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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Peter Black is an attorney in the Shreveport Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Louisiana. In his practice, which is limited to research and writing, he represents indigent individuals charged with federal felony and misdemeanor offenses. He graduated from George Mason University School of Law in 1985. That same year, he was admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania. He began his legal career in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1986. Upon leaving the Army in 1989, he moved to Shreveport and was admitted to practice law in Louisiana. He maintained a small private practice in Shreveport until he joined the Federal Public Defender's Office in 2003.

Brandon Brown is the United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana (WDLA). Mr. Brown oversees the investigation and litigation of all criminal and civil cases brought on behalf of the United States in the WDLA. The Western District consists of 42 of the State's 64 parishes and geographically encompasses two-thirds of the State of Louisiana. Mr. Brown was nominated by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on November 15, 2021, confirmed by the United States Senate on December 7, 2021 and sworn in on December 10, 2021. U.S. Attorney Brown joined the Shreveport Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office as an Assistant United States Attorney in November 2012. Mr. Brown worked in the general crimes area and prosecuted a wide range of criminal offenses. He has tried multiple cases to jury verdict and most notably was trial counsel in *United States v. Thomas Sanders*, a multi-victim homicide case spanning multiple states, which culminated in the first death penalty verdict in the history of the WDLA. In March 2017, U.S. Attorney Brown was appointed as the Project Safe Neighborhood Coordinator for the district, charged with coordinating two task forces comprised of federal and state law enforcement agencies with the goal of investigating and prosecuting firearm and high-end violent crime organizations in the WDLA. He left the office in March 2018 to accept a position in private practice and then rejoined the Shreveport Criminal Division in October 2018 as the Shreveport division Lead Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) attorney and the district's violent crime coordinator. Mr. Brown began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney at the Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office in Monroe, LA. While serving in the felony division, he prosecuted a wide range of offenses including sex crimes, homicides, robberies, narcotics, and public corruption, while also handling any appeals related to his cases. Most notably, U.S. Attorney Brown was trial counsel in *State of Louisiana v. Edward L. Harris*, a public corruption case in which the mayor of a municipality made improper payments to himself and town employees during his last days in office after losing reelection. He was also trial counsel in *State of Louisiana v. Matt Banks*, a "cold case," revived after seven years, resulting in two life imprisonment sentences. U.S. Attorney Brown is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University holding a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Information Systems (2002) and a Master of Business Administration (2004). He received his law degree from the Southern University Law Center in 2007, where he was the 1L class president, led the student recruitment committee, represented indigent defendants in the criminal clinical program, and served on the Moot Court Board.

Honorable Michael O. Craig was sworn in on January 1, 2009, as District Judge for the 26th Judicial District Court. Judge Craig graduated in 1986 from Airline High School. After high school he attended LSU Shreveport and in 1991 he received a B.S. in Psychology and his Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law Center in 1995. Judge Craig clerked for Tony Marabella and Hillar Moore his last year of law school. Judge Craig began his career in April 1996 with the law firm of William H. Ledbetter and Associates in the area of general civil law and criminal defense. He was with the 26th JDC Public Defenders office from approximately November 1998 until July 2001. He maintained a private practice in general civil law and criminal defense until going to work for the law firm of Nelson and Hammons in September 2002 until January 2005 where he focused on medical malpractice litigation. Judge Craig resumed private practice in

February 2005 in general civil litigation and went to work for J. Schuyler Marvin as an Assistant D.A. in the 26th JDC District Attorney's office. He maintained his private practice during that time since Assistant D.A.'s are part-time in the 26th JDC. Judge Craig was president of the Bossier Bar Association from 2005-2008 and is a member of both the Shreveport Bar and Louisiana Bar Association.

Sarah R. Giglio graduated *magna cum laude*, from Texas A&M University and earned her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law. Sarah's litigation experience began while still in law school with an active role in the clinics offered at SMU, beginning as a student in the Child Advocacy Clinic and later serving as Chief of the clinic. After clerking at a firm specializing in civil litigation and an internship with the Dallas District Attorney's Office, Sarah found herself drawn to practice of criminal law. Sarah began her career in criminal defense as an associate at Rosenthal & Wadas in McKinney, Texas, where she practiced until she moved to Shreveport. Once in Shreveport, she practiced at Elton Richey & Associates before opening Gilmer & Giglio in 2017. Sarah is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and Texas. Sarah is a member of the National College for DUI Defense, the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Shreveport Bar Association, and the Booth-Politz Inn of Court. She was selected as a member of the 2016 Young Professionals Initiative 40 Under 40 class. She served as at the 2021-2022 President of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, and she currently serves on the Sci-Port Board of Directors as well as the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl.

Joey Greenwald was born in Lake Charles and raised in Shreveport. Joey has practiced criminal and civil law in Louisiana and Mississippi for nearly twenty years. Since graduating from Mississippi College of Law in 1997, Joey has developed an extensive portfolio of legal services through his work as a Caddo Parish criminal prosecutor and as a civil litigator with case experience in personal injury claims, successions, class action lawsuits, oil and gas law, and many other fields. A dedicated and tireless legal advocate, Joey specializes in delivering sound counsel and solid results for his clients.

C. Mignonne Griffing graduated from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1989. She spent her first year of practice clerking for the Honorable Earl E. Veron in the Lake Charles Division of the Western District of Louisiana. The United States Department of Justice subsequently hired Mignonne through its Honors Program and initially served as an Assistant Regional Counsel for the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Atlanta. After a few short months, she accepted a position as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, where she was employed for 32 ½ years, retiring in July of this year. She spent approximately 22 years prosecuting white-collar crime and public corruption and another 8 handling criminal appeals. The last 3 years of her career were spent creating and leading the Office's first eLitigation unit.

D. Lee Harville grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana. In 1990, he graduated from Caddo Magnet High School. In 1994, he graduated *summa cum laude* from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA. Lee was a Rhodes Scholar nominee and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. 1997 Lee graduated from Columbia University School of Law in New York, NY. He was a Stone Honor Moot Court finalist, winning best oral argument and best brief and oral argument in his Foundation-Year Moot Court group. Lee was admitted to practice law in the State of New York in May 1998. Lee was admitted to practice law in the State of Louisiana in February of 2001. Lee served as a law clerk to the Honorable Donald E. Walter, Senior Judge, United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, from November 2000 to August 2001. Lee is a member of the Shreveport, Louisiana, and American Bar Associations. He also is a member of the LACDL and the NACDL. Lee has served in the public sector for over seven years and in the private sector for over 15 years. He has presented hundreds of cases in Kings County (Brooklyn, New York) Family Court, has argued in and won a moot court case presided over by a Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and has represented clients in civil and criminal jury and bench trials. Additionally, he has briefed cases before

Louisiana appellate courts, including the Louisiana Supreme Court and federal appellate courts, and has argued cases in the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal, and in the Louisiana Supreme Court. He is an attorney for the Louisiana Appellate Project and the CINC Appellate Project. He is an Appellate Practice Specialist, certified by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization. Lee also served as a staff attorney for the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, reviewing numerous federal appeals.

Honorable Donald E. Hathaway Jr. received his Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Louisiana State University in 1988 and graduated from the Louisiana State University Law School in 1991. Following law school, Hathaway clerked for Judge Henry Brown on the Second Circuit Court of Appeal, served as an Assistant District Attorney in Caddo Parish, and as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana. He was elected to serve as Judge on the First Judicial Court in 2020 and began his term on January 1, 2021.

Honorable Mark Hornsby graduated Order of the Coif from LSU Law School in 1988. He served as Law Clerk for Chief Judge Tom Stagg in Shreveport from 1988 to 1990. He was appointed U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Louisiana in 2005.

Pete Kammer received his undergraduate degree in management from Louisiana Tech University in 1989. He moved back to Shreveport and opened the doors of Kammer & Huckabay. After graduating from Mississippi College School of Law in 1992, Pete has practiced law for over 30 years. Pete's area of practice is in domestic litigation, divorce, property partition, custody, alimony, adoption, wills, successions, white collar crimes, misdemeanors, felonies, business and corporate litigation, and personal injury. When not in the office or courtroom, Pete devotes his time and energy to his wife Shelly Wagner, and their children. As a family, they enjoy traveling.

Honorable Brady Dennis O'Callaghan received his B.A. with honors in philosophy from Yale University in 1995. He received his J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert School of Law at LSU in 1999. After two years of general civil practice in Baton Rouge, he became a prosecutor in the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, and then returned to Shreveport to serve as an assistant district attorney for Caddo Parish. Judge O'Callaghan was elected in 2013 as a District Judge for the First Judicial District Court. He was re-elected without opposition in August of 2015. Judge O'Callaghan presides over civil cases in Section B. He is a Past President of the Louisiana District Judges Association, a past Chair of the Louisiana Judiciary Commission, and a Board Member for the Louisiana Supreme Court Historical Society. He is also a Master of the Bench Member of the American Inns of Court. Judge O'Callaghan has lectured on topics including prosecutorial and judicial ethics, criminal constitutional law, jury selection, and capital litigation. Judge O'Callaghan is married to Amy Vogel O'Callaghan, and they have twin sons, Logan and Marshall.

Honorable Chris Victory was born in Shreveport, where he attended Caddo Parish public schools, thereafter, he obtained his bachelor's degree in political science from Oklahoma Baptist University and his Juris Doctor degree from LSU Law Center. He returned home to Shreveport and practiced law for twelve (12) years at the firm of Seabaugh, Joffrion, Sepulvado, and Victory, largely in the areas of civil litigation, corporate law, and oil and gas. He was elected in 2020 to the First Judicial District Court - where he has presided in criminal court for the duration of his service as a judge.