

## Senate Commerce Committee Nominee Questionnaire, 119th Congress

Instructions for the nominees: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (the “Committee”) requests that you provide typed answers to each of the following questions. It is also requested that you 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 you. Begin each section (*i.e.*, “A”, “B”, etc.) on a new sheet of paper. Electronically submit your completed questionnaire to the Committee in PDF format and ensure that sections A through E of the completed questionnaire are in a text searchable and that any hyperlinks are active and can be clicked. Section F may be scanned for electronic submission and need not be searchable.

Incomplete questionnaires may delay the nomination process.

### A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

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

Mark Ross Meador

**2. Position to which nominated:**

Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission

**3. Date of Nomination:**

January 20, 2025

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

Home: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Work: Kressin Meador Powers LLC  
400 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Unit 300  
Washington, DC 20004

**5. Date and Place of Birth:**

March 16, 1985; Bloomington, Indiana

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

Spouse: Adrienne Lee Meador, Teacher, St. Nicholas Academic Community

Children: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**7. List all college and graduate schools attended, whether or not you were granted a degree by the institution. Provide the name of the institution, the dates attended, the degree received, and the date of the degree.**

University of Houston Law Center, 2008-2011, J.D. awarded May 2011

University of Chicago, 2003-2007, A.B., Philosophy, awarded June 2007

**8. List all post-undergraduate employment, including the job title, name of employer, and inclusive dates of employment, and highlight all management- level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.**

Visiting Fellow, The Heritage Foundation Tech Policy Center, October 2023 to present\*

Partner, Kressin Meador Powers LLC, July 2023 to present\*

Deputy Chief Counsel for Antitrust & Competition Policy, Senator Mike Lee, United States Senate, January 2022 to June 2023\*

Counsel Detailee, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy & Consumer Rights, July 2020 to December 2021\*

Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Transportation, Energy & Agriculture Section, August 2019 to December 2021\*  
Associate, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, August 2016 to July 2019\*

Associate, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, July 2016 to August 2016\*

Counsel Detailee, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy & Consumer Rights, August 2015 to July 2016\*

Attorney, Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Competition, Health Care Division, October 2011 to July 2016\*

Legal Editorial Assistant, Jones McClure Publishing, January 2011 to June 2011

Law Clerk, Office of the Attorney General of Texas, Antitrust Section, June 2010 to November 2010\*

Intern, Liberty Legal Institute (now First Liberty Institute), June 2009 to July 2009

Intern, The Trinity Forum, May 2008 to August 2008

Legal Assistant, Kass & Moses, P.C., August 2005 to January 2008

\* denotes management-level jobs and non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which I have been nominated.

**9. Attach a copy of your resume.**

See Attachment A.

**10. List any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions with Federal, State, or local governments, other than those listed above after 18 years of age.**

None.

**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.**

Partner, Kressin Meador Powers LLC

Visiting Fellow, The Heritage Foundation Tech Policy Center

**12. List all memberships you have had after 18 years of age or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political, professional, fraternal, benevolent or religiously affiliated organization, private club, or other membership organization (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.**

Texas Bar, Member, 2011 to present (inactive since 2017)

District of Columbia Bar, Member, 2017 to present

Supreme Court of the United States, Bar Member, 2023 to present

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Bar Member, 2024 to present

American Bar Association, Antitrust Law Section, Member, 2011-2019, 2023 to present

- Vice-Chair, U.S. Comments & Policy Committee, 2023 to 2024

The Federalist Society, Member, 2008 to present

- Executive Committee Member, Corporations, Securities & Antitrust Practice Group, 2022 to 2024
- Vice President, UHLC Student Chapter, 2009-2010

American Compass, Member, 2024 to present

Trail Life USA, Troop VA-1188, Adult Leader, 2023 to present

Fauquier Amateur Radio Association, Member, 2021 to present

American Radio Relay League, Member, 2023 to present

Fan Fairness Coalition, President, 2023 to 2024

John Sherman Foundation, Board Member, 2024 to 2024

Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scout Pack 1188, Adult Leader, 2019 to 2023

Elite Shooting Sports, Member, 2017 to 2023

National Rifle Association, Member, 2017 to 2022

Houston Business & Tax Law Journal, Member, 2009-2011

- Editor-in-Chief, 2010-2011

UHLC Advocates for Life, Founder and President, 2010-2011

The Edmund Burke Society, Member, 2004 to present

- Secretary, Winter Quarter 2006

None of these organizations discriminates on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or disability. Trail Life USA is a Christian organization for boys; I am not familiar with any formal membership restrictions. None of the other organizations restrict membership on the basis of sex or religion.

**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 \$200 or more for the past ten years.**

Trump 47 Committee - \$516.43 (October 9, 2024)

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

Blackstone Fellow, Alliance Defending Freedom

Dean's Scholar, University of Houston Law Center

Fellow, The John Jay Institute

Honors Fellow, Intercollegiate Studies Institute

Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

**17. List all books, articles, columns, letters to the editor, Internet blog postings, or other publications you have authored, individually or with others. Include a link to each publication when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the publication when available.**

Mark Meador & Annie Chestnut Tutor, *Don't Let Empty Objections Stop the Kids Online Safety Act*, THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION (Aug. 6, 2024), <https://www.heritage.org/big-tech/commentary/dont-let-empty-objections-stop-the-kids-online-safety-act>.

Mark Meador, *Ticketmaster's 'Legally Permissible' Abuse of Monopoly Power Won't Fly*, SPORTICO (July 18, 2024), <https://www.sportico.com/law/analysis/2024/ticketmasters-abuse-of-monopoly-power-wont-fly-1234789894/>.

Mark Meador, *Not Enforcing the Robinson-Patman Act is Lawless and Likely Harms Consumers*, FEDSOC BLOG (Jul. 9, 2024), <https://fedsoc.org/commentary/fedsoc-blog/not-enforcing-the-robinson-patman-act-is-lawless-and-likely-harms-consumers>.

Mark Meador & Joel Thayer, *Why the TikTok bill is constitutional*, THE HILL (Mar. 27, 2024, 3:00 PM), <https://thehill.com/opinion/technology/4536696-why-the-tiktok-bill-is-constitutional/>.

Mark Meador, *MEADOR: Break Up Live Nation Ticketmaster To Protect Fans*, DAILY CALLER (Jan. 26, 2024, 10:59 AM), <https://dailycaller.com/2024/01/26/meador-live-action-ticketmaster-antitrust/>.

International Comparative Legal Guide to: Vertical Agreements and Dominant Firms 2018, Chapter 20: USA, *available at* [https://www.acc.com/sites/default/files/resources/vl/membersonly/Article/1488171\\_1.pdf](https://www.acc.com/sites/default/files/resources/vl/membersonly/Article/1488171_1.pdf).

International Comparative Legal Guide to: Vertical Agreements and Dominant Firms 2017, Chapter 19: USA, *available at* [https://www.acc.com/sites/default/files/resources/vl/membersonly/Article/1461931\\_1.pdf](https://www.acc.com/sites/default/files/resources/vl/membersonly/Article/1461931_1.pdf).

Mark R. Meador, *Squeezing the Middleman: Ending Underhanded Dealing in the Pharmacy Benefit Management Industry Through Regulation*, 21 ANN. HEALTH LAW 77 (2011), *available at* [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1875249](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1875249).

**18. List all speeches, panel discussions, and presentations (e.g., PowerPoint) that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Include a link to each publication when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the speech or presentation when available.**

Panelist at Heritage Foundation panel: Defending Digital Boundaries: The Conservative Case for Online Protection (Sept. 24, 2024)

<https://www.heritage.org/big-tech/event/defending-digital-boundaries-the-conservative-case-online-protection>.

Panelist at Project Sphere panel: How Does A.I. Affect Education?,

<https://www.projectsphere.org/episode/how-does-a-i-affect-education/>.

Panelist at Project Sphere panel: How Should We Address the Challenges Around A.I.?,

<https://www.projectsphere.org/episode/how-should-we-address-the-challenges-around-a-i/>.

Panelist at Project Sphere panel: Should We Be Optimistic About Technology?

Online Access and Connectivity, <https://www.projectsphere.org/episode/should-we-be-optimistic-about-technology-online-access-and-connectivity/>.

Presenter, American Moment Foundations of American Statecraft Course, Navigating Antitrust Law: Insights from Policy and Practice (April and October 2024).

Panelist at DOJ-FTC Joint Workshop: Evolving Approaches to Mergers Between Rivals from the 2010 HMG to the Draft Merger Guidelines (Sept. 5, 2023),

<https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/events/2023/09/2023-draft-merger-guidelines-workshop>.

Panelist at ABA Antitrust Law Section Fall Forum panel: Legislative Reform—Competition Policy as Staple Gun (Nov. 17, 2022).

Panelist at Competition Policy International panel: Challenges in Merger Enforcement—Where Next? (Nov. 16, 2022)

<https://www.competitionpolicyinternational.com/challenges-in-merger-enforcement-where-next-recording>.



Panelist at Bipartisan Policy Center panel: Big Tech and M&A: Killer Acquisitions and Kill Zones? (Oct. 31, 2022), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCD2sdhLUi0>.

Panelist at ABA Antitrust Law Section Legislation Committee panel: Update on the State Antitrust Enforcement Venue Act (July 11, 2022).

Keynote Address at the GW Regulatory Studies Center and Information Technology and Innovation Foundation Conference: Dynamic Competition and Public Policy (April 14, 2022), [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX9E5O-a\\_Zw&t=31705s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX9E5O-a_Zw&t=31705s).

Panelist at the George Mason Law Review and Global Antitrust Institute 25 Years of Antitrust Symposium: Proposals to Change the Antitrust Laws (Feb. 25, 2022), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHDarN3hQyI>.

Panelist at ABA Antitrust Law Section Legislation Committee panel: Antitrust Legislation in Congress in 2016—A Preview (Feb. 17, 2016).

**19. List all public statements you have made during the past ten years, including statements in news articles and radio and podcasts and television appearances, which are on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated, including dates. Include a link to each statement when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the statement when available.**

I have done my best to identify all public statements I have made over the past ten years, including statements in news articles and radio and podcasts and television appearances, which are on topics relevant to the position for which I have been nominated, including through a review of personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my best efforts, there may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

*Merger Monthly: HSR Form's Additional Information Requirements Further Institutionalize New Era of Merger Scrutiny*, THE CAPITOL FORUM. Oct. 14, 2024, (digital copy provided).

*Antitrust Case Against Visa Debit Lights the Way for Probe of Firm's Dominance in Credit Cards, Industry Experts, Lawyers Say*, THE CAPITOL FORUM, Sept. 26, 2024 (digital copy provided).

*The FOX News Rundown*, FOX News Radio (Sep. 9, 2024), <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/house-probe-of-afghanistan-exit-details-catastrophic/id1303660358?i=1000668857119> (discussing Live Nation-Ticketmaster).

*Moment of Truth: Google's Worst Day Is Here (ft. Mark Meador)*, American Moment (Aug. 12, 2024), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqm4EAVyiAM>.

*The Dynamist: Did Google Monopolize Ad-Tech? w/ Mark Meador*, The Foundation for American Innovation (August 8, 2023), <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/episode-30-did-google-monopolize-ad-tech-w-mark-meador/id1528920211>.

Matthew Perlman, *4 Takeaways From Landmark Google Search Ruling*, LAW360, Aug. 6, 2024, <https://www.law360.com/articles/1867101/4-takeaways-from-landmark-google-search-ruling>.

Stefania Palma and James Fontanella-Khan, *JD Vance and Kamala Harris scramble US dealmakers' election strategies*, FINANCIAL TIMES, July 24, 2024, <https://www.ft.com/content/6be260f4-daeb-441c-97c3-67be65242797>.

Ashley Gold and Maria Curi, *Tech after a Trump victory*, AXIOS, July 17, 2024, <https://www.axios.com/pro/tech-policy/2024/07/17/tech-after-a-trump-victory>.

Anna Langlois and Ben Remaly, *Past settlements may boost DOJ's bid for Live Nation breakup*, GLOBAL COMPETITION REVIEW, May 24, 2024, <https://globalcompetitionreview.com/gcr-usa/article/past-settlements-may-boost-doj-bid-live-nation-breakup>.

Daysia Tolentino and Rob Wile, *'It is time to break up Live Nation': DOJ sues Ticketmaster parent over alleged monopoly*, NBC NEWS, May 23, 2024, <https://www.nbcnews.com/business/business-news/ticketmaster-sued-department-justice-monopoly-rcna153645>.

Rob Wile, *What the Ticketmaster-Live Nation lawsuit could mean for fans of live music*, NBC NEWS, May 23, 2024, <https://www.nbcnews.com/business/business-news/ticketmaster-live-nation-lawsuit-mean-fans-live-music-rcna153739>.

Anna Langlois, *Powers moves to antitrust boutique*, GLOBAL COMPETITION REVIEW, April 29, 2024, <https://globalcompetitionreview.com/gcr-usa/article/powers-moves-antitrust-boutique>.

Anna Langlois, *Visa, Mastercard allow steering to resolve interchange fee case*, GLOBAL COMPETITION REVIEW, Mar. 27, 2024, <https://globalcompetitionreview.com/gcr-usa/article/visa-mastercard-allow-steering-resolve-interchange-fee-case>.

Open Letter to Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Kanter (Mar. 21, 2024), *available at* <https://cdn.sanity.io/files/d81rla4f/staging/23fa7c81de31d2c97e58b81285af85f719b5721f.pdf>.

Kathleen Murphy, *Meador joins Heritage*, FTCWATCH, Jan. 29, 2024 (digital copy provided).

Chris May, *Comment: Major League Baseball scores postponed reckoning over US federal antitrust exemption with settlements*, MLEX, Nov. 7, 2023, <https://www.mlex.com/mlex/articles/2000158/comment-major-league-baseball-scores-postponed-reckoning-over-us-federal-antitrust-exemption-with-settlements>.

Marcia Brown, *The Next Generation of Law Students Is Obsessed With Lina Khan*, POLITICO MAGAZINE, Nov. 6, 2023, <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2023/11/06/law-students-antitrust-lina-khan-00124240>.

Anna Langlois, *Congressional committees float proposals to curb DOJ funding*, GLOBAL COMPETITION REVIEW, Aug. 9, 2023, <https://globalcompetitionreview.com/gcr-usa/article/congressional-committees-float-proposals-curb-doj-funding>.

*Moment of Truth: Will We Revolutionize Antitrust? (ft. Mark Meador)*, American Moment (July 31, 2023), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4lGMBf6-ys>.

David Mamone, *Mark Meador: the exit interview*, GLOBAL COMPETITION REVIEW, July 3, 2023, <https://globalcompetitionreview.com/gcr-usa/article/mark-meador-the-exit-interview>.

Ben Remaly and David Mamone, *Boutique of former Kanter colleagues grows with Senate hire*, GLOBAL COMPETITION REVIEW, July 3, 2023, <https://globalcompetitionreview.com/gcr-usa/article/boutique-of-former-kanter-colleagues-grows-senate-hire>.

*Our Curious Amalgam: #215 What Does Antitrust Counsel to a United States Senator Do? A Conversation With Mark Meador*, American Bar Association (Apr. 23, 2023), <https://ourcuriousamalgam.com/episode/215-mark-meador/>.

**20. 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 full name of an “alias” or “handle”, including the complete URL and username with hyperlinks, 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.**

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/markrmeador/> (active)

X: @mrmeador (active)

Instagram: @mrmeador (deactivated)

Facebook: Mark Meador (deleted)

Substack: @mrmeador (active, reading only)

QRZ.com: K3ATR, <https://www.qrz.com/db/k3atr> (active)

Clubhouse: @mrmeador (dormant)

TruthSocial: @mrmeador (dormant)

GETTR: @mrmeador (dormant)

SSRN: Mark R. Meador,

[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf\\_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per\\_id=1658093](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=1658093) (active)

**21. 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, committee, and subject matter of each testimony.**

None.

**22. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the department/agency/commission/corporation 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?**

The Federal Trade Commission bears the incredibly important responsibility to ensure fairness in American markets by preventing anticompetitive conduct and mergers and unfair and deceptive practices. I have dedicated my career to the pursuit of these same goals and believe they are fundamental to ushering in the President's vision for America's golden age.

To start, my antitrust experience spans over many vantage points and includes advising at the highest levels. I began my career as a staff attorney in the Health Care Division of the Bureau of Competition at the FTC, where I spearheaded investigations into complex health care markets. I have also served as a staff attorney at the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice, where I played a leading role in efforts to protect consumers and competition in the transportation, technology, and fintech industries.

I leveraged these experiences as antitrust counsel in the United States Senate for Senator Mike Lee, where I assisted in drafting and reviewing antitrust legislation. I also advised on oversight of federal antitrust enforcers, working to ensure that the agencies promoted consumer welfare and adhered to their stated mission as defined by Congress.

I have spent several years practicing antitrust law in private practice, both at a large defense-oriented firm and at my own small firm specializing in offense-oriented antitrust. I have appeared before FTC and DOJ both to defend parties under investigation and to solicit investigations on behalf of victims. These experiences

have given me insight into the challenges faced by both antitrust defendants and private plaintiffs, something that I believe is essential to making sound judgments as an antitrust enforcer.

Outside of my legal practice, I have also been a strong advocate for protecting children online. Alongside the FTC's critical work to prevent fraud, scams, and other predatory conduct against consumers, protecting our children from the dangers posed by various social media platforms is one of the agency's highest callings. As a father of six, I take this responsibility seriously and understand the challenges that parents face in striking the right balance for the role of technology in their kids' lives.

I care deeply about the FTC's mission, as well as for the rule of law. My experiences have made me sensitive to the effects that legal and regulatory policies have on stakeholders, consumers, and most importantly American families. What's more, I have the proven ability to find the balance between federal governance, private companies, and consumers in promoting a healthy and sustainable marketplace. If confirmed, I look forward to using my diverse experiences as an antitrust lawyer and parent to ensure that the FTC Act is, to borrow the words of President Trump, "enforced both vigorously and fairly, with clear rules that facilitate, rather than stifle, the ingenuity of our greatest companies."

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

Prudent stewardship of taxpayer resources is one of the most important responsibilities of the executive branch. If confirmed, my responsibility will be to work with the Chairman, other Commissioners, and FTC staff to ensure that agency resources are used efficiently and effectively to fulfill the agency's mission within the bounds of the law.

I have experience managing large teams of attorneys in private practice, supervising teams of law clerks on the Senate Antitrust Subcommittee, and managing a law firm. I also have six children.

**24. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency/commission/corporation, and why?**

The top three challenges facing the FTC are: (1) the growing number and complexity of threats to the American family and consumer, oversight of which has been hampered by the misallocation of resources under the prior administration; (2) a staff that has been demoralized by four years of mismanagement; and (3) a lack of trust within the business community after four years of repeated leaks of confidential information, weaponized and unpredictable agency procedures, and politicized enforcement actions.

## **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, such as a 401(k) or pension plan.**

Upon confirmation, I will resign from Kressin Meador Powers LLC and forfeit my interest in any contingency cases. In exchange for forfeiting my interest in any contingency cases, the firm will make a payment to my capital account, the amount of which will be fixed before I enter government service. The firm also will pay into my capital account partnership distributions to which I was entitled at the time of my departure. This payment will be based solely on the firm's earnings through the date of my withdrawal, and the amount of the payment will be fixed before I enter government service. The amounts in my capital account will be paid to me over a period of six months. The firm also will be renamed to remove my name.

- 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.**

No.

- 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.**

In connection with the nomination process, I have consulted with the U.S. Office of Government Ethics and the Federal Trade 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.



- 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.**

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

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.**

During my time as a detailee to and employee of the Senate, my responsibilities included working on the drafting, negotiating, and passage of legislation, as well as oversight of the FTC and DOJ Antitrust Division.

In private practice, especially in my current role, I have frequently been retained by persons harmed by violations of the antitrust laws. Those engagements typically entail meeting with federal and/or state antitrust enforcers to share concerns and seek an investigation and/or enforcement action (*i.e.*, "influence ... the administration and execution of law"). Victims in antitrust cases are extremely vulnerable to retaliation, and therefore my representation of those parties is highly confidential in addition to being protected by the attorney-client privilege. The Rules of Professional Conduct for the District of Columbia Bar prevent me from disclosing the identity of those clients.

The National Grocers Association retained me to provide antitrust counseling and legal advice on a number of matters. This included guidance on model legislation to protect competition in the grocery sector.

## 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, an Inspector General, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If yes:**
  - a. **Provide the name of the court, agency, association, committee, or group;**
  - b. **Provide the date the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action was issued or initiated;**
  - c. **Describe the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action;**
  - d. **Provide the results of the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action.**

No.

2. **Have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or held by any Federal, State, or other law enforcement authority of any Federal, State, county, municipal, or foreign government 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.**

In 2007, a roommate and I were plaintiffs in a lawsuit against our former landlord, in which we alleged that he had commingled funds in violation of Chicago city ordinances. The matter settled shortly after the suit was filed. The case number was 2007-MI-179986, in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Municipal Department, First District.

**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 assault, sexual harassment, or discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis? If so, please explain.**

In 2018, while at Paul, Weiss, I was the senior associate overseeing a second request response for a client. My duties included managing a significant number of junior associates. One junior associate, a male, consistently turned in work that was late and of poor quality. After a short period, I removed him from the matter, over his strenuous objections. In retaliation, he made baseless allegations in a written “upward review” that I had engaged in favoritism toward male associates while managing the matter. I was shocked to see this, as nearly all of the associates to whom I entrusted the most important tasks and from whom I received the best work product were women. After reading the allegations, I shared them with two of the female associates I oversaw, and they both confirmed that there was absolutely no merit to the claims. The concern was never raised to me by anyone else at the firm, and the male associate parted ways with the firm shortly after his next performance review.

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

If confirmed, I will work diligently with my fellow commissioners to ensure compliance with deadlines and requests for information.

- 2. Will you ensure that your department/agency/commission/corporation does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistleblowers 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**

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

Mark R. Meador

Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 6th day of February, 2025.

Siwoo Jang exp: 04/30/2025

Notary Public

