

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).

Zahid Nisar Quraishi

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: United States District Court  
Clarkson S. Fisher Building & U.S. Courthouse  
402 East State Street, Suite 7000  
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Residence: New Brunswick, New Jersey

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

1975; New York, New York

5. **Education**: List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

1997 – 2000, Rutgers Law School (Newark); J.D., 2000  
1993 – 1997, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; B.A. (*magna cum laude*), 1997

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

2020 – present  
Rutgers Law School (Newark)  
123 Washington Street

Newark, New Jersey 07102  
Adjunct Professor

2019 – present  
United States District Court  
District of New Jersey  
Clarkson S. Fisher Building & U.S. Courthouse  
402 East State Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08608  
United States Magistrate Judge

2013 – 2019  
Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP  
One Speedwell Avenue  
Morristown, New Jersey 07962  
Partner (2016 – 2019)  
Chief Diversity Officer (2019)  
Associate (2013 – 2016)

2008 – 2013  
United States Attorney's Office  
District of New Jersey  
970 Broad Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07102  
Assistant United States Attorney

2007 – 2008  
United States Department of Homeland Security  
26 Federal Plaza  
New York, New York 10278  
Assistant Chief Counsel

2007  
Update Legal  
400 Connell Drive  
Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922  
Contract Attorney

2003 – 2007  
United States Army  
Schweinfurt, Germany  
Tikrit, Iraq (February 2004 – September 2004)  
Ramadi, Iraq (August 2006 – February 2007)  
Judge Advocate, Captain

2001 – 2003

LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae LLP  
One Riverfront Plaza  
Newark, New Jersey 07102  
Associate

2000 – 2001  
New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division  
158 Headquarters Plaza  
Morristown, New Jersey 07960  
Law Clerk to the Honorable Edwin H. Stern, P.J.A.D.

1999  
Jamieson, Moore, Peskin & Spicer  
300 Alexander Park  
Princeton, New Jersey 08540  
Summer Associate

1998  
Rutgers Law School (Newark)  
123 Washington Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07102  
Research Assistant

Other Affiliations (uncompensated):

1998  
New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division  
Honorable Edwin H. Stern, P.J.A.D., Retired  
158 Headquarters Plaza  
Morristown, New Jersey 07960  
Judicial Intern

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.

2003 – 2007  
United States Army  
Captain, Judge Advocate General's Corps  
Honorably Discharged in 2007

I have registered for selective service.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other.

special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

Rutgers Law School (Camden) Asian Pacific American Law Student Association Lunar Banquet Honoree (2020)

Rutgers Law School (Newark) Muslim Law Student Association Gala Honoree (2020)

Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey Professional Achievement Award (2019)

South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey Standing Ovation Award (2019)

New Jersey Muslim Lawyers Association Trailblazer of the Year Award (2019)

Recognized by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *Best Lawyers in America*, and *Super Lawyers* in the area of white collar criminal defense (2018)

Rutgers Law School (Newark) Asian Pacific American Law Student Association Alumni Award (2017)

New Jersey Law Journal Leader of the Bar (2014)

United States Army, Judge Advocate General's Corps (2003 – 2007)

Bronze Star

Combat Action Badge

Army Commendation Medal x 2

Army Achievement Medal x 2

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Overseas Service Ribbon

National Defense Medal

New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal

Distinguished Honor Graduate, Judge Advocate General's Criminal Law Advocacy Course

Rutgers Law School (Newark)

Computer & Technology Law Journal, Managing Business Editor (1998 – 2000)

Moot Court Board, Member (1998 – 2000)

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

*Magna Cum Laude*

Dean's List (1993 – 1997)

Honors Program (1995 – 1997)

Distinguished Freshman Program (1994)

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.

Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey

Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey  
Trustee (2017 – 2019)

Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey  
Advisory Board Member (2019 – present)  
Trustee (2016 – 2019)

C. Willard Heckel Inn of Court  
Executive Committee Member (2016 – 2019)

New Jersey State Bar Association

United States Attorney's Office Alumni Association  
Trustee (2018 – 2019)

**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, 2001  
New York, 2003

There have been no lapses in membership.

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

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2018  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, 2001

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.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (2007)

- 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 that I have been a member of currently discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin. It is my understanding that the VFW formerly excluded women from its organization.

## **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.

*Client Update from the Riker Danzig Cannabis Law Group*, Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, LLP, 2018. 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.

None.

- c. Supply four (4) copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

Prior to my selection as a United States Magistrate Judge, I served as a trustee of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey. As a trustee, my name appears on the letterhead of the organization. I did not author the letters listed below and I

do not have any specific recollection of any discussions concerning the content of the letters.

Letter from the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey to White House Counsel, March 14, 2019. Copy supplied.

Letter from the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey to U.S. Senator Cory Booker, March 14, 2019. Copy supplied.

Letter from Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey to White House Counsel, March 15, 2018. Copy supplied.

- 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.

March 4, 2021: Panelist, Rutgers Law School, Annual Judicial Reception, Virtual Presentation. Recording available at <https://youtu.be/9mrUD03MpoQ>.

March 1, 2021: Panelist, Seton Hall Law School, Judicial Panel, Virtual Presentation. I discussed the value of judicial clerkships in my chambers and generally with the federal and state judiciary. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Seton Hall Law School is One Newark Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

February 2, 2021: Panelist, Columbia Law School, Office of Judicial Clerkships, A Discussion with Muslim American Federal Magistrate Judges, Virtual Presentation. Recording available at [https://columbiauniversity.zoom.us/rec/play/rCEUUmjwwqNRQNvxiiqFBvM0\\_1BqGJix\\_SV7VT910l6jnN4c13Vlpar-XkAyGPoCSS7VuIIAnWKkfBo\\_J.cCPJuv749bZfa71W](https://columbiauniversity.zoom.us/rec/play/rCEUUmjwwqNRQNvxiiqFBvM0_1BqGJix_SV7VT910l6jnN4c13Vlpar-XkAyGPoCSS7VuIIAnWKkfBo_J.cCPJuv749bZfa71W).

January 28, 2021: Presenter, South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey (SABA-NJ), Installation Dinner, Virtual Presentation. Recording available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eEnkhU6jnOdBC54FSszQKsV5hHD86VEL/edit>. Press coverage supplied.

January 26, 2021: Panelist, New York Muslim Bar Association, Pathway to Becoming Federal a Magistrate Judge, Virtual Presentation. Recording available at <https://open.spotify.com/show/16uD9Ijrn06r2MpFGxjsII..>

November 23, 2020: Panelist, New Jersey State Bar Association, Recent Developments in Professional Responsibility and Ethics, Virtual Presentation. Notes supplied.

November 19, 2020: Presenter, New Jersey Muslim Lawyers Association (NJMLA), Gala, Virtual Presentation. I briefly made remarks thanking the NJMLA board members and trustees for their time and effort and then issued the oath of office to incoming officers. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the NJMLA is 1075 Easton Avenue, Suite 11-302, Somerset, New Jersey 08873.

November 18, 2020: Panelist, Rutgers Law School (Camden), Asian Pacific American Law Student Association, "To the Federal Bench," Virtual Presentation. I spoke about my background and experience leading to my selection as a United States Magistrate Judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Rutgers Law School (Camden) is 217 North 5th Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102.

October 8, 2020: Panelist, New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA), "Leadership from the Bench," Virtual Presentation. I spoke about my background and experience leading to my selection as a United States Magistrate Judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the NJSBA is 1 Constitutional Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

June 30, 2020: Panelist, Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey (APALA-NJ), "United States Magistrate Judge Application Process," Virtual Presentation. I spoke about my background and experience leading to my selection as a United States Magistrate Judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for APALA-NJ is 494 Broad Street, Suite 210, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

February 20, 2020: Speaker, United States District Court (District of New Jersey), Naturalization Ceremony, Trenton, New Jersey. Transcript supplied.

February 7, 2020: Award Recipient, Rutgers Law School (Camden), Asian Pacific American Law Student Association, Camden, New Jersey. I made brief remarks acknowledging the organization and the award. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Rutgers Law School (Camden) is 217 North 5th Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102.

January 30, 2020: Presenter, South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey (SABA-NJ), Installation Dinner, New Brunswick, New Jersey. I briefly made remarks thanking the SABA-NJ board members and trustees for their time and efforts and then issued the oath of office to incoming officers. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The current President of SABA-NJ is Bhaveen R. Jani and his

employment address is Stark & Stark, 993 Lenox Drive, Building 2, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

November 18, 2019: Award Recipient, New Jersey Muslim Lawyers Association (NJMLA), Trailblazer Award, New Brunswick, New Jersey. I made brief remarks acknowledging the organization and the award. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the NJMLA is 1075 Easton Avenue, Suite 11-302, Somerset, New Jersey 08873.

November 7, 2019: Panelist, Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey (AFBNJ), "Federal Civil Jury Trial Practice," Trenton, New Jersey. I addressed areas of civil trial practice before members of the federal bar. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the AFBNJ is 970 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

November 7, 2019: Award Recipient, Rutgers Law School (Newark), Muslim Law Student Association Gala, Newark, New Jersey. I made brief remarks acknowledging the organization and the award. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Rutgers Law School (Newark) is 123 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

October 15, 2019: Panelist, New Jersey State Bar Association, Insights for the Federal Practitioner, New Brunswick, New Jersey. I addressed areas of civil trial practice before members of the state bar. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the NJSBA is 1 Constitutional Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

September 19, 2019: Speaker, United States District Court (District of New Jersey), Investiture Ceremony, Trenton, New Jersey. Transcript supplied.

September 18, 2019: Award Recipient, South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey, Standing Ovation Award, Somerset, New Jersey. I made brief remarks acknowledging the organization and the award. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The current President of SABA-NJ is Bhaveen R. Jani and his employment address is Stark & Stark, 993 Lenox Drive, Building 2, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

June 13, 2019: Award Recipient, Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey (APALA-NJ), Professional Achievement Award, West Orange, New Jersey. I made brief remarks acknowledging the organization and the award. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for APALA-NJ is 494 Broad Street, Suite 210, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

April 3, 2019: Moderator, Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP (Riker Danzig), Seminar on Implicit Bias, Morristown, New Jersey. I moderated a panel discussion on the subject of implicit bias in the workplace. I have no notes,

transcript, or recording. The address for Riker Danzig is One Speedwell Avenue, Morristown New Jersey 07962.

December 5, 2018: Speaker, New York City Bar Association (NYCBA), “Bridging the Gap on Criminal Practice,” New York, New York. I addressed the nuts and bolts of New Jersey criminal practice before members of the New York bar. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the NYCBA is 42 West 44th Street, New York, New York 10036.

November 15, 2018: Moderator, New Jersey Association for Justice (NJAJ), Seminar on Federal Criminal Practice, New Brunswick, New Jersey. I moderated a discussion on the nuts and bolts of federal criminal practice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the NJAJ is 150 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608.

October 24, 2018: Panelist, New Jersey Cannabis Media (NJCM) Summit, “ATC Application Process,” Monroe Township, New Jersey. I addressed the application process for those seeking to operate an alternative treatment center. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Press coverage supplied. The NJCM does not have a mailing address. The speaking engagement took place at Forsgate Country Club, 375 Forsgate Drive, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831.

August 22, 2018: Panelist, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (NJICLE), “Ethical Decision-Making at Every Stage of Litigation,” New Brunswick, New Jersey. I addressed ethical issues concerning representation in criminal cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the NJICLE is 1 Constitutional Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

May 17, 2018: Panelist, New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA), “Financial Fraud Update,” Atlantic City, New Jersey. I addressed new developments in the law concerning financial fraud cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the NJSBA is 1 Constitutional Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

April 12, 2018: Speaker, Inspector General Criminal Investigator Academy (IGCIA), “Defense Perspective on Public Corruption Investigations,” Washington, D.C. I addressed the defense counsel’s perspective on public corruption investigations before an audience of federal agents. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the IGCIA is 384 Marana Circle, Glynco, Georgia 31524.

March 29, 2018: Moderator, Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey (AFBNJ), “Navigating Corporate Internal Investigations: Perspectives from the Company, Private Counsel, and the Government,” West Orange, New Jersey. I moderated a discussion on corporate internal investigations before members of the federal bar. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Press coverage supplied.

The address for the AFBNJ is 970 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

January 11, 2018: Speaker, Inspector General Criminal Investigator Academy (IGCIA), "Defense Perspective on Public Corruption Investigations," Charleston, South Carolina. I addressed the defense counsel's perspective on public corruption investigations before an audience of federal agents. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the IGCIA is 384 Marana Circle, Glynco, Georgia 31524.

December 6, 2017: Speaker, New York City Bar Association (NYCBA), "Bridging the Gap on Criminal Practice," New York, New York. I addressed the nuts and bolts of New Jersey criminal practice before members of the New York bar. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the NYCBA is 42 West 44th Street, New York, New York 10036.

August 23, 2017: Panelist, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (NJICLE), "Ethical Decision-Making at Every Stage of Litigation," New Brunswick, New Jersey. I addressed ethical issues concerning representation in criminal cases. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the NJICLE is 1 Constitutional Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

August 10, 2017: Speaker, Office of Inspector General, "Defense Perspective on Public Corruption Investigations," Tampa, Florida. I addressed the defense counsel perspective on public corruption investigations before an audience of federal agents. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the IGCIA is 384 Marana Circle, Glynco, Georgia 31524.

May 25, 2017: Panelist, South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey (SABA-NJ), "Partnership Track," Parsippany, New Jersey. I addressed my background and path to becoming a partner at my law firm. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The current President of SABA-NJ is Bhaveen R. Jani and his employment address is Stark & Stark, 993 Lenox Drive, Building 2, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

April 28, 2017: Panelist, New Jersey Association for Justice (NJAJ), Prosecuting and Defending Public Officials: Lessons from the Bridgegate Investigation and Trial, Atlantic City, New Jersey. I addressed issues that arose during my representation of witnesses in a high-profile public corruption investigation. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the NJAJ is 150 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608.

April 27, 2017: Panelist, New Jersey Association for Justice (NJAJ), Speedy Trial and Excludable Time: Practical and Constitutional Concerns When Defendants are Incarcerated, Atlantic City, New Jersey. I addressed issues concerning a defendant's right to a speedy trial. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the NJAJ is 150 West State Street, Trenton, New

Jersey 08608.

April 20, 2017: Award Recipient, Rutgers Law School (Newark), Asian Pacific American Law Student Association, Alumni Award, Newark, New Jersey. I made brief remarks acknowledging the organization and the award. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. Press coverage supplied. The address for Rutgers Law School (Newark) is 123 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

October 27, 2016: Panelist, Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, LLP, "Hot Ethical Topics Faced by In-House Counsel," Morristown, New Jersey. I addressed ethical issues and conflicts concerning in-house counsel and corporate internal investigations. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for Riker Danzig is One Speedwell Avenue, Morristown New Jersey 07962.

Summer 2016: Speaker, United States District Court (District of New Jersey), "Nuts and Bolts of Federal Criminal Practice," Newark, New Jersey. I addressed areas of federal criminal practice before judicial law clerks. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Court is 50 Walnut Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

- 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.

Elizabeth Moore, *Law Students Learn Trial Skills This Fall in Hybrid Course*, Rutgers Law Media, Sept. 22, 2020. Copy supplied.

Elizabeth Moore & Mike Sapanic, *Rutgers Law Grad Becomes First Asian American Federal Judge in New Jersey*, Rutgers Law Media, July 30, 2019. Copy supplied.

Carl Glassman, *Nisar Quraishi, 73, Longtime Tribeca MD, 'Gave His Life to What He Loved'*, The Tribeca Trib, Apr. 19, 2020. Copy supplied.

*Zahid Quraishi*, NJBIZ, Mar. 4, 2019. Copy supplied. Reprinted in multiple media outlets.

*Riker Danzig Appoints Partner as Chief Diversity Officer*, New Jersey Law Journal, Feb. 27, 2019. Copy supplied.

Jessica Perry, *Riker Danzig Names First Chief Diversity Officer*, NJBIZ, Feb. 26, 2019. Copy supplied. Reprinted in multiple media outlets.

*Riker Danzig Names First Chief Diversity Officer*, New Jersey Business Magazine, Feb. 26, 2019. Copy supplied.

*When the Smoke Clears, Cannabis Will Be the Garden State's New Cash Crop*, Commerce Magazine, Feb. 7, 2019. Copy supplied.

*Zahid N. Quraishi Assumes Leadership of White Collar Criminal Practice*, NJB News Now, Feb. 1, 2019. Copy supplied.

Bill Wichert, *Ex-Apple Worker Gets 3 Years For Stealing From Company*, Law 360, June 1, 2018. Copy supplied.

Tom Bergeron, *Riker Danzig feels it has every issue of cannabis covered with 'new' practice group*, ROI-NJ, Apr. 10, 2018. Copy supplied.

Jeanie O'Sullivan, *Riker Danzig, Cole Schotz Launch NJ Cannabis Practices*, Law 360, Mar. 5, 2018. Copy supplied.

S.P. Sullivan, *AG Acts to Pull Doctor's License Over Payments*, The Star Ledger, Oct. 20, 2017. Copy supplied. Reprinted in multiple outlets.

Jeanie O'Sullivan, *NJ Wants To Yank Doc's License For Overprescribing Opioids*, Law 360, Oct. 19, 2017. Copy supplied. Reprinted in multiple outlets.

S.P. Sullivan, *'Keep Them Rolling': N.J. Doctor Accused of Pushing Dangerous Painkiller on Patients*, NJ.com, Oct. 19, 2017. Copy supplied.

Michael Booth, *Doctor Linked to Opioid Maker Sued By State Is Subject of Revocation Action*, New Jersey Law Journal, Oct. 19, 2017. 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.

United States Magistrate Judge (June 2019)  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

The District Court has jurisdiction over civil matters raising federal questions, civil matters with diversity of citizenship, and federal criminal matters. As a magistrate judge, I oversee pre-trial proceedings, including discovery, non-dispositive motion practice, and settlement negotiations in civil cases referred to me by District Judges. Where all parties consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction, I am authorized to preside over the entire civil case. I conduct initial appearances and bail hearings in certain felony criminal cases and oversee criminal cases in full when they involve petty offenses and misdemeanor charges.

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

None. I have not presided over any cases that have gone to verdict or judgment.

i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials: \_\_\_\_\_%  
bench trials: \_\_\_\_\_% [total 100%]

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings: \_\_\_\_\_%  
criminal proceedings: \_\_\_\_\_% [total 100%]

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

*Sullivan v. Borough of Atlantic City Highlands, et al.*, No. 19-19510 (MAS)(ZNQ), Dkt. No. 56 (D.N.J. Mar. 10, 2021).

*Wang v. New Jersey State Police, et al.*, No. 18-11933 (BRM)(ZNQ), Dkt. No. 47 (D.N.J. Mar. 1, 2021).

*Dealer Computer Services, Inc., et al. v. Muller Automotive Group, Inc., d/b/a Muller Toyota*, No. 19-20768 (FLW)(ZNQ), Dkt. No. 41 (D.N.J. Feb. 26, 2021).

*Freeman v. McDonnell, M.D., et al.*, No. 18-7802 (BRM)(ZNQ), 2021 WL 395875 (D.N.J. Feb. 4, 2021).

*Doe v. Middlesex Cnty., New Jersey, et al.*, No. 20-8626 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2021 WL 130480 (D.N.J. Jan. 14, 2021).

*Meehan v. Bath Auth. LLC, et al.*, No. 18-17444 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2021 WL 130483 (D.N.J. Jan. 14, 2021).

*Uber Driver Partner Emery v. Uber Tech. Inc., et al.*, No. 20-05156 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 7770248 (D.N.J. Dec. 30, 2020).

*Takata v. Riot Blockchain, Inc. et al.*, No. 18-2293 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 7640924 (D.N.J. Dec. 23, 2020).

*Nicholson v. Brennan*, No. 17-07144 (PGS)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 7398663 (D.N.J. Dec. 17, 2020).

*Sullivan v. Borough of Atlantic City Highlands, et al.*, No. 19-19510 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 6525465 (D.N.J. Nov. 11, 2020).

*Liberty Stone & Aggregates-Clinton Quarry, LLC v. Penn Jersey Machinery, LLC, et al.*, No. 19-9911 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 6523451 (D.N.J. Nov. 5, 2020).

*Shah v. Caesars Ent. Corp., et al.*, No. 18-14108 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 5912349 (D.N.J. Oct. 6, 2020).

*M.A. v. Wall Twp. Bd. of Educ.*, No. 20-5218 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 5760427 (D.N.J. Sept. 28, 2020).

*Cunningham v. Heraeus Inc.*, No. 19-13014 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 5253565 (D.N.J. Sept. 3, 2020).

*Goldfinch Design Studio LLC, et al. v. Collector's Universe, Inc., et al.*, No. 20-2542 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 5017351 (D.N.J. Aug. 25, 2020).

*Magnani v. Maddaluna, et al.*, No. 18-12930 (ZNQ), 2020 WL 4756571 (D.N.J. Aug. 17, 2020).

*Davis v. DeJoy*, No. 16-4473 (ZNQ), 2020 WL 4756273 (D.N.J. Aug. 17, 2020).

*United States v. Steven Weiner, et al.*, No. 18-16034 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 4596926 (D.N.J. Aug. 11, 2020).

*Testa v. Doe Potato, et al.*, No. 20-5511 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 4449003 (D.N.J. Aug. 3, 2020).

*Hatikvah Int'l Acad. Charter Sch. v. East Brunswick Twp. Bd. of Educ., et al.*, No. 20-2382 (AET)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 4448988 (D.N.J. Aug. 3, 2020).

*Academy Hill, Inc., et al. v. City of Lambertville, et al.*, No. 19-426 (BRM)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 3642694 (D.N.J. July 6, 2020).

*Williams v. Miles, et al.*, No. 18-12973 (BRM)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 3546808 (D.N.J. June 30, 2020).

*La Stella v. Aquion, Inc., et al.*, No. 19-10082 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 3489528 (D.N.J. June 26, 2020).

*Albino, et al. v. Home Depot*, No. 20-2626 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 2932946 (D.N.J. June 6, 2020).

*Kazmi Trading Corp. v. Lukoil N.A. LLC*, No. 19-15634 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 2319315 (D.N.J. May 11, 2020).

*Murguly v. United States of America, et al.*, No. 19-14471 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 2401354 (D.N.J. May 11, 2020).

*Symetra Life Ins. Co. v. JJK 2016 Ins. Trust*, No. 18-12350 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 833062 (D.N.J. Feb. 18, 2020).

*Doe v. College of New Jersey*, No. 19-20674 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 360719 (D.N.J. Jan. 22, 2020).

*Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. v. Lawless, et al.*, No. 19-13688 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2019 WL 6050755 (D.N.J. Nov. 15, 2019).

*Mason, et al. v. Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Trenton, et al.*, No. 18-10733 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2019 WL 5906837 (D.N.J. Nov. 8, 2019).

*Regan v. Ace Accounting Services, LLC, et al.*, No. 18-17290 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2019 WL 5569081 (D.N.J. Oct. 29, 2019).

*Shah v. Caesars Ent. Corp., et al.*, No. 18-14108 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2019 WL 5558356 (D.N.J. Oct. 28, 2019).

*Fragoso v. Piao, et al.*, 433 F. Supp. 3d 623 (D.N.J. 2019).

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*Doe v. Trishul Consultancy, LLC, et al.*, No. 18-16468 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2019 WL 4750078 (D.N.J. Sept. 30, 2019).

*Plastic Surgery Ctr., LLC v. Oxford Health Ins., Inc.*, No. 18-2608 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2019 WL 4750010 (D.N.J. Sept. 30, 2019).

*Barbot v. Clowney*, No. 18-11947 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2019 WL 4259700 (D.N.J. Sept. 9, 2019).

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*Barbot v. Clowney*, No. 18-11947 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2019 WL 3754443 (D.N.J. Aug. 8, 2019).

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1. *Doe v. Middlesex Cnty., New Jersey, et al.*, No. 20-8626 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2021 WL 130480 (D.N.J. Jan. 14, 2021)

Plaintiff, a pregnant inmate, filed this lawsuit against Defendants alleging that they handcuffed her while transporting her to and from prenatal visits, en route to the hospital while she was in labor, during labor, and during post-natal recovery. Plaintiff filed a motion to proceed with a pseudonym. I granted Plaintiff's request, finding that the *Megless* factors, on balance, weighed in favor of proceeding with a pseudonym. Specifically, I found that Plaintiff would be forced to relive her alleged trauma and that proceeding pseudonymously would allow Plaintiff to control the time and manner in which her son would learn of the circumstances of his birth. As a result, I found that protecting Plaintiff's identity outweighed the public's interest in knowing it based upon the specific circumstances of the case. The case is currently pending.

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2. *Takata v. Riot Blockchain, Inc., et al.*, No. 18-2293 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 7640924 (D.N.J. Dec. 23, 2020)

Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated, filed a complaint against Defendants alleging violations of Section 10(b) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, Rule 10b-5, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5, and various counts of vicarious liability for certain defendants. Plaintiff's complaint was dismissed without prejudice, and I allowed Plaintiff to seek leave to file an amended complaint, which cured the deficiencies in his first complaint. Plaintiff filed a motion for leave to file his consolidated second amended complaint, which I granted. The case is currently pending.

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3. *Nicholson v. Brennan*, No. 17-07144 (PGS)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 7398663 (D.N.J. Dec. 17, 2020)

Defendant Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service, moved for summary judgment against Plaintiff's claims alleging violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1974. The parties consented to Magistrate Judge jurisdiction over the dispositive motion. Plaintiff alleged disability discrimination and that he suffered retaliation for his engagement in protected activity during his employment with the United States Postal Service. Plaintiff did not present any dispute of material fact to withstand Defendant's summary judgment motion. Plaintiff failed to establish a claim for retaliation under Title VII, and also failed to establish a prima facie case of disability discrimination under the Rehabilitation act. Accordingly, I granted summary judgment in favor of Defendant.

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4. *Shah v. Caesars Ent. Corp., et al.*, No. 18-14108 (FLW)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 5912349 (D.N.J. Oct. 6, 2020)

Plaintiff brought this action against Defendants Caesars Interactive Entertainment, Caesars Entertainment Corporation, and 888 Holdings PLC. Defendants moved for summary judgment as to all of Plaintiff's claims. Plaintiff alleged that Defendants engaged in fraud and manipulations in making their online poker game, and alleged violations of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, common law fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) (the federal RICO statute), civil conspiracy, and the Unlawful Internet Gaming Act. I found that Plaintiff failed to establish a showing of unlawful conduct by Defendants. Plaintiff also failed to show that Defendants made misrepresentations regarding the online game. Moreover, Plaintiff could not bring forth a private cause of action under the federal RICO statute and the Unlawful Internet Gaming Act, and Plaintiff failed to establish that

Defendants violated either of those statutes. Accordingly, I granted summary judgment in favor of Defendants as to all claims.

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5. *Donald J. Trump for President, Inc., et al. v. Murphy, et al.*, No. 20-10753 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 6573382 (D.N.J. Sept. 23, 2020)

Plaintiffs filed this action challenging the validity of NJ A4475, which provided for universal mail-in voting, claiming it violated 3 U.S.C. § 1, 2 U.S.C. §§ 1, 7, the right to vote, and the Equal Protection Clause. Specifically, Plaintiffs

challenged NJ A4475 because it permitted election officials to begin canvassing mail-in ballots, but not in-person ballots, ten days before the election, allowed ballots that were not postmarked to be counted if received two days after election day, and required automatic mailing of ballots to all registered persons. The League of Women Voters of New Jersey and the NAACP of New Jersey both sought to intervene, either by right or permissively. I granted the intervenors' motion to permissively intervene. The District Judge ultimately resolved the matter by granting Defendants' motion to dismiss the complaint on an expedited basis.

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6. *Cunningham v. Heraeus Inc.*, No. 19-13014 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2020 WL 5253565 (D.N.J. Sept. 3, 2020)

Defendant was a wholly-owned subsidiary of a German company. Defendant operated a North American Shared Service Center, which performed financial-related services and functions for its various subsidiary companies and business units throughout North America. Plaintiff, an employee of Defendant, alleged that Defendant violated the Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA”), engaged in discriminatory compensation practices, and committed acts of racial and gender discrimination against him. Defendant sought partial judgment on the pleadings and summary judgment dismissing the Complaint, alleging that Plaintiff failed to state an FLSA or whistleblower claim and failed to provide evidence sufficient to support his retaliation claim. I granted summary judgment and judgment on the pleadings in favor of Defendant as to all claims except Plaintiff’s claim for unpaid overtime for which Plaintiff had not been compensated. Although Plaintiff’s complaint lacked critical allegations necessary to state a plausible FLSA overtime claim, I permitted Plaintiff the opportunity to file an amended complaint with respect to Plaintiff’s uncompensated overtime. Defendant’s motion to strike was granted in part and denied in part. The entire case ultimately settled before Plaintiff was required to file an amended complaint.

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7. *Brady v. Berman*, No. 20-05797(MAS)(ZNQ), Dkt. No. 15, (D.N.J. Aug. 18, 2020). Copy supplied.

Plaintiff brought a thirty-count complaint against Defendant alleging, among other things, that Defendant, while he served as a United States Attorney, engaged in a conspiracy with former partners at his law firm, various New York State Judges, and others. Plaintiff alleged this conspiracy was designed to ruin his and his wife's lives, careers, reputations, and abilities to make a living. Plaintiff filed for default because Defendant did not answer or otherwise file a responsive pleading to Plaintiff's complaint. Defendant then sought to vacate the clerk's entry of default claiming that Plaintiff had not properly served Defendant in his official capacity. Plaintiff argued that default should not be vacated because he was not suing Defendant in his official capacity. I granted Defendant's motion and found that at least some of Plaintiff's claims as alleged were against Defendant in his official capacity as a United States Attorney, and therefore, Plaintiff was required to properly serve the complaint pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in order for the action to commence. Plaintiff subsequently withdrew his case without prejudice.

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8. *Magnani v. Maddaluna, et al.*, No. 18-12930 (ZNQ), 2020 WL 4756571  
(D.N.J. Aug. 17, 2020)

Plaintiff was a teacher at a school district who was initially offered a ten-month employment contract by Defendants, the school district's board and its members. Defendants then renewed Plaintiff's contract for the upcoming school year and granted her a full-time teaching position. Following that year, Plaintiff received notice that her teaching contract would not be renewed. The district's Superintendent concluded that Plaintiff was not a good fit and recommended against renewing her contract. Plaintiff, who is approximately forty-five years old, was ultimately replaced by a teacher younger than her. Plaintiff filed this action against Defendants seeking damages for unlawful termination. Defendants moved for summary judgment. I granted summary judgment in favor of Defendants as to all claims.

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9. *Davis v. DeJoy*, No. 16-4473 (ZNQ), 2020 WL 4756273 (D.N.J. Aug. 17, 2020)

Plaintiff, a United States Postal Service employee, brought this action against the Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service, Louis DeJoy, alleging that she was retaliated against for engaging in protected activity when she filed five different complaints with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission over a nine-year period. In addition, Plaintiff alleged that her supervisors, among other things, verbally harassed her, dismantled her workstation, and did not change her work schedule when requested. Plaintiff was never demoted, her pay was not decreased, nor was she disciplined by her supervisors. She was also never denied sick or annual leave. Defendant moved for summary judgment. I granted summary judgment in favor of Defendant on all claims.

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10. *Mason, et al. v. Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Trenton, et al.*, No. 18-10733 (MAS)(ZNQ), 2019 WL 5906837 (D.N.J. Nov. 8, 2019)

Plaintiffs brought this action on behalf of their minor son, who was a student at St. Joseph Grade School. Plaintiffs alleged that while attending school, as the only African American student in the class, their son was continuously bullied by his classmates, and the school acted with deliberate indifference in response. Plaintiffs sought damages for several claims, and requested certain school records

regarding prior allegations, complaints, or incidents of harassment and bullying directed toward any student and based on, among other things, race. Plaintiffs also requested information and documents relating to the school's applications for admission, admission rates, graduation rates, un-enrollment rates, and related non-Caucasian student statistics. I granted Plaintiffs' request for school records but required that they be redacted to protect the identities of students. I further sustained Defendants' objection to Plaintiffs' request for information regarding admission, graduation, un-enrollment, and other statistics because Defendants claimed that they were not in possession of such information, and I found no reason to think otherwise. The case ultimately settled.

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

I have searched electronic databases to determine whether certiorari was requested or granted in any of my cases. I did not find any in which certiorari was requested or granted.

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

I have searched my files and electronic databases regarding the decisions I have written in the cases assigned to me. I did not find any in which I was reversed or affirmed with significant criticism.

- 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 magistrate judge, the majority of my decisions are unpublished opinions although some may be reported by Westlaw/Lexis. All my opinions and orders are filed with our court's electronic case filing system.

- h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

I have not written 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 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:

- 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.

No litigant or party has ever requested that I recuse myself due to an asserted conflict of interest. As a magistrate judge, I made the decision to recuse myself from all cases involving my former law firm for a period of twelve months. My determination was based upon the time period with which my former law firm may return a portion of my capital contribution. Any such funds have since been returned so there is no current financial tie to my former law firm.

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

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

I have not held public office other than judicial 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;

From August 2000 to August 2001 I served as a law clerk for the Honorable Edwin H. Stern of the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division.

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

I have not practiced law alone.

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

2000 – 2001

New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division  
Honorable Edwin. H. Stern P.J.A.D., Retired  
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Judicial Law Clerk

2001 – 2003

LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene, & MacRae LLP  
One Riverfront Plaza  
Newark, New Jersey 07102  
Associate

2003 – 2007

United States Army  
Schweinfurt, Germany  
Tikrit, Iraq  
Ramadi, Iraq  
Judge Advocate, Captain

2007

Update Legal  
400 Connell Drive  
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Contract Attorney

2007 – 2008

United States Department of Homeland Security  
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New York, New York 10278  
Assistant Chief Counsel

2008 – 2013

United States Attorney's Office  
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Assistant United States Attorney

2013 – 2019  
Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP  
One Speedwell Avenue  
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Partner and Chief Diversity Officer

2019 – present  
United States District Court  
Clarkson S. Fisher Building & U.S. Courthouse  
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Trenton, New Jersey 08608  
United States Magistrate Judge

2020 – present  
Rutgers Law School (Newark)  
123 Washington Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07102  
Adjunct Professor

- 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.

b. Describe:

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

My prior practice focused on criminal defense, complex civil litigation, and internal investigations.

After graduating from law school in 2000, I clerked for the Honorable Edwin H. Stern, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division (retired). Thereafter, I served as a litigation associate at LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae LLP until I joined the United States Army in 2003.

In the Army, I served as a judge advocate with the First Infantry Division stationed in Germany. I deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 and 2006 before being honorably discharged in 2007.

Upon returning home from the military to New Jersey in 2007, I served as an Assistant Chief Counsel with the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, where I represented the United States in political asylum matters.

In 2008, I joined the United States Attorney's Office in the District of New Jersey and served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney until 2013. In that role, I tried numerous federal criminal cases involving public corruption, financial fraud, perjury, firearms and narcotics offenses within the Special Prosecutions Division, as well as the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force and Government Fraud Units of the Criminal Division.

I returned to private practice in 2013 as Counsel at Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP. There, I gained extensive experience representing clients with government enforcement and compliance issues involving potential criminal charges. I regularly managed complex federal and state court litigation on behalf of corporations, and their officers, directors, and employees. I represented both companies and individuals in connection with criminal investigations involving violations of securities law, healthcare fraud, money laundering, computer crimes, environmental statutes, public corruption, and tax laws among other white collar areas of law. My practice also extended to representing both corporations and individuals in complex federal and state civil litigation. In 2016, I was promoted to Partner and in 2019, I served as Chairperson of the firm's White Collar Criminal Defense and Investigations practice group and the firm's first Chief Diversity Officer. As Chief Diversity Officer, I provided leadership in advancing the firm's diversity and inclusion values, and assumed overall responsibility for overseeing its diversity and inclusion goals.

On June 3, 2019, I was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey in the Trenton Vicinage. This past year, I also joined the faculty at Rutgers Law School (Newark) as an adjunct professor, teaching Trial Presentation to second- and third-year law students.

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

In private practice, my typical clients included individuals and corporations in connection with criminal litigation, civil litigation, government investigations, or internal investigations. As an Assistant

Chief Counsel and Assistant U.S. Attorney, I represented the United States in immigration proceedings and federal criminal cases respectively.

- 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.

Prior to my appointment to the federal bench, I regularly appeared in federal and state court between 2008 and 2019. As a practitioner, I typically appeared in court at least once per month, with the majority of my appearances in federal court.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1. federal courts:          | 65% |
| 2. state courts of record:  | 25% |
| 3. other courts:            | 5%  |
| 4. administrative agencies: | 5%  |

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- |                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. civil proceedings:    | 35% |
| 2. criminal proceedings: | 65% |

- 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 eight cases to verdict in which I served as lead counsel or co-lead counsel.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:

- |              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| 1. jury:     | 75% |
| 2. non-jury: | 25% |

- 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 United States Supreme Court.

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. *People v. Hammonds*, Indictment No. 5635/20176 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. Kings Cnty. 2017) (Chun, J.)

Along with co-counsel, I was responsible for the defense of my client, a former Special Forces medic and physician assistant, who was charged with a scheme to defraud his employer by falsifying timesheets, thereby misrepresenting the amount of hours he worked for his employer. The case was prosecuted by the New York Attorney General's Office and led to a bench trial. I served as lead counsel during the investigation and during the trial communicating with the prosecutor's office, managing all aspects of pre-trial discovery, providing the opening statement, conducting certain direct and cross examinations, and handling the sentencing hearing. The judge acquitted my client of the felony charge but found him guilty of a misdemeanor offense. At sentencing, the Court issued a non-custodial sentence of probation.

Judge:

Honorable Danny K. Chun  
Kings County Supreme Court (New York)

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Dates of representation: August 2, 2017 through March 13, 2019

2. *United States v. A Total of \$3,397,230.97 in United States Currency, et al.*, No. 2:15-cv-03952-MCA (D.N.J. 2015) (Arleo, J.)

Along with co-counsel, I represented a company in a civil forfeiture proceeding based on allegations of money laundering. The representation presented numerous challenges, especially with internal issues concerning the future operations of the company. I served as lead counsel handling all negotiations with the U.S. Attorney's Office and advice to the client. We successfully represented the company's interests by avoiding any criminal charges and the company was permitted to continue operations despite individual officers and board members facing pending criminal cases.

Co-counsel for Client:

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Dates of representation: June 11, 2015 through March 22, 2016

3. *Ruiz, et al. v. Stack, et al.*, Nos. HUD- L-971-14, HUD-L-937-14, HUD-L-3119-16, (N.J. Super. L. 2014) (Isabella, J.)

Along with co-counsel, I defended a not-for-profit organization against allegations of public corruption. Several police officers, through consolidated cases, alleged that they were passed over for promotion for failing to support the organization, which had been founded by a public official. I served as lead counsel managing all pre-trial discovery, appearing in court on behalf of the client, and managing all written work product submitted to the court. The judge ultimately granted summary judgment in favor of the defendants.

Judge:

Honorable Joseph V. Isabella  
New Jersey Superior Court, Hudson Vicinage

Co-counsel for Client:

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Dates of representation: March 4, 2014 through April 26, 2017

4. *United States v. Patela, et al.*, No. 11-cr-00491-NLH-1 (D.N.J. 2011) (Hillman, J.)

Along with co-counsel, I prosecuted a Newark Police Officer for bank fraud and bank bribery. I served as lead counsel managing pre-trial discovery, providing the opening statement, conducting certain direct and cross examinations, and handling the sentencing hearing. The case went to trial and the defendant was convicted on all counts by a jury. The defendant was sentenced to 48 months in prison.

Judge:

Honorable Noel L. Hillman, U.S.D.J.  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

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Counsel for Defendant:

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Dates of representation: February 23, 2011 through April 10, 2013

5. *United States v. Bryant, et al.*, No. 10-cr-646-FLW (D.N.J. 2010) (Wolfson, J.)

Along with co-counsel, I prosecuted a former state senator for bribery. I served as lead

counsel handling certain direct and cross examinations and providing the closing argument. The case went to a bench trial and the judge acquitted the defendant of the charged offenses.

Judge:

Honorable Freda L. Wolfson, Chief Judge  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Co-counsel for the United States:

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Counsel for Defendant:

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973-714-3474

Dates of representation: October 24, 2011 through May 8, 2012

6. *United States v. Salahuddin, et al.*, No. 10-cr-104-FLW (D.N.J. 2010) (Wolfson, J.)

Along with co-counsel, I prosecuted a public official and a business owner on public corruption charges, including conspiracy to commit extortion. I served as co-counsel providing the opening statement and handling certain direct and cross examinations. The case went to jury trial and resulted in a conviction. The public official was sentenced to one year and a day in prison. The business owner was sentenced to probation.

Judge:

Honorable Freda L. Wolfson, Chief Judge  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

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Dates of representation: August 23, 2010 through March 4, 2013

7. *United States v. Angulo, et al.*, No. 09-cr-703-RMB (D.N.J. 2009) (Bumb, J.)

Along with co-counsel, I prosecuted an individual drug courier for smuggling cocaine from Costa Rica in shampoo bottles. I served as co-counsel handling certain direct and cross examination and providing the closing argument. The case went to jury trial and the jury found the defendant guilty. The defendant was sentenced to 60 months in prison.

Judge:

Honorable Renee Marie Bumb, U.S.D.J.  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

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Dates of representation: August 25, 2009 through December 9, 2010

8. *United States v. Brown*, No. 2:09-cr-00677-FSH-1 (D.N.J. 2009) (Hochberg, J.)

Along with co-counsel, I prosecuted an individual drug courier for smuggling cocaine in suitcases from Jamaica. I served as co-counsel managing pre-trial discovery, providing the opening statement, and handling certain direct and cross examinations. The case went to jury trial, but prior to jury deliberations, and despite the co-defendant pleading guilty and testifying at trial, the judge acquitted the defendant, determining there was insufficient evidence to find that the defendant knew that the contraband she was smuggling was a controlled substance.

Judge:

Honorable Faith S. Hochberg, U.S.D.J. (Retired)  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Co-counsel for the United States:

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Dates of representation: December 12, 2008 through January 13, 2010

9. *United States v. Langforddavis, et al.*, No. 2:08-cr-00779-PGS-2 (D.N.J. 2009)  
(Sheridan, J.)

I prosecuted a convicted felon for possession of a firearm. The firearm was the off-duty firearm of a United States Deputy Marshal who was tried separately. I served as co-counsel conducting certain direct and cross examinations, providing the closing argument, and handling the sentencing hearing. The case went to jury trial and the defendant was convicted by the jury. The defendant was sentenced to 115 months in prison.

Judge:

Honorable Peter. G. Sheridan, U.S.D.J.  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Co-counsel for the United States:

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Calcagni Kanefsky LLP

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Counsel for Defendant:

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Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024  
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Dates of representation: November 24, 2008 through July 21, 2010

10. *United States v. Dobson, et al.*, No. 2:08-cr-00779-PGS-2 (D.N.J. 2009) (Sheridan, J.)

Along with co-counsel, I prosecuted a Deputy United States Marshal for providing a firearm to a convicted felon. The defendant also was charged with perjury based on false testimony he provided to a grand jury. This was the companion case to *United States v. Langforddavis*. I served as co-counsel providing the opening statement and closing argument, conducting certain direct and cross examinations, and handling the sentencing hearing. The case went to jury trial and the jury convicted the defendant on both charges. Subsequent to the jury verdict, the district judge vacated the conviction on the perjury charge, finding that no reasonable jury could have found the defendant guilty on that charge. We appealed the district court's ruling and the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit reinstated the perjury conviction. The defendant was sentenced to 45 months in prison.

Judge:

Honorable Peter G. Sheridan, U.S.D.J.  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Co-counsel for the United States:

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Counsel for Defendant:

Chester Keller  
First Assistant Federal Public Defender  
Federal Public Defender's Office  
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973-645-6347

Dates of representation: November 24, 2008 through October 14, 2010

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 a magistrate judge, I volunteered to assist a colleague in overseeing my courthouse's federal reentry program in Trenton, New Jersey. In this role, we work with a team consisting of members of the U.S. Probation Office, Federal Public Defender's Office, U.S. Attorney's Office, and community and business leaders. The goal of the program is to provide participants with needed services, support, and guidance along with heightened supervision in an effort to prevent recidivism.

As a practitioner, in addition to trials, I have been involved in substantial government investigations, which involved preparing clients for law enforcement interviews and trial testimony. I have also conducted numerous confidential internal investigations involving complex matters, including but not limited to, alleged financial fraud, public corruption, and environmental and other regulatory violations.

I have not performed any lobbying activities or registered as a lobbyist.

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

I currently teach Trial Presentation at Rutgers Law School in Newark, New Jersey. I taught this course initially during the Fall 2020 semester and again in the Spring 2021 semester as well. This course was the first hybrid class offered by the law school during the Covid-19 pandemic. The students review the different aspects of trial presentation and perform exercises on opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing arguments. The course concludes with a mock trial. Syllabi supplied.

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.

I have no anticipated income or benefits from uncompleted contracts, prior professional services, clients, or business interests.

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.

My only commitment is to complete teaching the Trial Presentation course this semester at Rutgers Law School (Newark), which concludes on April 21, 2021.

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

When my nomination is formally submitted to the Senate, I will file my Financial Disclosure Report and will supplement this Questionnaire with a copy of that 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.

None.

- 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 as a district court judge, I would continue to resolve any potential conflict of interest by adhering to the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, and all applicable policies and procedures of the United States Courts.

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 magistrate judge, although I am not permitted to represent clients in any capacity, I routinely contribute my time to continuing legal education organizations and participate in educational seminars sponsored by local bar associations and law schools.

Prior to my judicial appointment, I was heavily involved in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey's Federal Reentry Court Program (ReNew Court) as a mentor and later as a volunteer attorney. In this capacity, I spent several hours per year supporting participants in the program who recently served their federal prison sentences and sought support as they reintegrated into society. I also previously supervised associates assigned pro bono work at my law firm.

I also spent several years representing indigent criminal defendants in federal court as a member of the Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") Panel. In doing so, I served as court-appointed counsel with the privilege of providing representation to those who could not afford my legal services.

**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.

I first communicated with Senator Cory Booker's office regarding an opening on the United States District Court in my district in February 2020. I later interviewed with members of Senator Booker's Federal Selection Committee, his staff, and Senator Booker himself. I also interviewed with Senator Robert Menendez. I first received an email communication from attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office on January 27, 2021, to further discuss my potential candidacy with them. I spoke with attorneys from White House Counsel's Office that same day and was advised that I was being considered for one of the district judge vacancies in my district. Since January 27, 2021, I have been in contact with officials from White House Counsel's Office and the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On March 30, 2021, the President announced his intent to nominate me.

- 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.