

Senate Commerce Committee Nominee Questionnaire, 117th Congress

Instructions for the nominees: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation asks you to provide typed answers to each of the following questions. It is requested that the nominee type the question in full before each response. Do not leave any questions blank. Type “None” or “Not Applicable” if a question does not apply to the nominee. Return printed answers to Committee. Begin each section (i.e., “A”, “B”, etc.) on a new sheet of paper.

A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Name (Include any former names or nicknames used):

Jessica Rosenworcel

2. Position to which nominated:

Federal Communications Commission, Chair

3. Date of Nomination:

October 28, 2021

4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):

[REDACTED]

Business: 45 L Street, NE Washington, DC 20554

5. Date and Place of Birth:

7/12/71, Boston, Massachusetts

6. Provide the name, position, and place of employment for your spouse (if married) and the names and ages of your children (including stepchildren and children by a previous marriage).

Spouse: Mark Bailen, Baker Hostetler, Counsel

Children: [REDACTED]

7. List all college and graduate degrees. Provide year and school attended.

Wesleyan University, BA, 1993

New York University School of Law, JD, 1997

8. List all post-undergraduate employment, and highlight all management-level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.

Acting Chairwoman and Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

Senior Communications Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Commissioner Michael J. Copps, Federal Communications Commission

Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission

Attorney, Drinker Biddle & Reath

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

Attached.

10. List any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions with Federal, State, or local governments, other than those listed above, within the last ten years.

Not applicable.

11. List all positions held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business, enterprise, educational, or other institution within the last ten years.

Not applicable.

12. Please list each membership you have had during the past ten years or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political,

professional, fraternal, benevolent or religiously affiliated organization, private club, or other membership organization. (For this question, you do not have to list your religious affiliation or membership in a religious house of worship or institution.). Include dates of membership and any positions you have held with any organization. Please note whether any such club or organization restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability.

Federal Communications Bar Association

Chair, Cable Practice Committee (2007-2008)

Chair, Legislative Practice Committee (2009)

13. Have you ever been a candidate for and/or held a public office (elected, non-elected, or appointed)? If so, indicate whether any campaign has any outstanding debt, the amount, and whether you are personally liable for that debt.

No.

14. List all memberships and offices held with and services rendered to, whether compensated or not, any political party or election committee within the past ten years. If you have held a paid position or served in a formal or official advisory position (whether compensated or not) in a political campaign within the past ten years, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, year of the campaign, and your title and responsibilities.

None.

15. Itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$500 or more for the past ten years.

\$2700, Hillary Victory Fund, 2016

16. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.

White Prize for Excellence in Economics, Wesleyan University (1993)

Special Act Award for Contributions to Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (1999)

Women Who Represent Award, Alliance for Women in Media (2013)

Leadership in Advancing Communications Policy Award, Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International (2013)

Impact Award for Public Service, National Hispanic Media Coalition (2013)

Federal Policymaker Award, State Education Technology Directors Association (2013)

Award for Excellence in Public Service, Consortium for School Networking (2014)

Special Recognition Award, CEF Gala (2015)

Award for Outstanding Achievement, Family Online Safety Institute (2014)

Broadband Hero of the Year, National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (2016)

Community Builder Award, National Coalition for Technology in Education (2017)

Advocacy Award, CUE (2017)

Congressional Service Award, Association of Educational Service Agencies (2021)

Leadership Honoree, Crittenton Services of Greater Washington, for Teen Girls (2021)

17. Please list each book, article, column, Internet blog posting, or other publication you have authored, individually or with others. Include a link to each publication when possible. Also list any speeches that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Do not attach copies of these publications unless otherwise instructed.

Articles: <https://www.fcc.gov/about/leadership/jessica-rosenworcel#link-0>

Blog postings: <https://www.fcc.gov/about/leadership/jessica-rosenworcel#notes>

Speeches: <https://www.fcc.gov/about/leadership/jessica-rosenworcel#speeches>

18. List all digital platforms (including social media and other digital content sites) on which you currently or have formerly operated an account, regardless of whether or not the account was held in your name or an alias. Include the name of an “alias” or “handle” you have used on each of the named platforms. Indicate whether the account is active, deleted, or dormant. Include a link to each account if possible.

Work Twitter: @JRosenworcelFCC (Active)

https://twitter.com/JRosenworcelFCC?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor

Work Instagram: @JRosenworcelFCC (Active)

<https://www.instagram.com/jrosenworcelfcc/?hl=bn>

Personal Twitter: @JRosenworcel (Active)

https://twitter.com/JRosenworcel?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor

Personal Instagram: @JRosenworcel (Active)

<https://www.instagram.com/jrosenworcel/?hl=en>

19. Please identify each instance in which you have testified orally or in writing before Congress in a governmental or non-governmental capacity and specify the date and subject matter of each testimony.

Testimony: <https://www.fcc.gov/about/leadership/jessica-rosenworcel#testimony>

20. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the department/agency to which you have been nominated, what in your background or employment experience do you believe affirmatively

qualifies you for appointment to the position for which you have been nominated, and why do you wish to serve in that position?

I have two decades of experience in communications policy. I have worked on communications and technology matters from a wide variety of positions—both in the private and public sector. This includes positions in a law firm, as Acting Chairwoman and Commissioner at the Federal Communications Commission, and as Senior Communications Counsel at the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

I believe that I have used this background to make a positive contribution to communications policy—and hope to be able to continue to do so by protecting consumers, expanding access to services to help close the digital divide, and fostering investment and innovation.

21. What do you believe are your responsibilities, if confirmed, to ensure that the department/agency has proper management and accounting controls, and what experience do you have in managing a large organization?

All government officials operate in positions of trust and have a duty to ensure that the organization where they work has proper management and accounting controls.

I have experience managing the agency as the Acting Chairwoman, managing an office at the agency as a Commissioner; managing policies involving communications at the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; and managing client matters at a private law firm.

22. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency, and why?

Protecting consumers. As technologies evolve, one thing is paramount—consumers should be the ultimate beneficiaries of policy choices by the Federal Communications Commission.

Securing universal access and closing the digital divide. As technologies evolve, it is imperative that all people in this country, no matter who they are or where they live, have access to the communications services that are necessary for 21st century opportunity, safety, and economic security.

Growing economy. Digital services are now a vital feature of our economy, providing certainty to companies is an essential part of promoting investment, fostering innovation, and creating jobs.

B. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 1. Describe all financial arrangements, deferred compensation agreements, and other continuing dealings with business associates, clients, or customers. Please include information related to retirement accounts.**

None. My financial interests are disclosed on my SF-278.

- 2. Do you have any commitments or agreements, formal or informal, to maintain employment, affiliation, or practice with any business, association or other organization during your appointment? If so, please explain.**

None.

- 3. Indicate any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which could involve potential conflicts of interest in the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.**

My husband is counsel at Baker Hostetler. His practice involves commercial litigation and does not include advocacy before the Federal Communications Commission.

In connection with the nomination process, I have consulted with the U.S. Office of Government Ethics and the Federal Communication Commission's Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts of interest. If confirmed, any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of the ethics agreement that I have entered into with the Commission's Designated Agency Ethics Official. I am not aware of any other potential conflicts of interest.

- 4. Describe any business relationship, dealing, or financial transaction which you have had during the last ten years, whether for yourself, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that could in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.**

Not applicable.

5. Identify any other potential conflicts of interest, and explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

In connection with the nomination process, I have consulted with the U.S. Office of Government Ethics and the Federal Communication Commission's Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts of interest. If confirmed, any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of the ethics agreement that I have entered into with the Commission's Designated Agency Ethics Official. I am not aware of any other potential conflicts of interest.

6. Describe any activity during the past ten years, including the names of clients represented, in which you have been engaged for the purpose of directly or indirectly influencing the passage, defeat, or modification of any legislation or affecting the administration and execution of law or public policy.

I presently serve as Acting Chairwoman at the Federal Communications Commission and previously served as a Commissioner. In these positions, from time to time, I am asked my thoughts on legislative matters pending before the Congress.

I also previously served as Senior Communications Counsel at the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. In this capacity I regularly advised Senate offices on communications policy and legislation.

C. LEGAL MATTERS

- 1. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics, professional misconduct, or retaliation by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, the Office of Special Counsel, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If yes:**

No.

- a. Provide the name of agency, association, committee, or group;**

Not applicable.

- b. Provide the date the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action was issued or initiated;**

Not applicable.

- c. Describe the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action;**

Not applicable.

- d. Provide the results of the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action.**

Not applicable.

- 2. Have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or held by any Federal, State, or other law enforcement authority of any Federal, State, county, or municipal entity, other than for a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.**

No.

- 3. Have you or any business or nonprofit of which you are or were an officer ever been involved as a party in an administrative agency proceeding, criminal proceeding, or civil litigation? If so, please explain.**

No.

4. Have you ever been convicted (including pleas of guilty or *nolo contendere*) of any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

5. Have you ever been accused, formally or informally, of sexual harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis? If so, please explain.

No.

6. Please advise the Committee of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be disclosed in connection with your nomination.

None.

D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE

- 1. Will you ensure that your department/agency complies with deadlines for information set by congressional committees, and that your department/agency endeavors to timely comply with requests for information from individual Members of Congress, including requests from members in the minority?**

Yes.

- 2. Will you ensure that your department/agency does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistle blowers from reprisal for their testimony and disclosures?**

Yes.

- 3. Will you cooperate in providing the Committee with requested witnesses, including technical experts and career employees, with firsthand knowledge of matters of interest to the Committee?**

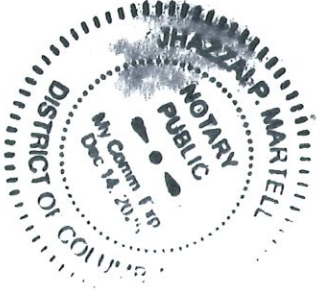
Yes.

- 4. Are you willing to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Congress on such occasions as you may be reasonably requested to do so?**

Yes.

F. AFFIDAVIT

JESSICA ROSENWIELE being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement on Biographical and Financial Information and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, current, accurate, and complete.



Jessica Rosenwiele
Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 29th day of Oct, 2021.

Jhazzai P. Martell
Notary Public

Jhazzai P. Martell
Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires December 14, 2025

JESSICA ROSENWORCEL

LEGAL AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, Washington, DC

Acting Chairwoman 2021-Present
Commissioner 2012-2016, 2017-2021

Develop and implement communications policy involving radio, television, wire, satellite and cable services as a member of the United States' primary authority for communications law, regulation and technological innovation. Duties include regularly testifying before Congress, participating in domestic and international conferences and assisting with agency management.

UNITED STATES SENATE

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION, Washington, DC

Senior Communications Counsel 2009-2012

Developed and implemented communications policy agenda for the Democratic members of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, under the leadership of Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-West Virginia). Organized hearings regarding the National Broadband Plan, universal service and rural communications, Children's Television Act, future of journalism, wireless service, communications accessibility for the disabled, retransmission consent for video programming, satellite television, public safety spectrum and oversight of the Federal Communications Commission and National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Developed and work to secure passage of legislation, including the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, DTV Delay Act, Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act, 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act and Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act.

Senior Communications Counsel 2007-2008

Developed and implemented communications policy agenda for the Democratic members of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, under the leadership of Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii). Organized hearings regarding the digital television transition, broadband deployment and adoption, universal service, media ownership, media violence and indecency, network neutrality, online privacy and oversight of the Federal Communications Commission and National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Developed and worked to secure passage of legislation, including the Broadband Data Improvement Act, DTV Transition Assistance Act, Child Safe Viewing Act and New and Emerging Technologies 911 Improvement Act.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, Washington, DC

Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps 2006-2007

Advised Senior Democratic Commissioner on television, radio and cable policy issues arising under the Communications Act and Cable Television and Consumer Protection Act. Developed office positions and strategy for advancing telecommunications, Internet, wireless and media policy priorities. Managed office staff. Provided legal analysis and voting recommendations for Commission decisions. Drafted speeches, editorials and press statements. Coordinated policy decisions with Congressional offices, state and local officials and industry representatives.

Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps 2003-2006
Advised Senior Democratic Commissioner on competition policy and universal service issues arising under the Telecommunications Act. Developed policy positions on broadband deployment, Internet access, rural communications, public safety networks, E-Rate and VoIP. Provided legal analysis and voting recommendations for Commission decisions. Drafted Senate testimony, speeches and press statements. Coordinated policy decisions with Congressional offices and state regulatory authorities.

Legal Counsel to Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau 2002-2003
Advised Bureau Chief on universal service and broadband policy. Coordinated wireline policy with Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Cable Services Bureau and International Bureau. Taught World Bank telecommunications workshops for the Economic Ministry of Latvia.

Attorney Advisor, Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau 1999-2002
Managed teams drafting decisions concerning broadband deployment and competitive entry into local and long distance markets. Recipient of Special Act Award for policy contributions to the Common Carrier Bureau in 2000.

DRINKER BIDDLE & REATH, Washington, DC

Communications Associate 1997-1999
Drafted merger documents for privatization of state-owned telephone company. Prepared Bureau of Export Administration license application for cable modem encryption technology.

REBOUL, MACMURRAY, HEWITT, MAYNARD & KRISTOL, New York, NY

Summer Associate 1996
Drafted securities purchase agreements for venture capital and buyout firm transactions.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Brooklyn, NY

Summer Fellow, Criminal Division 1995
Researched and drafted motions on issues of evidence, criminal law and criminal procedure.

SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM, New York, NY

Legal Assistant 1993-1994
Managed litigation documents.

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY JD, 1997
Honors: *Annual Survey of American Law*, Editor

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Middletown, CT BA, Economics and English, 1993
Honors: White Prize for Excellence in Economics

PUBLICATIONS

“For Families Who Lack Reliable Internet Access Help is on the Way,” co-authored with Valerie Jarrett, *Ed Surge*, July 20, 2021.

“Ending the Homework Gap,” *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*, March 11, 2021.

“We Need A National Policy on Student Internet Access,” co-authored with Former Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr., *Education Week*, August 8, 2020.

“The FCC Must Extend a Broadband Opportunity for Tribal Communities,” co-authored with Senator Krysten Sinema, *The Hill*, July 23, 2020.

“Our Agency Says All Americans are Gaining Advanced Internet Access. It’s Wrong.” *CNN*, April 29, 2020.

“The FCC Should Send Wi-Fi Hotspots to Schools to Close the Homework Gap,” *The Verge*, March 17, 2020.

“The U.S. Government Couldn’t Shut Down the Internet, Right? Think Again,” *The Washington Post*, March 8, 2020.

“Here’s Why the Skyrocketing Cost of Reaching Loved Ones is Unacceptable and Counterproductive,” co-authored with Senator Tammy Duckworth, *Blavity*, December 19, 2020.

“Many Pregnant Women Live Too Far from a Doctor to Get Care. Here’s How Technology Can Help,” *TIME*, November 26, 2019.

“Why Don’t Emmy Nominees Reflect America’s Diversity?” co-authored with Marc Morial, *The Hill*, September 20, 2019.

“As Bounty Hunters Buy Our Digital Footprints, FCC Drags its Feet,” co-authored with Representative Lori Trahan, *The Boston Globe*, September 2, 2019.

“The Census Could Undercount People Who Don’t Have Internet Access,” *Slate*, July 29, 2019.

“Choosing the Wrong Lane in the Race to 5G,” *WIRED*, June 10, 2019.

“We Need to Crack Down on E-Cigarette Advertisements,” *USA Today*, February 13, 2019.

“It’s Time to Classify 9-1-1 Operators as Protective Service Professionals,” co-authored with Representative Norma J. Torres, *The Hill*, November 12, 2018.

“The Real Threat to our 5G Future,” *POLITICO*, September 26, 2018.

“Working to Overcome Digital Divide,” co-authored with Representative Ben Ray Lujan, *Santa Fe New Mexican*, August 4, 2018.

“FCC Must Keep Puerto Ricans Connected to Lifeline This Season,” *Orlando Sentinel*, June 22, 2018.

“Discounted Phones Save Lives of Homeless LGBT Teens,” *Advocate*, June 20, 2018.

“This Program Helps 1.3 Million Vets Stay Connected. The FCC Wants to Gut It,” *Military Times*, June 8, 2018.

“How the FCC Will Make it Harder for Domestic Violence Survivors to Get Help,” *Bustle*, June 6, 2018.

“The Facebook Hearings Demonstrate the Need for Technology Policy Experts in Congress,” *NBC Think*, April 13, 2018.

“The FCC Should Use Blockchain to Manage Wireless Spectrum,” *WIRED*, March 20, 2018.

“Russians are Hacking our Public Comment System, Too,” *The Washington Post*, March 6, 2018.

“FCC Moves Threaten Local News in Iowa and Across the Nation,” *Des Moines Register*, January 22, 2018.

“It’s Time to Chart a Course for 5G Success,” *TechCrunch*, January 10, 2018.

“What Small Businesses Stand to Lose in a Net Neutrality Rollback,” *Harvard Business Review*, December 12, 2017.

“We Don’t Need New Gatekeepers,” co-authored with Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, *Refinery 29*, December 12, 2017.

“FCC Must Investigate Fraud Before Voting on Net Neutrality,” *WIRED*, December 9, 2017.

“I’m on the FCC. Please Stop Us from Killing Net Neutrality.” *Los Angeles Times*, November 22, 2017.

“What the President Gets Wrong about Broadcast TV,” *Cosmopolitan*, October 17, 2017.

“Homework Gap Hurts Poor, Rural Students,” co-authored with Senator Tom Udall, *Las Cruces Sun-News*, October 22, 2016.

“Moving Next Generation 911 Forward,” co-authored with Lance Terry, *The Oklahoman*, September 24, 2016.

“We Need More Wi-Fi,” *Morning Consult*, June 20, 2016.

“The Cleveland Homework Gap When There’s No Internet at Home,” *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, April 22, 2016.

“Limited Internet Access a Challenge for Detroit Kids,” *Detroit Free Press*, March 16, 2015.

“How to Close the Homework Gap,” *Miami Herald*, December 5, 2014.

“The Race to 5G is On,” *Re/code*, October 27, 2014.

“Sandbox Thinking,” *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*, Fall 2014.

“Here’s How to Expand Wireless Spectrum,” co-authored with Marty Cooper, *San Jose Mercury News*, September 26, 2014.

“Growing Unlicensed Spectrum, Growing the Economy,” *Re/code*, February 21, 2014.

“Transforming Education Digitally,” co-authored with Representative Anna Eshoo, *Politico*, June 3, 2013.

“Assessing the Effectiveness of Section 271 Five Years After the Telecommunications Act of 1996,” Jessica Rosenworcel & Daniel R. Shiman, Chapter 7, *Communications Policy and Information Technology: Promises, Problems, Prospects*, MIT Press, 2002.

OTHER MEDIA

Appearances on CNN, MSNBC, CBS News, Bloomberg Television, and Comedy Central.

Host of first podcast at the Federal Communications Commission, “Broadband Conversations,” designed to highlight the contributions of women to science, technology, engineering and math. Guests have included Senator Catherine Cortez Masto; Maya Wiley; Astronaut Kate Rubins; Kimberly Bryant, Founder of Black Girls Code; and Sylvia Acevedo, Chief Executive Officer of the Girl Scouts.