

Arthur E. Gary
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Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Gary:

The purpose of this letter is to describe the steps that I will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest in the event that I am confirmed for the position of United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi. It is my responsibility to understand and comply with commitments outlined in this Ethics Agreement (Agreement).

SECTION 1 – GENERAL COMMITMENTS

As required by the criminal conflicts of interest law at 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter in which I know that I have a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which I know that a person whose interests are imputed to me has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the particular matter, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). I understand that the interests of the following persons are imputed to me:

- Any spouse or minor child of mine;
- Any general partner of a partnership in which I am a limited or general partner;
- Any organization in which I serve as an officer, director, trustee, general partner, or employee; and
- Any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

In the event that an actual or potential conflict of interest arises during my appointment, I will consult with an agency ethics official and take the measures necessary to resolve the conflict, such as recusal from the particular matter or divestiture of an asset.

If I have a managed account or otherwise use the services of an investment professional during my appointment, I will ensure that the account manager or investment professional obtains my prior approval on a case-by-case basis for the purchase of any assets other than cash, cash equivalents, investment funds that qualify for the regulatory exemption for diversified mutual funds and unit investment trusts at 5 C.F.R. § 2640.201(a), or obligations of the United States.

I will receive a live ethics briefing from United States Marshals Service ethics officials after my confirmation but not later than 15 days after my appointment pursuant to the ethics program regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. Within 90 days of my confirmation, I will submit my Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance to United States Marshals Service ethics officials, which documents my compliance with this Agreement.

I understand that as an appointee I will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13989) and that I will be bound by it. Among other obligations, I will be required to recuse from particular matters involving specific parties involving my former employer or former clients for a period of two years after I am appointed, with the exception of federal, state and local government.

I will not modify this Agreement without your approval and the approval of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics pursuant to the ethics agreement requirements contained in the financial disclosure regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2634.803(a)(4).

SECTION 2 – RESIGNATIONS

I retired from my position with the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol in December 2022. For a period of one year after my resignation from this entity, I will have a “covered relationship” under the impartiality regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502 with the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. Pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502, the agency will grant me written authorization to participate personally and substantially in particular matters involving specific parties in which I know that the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol is a party or represents a party.

SECTION 3 – SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT

My spouse is employed by Greenwood Leflore Consolidated School District and Weststat-Data Collection and Management in positions for which she receives a fixed annual salary. My spouse does not own stock in and does not retain an equity interest in Weststat-Data Collection Management. Pursuant to the impartiality regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502, for as long as my spouse continues to work for Greenwood Leflore Consolidated School District and Weststat-Data Collection Management, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know Greenwood Leflore Consolidated School District or Weststat-Data Collection Management is a party or represents a party, unless I am authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

SECTION 4 – PUBLIC POSTING

I have been advised that this Agreement and the Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance will be posted publicly, consistent with the public information law at 5 U.S.C. § 552, on the website of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics with ethics agreements of other Presidential nominees who file public financial disclosure reports.

Sincerely,



Michael Purnell

March 10, 2023

Date