128-19 (N.J. Sup. Ct.) (Maloney, J.)

After Ms. Hanna suffered a significant spinal injury in a two-car accident, she sued the other driver, alleging that the driver was negligent by failing to stop their motor vehicle and yielding the right of way. Following significant discovery and motions practice, the case settled, with Ms. Hanna receiving \$240,000 in compensation. From 2018 to 2021, I was sole counsel for Ms. Hanna in this matter. In that capacity, I drafted the pleadings, undertook written discovery, and drafted various motions. I also conducted and defended depositions, retained and prepared experts to testify, and conducted the successful settlement negotiations.

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3. *Marrero v. C & E*, No. BER-L-007519-20 (N.J. Sup. Ct.)

Mr. Marrero, an elderly retired man, sued the owner of a multi-family apartment building after he sustained serious bodily injuries, including a torn rotator cuff, from falling on the building's sidewalk, which the defendant had failed to maintain. After the complaint was filed, and before a judge was assigned to the case, the matter settled, with Mr. Marrero receiving \$110,000 in compensation. From 2019 to 2021, I was sole counsel for Mr. Marrero. In that capacity, I drafted the complaint, obtained evidence detailing the disrepair of the property, and retained an engineering expert who examined the premises. I also spearheaded the successful settlement negotiations.

Opposing Counsel:

The defendant appeared *pro se*.

4. *Masson v. James Monroe Condo.*, No. HUD-L-4652-19 (N.J. Sup. Ct.)

Ms. Masson sued the owner of a high-rise luxury building undergoing renovation after she fell in the partially constructed lobby and fractured her elbow. Ms. Masson alleged that the defendant was negligent for failing to adequately warn tenants and guests of the lobby's dangerous condition. After the suit was filed and before

discovery was completed, the matter settled, with Ms. Masson receiving \$120,000 in compensation. From 2019 to 2020, I served as sole counsel for Ms. Masson in this matter. As sole counsel, I conducted the pre-trial investigation, gathered evidence of the lobby's condition at the time of the accident, and drafted the complaint. I also spearheaded the successful settlement negotiations.

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5. *Figueroa v. Jefferson St. Assocs., LLC*, Nos. HUD-L-3060-14 & HUD-L-3061-14 (N.J. Sup. Ct.) (Turula, J.), *aff'd*, No. A-000843-17T3 (N.J. App. Div.) (Yannotti, Hoffman, Curriere, JJ.)

The plaintiffs—Ms. Figueroa and Ms. Calderon—filed this personal injury and wrongful death lawsuit against their landlord, a building management company, the City of Jersey City, and Mr. Bruno (Ms. Figueroa's violent former boyfriend). The plaintiffs alleged that the landlord and building management company had failed to secure their apartment after the plaintiffs reported to them that Mr. Bruno had stolen their keys. The plaintiffs also contended that the city violated its ministerial duties by turning away the boyfriend when he attempted to turn himself into Jersey City police on an outstanding warrant, and that Mr. Bruno had committed an act of domestic violence. After extensive discovery and significant motion practice, the matter settled against the landlord and building management company for \$426,000. The plaintiffs' claims against the City of Jersey City and Mr. Bruno then proceeded to trial. Following the three-month trial, the trial court granted judgment to the City of Jersey City based on governmental immunity but ruled for the plaintiffs and against Mr. Bruno in the amount of \$4 million. The plaintiffs appealed the lower court's dismissal of their case against the City, and the New Jersey Appellate Division affirmed.

From 2012 to 2019, I was counsel for the plaintiffs in this matter. I conducted the pre-trial investigation, drafted the pleadings, undertook written discovery, litigated several discovery motions, took and defended depositions, and briefed and argued dispositive motions. I also retained and prepared experts to testify, drafted and argued various pre-trial motions, and otherwise prepared the case for trial. At trial, I gave the opening statement, examined, and cross-examined witnesses, and presented the closing statement. On appeal to the Appellate Division I argued on behalf of the plaintiffs.

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6. *Lozada v. Estate of Kolar*, No. HUD-L-436-17 (N.J. Sup. Ct.)

Mr. Lozada sued Mr. Kolar and his estate for negligence after Mr. Lozada was struck and severely injured by Mr. Kolar's automobile while walking across the street. Following extensive discovery (but before a judge was assigned to the case), the case settled, with Mr. Lozada receiving \$235,000 in compensation. From 2015 to 2019, I was sole counsel for Mr. Lozada in this matter. In that capacity, I conducted discovery and retained and prepared experts to testify. I also spearheaded the settlement negotiations.

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7. *Abril v. N.J. Transit*, No. HUD-L-3058-14 (N.J. Sup. Ct.) (Turula, J.)

Mr. Abril was hit by a city bus and severely injured while crossing the street. He sued the City of New Jersey, asserting that the bus driver violated New Jersey's motor-vehicle statute by failing to yield to and stop for Mr. Abril. After extensive discovery, significant motions practice, and several days of mediation, the case settled on the eve of trial, with Mr. Abril receiving \$1.9 million in compensation. From 2013 until 2017, I was counsel for Mr. Abril. In that capacity, I conducted the pre-trial investigation, drafted the pleadings, undertook written discovery, litigated several discovery motions, and conducted and defended depositions. I also successfully briefed and argued against the defendant's motions for summary judgment. Additionally, I retained and prepared experts to testify, drafted motions *in limine*, authored jury instructions, argued various pre-trial motions, and otherwise prepared the case for trial. Finally, I represented Mr. Abril during multiple days of mediation, and I spearheaded the successful settlement negotiations.

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8. *Diaz v. Beehler*, No. ESX-L-3300-14 (N.J. Sup. Ct.) (Carey, J.)

After Ms. Diaz was severely injured during a two-car accident, he sued the other driver, alleging that the driver caused the accident and violated New Jersey's motor-vehicle statute by failing to stop at a stop sign. Following significant discovery, extensive motions practice, and mediation, the case settled on the eve of trial, with \$250,000 in compensation for Ms. Diaz. From 2013 to 2016, I was counsel for Ms. Diaz. In that capacity, I conducted the pre-trial investigation, drafted the pleadings, undertook written discovery, litigated several discovery motions, and successfully briefed and argued against the defendant's motion for summary judgment. I also retained and prepared experts to testify, drafted and argued various pre-trial motions, and otherwise prepared the case for trial. Additionally, I represented Ms. Diaz during mediation, and I spearheaded the successful settlement negotiations.

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9. *Soler v. Benitez*, Nos. HUD-L-4096-12 & HUD-L-4413-13 (N.J. Sup. Ct.)

Mr. Benitez was a commercial real estate investor who co-owned a multimillion-dollar mixed-use building in Hoboken, New Jersey with an investment partner. The partner's son, Mr. Soler, sued Mr. Benitez, claiming he owed Mr. Soler \$1,000,000 in management fees. Mr. Benitez counterclaimed, asserting that Mr. Soler had taken more than \$60,000 from the management company's account without Mr. Benitez's consent. Following a nine-day trial, the jury rendered a verdict in favor of Mr. Benitez and awarded him \$12,000. The trial court later granted Mr. Benitez nearly \$50,000 in attorneys' fees, as well. From 2012 to 2015, I served as counsel for Mr. Benitez. In that capacity, I deposed witnesses and prepared motions *in limine*. At trial, I also conducted voir dire, gave the opening statement, examined or cross-examined all of the witnesses, drafted jury instructions, and presented the closing argument. I briefed and argued the successful motion for attorneys' fees.

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10. *Padilla v. Molfetta Constr.*, No. HUD-L-456-07 (N.J. Sup. Ct.) (Antonin, Bariso, JJ.)

In this case, Mr. Padilla sued his employer, Molfetta Construction, and several of its employees following a fall he suffered while helping construct a large residential building for Molfetta. Mr. Padilla's suit alleged that the defendants violated New Jersey's Occupational Safety and Health Act by failing to provide him with fall-safety protection and training as the statute requires. After extensive discovery, significant motions practice, and several days of mediation, the parties settled the case on the eve of trial, with Mr. Padilla receiving \$4.2 million in compensation. From 2007 to 2010, I was sole counsel for Mr. Padilla in this matter. I conducted the pre-trial investigation, drafted the pleadings, undertook written discovery, litigated several discovery motions, conducted and defended depositions, and successfully briefed and argued against the defendants' motions for summary judgment. I also retained and prepared experts to testify, drafted motions *in limine*, authored jury instructions, argued various pre-trial motions, and otherwise prepared the case for trial. Additionally, I represented Mr. Padilla during multiple days of mediation, and I spearheaded the successful settlement negotiations.

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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.)

In addition to my litigation experience, I have regularly participated in other legal activities throughout my career.

For instance, from 2019 to 2020, I served as the New Jersey State Bar Association's first Latina President. In that role, I primarily focused on increasing access to justice. For example, I implemented legal clinics in New Jersey for economically disadvantaged people. I also helped to ensure that New Jersey's courts remained safely open during the coronavirus pandemic. And I advocated for attorneys to support various causes, including raising over \$21,000 for the New Jersey Food Bank and \$33,000 to assist the people of Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria.

Moreover, since 2017, I have served on the New Jersey State Bar Association Judicial and Prosecutorial Committee, which helps New Jersey's Governor evaluate prospective judges and county prosecutor candidates. Since 2019, I have also served on the New Jersey Supreme Court's Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement, which seeks to eliminate bias and discrimination in New Jersey's courts. Additionally, I regularly mentor law students at my alma mater, Seton Hall Law School, and I currently serve as co-chair of the Diverse Attorneys of Seton Hall Committee.

Finally, in 2017, I co-founded the Justice Virginia Long American Inns of Court in Jersey City, New Jersey. The organization seeks to improve the practice of family law by providing educational programming and trial and advocacy skill workshops to family law practitioners.

As President of the New Jersey State Bar Association, I testified before and submitted several letters to New Jersey and federal officials regarding proposed legislation and other policy matters. I am not and have never been registered as a lobbyist, however, as I did not perform enough lobbying activity to require registration at the state or federal level.

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

I have not taught any courses.

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

If confirmed, I will resign from my law firm. As the owner of and an attorney for the firm, I may be entitled to receive deferred income from work I undertook at the firm prior to my resignation. I will refer my clients to a certified attorney, who will compensate me for any such unearned income in accordance with New Jersey Rule of Professional Conduct 1:39-6(d).

I also have various business and real estate holdings from which I receive unearned income, namely: C & E Developers of Jersey City, LLC; P & M Ventures, LLC; 328 Montgomery LLC; 364 8th Street, LLC; 143 Newark Avenue, LLC; SRP Holdings, LLC; 440 Jersey Avenue Commercial Condominium; and 143 Newark Ave. LLC. If confirmed, I will resign as a managing member of all of these entities, and all duties and obligations will be handled by my business partner.

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.

If confirmed, I have no plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment.

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

See attached Financial Disclosure Report.

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

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.

If confirmed, I will recuse myself from any litigation where I have ever played a role, as well as from any litigation involving my law firm or a business or real estate holding of mine. I am not aware of any other person, party, category of litigation, or financial arrangement that is likely to present a potential conflict of interest when I first assume the position to which I have been nominated. I will analyze and address any potential conflict of interest on a case-by-case basis, applying the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, and any other applicable statutes, canons, and rules.

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

If confirmed, I will analyze and address any potential conflict of interest by applying the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, and any other applicable statutes, canons, and rules.

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.

Throughout my legal career, I have regularly contributed my time to serving the disadvantaged. For example, I have accepted appointments to represent indigent clients pro bono in termination of parental rights proceedings. At my firm, I also often represent low-income clients in family law matters, either pro bono or for a significantly reduced fee. Additionally, I have provided initial consultations for free to individuals participating in the Hudson County Bar Association Attorney Referral Program. Further, from 2019 to 2020, I worked with former New Jersey Governor James McGreevy to provide free legal consultations to formerly incarcerated people through the Governor's re-entry program. And from 2017 to the present, I have helped Union City, New Jersey Mayor Brian Stack host the Union City Law Day, which provides pro bono consultations to mostly Spanish speaking indigent citizens on all manner of legal issues.

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 April 28, 2021, I expressed to Senator Robert Menendez that I was interested in being considered for a vacancy on the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. On May 17, 2021, I interviewed with Senator Menendez. On June 1, 2021, I interviewed with Senator Cory Booker. On June 9, 2021, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. Since June 29, 2021, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the United States Department of Justice. On November 3, 2021, my nomination was submitted to the Senate.

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

No.