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Legal Residence: North Carolina

Marital Status: Married  
Beth A. McKnight  
three children

Education: 1970 - 1974 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
B.A. degree, *highest honors*

1974 - 1976 Magdalen College, Oxford University  
M.A. degree

1977 - 1980 University of North Carolina School of Law  
J.D. degree

1978 - 1982 Department of Philosophy

Bar: 1981 North Carolina

Experience: 1982 - 1988 State of North Carolina  
Assistant District Attorney

1988 - 1993 26<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Judicial District Court  
District Judge

1992 - present University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Visiting Lecturer

1994 - present Wingate University  
Adjunct Assistant Professor

1993 - present United States District Court  
Western District of North Carolina  
United States Magistrate Judge

To be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina

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Claude A. Allen

Birth:

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Legal Residence:

Virginia

Marital Status:

Married

Jannese M. Allen

Three children

Education:

1978 - 1982

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

B.A. degree

1987 - 1990

Duke University School of Law

J.D. degree

Bar:

1991

Pennsylvania

1992

District of Columbia

1995

Virginia

Experience:

1990 - 1991

Law Clerk to the Honorable David B. Sentelle

U. S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

1991 - 1995

Baker & Botts, L.L.P.

Attorney

1995 - 1998

Office of the Attorney General

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Counsel to the Attorney General, 1995-1997

Deputy Attorney General, 1997-1998

1998 - 2001

Office of the Governor

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Secretary, Health & Human Resources

2001 - present

United States Department of Health and Human Services

Deputy Secretary

To be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit

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Birth:

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Legal Residence:

Michigan

Marital Status:

Married

Mary C. Nelson-Ryan  
seven children

Education:

1982 - 1984

University of Detroit  
B.A. degree

1984 - 1987

University of Notre Dame Law School  
J.D. degree

1997 - present

University of Nevada-Reno  
M.J.S. degree, 1997-2000  
Ph.D. candidate, 2003-present

Bar:

1987

Indiana

1989

Michigan

Experience:

1987 - 1988

Burt, Blee, Hawk & Sutton  
Law Clerk/Attorney

1988 - 1994

Plunkett & Cooney  
Attorney

1994 - 1998

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court  
District Judge

1997 - 1999

University of Detroit-Mercy Law School  
Adjunct Professor of Law

1998 - present

3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan  
Circuit Judge

1989 & 2000 - present

Thomas M. Cooley Law School  
Adjunct Professor of Law

2002 - present

Ave Maria School of Law  
Adjunct Professor of Law

To be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan

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Birth:

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Legal Residence:

New York

Marital Status:

Single

One child

Education:

1972 - 1976

Yale University  
B.A. degree, *cum laude*

1976 - 1979

Columbia University School of Law  
J.D. degree

Bar:

1981

New York

Experience:

1979 - 1987

Bronx County District Attorney's Office  
Assistant District Attorney  
Appeals Bureau, 1979-1981  
Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor, 1981-1987

1987 - 1995

New York County District Attorney's Office  
Assistant District Attorney  
Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor, 1987-1995

1995 - 1997

Judge, New York City Criminal Court  
New York County Criminal Court, 1996-1997  
Bronx County Criminal Court, 1996

1997 - 2002

Judge, Court of Claims  
N.Y. County Supreme Court, Acting Justice, 1998-02  
Kings County Supreme Court, Acting Justice, 1997-98

2002 - present

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To be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York

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Legal Residence:

North Carolina

Marital Status:

Married

Hon. William A. Webb  
one child

Education:

1968 - 1972

Hampton University  
B.A. degree, *first in class*

1972 - 1975

Duke University School of Law  
J.D. degree

Bar:

1975  
1977

North Carolina  
District of Columbia

Experience:

1976 - 1977

Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Company  
Associate Editor

1977 - 1978

Law Clerk to the Honorable Julia Cooper Mack  
District of Columbia Court of Appeals

1978 - 1986

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
Appellate Attorney, Asst. to the Deputy General Counsel,  
Asst. to the Chairman, Acting Associate Legal Counsel,  
Acting Legal Counsel

1986 - 1990

North Carolina Central University School of Law  
Associate Professor

1990

North Carolina Court of Appeals  
Associate Judge

1991 - 1998

North Carolina Utilities Commission  
Commissioner

1998 - present

Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP  
Partner

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Gary L. Sharpe

Birth:

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Legal Residence: New York

Marital Status: Married Lorraine V. Sharpe  
two children

Education: 1970 - 1971 University of Buffalo  
B.A. degree, *magna cum laude*

1971 - 1974 Cornell Law School  
J.D. degree

Bar: 1975 New York

Experience: 1974 - 1981 Broome County District Attorney's Office  
Senior Assistant District Attorney

1978 - 1982 Binghamton University and Broome Community College  
Adjunct Professor

1981 - 1982 New York State Attorney General's Office  
Special Assistant Attorney General

1982 - 1997 United States Attorney's Office  
Northern District of New York  
Supervisory AUSA & AUSA, 1982-1992  
Interim United States Attorney, 1992-1994  
Senior Litigation Counsel, 1994-1997

1997 - present United States District Court  
Northern District of New York  
United States Magistrate Judge

To be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York

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Glen E. Conrad

Birth:

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Legal Residence: Virginia

Marital Status: Married Mary A. Conrad

Education: 1967 - 1971 The College of William and Mary  
B.A. degree

1971 - 1974 The College of William and Mary  
Marshall-Wythe School of Law  
J.D. degree

Bar: 1974 Virginia

Experience: 1974 Colonial Williamsburg, Inc.  
Interpreter/Host

1975 - present United States District Court for the  
Western District of Virginia  
United States Probation Officer, 1975-1976  
Law Clerk to the Honorable Ted Dalton, 1975-1976  
United States Magistrate Judge, 1976-present

To be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia

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James O. Browning

Birth:

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Legal Residence: New Mexico

Marital Status: Married Jan R. Browning  
three children

Education: 1974 - 1978 Yale University  
B.A. degree

1978 - 1981 University of Virginia Law School  
J.D. degree

Bar: 1983 New Mexico

Experience: 1981 - 1982 Law Clerk to the Honorable Collins J. Seitz  
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

1982 - 1983 Law Clerk to the Honorable Lewis F. Powell, Jr.  
Supreme Court of the United States

1983 - 1987 Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, P.A.  
Associate, 1983-1987  
Shareholder & Director, 1988-1990

1987 - 1988 New Mexico Department of Justice  
Deputy Attorney General

1990 - present Browning & Peifer, P.A.  
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To be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico

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Kim R. Gibson

Birth:

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Legal Residence:

Pennsylvania

Marital Status:

Married

Rebecca L. Gibson  
six children

Military Service:

1966 - 1978  
1978 - 1996

United States Army  
United States Army Reserve

Education:

1966 - 1970

United States Military Academy, West Point  
B.S. degree

1972 - 1975

Dickinson School of Law  
J.D. degree, *magna cum laude*

Bar:

1975

Pennsylvania

Experience:

1975 - 1978

United States Army  
Post Judge Advocate

1978 - 1980

Somerset County Court of Common Pleas  
Public Defender

1978 - 1998

Kim R. Gibson  
Sole Practitioner

1980 - 1988

Somerset County  
Assistant County Solicitor and  
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1988 - 1998

Somerset County  
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1998 - present

Court of Common Pleas of 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
Judge

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Lonny R. Suko

Birth:

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Legal Residence:

Washington

Marital Status:

Married

Marcia A. Suko  
two children

Education:

1961 - 1965

Washington State University  
B.A. degree

1965 - 1968

University of Idaho College of Law  
J.D. degree

Bar:

1968

Washington

Experience:

1968 - 1969

Law Clerk to the Honorable Charles L. Powell  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of Washington

1969 - 1995

Lyon Law Offices  
Associate, 1969-1972  
Partner, 1972-1991  
Shareholder, 1991-1995

1971 - 1991 (part-time)

United States District Court  
Eastern District of Washington  
United States Magistrate Judge

1995 - present

United States District Court  
Eastern District of Washington  
United States Magistrate Judge

To be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington

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Legal Residence:

Illinois

Marital Status:

Married

Bethann F. M. Filip  
four children

Education:

1984 - 1988

University of Illinois  
B.A. degree, *summa cum laude*

1988 - 1990

University of Oxford, Christ Church College  
B.A. in Law degree

1990 - 1992

Harvard Law School  
J.D. degree, *magna cum laude*

Bar:

1993

Pennsylvania

1995

Illinois

Experience:

1992 - 1993

Law Clerk to the Honorable Stephen F. Williams  
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1993 - 1994

Law Clerk to the Honorable Antonin Scalia  
Supreme Court of the United States

1994 - 1995

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Associate

1995 - 1999

United States Attorney's Office  
Northern District of Illinois  
Assistant United States Attorney

1998 - 1999

Northwestern University School of Law  
Adjunct Professor

2000 - present

University of Chicago Law School  
Lecturer in Law

1999 - present

Skadden Arps Slate Meagher and Flom  
Associate, 1999-2000  
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Partner, 2001-present

To be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois

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Legal Residence: New Mexico

Marital Status: Married  
Sheila K. Massey  
three children

Education: 1972 - 1975 Eastern New Mexico University  
B.A. degree  
1976 - 1978 University of New Mexico School of Law  
J.D. degree

Bar: 1978 New Mexico  
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1978 - 1979 Ted L. Hartley, Attorney at Law  
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1980 - 1997 Robert Brack, P.A.  
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1997 - present State of New Mexico, District Court  
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To be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico

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Robert J. Conrad, Jr.

Birth:

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Legal Residence: North Carolina

Marital Status: Married Elizabeth A. Conrad  
five children

Education: 1976 - 1980 Clemson University  
B.A. degree, *magna cum laude*

1981 - 1983 University of Virginia Law School  
J.D. degree

Bar: 1983 Virginia  
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Experience: 1981 - 1986 Michie, Hamlett, Donato & Lowry  
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