

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).

Hernán Diego Vera

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

United States District Judge for the Central District of California

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.

Edelman Children's Court  
Department 420  
201 Centre Plaza Drive  
Monterey Park, California 91754

Residence: Los Angeles, California

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

1970; Escondido, California

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.

1991 – 1994, UCLA School of Law; J.D., 1994

1988 – 1991, Stanford University; B.A. (with distinction), 1991

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  
Edelman Children's Court

Department 420  
201 Centre Plaza Drive  
Monterey Park, California 91754  
Superior Court Judge

2015 – 2020  
Bird Marella P.C.  
1875 Century Park East, 23rd Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90067  
Principal

2002 – 2014  
Public Counsel  
610 South Ardmere Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90015  
President & CEO (2008 – 2014)  
Directing Attorney, Consumer Law Project (2002 – 2008)

1997 – 2002, 1994 – 1995, 1993  
O'Melveny & Myers LLP  
400 South Hope Street, 18th Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90005  
Counsel (2000 – 2002)  
Associate (1994 – 1995, 1997 – 2000)  
Summer Associate (1993)

1996 – 1997  
Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund  
634 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90014  
Staff Attorney

1995 – 1996  
United States District Court for the Central District of California  
312 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012  
Law Clerk for the Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall

Other affiliations (uncompensated unless otherwise indicated):

2010 – present  
State Justice Institute  
12700 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 340  
Fairfax, Virginia 22033  
Member, Board of Directors

2016 – 2020

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission  
World Trade Center

350 South Figueroa Street, Suite 288

Los Angeles, California 90071

Commissioner

Pursuant to Chapter 3.79.150 of the Los Angeles County Code, I was eligible for and received a stipend for meetings of the Civilian Oversight Commission that I attended. I was not otherwise compensated for my work on this Commission.

2013 – 2016

State Bar of California

180 Howard Street

San Francisco, California 94105

Member, Board of Trustees

2002 – 2008

California Reinvestment Coalition

77 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 101-1312

San Francisco, California 94102

Member, Board of Directors

1997 – 2002

Los Angeles Center for Law & Justice

5301 Whittier Boulevard, Fourth Floor

Los Angeles, California 90022

Member, Board of Directors

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

I did not serve in the military. I registered for the selective service upon turning 18.

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

Certificate of Commendation, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, in recognition of service on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission (2020)

Certificate of Commendation, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month (2018)

Certificate of Appreciation, Office of the City Attorney of Los Angeles (2015)

“Top 100” Lawyers in California, Daily Journal (2012)

“Alumnus of the Year” Award, UCLA La Raza Law Students Association (2012)

“Nonprofit Excellence” Award, Center for Nonprofit Management (2009)

Commencement Speaker & Honors, UCLA La Raza Graduation (2008)

“Top 20 Lawyers Under the Age of 40,” Daily Journal (2004)

Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, UCLA School of Law (2002)

Engineering Scholarship, AT&T Bell Labs (1988)

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.

Association of Business Trial Lawyers

Member, Board of Governors (2018 – 2020)

Co-Chair, Public Service Committee (2018 – 2019)

Beverly Hills Bar Association

California Judges Association

California Latino Judges Association

Los Angeles County Bar Association

Mexican American Bar Association

Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference

Ex-Officio Member (2014)

Lawyer Representative (2009 – 2013)

State Bar of California, Board of Trustees (2013 – 2016)

Executive Committee (2015 – 2016)

Chair, Access to Justice & Stakeholders Committee (2015 – 2016)

Liaison, Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (2015 – 2016)

Member, Standing Committee on Delivery of Legal Services (2015 – 2016)

Co-Chair, Executive Director Search Committee (2015)

Chair, Nominations & Appointments Committee (2014 – 2015)

Member, Applicant Evaluation & Nomination Committee (2014 – 2015)

Member, Civil Justice Strategies Task Force (2014 – 2015)  
Member, Task Force on Admissions Regulations Reform (2013 – 2015)

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.

California, 1994

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 Ninth Circuit, 1994  
United States District Court for the Central District of California, 1994

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.

California Reinvestment Coalition  
Vice-Chair (2007 – 2008)  
Member, Board of Directors (2003 – 2008)

Chancery Club of Los Angeles  
Member (2010 – present)

Equal Justice Society  
Member, Steering Committee for “Civil Rights at 50” (2013)  
Member, Gala Dinner Host Committee (2008)

Los Angeles Center for Law & Justice  
Member, Board of Directors (1997 – 2002)

Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Civilian Oversight Commission

Vice-Chair (2020)  
Commissioner (2016 – 2020)  
Lead, Ad Hoc Committee on Budget (2019 – 2020)  
Lead, Ad Hoc Committee on Subpoena Process (2019 – 2020)  
Lead, Ad Hoc Committee on Immigration (2017 – 2020)  
Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Inmate Welfare Fund (2018 – 2020)  
Member, Civilian Oversight Commission Working Group (2015 – 2016)

Open Courts Coalition  
Member, Steering Committee (2013 – 2016)  
Member (2011 – 2016)

Progressive Jewish Alliance  
Member, Gala Dinner Host Committee (2011)

Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
Co-Chair, Scam Awareness Committee (2013 – 2014)  
Member (2012 – 2014)

State Justice Institute  
Member, Board of Directors (2010 – present)  
Treasurer (approximately 2011 – 2016)

- 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 its 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.

*Introduction of 2018 Scholarship Recipients*, Ass'n of Bus. Trial Laws. Rep. (Spring 2018). Copy supplied.

*Looking for Big Solutions for Access to Justice in California*, L.A. Law. (Nov. 2014). Copy supplied.

With David Daniels, *Applauding Increased Pro Bono Work by In-house Counsel*, Daily J. (Oct. 30, 2014). Copy supplied.

With Judy London, *Let's Live Up To America's Promise*, Daily J. (Aug. 4, 2014). Copy supplied.

*Diversity of Experience Key in Next Justice*, Daily J. (Feb. 19, 2014). Copy supplied.

*U.S. Early Education Focus Can Close Achievement Gaps – and Political Ones*, Huffington Post (Mar. 19, 2013). Copy supplied.

*People Living at the Poverty Line Need a MY\$23K Campaign*, Huffington Post (Dec. 31, 2012). Copy supplied.

*Hablemos de sus dudas sobre Acción Diferida*, Huffington Post (Sept. 13, 2012). Copy supplied.

*Who's Watching Out for Farm Workers Left Out in the Heat?*, Huffington Post (July 3, 2012). Copy supplied.

*The Silent Casualties of Immigration Scams*, Huffington Post (May 18, 2012). Copy supplied.

*The Education Revolution*, Huffington Post (May 5, 2012). Copy supplied.

*Dispelling the Common Myths about Careers in Public Interest Law, Survival Guide for New Attorneys in California*, L.A. Cty. Bar. Ass'n Newsl. (Fall 2011). Copy supplied.

*Got taxes?*, L.A. Times (May 13, 2011). Copy supplied.

*Deporting the Constitution*, Daily J. (Jan. 21, 2011). Copy supplied.

*Concentrating on Little Big Things*, Daily J. (Dec. 1, 2010). Copy supplied.

*Fighting Against Cuts to Child Care Funding*, Daily J. (Nov. 8, 2010). Copy supplied.

*Operation Iraqi Freedom Is Not Over for Veterans*, Daily J. (Sept. 8, 2010). Copy supplied.

*Punishing the Pro Bonos*, Daily J. (July 16, 2010). Copy supplied.

*Riffing Our Children's Future*, Daily J. (June 11, 2010). Copy supplied.

*Letter to a Young Public Interest Attorney*, L.A. Pub. Interest L.J., Vol. I (2009). Copy unavailable.

With Dan Grunfeld, *Lawmakers Must Suppress Predatory Lending Practices*, Daily J. (Mar. 14, 2003). 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.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Resolution Of The Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission Expressing No Confidence In Sheriff Alex Villanueva's Leadership* (Oct. 15, 2020). Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Resolution Of The Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission Condemning Acts Of Violence* (Sept. 17, 2020). Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee Report* (Sept. 8, 2020). The Commission had a standard practice to include the names of all the Commissioners on its letterhead. Although, as a Commissioner, my name appeared on the letterhead, I did not sign this report, and, to the best of my knowledge, I did not write, edit, participate, or consult in any way in its preparation, and the board was never asked to vote on or approve its contents. Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Immigration Policy Adherence Report* (Aug. 25, 2020). The Commission had a standard practice to include the names of all the Commissioners on its letterhead. Although, as a Commissioner, my name appeared on the letterhead, I did not sign this report, and, to the best of my knowledge, I did not write, edit, participate, or consult in any way in its preparation, and the board was never asked to vote on or approve its contents. Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Use of Force Reform Recommendations* (July 30, 2020). Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Annual Report 2019* (Dec. 31, 2019). Although, as a Commissioner, my name appeared in the

report, I did not write, edit, participate, or consult in any way in its preparation, and the board was never asked to vote on or approve its contents. Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Motion Requesting Investigation Into Harassment Of Families Following A Fatal Use Of Force* (Nov. 19, 2019). Copy supplied

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Resolution Of The Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission Re Brady List* (Oct. 22, 2019). Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Resolution Of The Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission In Support Of The Removal And Use Of The Fort Apache Seal From The East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station* (July 23, 2019). Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *L.A. County Sheriff's Department Cooperation With Immigration And Customs Enforcement Final Report* (May 21, 2019). Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Motion re Secret Deputy Subgroups* (Apr. 23, 2019). Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Resolution Recommending that the Mira Loma Women's Detention Center Be Rejected* (Jan. 22, 2019). Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Annual Report 2018* (Dec. 13, 2018). Although, as a Commissioner, my name appeared in the report, I did not write, edit, participate, or consult in any way in its preparation, and the board was never asked to vote on or approve its contents. Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Report Of The Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission Family Assistance And Communication Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations* (Sept. 27, 2018). Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Final Report Of The Ad Hoc Committee Of The Civilian Oversight Commission Regarding Body Worn Cameras And Recommendations Of The Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission* (July 26, 2018). Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Mira Loma Women's Detention Center Project Update* (May 15, 2018). The Commission had a standard practice to include the names of all the Commissioners on its letterhead. Although, as a Commissioner, my name appeared on the letterhead, I did not sign this report, and, to the best of my knowledge, I did not write, edit,

participate, or consult in any way in its preparation, and the board was never asked to vote on or approve its contents. Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Update Regarding LASD Progress Made In Developing A Plan For PREA Compliance* (Feb. 28, 2018). The Commission had a standard practice to include the names of all the Commissioners on its letterhead. Although, as a Commissioner, my name appeared on the letterhead, I did not sign this report, and, to the best of my knowledge, I did not write, edit, participate, or consult in any way in its preparation, and the board was never asked to vote on or approve its contents. Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Report Of The Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission Regarding The Mental Evaluation Team Program Of The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department* (Feb. 15, 2018). Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Annual Report 2017* (Dec. 31, 2017). Although, as a Commissioner, my name appeared in the report, I did not write, edit, participate, or consult in any way in its preparation, and the board was never asked to vote on or approve its contents. Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Revised Report of the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission Regarding the Unmanned Aircraft System Program of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department* (Sept. 28, 2017). Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Resolution Of The Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission Recommending That The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Disclose Data Regarding Discipline, Shootings And Other Uses Of Force, And Citizen Complaints On A Publicly Accessible Website* (May 25, 2017). Copy supplied.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Resolution Of The Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission In Support Of Sheriff Jim McDonnell Providing Sheriff Deputies' Misconduct List To The District Attorney's Office* (Mar. 27, 2017). Copy supplied.

Working Group of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, *Report to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors* (June 22, 2015). Copy supplied.

State Bar of California, *Civil Justice Strategies Task Force Report and Recommendations* (Feb. 15, 2015). Copy supplied.

Public Counsel, *2014 Annual Report* (Feb. 2015). Copy supplied.

State Justice Institute, *Celebrating 30 Years of Improving the Administration of Justice in Our State Courts* (Nov. 2014). Copy supplied.

State Bar of California, *Task Force on Admissions Regulation Report – Phase II Final Report* (Sept. 25, 2014). Copy supplied.

Public Counsel, *2013 Annual Report* (Jan. 2014). Copy supplied.

Public Counsel, *2012 Annual Report* (Feb. 2013). Copy supplied.

I understand that I am listed as a signatory and “partner” to the 2012 report issued by the United Way of Greater Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce entitled “Home for Good: The Action Plan to End Chronic and Veteran Homelessness by 2016 (2012 Update),” available at <http://homeforgoodla.org/app/uploads/2021/03/2012-Home-For-Good-Action-Plan.pdf>. I did not write, edit, participate, or consult in any way in the report’s preparation.

Public Counsel, *2011 Annual Report* (Feb. 2012). Copy supplied.

Public Counsel, *Center for Veterans Advancement: 2010 Advocacy Report* (2010). Copy supplied.

Public Counsel, *Federal Pro Se Clinic Annual Report, 2009 – 2010* (Sept. 2010). Copy supplied.

Jones Day, *Pro Bono Report 2005* (2006). 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.

From 2010 to the present, I have served on the board of directors of the State Justice Institute (SJI), a quasi-governmental agency that provides federal grants to state court systems. President Barack Obama appointed me to the board in 2010, and I was confirmed by the Senate by voice vote. As a board member, I have participated in quarterly board meetings where I have provided input on matters of public policy. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings from those meetings, but copies of responsive minutes and publicly-issued grant guidelines are supplied. Also supplied are copies of all SJI newsletters published from 2010 onwards. Although, as a board member, my name appeared on each of these newsletters, to the best of my knowledge I did not write, edit, participate, or consult in any way in their preparation, and the board was never asked to vote on or approve their contents.

From 2018 to 2020, I served on the board of governors of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. That organization published a quarterly newsletter that included on its masthead the names of all the board members. I have supplied copies of all the newsletters from the period when I served on the board. With the exception of one article authored by me (separately identified in response to Question 12a above), however, to the best of my knowledge I did not write, edit, participate, or consult in any way in the preparation of these newsletters, and the board was never asked to vote on or approve their contents.

From 2016 to 2020, I served on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appointed me to the commission in 2016. As a commission member, I attended regular public meetings where I spoke and voted on matters of public policy. Video links are included in the commission's minutes, which are available at [https://lacounty.gov/compub/?department=compub&lang=&querytext=\\* &searchTerm=1&deptType=com&agency=Civilian+Oversight+Commission&Agendas=1&Minutes=1&fromDate=05%2F19%2F2015&toDate=05%2F19%2F2021&rowsPerPage=100#](https://lacounty.gov/compub/?department=compub&lang=&querytext=* &searchTerm=1&deptType=com&agency=Civilian+Oversight+Commission&Agendas=1&Minutes=1&fromDate=05%2F19%2F2015&toDate=05%2F19%2F2021&rowsPerPage=100#). I have also supplied copies of all publicly available correspondence sent from the commission to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department during the period that I served on the commission. The commission had a standard practice to include the names of the commissioners on its letterhead. Although my name appeared on the letterhead, to the best of my knowledge I did not write, edit, participate, or consult in any way on any correspondence from the commission that I did not personally sign.

*Hearing on Motion 20-4481*, L.A. Cty. Bd. of Supervisors (Sept. 1, 2020) (testimony given as member of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission). Video available at [https://lacounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=1&clip\\_id=7992](https://lacounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=1&clip_id=7992).

From 2013 to 2016, I served on the board of trustees of the State Bar of California. The California Supreme Court appointed me to the board in 2013. As a board member, I attended regular public meetings and provided input on matters of public policy. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings from those meetings, but copies of responsive minutes are supplied.

*Hearing on Creation of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Civil Oversight Commission*, L.A. Cty. Bd. of Supervisors (July 28, 2015). I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied.

*Hearing on Patient Dumping*, U.S. Comm'n on Civ. Rts. (Mar. 14, 2014). Copy supplied.

Letter to Senators Leahy and Grassley from Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Support of Confirmation of Debo P. Adegbile to be Assistant

Attorney General (Feb. 6, 2014). Copy supplied.

Letter to Governor Brown from Coalition of Legal Nonprofits, Civil Rights Groups, and Academia in Support of AB 420 (Aug. 15, 2013). Copy supplied.

Letter to Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors from ACLU of Southern California and Others in Support of AB 109 (July 13, 2011). Copy supplied.

Letter to Los Angeles City Council from Public Counsel in Support of Mixed Income Housing Ordinance (May 18, 2009). Copy supplied.

*Hearing, Poverty & Race Res. Action Council* (Sept. 9, 2008). At this public meeting, I spoke about legal issues associated with the 2008 foreclosure crisis. I have no notes, transcript, or recording.

- 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 made best efforts to identify all of my public speeches and talks. The following list reflects all of the information (including partial information) that I was able to find after a diligent search of all available sources. There may, however, be other speeches or talks that I have been unable to recall or identify.

April 9, 2021: Panelist, "Judicial Mentor Program Outreach Presentation: Public Interest Focus," Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, California (virtual). I spoke as part of a panel of Los Angeles Superior Court judges regarding the Judicial Mentor Program. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the Los Angeles Superior Court is 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

July 23, 2020: Panelist, "A Live Conversation with Supervisor Hilda Solis," Los Angeles, California (virtual). Video available at <https://www.facebook.com/hildasolis/videos/3492334687443184>.

April 24, 2018: Presenter, Association of Business Trial Lawyers Annual Gala Dinner, Los Angeles, California. Copy supplied in response to Question 12a.

January 6, 2016: Panelist, "MCLE Panel on State Bar Committees & Reception for State Bar President David Pasternak," Asian Pacific American Bar

Association (APABA), Los Angeles, California. I was part of a panel that discussed how to apply to and serve on State Bar committees. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of APABA is 1145 Wilshire Boulevard, Second Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017.

March 20, 2015: Speaker, 2015 Annual Meeting, International Academy of Trial Lawyers (IATL), Santa Barbara, California. I spoke about the power of pro bono work, and the impact and challenges of public interest litigation. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of IATL is 5842 Cedar Lake Road, Suite 104, St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55416.

January 23, 2015: Panelist, "An Examination of Patient Dumping After Thirty Years of EMTALA," 2015 Annual Meeting, Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Washington, District of Columbia. I was part of a panel about the problem of homeless patient dumping, and the legal strategies that have been tried to prevent and address this practice. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for AALS is 1614 20th Street, Northwest, Washington, District of Columbia 20009.

November 24, 2014: Panelist, Public Discussion with Consul General of Mexico, Mexican Consulate, Los Angeles, California. At a public meeting with nonprofit legal groups and other service providers, I was on a panel that discussed various types of fraud prevalent in the immigrant community and identified publicly available services that could help address such issues. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but a summary of the event is supplied. The address of the Mexican Consulate is 2401 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, California 90057.

November 20, 2014: Speaker, 2014 William J. Lasarow Awards, Public Counsel, Los Angeles, California. I made introductory remarks on behalf of Public Counsel at this event honoring and celebrating the pro bono work of Southern California bankruptcy lawyers. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address of Public Counsel is 610 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005.

June 19, 2014: Speaker, 2014 Douglas Dinner, Public Counsel, Los Angeles, California. Speech supplied.

November 21, 2013: Speaker, 2013 William J. Lasarow Awards, Public Counsel, Los Angeles, California. I made introductory remarks on behalf of Public Counsel at this event honoring and celebrating the pro bono work of Southern California bankruptcy lawyers. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but a summary of the event is supplied. The address of Public Counsel is 610 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005.

September 12, 2013: Speaker, 2013 Douglas Dinner, Public Counsel, Los Angeles, California. Speech supplied.

August 16, 2013: Panelist, Public Discussion with Mexican Ambassador and Consul General of Mexico, Mexican Consulate, Los Angeles, California. At a public meeting with nonprofit legal groups and other service providers, I was on a panel that discussed various services available to immigrants in the United States. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but a summary of the event is supplied. The address of the Mexican Consulate is 2401 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, California 90057.

July 24, 2013: Presenter, 2013 Pro Bono Awards, Public Counsel, Los Angeles, California. I made introductory remarks on behalf of Public Counsel at this event honoring and celebrating the work of Public Counsel's pro bono volunteers. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but a summary of the event is supplied. The address of Public Counsel is 610 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005.

June 2013 (date unknown): Panelist, "Crisis in the Courts and Access to Justice," Alston & Bird LLP, Los Angeles, California (virtual). I was part of a panel of pro bono providers speaking to various offices of the Alston & Bird law firm about cuts to court funding, challenges in providing legal representation to low-income communities, and pro bono opportunities. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but a summary of the event is supplied. The address of Alston & Bird LLP is 333 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California 90071.

June 12, 2012: Speaker, 2012 William J. Lasarow Awards, Public Counsel, Los Angeles, California. I made introductory remarks on behalf of Public Counsel at this event honoring and celebrating the pro bono work of Southern California bankruptcy lawyers. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but a summary of the event is supplied. The address of Public Counsel is 610 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005.

April 22, 2012: Speaker, 2012 Douglas Dinner, Public Counsel, Los Angeles, California. Speech supplied.

February 9, 2012: Speaker, UCLA La Raza Alumni Dinner, UCLA Law Raza Law Student Association, Los Angeles, California. I spoke about how attorneys can make a difference through public service. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of the UCLA La Raza Law Student Association is UCLA School of Law, 385 Charles E. Young Drive East, Los Angeles, California 90095.

October 23, 2011: Presenter, 2011 Just Fashion, Public Counsel, Los Angeles, California. I gave introductory remarks about Public Counsel and public service at this fundraising event. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but a video summary of the event is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7UWYenEX7rI>. The address of Public Counsel is 610 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005.

June 15, 2011: Presenter, 2011 Pro Bono Awards, Public Counsel, Los Angeles, California. I gave introductory remarks on behalf of Public Counsel at this event honoring and celebrating the work of Public Counsel's pro bono volunteers. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address of Public Counsel is 610 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005.

May 18, 2011: Panelist, "Helping Self-Represented Litigants in the Federal Courts: Pro Bono Opportunities and Innovative Partnerships," Self-Represented Litigation Network Pre-Conference to the 2011 Equal Justice Conference, Equal Justice Works, Las Vegas, Nevada. I was on a panel that discussed various *pro se* clinic models in federal courts around the country. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Equal Justice Works is 1730 M Street, Northwest, Suite 800, Washington, District of Columbia 20036.

April 8, 2011: Panelist, "How Can the Legal Profession Contribute to the Advancement of Access to Justice: Pro Bono Clearing Houses, The Four Pillars of Access to Justice," Pro Bono & The Legal Profession: Strengthening Access to Justice Conference, Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice and Fundación Pro Bono-Chile, Santiago, Chile. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but a summary of the event is supplied. The address of the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice is 42 West 44th Street, New York, New York 10036. The address of Fundación Pro Bono-Chile is Gral Bustamante 26, Providencia, Región Metropolitana, Santiago, Chile.

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In November 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom appointed me to the Los Angeles Superior Court. Since that time, I have served as a Superior Court Judge in the Juvenile Division, where I handle dependency cases at the Edelman Children's Court in Monterey Park, California. The dependency court is a court of limited jurisdiction, adjudicating child abuse and neglect cases brought on behalf of minors under the

California Welfare & Institutions Code.

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

As a Superior Court Judge, I have presided over approximately 200 cases that have gone to verdict or judgment.

- i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	0%
bench trials:	100%

- ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings:	100%
criminal proceedings:	0%

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

I do not write opinions in my dependency cases. All matters are disposed of through findings on the record or with minute orders generated by court staff.

- 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).

Under California law, orders and case files in dependency proceedings are confidential except in narrow circumstances, so as to ensure the protection of minors. *See* Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code § 827; L.A. Sup. Ct. L.R. 7.2. For this reason, I am unable to provide the requested specifics concerning the matters I have adjudicated as a Superior Court Judge.

The dependency cases I handle involve allegations of child abuse and neglect brought against parents by the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. My orders generally encompass: (a) detaining and removing children from their parents' custody where there is substantial risk to the children's physical or emotional safety; (b) ordering family reunification services to provide parents with the tools needed to overcome the issues that led to removal; (c) adjudicating issues of child placement and parental visitation while children are in the foster care system; (d) terminating parental rights where reunification is not possible; and/or (e) approving adoptions or legal guardianships in appropriate circumstances.

- 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.

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

To the best of my knowledge, after a review of my files and a search of available legal databases, I have not presided over any case 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.

To the best of my knowledge, after a review of my files and a search of available legal databases, none of my decisions have been reversed or criticized by a reviewing court.

- 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.

I do not write opinions in my dependency cases. All matters are disposed of through findings on the record or with minute orders generated by court staff. The orders and case files are maintained by the Los Angeles Superior Court Clerk's Office, but they are confidential and unavailable to the public. *See* Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code § 827; L.A. Sup. Ct. L.R. 7.2.

- 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 authored any significant opinions on any 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 any 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.

As a Superior Court Judge, I assess the necessity and appropriateness of recusal by applying the test laid out in California Civil Procedure Code § 170.1; I have never found it necessary to recuse myself from any case. California also has an "automatic" recusal process by which parties can recuse a judge, without specifying a reason, at the commencement of an action. *See* Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 170.6.

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.

In 2016, I was appointed by Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission. I was elected to the position of Vice Chair in 2020, and resigned from the Commission upon my appointment to the bench in November 2020.

In 2010, I was appointed by President Barack Obama to the board of directors of

the State Justice Institute, and I was confirmed by the Senate by voice vote. I have served on the board from 2010 to the present.

- 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 never held a position or played any role in any political campaign, nor have I held office in or provided services to any political party or election committee.

In 2012, after Mike Feuer was elected City Attorney of Los Angeles, but before he was sworn into office, I served on his transition team to assist in providing logistical and operational recommendations to his incoming staff.

In 2009, after Carmen Trutanich was elected City Attorney of Los Angeles, but before he was sworn into office, I served on his transition team to assist in providing logistical and operational recommendations to his incoming staff.

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;

I served as a law clerk to the Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall on the United States District Court for the Central District of California from 1995 to 1996.

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

I have never practiced law alone.

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

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Summer Associate (1993)

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President & CEO (2008 – 2014)  
Directing Attorney, Consumer Law Project (2002 – 2008)

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2020 – present  
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Superior Court Judge

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

I have never 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.

I began my legal career in 1994 as a litigation associate at O'Melveny & Myers LLP in Los Angeles. In 1995, I clerked for the Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall on the United States District Court for the Central District of California. At the conclusion of my clerkship, I joined the Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund as an education staff attorney, where I worked on a challenge to Proposition 187 and other education-related cases. In 1997, I returned to private practice and spent

an additional five years at O'Melveny, where I worked on all aspects of complex business litigation, with a focus on class actions, insurance defense, and intellectual property.

In 2002, I accepted a position as the Directing Attorney of Public Counsel's Consumer Law Project. In that role, I litigated hundreds of consumer fraud matters on behalf of low-income, disabled, and elderly clients throughout Southern California. I also regularly staffed community legal clinics and provided technical support to dozens of pro bono attorneys from private law firms working on cases assigned to them by Public Counsel. Further, I litigated numerous class actions and other impact cases in the areas of housing, public benefits, disability law, employment, foreclosure fraud, community development, immigration, education, and other civil rights matters.

In 2008, I was appointed President & CEO of Public Counsel. My primary responsibilities included managing the organization's staff, supervising its legal work, reporting to the board of directors, and raising funds through private donors, foundations, and other grants.

In 2015, I returned to the practice of law, joining Bird Marella P.C., a mid-sized litigation boutique, as a principal. At the firm, I litigated and tried complex business disputes, representing plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal court. My practice focused on commercial civil litigation, with an emphasis on intellectual property and business-related torts.

In November 2020, I was appointed by California Governor Gavin Newsom to the Los Angeles Superior Court. Since that time, I have served as a Superior Court Judge in the Juvenile Division, where I adjudicate child abuse and neglect cases brought on behalf of minors under the California Welfare & Institutions Code.

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

During my periods of employment at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, I mostly represented corporate defendants in complex business disputes. My typical clients included Fortune 500 companies in the insurance, automotive, hospitality, and technology sectors.

While at Public Counsel, I exclusively represented low-income clients, including families, children, immigrants, seniors, veterans, and disabled individuals.

At Bird Marella P.C., my typical clients included mostly corporate plaintiffs and defendants in contract-related and intellectual property

disputes, as well as executives and investors participating in those commercial disputes.

- 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.

From 1994 to 2008, and then again from 2015 to 2020, 100 percent of my practice involved litigation. During these years, I appeared in both state and federal courts on a frequent basis.

From 2008 to 2014, I served as President & CEO of Public Counsel, and my role in the litigation handled by the organization was primarily limited to overall supervision and management. I estimate that litigation-related tasks and meetings comprised approximately 20 percent of my time during this period.

From December 2020 to the present, I have served as a Superior Court Judge, and in that capacity, I conduct court proceedings every day.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1. federal courts:          | 35% |
| 2. state courts of record:  | 65% |
| 3. other courts:            | 0%  |
| 4. administrative agencies: | 0%  |

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- |                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| 1. civil proceedings:    | 100% |
| 2. criminal proceedings: | 0%   |

- 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 or final decision. Four of these were jury trials, two were bench trials, and two were complex, multi-week arbitrations. I was co-lead counsel in five of the cases, and associate counsel in the remaining three.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:

- |              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| 1. jury:     | 50% |
| 2. non-jury: | 50% |

- 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. *California v. City of L.A.*, No. BC147094 (L.A. Sup. Ct.)

This case was brought by the California Attorney General's Office against the City of Los Angeles alleging breach of fiduciary duty and other claims relating to the use of trust funds at the Port of Los Angeles. I was the lead associate for the City on this multi-year case. I prepped witnesses for deposition, conducted written discovery, developed expert witness testimony, drafted various key portions of dispositive motions, and prepared the case for trial. The case settled on the eve of trial. The dates of my representation were 1997 to 2001. The case was heard by Judge Carolyn B. Kuhl of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

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2. *Gregory Johnson v. Ford Motor Co.*, No. 647076-9 (Fresno Sup. Ct.)

This was a “lemon law” and title fraud case brought by an individual plaintiff against Ford Motor Company. I represented the defendant. I conducted most of the discovery, drafted the relevant motions, led the settlement negotiations, and prepared the case for trial. After a trial of nearly a month, the jury awarded compensatory and punitive damages against our client. The appeal to the California Supreme Court (litigated after I had left the firm) resulted in an important opinion, still cited today, on the limits of punitive damages. *See Johnson v. Ford Motor Co.*, 35 Cal. 4th 1191 (2005). The dates of my representation were 2000 to 2002. The case was heard and decided by Judge Edward Sarkisian, Jr., of the Fresno Superior Court.

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3. *Hua Bai v. Bob Wondries Toyota*, No. BC286661 (L.A. Sup. Ct.)

The plaintiffs were Mandarin-speaking customers subjected to fraud and discriminatory financing practices by a local automobile dealership. I represented the plaintiffs with co-counsel Asian Americans Advancing Justice and private counsel. As lead counsel, I was involved in all aspects of the litigation – including the drafting of the complaint, written discovery, depositions, expert witness development, motion practice, and settlement negotiations. The case resulted in a settlement with broad injunctive relief terms. The case also was significant because the underlying facts inspired legislation amending California Civil Code § 1632 to require translation of certain consumer contracts into Korean, Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Tagalog. As the lead counsel for the plaintiffs, I spearheaded and was directly involved in all aspects of the litigation. The dates of my representation were 2002 to 2004. The case was heard and decided by Judge James R. Dunn of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

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4. *Reyes v. Kaiser Found. Hosps.*, No. BC362075 (L.A. Sup. Ct.)

In 2005, Ms. Reyes, a woman with dementia experiencing homelessness, was treated by Kaiser Permanente, placed in a taxi by the hospital, and dropped off in the evening on Skid Row wearing only a hospital gown and socks. Public Counsel co-counseled with the ACLU of Southern California and a private law firm to bring tort claims against Kaiser for elder abuse and related causes of action. As co-lead counsel, I was involved in the drafting of the complaint, case management, settlement negotiations, and the development of injunctive relief terms. The case was widely covered in the media, and resulted in a policy-specific, injunctive relief settlement. The date of my representation was 2005. The case was heard and decided by Judge Aurelio Munoz of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

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5. *J.B. v. Cal. Dep't of Educ.*, No. 2:06-CV-04067 (C.D. Cal. 2006)

The plaintiffs in this action were four foster children who had been unlawfully placed in a restricted educational setting. The case alleged education-related and other civil rights claims against the Pasadena Unified School District and the California Department of Education. I was lead counsel for the plaintiffs, and I co-counseled the case with a team of attorneys from Morrison & Foerster. I was involved in all aspects of the case, including the drafting of the complaint, written discovery, depositions, motion work, and settlement negotiations. The case resulted in a confidential settlement with important injunctive relief terms. The dates of my representation were 2006 to 2008. The case was heard by Judge Manuel L. Real of the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

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6. *Nozzi v. Hous. Auth. of City of L.A.*, No. 2:07-cv-00380-GHW (C.D. Cal. 2007)

This was a class action filed on behalf of a class of Section 8 tenants whose housing benefits were cut without lawful notice. I represented the plaintiffs with private co-counsel. Prior to my departure from Public Counsel in December 2014, I was involved in all aspects of the litigation, including the drafting of the complaint, client management, written discovery, depositions, motion practice, and appellate issues. The district court

twice granted summary judgment in favor of the defendants, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed on both occasions. Ultimately, and after my departure from Public Counsel, the case resulted in a class-wide settlement returning significant benefits to the class members. The dates of my representation were 2007 to 2014. The case was heard and decided by Judge George H. Wu of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The case was also heard by two Ninth Circuit panels – the first, in 2011, by Judges Trott, Wardlaw, and Mosman (sitting by designation), and the second, in 2016, by Judges Reinhardt, Clifton, and Du (sitting by designation).

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7. *Alvarez Bautista v. California*, No. BC418871 (L.A. Sup. Ct.)

This case was brought on behalf of United Farm Workers and individual plaintiffs to challenge the policies and practices of the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health regarding the inspection and citation of farms that fail to provide required shade and water to California farm workers. Public Counsel co-counseled the case with the ACLU of Southern California and Munger, Tolles & Olson. After many years of litigation, the case was settled with broad injunctive relief measures. I supervised the litigation team from Public Counsel, and was directly involved in negotiating the settlement with representatives of the California Governor's Office and the California Department of Industrial Relations. The dates of my representation were 2013 to 2014. The matter was heard by Judge Teresa Sanchez-Gordon of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

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8. *Sumitomo Elec. Indus., Ltd. v. Emcore Corp.*, No. 20517/RD (ICC Int'l Ct. of Arb.)

This action was brought as a private arbitration under International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) rules. I was counsel for the defendant, a technology company sued for breach of contract and alleged trade secret violations. I participated in written discovery, engaged in extensive motion practice, and examined various witnesses at arbitration. The plaintiff sought in excess of \$50 million in damages. After a lengthy arbitration in San Francisco, the panel issued a decision in our client's favor and awarded attorney's fees. The date of my representation was 2015. The matter was heard and decided by Gerald Ghikas (Canada), Judge George Schiavelli (Ret.), and Justice Ed Wallin (Ret.) of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

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9. *Globefill Inc. v. Elements Spirits, Inc.*, No. 2:10-CV-02034 CBM (C.D. Cal. 2010)

This was a highly publicized trial involving the intentional copying by a competitor of Dan Aykroyd's distinctive skull-shaped vodka bottle. As local counsel, I engaged in discovery, drafted and argued various pretrial motions, prepared trial witnesses, and was part of the trial team. The jury returned a verdict in our client's favor, and the district court issued a nationwide injunction barring the sale of the infringing product. The dates of my representation were 2015 to 2016. The case was heard and decided by Judge Consuelo B. Marshall of the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

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10. *Floyd v. Cal. Dem. Party*, No. 19STCP01487 (L.A. Sup. Ct.)

This was a case brought by a former employee alleging sexual harassment and assault against the California Democratic Party and its former Chair. I was lead counsel for the California Democratic Party and was involved in all aspects of the litigation and settlement negotiations. The dates of my representation were 2019 to 2020. The case was heard by Judge John P. Doyle of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

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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 the significant litigation experience discussed above, I have participated for many years in various legal activities to improve access to justice and the rule of law. In

2010, President Barack Obama appointed me to the board of directors of the State Justice Institute—a quasi-federal agency that distributes federal grants to state court systems. I have served in that role for the past 11 years, and I have had the opportunity and privilege to meet and work with court administrators and judges from courts around the country.

In 2013, the California Supreme Court appointed me to the board of trustees of the California State Bar. I served as a trustee for a three-year term ending in 2016. During that period, I contributed to the State Bar's efforts to improve pro bono services, increase access to justice funding, streamline the state bar examination, promote professional civility, enhance the efficiency of attorney regulatory practices, and combat the unauthorized practice of law.

In 2016, I was appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, an independent agency established by the County to provide greater public transparency, oversight, and accountability over the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

To the best of my knowledge, I have never engaged in direct lobbying on behalf of any clients. As a public interest lawyer at Public Counsel, I did on multiple occasions contact state representatives and their staff with comments supporting or opposing proposed legislation affecting low-income individuals. I also participated in efforts by the Open Courts Coalition (an informal group of private and public sector lawyers) to encourage California legislators and the California Governor's Office to support full and robust funding for California state courts. At no time was I required by any of these activities to register 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 taught Pre-Trial Litigation Skills at Southwestern Law School during the Winter 2007 semester. This clinical course focused on teaching students the practical skills involved in all the pre-trial aspects of litigation, including drafting complaints, conducting discovery, and engaging in motion practice. I am unable to locate a syllabus for the course.

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

During my employment with Bird Marella P.C., I provided legal services to a client for which the firm still has an outstanding invoice. That invoice has remained unpaid for

nearly two years. If the firm is successful in collecting, I will be entitled to an origination percentage for services previously rendered. I estimate that the total amount of my potential future compensation on this matter will be less than \$40,000. I have no other anticipated receipts, expected future benefits, or arrangements to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

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.

None.

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 Statement of Net Worth.

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.

To the best of my knowledge, I do not have any family members, pending litigation, or other financial arrangements that are likely to present any actual or potential conflict of interest. The only persons or parties that could present a future conflict are the attorneys at my former law firm, Bird Marella P.C., which has an active litigation and criminal defense practice in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. If confirmed, and for my first year on the bench, I would recuse myself in any case where Bird Marella attorneys appear as counsel of record or the firm is involved as a party. Throughout my judgeship, I would also monitor any new cases that could give rise to an actual or apparent conflict, and decide whether to recuse on a case-by-case basis in conformity with any 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 would address any actual or potential conflicts of interest by applying 28 U.S.C. § 455, the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and any other relevant ethical canons or 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 public interest career, I provided pro bono legal services to hundreds of individuals and nonprofit organizations in the areas of consumer protection, housing, education, disability rights, immigration, public benefits, community development, and civil rights. I also made pro bono work a significant priority when I was in private practice. For instance, at Bird Marella P.C. and O'Melveny & Myers LLP, I consistently averaged from 200 to 300 hours of pro bono service per year.

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.

In January 2021, I submitted an application to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California to the Selection Committees of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla. I was interviewed by members of Senator Padilla's committee on multiple occasions from March through June 2021. During this same period, I was also interviewed twice by members of Senator Feinstein's committee. On May 20, 2021, I interviewed with Senator Padilla. On June 9, 2021, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office. Since June 11, 2021, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. On September 20, 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.