

## 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):

*Jonathan Charles Morrison (Jon was a nickname through high school)*

2. Position to which nominated:

*Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*

3. Date of Nomination:

*February 11, 2025*

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

*Residence:*

[REDACTED]

*Office:*

[REDACTED]

5. Date and Place of Birth:

[REDACTED], *Sacramento, CA*

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).

*Fernanda Morrison, homemaker*  
*No children*

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.

- *Cosumnes River College*
  - *January 1996 - May 1998*
  - *AA, Music (May 1998)*
- *University of Pittsburgh*
  - *August 1998 - January 2001*
  - *BPhil, Music & Philosophy (January 2001)*
- *California State University Sacramento (non-matriculating)*
  - *January 2001 - May 2001*
- *University of Notre Dame*
  - *August 2001 - May 2004*
  - *JD (May 2004)*
- *University College London*
  - *October 2004 - September 2005*
  - *LL.M., International Business Law (November 2005)*

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.

- *First Global Community College (Nong Khai, Thailand)*
  - *Music and English Teacher*
  - *Summer 2001*
- *Tilleke & Gibbins (Bangkok, Thailand)*
  - *Summer Associate*
  - *Summer 2002*
- *Chandler & Thong-Ek (Bangkok, Thailand)*
  - *Summer Associate*

- *Summer 2003*
- *Exclusively Legal*
  - *Contract Attorney*
  - *October 2005*
- *Copart (Fairfield, CA)*
  - *Contract Attorney*
  - *November 2005 - January 2006*
  - *Non-management, but related to position*
- *California New Car Dealers Association (Sacramento, CA)*
  - *Staff Counsel; Director of Legal & Regulatory Affairs (Management)*
  - *January 2006 - February 2014*
- *Auto Advisory Services, LLC (Irvine, CA)*
  - *President (Management)*
  - *March 2014 - October 2017*
- *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (Washington, DC)*
  - *Chief Counsel (Management)*
  - *November 2017 - January 2021*
- *Apple, Inc. (Cupertino, CA)*
  - *Legal, Regulatory, Government Affairs, and Policy Lead (Management)*
  - *March 2021 - Present*

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 after 18 years of age.

- *California Bureau of Automotive Repair Advisory Group Member*
  - *Appointed by Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair*
    - *2014-2017*

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.

- *Director, California Automotive Business Coalition*

- 2015-2017
- *Co-Chair of the Regulatory Compliance Practice Group, National Association of Dealer Counsel*
  - 2015-2017
- *Director, Automated Vehicle Industry Association*
  - 2021-2024

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.

- *Member, Pitt Alumni Association*
  - 2001-Present
- *Member, Notre Dame Alumni Association*
  - 2004-Present
- *Member, Notre Dame Club of San Jose/Silicon Valley*
  - 2023-Present
- *Member, Notre Dame Club of Washington, DC*
  - 2018-2021
- *Member, Notre Dame Club of Orange County*
  - 2015-2017
- *Member, Notre Dame Law Association*
  - 2004-Present
- *Member, St. Thomas More Society*
  - 2023-Present
- *Member, Univeristy College London Alumni*
  - 2005-Present
- *Member, Federalist Society*
  - 2017-2020; 2023-Present
- *Member, Society for Benefit Cost Analysis*
  - 2024-Present
- *Member, State Bar of California*
  - 2005-Present
- *Member, United States Supreme Court Bar*

- 2018-Present
- *Member, Rotary Club of North Sacramento*
  - 2008-2012
- *Member, Phi Sigma Tau International Honor Society in Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh*
  - 1999-2001 (President, 2000)
- *Member National Association of Dealer Counsel*
  - 2007-2017 (Co-Chair of Regulatory Practice Group, 2015-2017)
- *Member, California Bureau of Automotive Repair Advisory Group (2014-2017)*

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.

*I was appointed as Chief Counsel of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the U.S. Department of Transportation, and served from November 2017-January 2021.*

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.

*None*

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

*Secretary of Transportation's Distinguished Service Award for Leading DOT's Response to the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency, 2020*

*University College London, London, United Kingdom  
LL.M., with Merit, International Business Law, 2005*

*Dean's List, International Trade Law, Notre Dame Law School, 2003*

*International Moot Court, Notre Dame Law School, London, 2003  
Best Speaker, Round One  
Competition Speaker of Note*

*University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Bachelor of Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude, Philosophy & Music, 2001*

*University Honors College Brackenridge Research Fellow, Philosophy/History & Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2000*

*President, Phi Sigma Tau International Honor Society in Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, 2000*

*Cosumnes River College, Sacramento, California  
Associate of Arts, with Highest Honors, Music, 1998*

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.

- *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*
  - *While at NHTSA, I issued several orders, notices, rulemaking documents, and interpretation letters in my capacity as Chief Counsel. These are available at: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa-interpretation-file-search#search-tool> or in the Federal Register*
- *California New Car Dealers Association (CNCDA):*
  - *Dealer Management Guides (Editing & Drafting Portions)*
  - *F&I Compliance Manuals (Editing & Drafting Portions)*
  - *Registration Professional's Toolkit*
  - *CNCDA Monthly Dealer Bulletin Articles (2006-2014)*

***Note:** these are resources made available to members; I do not have access to the publications*

- *Auto Advisory Services (AAS):*
  - *CNCDA Service Drive Compliance Manual and Reference Guide (2017)*

***Note:** CNCDA hired AAS to provide a seminar series and draft this publication, which was provided to CNCDA members and attendees. This is a CNCDA member resource, and I do not have access to the publication.*

- *Auto Dealer Law Quarterly Updates (2014-2017)*
  - *-Rocky Recall Road, (Found reprinted in Illinois Automobile Dealer News at <https://illinois-auto-dealer-news.thenewslinkgroup.org/flippingbooks/Pub6-2016-Issue3/14/>) (2016)*

***Note:** Auto Dealer Law was a compliance guidebook and quarterly newsletter service provided jointly by AAS and the law firm Charapp & Weiss—neither of which exist today. I wrote several articles for the quarterly newsletter, but, aside from the article linked above, I do not have access to those newsletters.*

- *Monthly Transmission Newsletter (2014-2017)*

***Note:** This Newsletter was a subscription service provided to AAS clients. I wrote or edited many articles for the publication while President of AAS. AAS was sold to KPA in 2018, and I do not have access to the publications.*

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.

***Note:** I have given many speeches, panel presentations, and other presentations in my career—mostly relating to legal and public policy matters not directly relevant to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or the position of Administrator, and primarily prior to my time in the Federal government. The following is the most complete list I could recall of my speeches, panel presentations, and presentations relevant to the nomination:*

- *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (presented in my official capacity as Chief Counsel):*
  - *Discussion, NADA Regulatory Affairs Meeting, Washington, DC (April 2018) (no digital copy found)*

- *Announcement of vehicle recall safety pilot program with Maryland Department of Transportation and Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, pursuant to grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (April 2018) (no digital copy found)*
- *Presentation, Self-Driving Coalition for Safer Streets (Estimated 2019) (no digital copy found)*
- *Presentation, National Association of Motor Vehicle Boards and Commissions Fall Workshop (September 2018) (no digital copy found)*
- *Speech, Association for Safe International Road Travel (November 2018) (no digital copy found)*
- *Panel Discussion, American Bar Association Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation Conference (April 2019) (no digital copy found)*
- *Governors Highway Safety Association Annual Meeting (August 2019) (no digital copy found)*
- *Speech, National Automobile Dealers Association Washington Conferencee (September 2019) (no digital copy found)*
- *Presentation, National Association of Dealer Counsel Fall Conference (October 2019) (no digital copy found)*
- *Presentation, National Sheriffs Association (Estimated 2019) (no digital copy found)*
- *Speech, National Independent Automobile Dealers Association (Estimated 2019) (no digital copy found)*
- *Interview with Magazine (Estimated 2019 or 2020) (no digital copy found)*
  - **Note:** *I recall a written interview with an automotive periodical related to repairs, tires, or the automotive aftermarket, but I can't recall which one.*
- *Virtual Panel Presentation at The Autonomous' Safety and Regulation Chapter Event, July 2020 (<https://www.the-autonomous.com/news/tackling-regulation-at-the-fourth-chapter-event/>)*
- *Presentation before the Japan Automobile Standards Internationalization Center (December 2020) ([https://www.jasic.org/meeting\\_docs\\_admin/contents/uploads/doc/meeting3/6%E3%80%80NHTSA%20Symposium%20December%202020.pdf](https://www.jasic.org/meeting_docs_admin/contents/uploads/doc/meeting3/6%E3%80%80NHTSA%20Symposium%20December%202020.pdf))*
- *Auto Advisory Services:*
  - *Presentation, Dealer Perspectives from the Early Stages of the Plug-In Presentation, The California Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate: Legal and*



- Market Expectations Intertwined, National Association of Motor Vehicle Boards and Commissions Annual Conference (2014) (found online at: <https://www.sambuz.com/doc/national-association-of-motor-vehicle-boards-and-ppt-presentation-613040>)*
- *Panel Discussion, Vehicle Finance: An Evolving Market/Subprime & Negative Equity: How to Stop the Pot from Bubbling Over, National Association of Motor Vehicle Boards and Commissions Annual Conference (2014) (no digital copy found)*
  - *Electric Vehicle Market, Department of Energy Annual Merit Review (June 2014) (no digital copy found)*
  - *Panel Presentation, Legal Ramifications of Vendor “Solutions” Peddled to Dealers, National Association of Dealer Counsel (2017) (no digital copy found)*
  - *Presentation, Industrywide Safety Recall Difficulties, California New Motor Vehicle Board (2016) (no digital copy found)*
  - *Several Presentations, Service Drive Compliance, California New Car Dealers Association (2017) (no digital copy found)*
  - *Presentation, Auto Repair Compliance, Independent Automotive Professionals Association (2016) (no digital copy found)*
  - *California New Car Dealers Association:*
    - *Various seminars on compliance and new laws (2006-2014) (no digital copy found)*
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.
- *Automotive News SHIFT: A Podcast About Mobility: USDOT Sketches Road Rules Ahead for Self-Driving Vehicles (episode 74) (2020)*  
<https://www.autonews.com/shift-podcast-about-mobility/usdot-sketches-road-rules-ahead-self-driving-vehicles-episode-74/>
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/jonathan-morrison-45b1181/> (active)
- X: <https://x.com/jbomott38574> (active, no posts)
- Myspace: <https://myspace.com/jbomott> (long inactive)

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?

*I believe I am qualified to serve as Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration because I have spent my entire career working in the automotive and technology fields, including service as Chief Counsel to the agency from November 2017 through January 2021. Should I be confirmed, I would apply lessons learned from my experiences in each role to drive agency efforts to improve highway safety.*

*California New Car Dealers Association (CNCDA): At CNCDA I grew familiar with the legal, policy, and market issues affecting the automotive industry, including safety, fuel economy, environmental, finance, transactional, and distributional.*

*Auto Advisory Services: Running Auto Advisory Services gave me the ability to understand automotive legal, policy, and market issues on a more intimate basis by providing compliance guidance directly with dealer, repair facility, and technology company clients.*

*National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): As NHTSA Chief Counsel, I led all regulatory, enforcement, and other legal activities within NHTSA's jurisdiction, working closely with the agency's incredible team of automotive safety attorneys, engineers, economists, statisticians, human factors specialists, and other researchers on all aspects of NHTSA's mission.*

*My work at NHTSA gave me intimate knowledge of the areas of NHTSA jurisdiction, and recent experience working to address the ongoing highway safety crisis.*

*Apple: At Apple, I led a cross-functional legal, regulatory, government affairs, and policy team to provide strategic counsel to leadership, product design, industrial design, and human interface teams on regulatory, product liability, and safety implications of various technological designs and features. This experience of applying regulation to cutting edge technologies would serve me well as Administrator, should I be confirmed.*

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?

*Should I be confirmed as Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, my responsibilities will be to lead and represent the agency on all matters within its jurisdiction in accordance with the directions, policies, and priorities of the Secretary of Transportation and President of the United States. This includes properly and efficiently managing all programs, functions, offices, and activities of the agency within the Administrator's statutory authorities in accordance with the law and the Constitution. Critically, my responsibilities will involve planning and overseeing budgets, spending plans, and audits, and implementing internal controls consistent with mandates from the Office of Management and Budget, Department of Transportation, and Congress to ensure accountability.*

*While serving as Chief Counsel to the agency, I assisted the Deputy Administrator in management of the agency, working closely with the Associate Administrator for Administration and CFO. I also gained executive managerial experience from running a business when serving as President of Auto Advisory Services.*

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

- *Our highway fatality crisis has continued at an unacceptably elevated rate, especially since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the past several years, we have suffered fatality rates our country hasn't seen since the mid-*

*2000s. The characteristics common to these fatal crashes have remained consistent for decades: speeding, alcohol and/or drug use, distraction, and not wearing seat belts. The agency must redouble its efforts on proven safety countermeasures.*

- *While today's new vehicles are the safest ever sold, the average age of a vehicle in the United States fleet is older than ever and now approaches 13 years—meaning an increasingly large proportion of our society is driving older and less safe vehicles. The reason for this aging fleet is multifaceted, but much can be attributed to regulatory mandates in the United States, Europe, and China that push design decisions away from what consumers want and need and continually push vehicle prices out of reach for everyday Americans. Pursuing smart regulation that focuses on robust, design-agnostic, performance requirements will allow automakers to design and sell innovative vehicles that consumers and businesses desire, and at a lower price point.*
- *Automotive technology, and American use and acceptance of such technology, is evolving at an incredibly rapid pace. Alternative fuel powertrains, software-defined vehicles, and automated driving systems are extraordinarily complicated, and development is unique to each company. Appropriate oversight and regulation of these new technologies requires that the agency continuously develop its own expertise and familiarity with new technologies and their costs and benefits. The agency must engage with industry, State and local governments, and safety experts to establish robust performance requirements that meet the need for motor vehicle safety in a way that does not hamper innovation.*

## 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.

- *Apple:*

- *Severance: Upon leaving Apple on April 28<sup>th</sup>, I will receive a lump sum severance payment, and up to six months of COBRA premiums pursuant to Apple's severance plan.*
  - *Bonus: Conditioned upon fulfilling my employment obligations and remaining an employee in good standing on April 28<sup>th</sup>, I will receive a cash bonus.*
  - *ESPP Refund: I have continued to have a portion of my salary withheld pursuant to Apple's Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Since I will leave Apple prior to the next stock purchase date, all amounts withheld will be cashed out upon my leaving the company on April 28<sup>th</sup>.*
  - *Accrued vacation payout: Pursuant to Apple's employment plan, all accrued vacation time will be cashed out to me upon my departure on April 28<sup>th</sup>.*
  - *401(k): I have an Apple-sponsored 401(k) account through Fidelity Netbenefits. I will keep this account open for some period of time. If I am confirmed, I will consider rolling the funds in this account over to the Federal Thrift Savings Plan.*
- *Federal Government:*
    - *Thrift Savings Plan: I have retained my Thrift Savings Plan account from my time in the Federal Government.*

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 Office of Government Ethics and the Department of Transportation (“DOT”) Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts of interest. Any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved consistent with the terms of an ethics agreement I have entered into with the DOT Designated Agency Ethics Official, which has been provided to this Committee. I am not aware of any other 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.

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

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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.

*Until resigning in February 2024, I served as a Director of the Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association, which advocated for policies in support of the safe testing and deployment of highly automated vehicles.*

*While President of Auto Advisory Services, I attended the California New Car Dealers Association's annual legislative conferences and accompanied dealer clients to visits with members of the California legislature.*

*Until joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in November 2017, I served as a Director of the California Automotive Business Coalition, which advocated for policies in support of the larger automotive repair industry.*

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### **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.

*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 assault, 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/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?



*Yes, I will ensure that my office responds to such requests for information as appropriate.*

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*

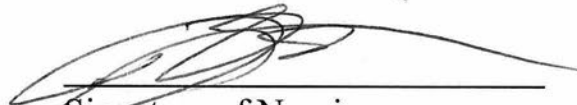
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F. AFFIDAVIT

JONATHAN CHARLES MORRISON 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.

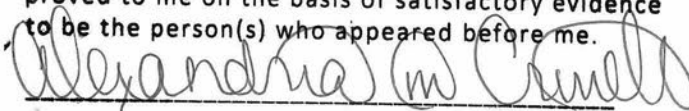
  
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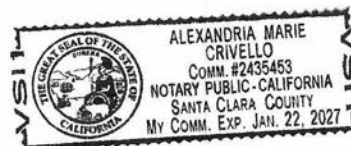
Subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California )  
County of Santa Clara )  
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me  
on this 17 day of April, 2025, by  
Jonathan Charles Morrison  
proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence  
to be the person(s) who appeared before me.





**Jonathan C. Morrison**

**EXPERIENCE**

**Apple, Inc.**, Cupertino, California  
*Special Projects Group Legal* 2021-Present

Apple, Inc. is one of the world's largest technology companies, blending hardware, software, and services to create unrivaled consumer products and experiences.

- Led intersectional team of legal, engineering, and government affairs professionals for Apple's Special Projects Group, overseeing and directing legal, regulatory, government affairs, and policy development activities.
- Strategic Counsel:
  - Guided product design, industrial design, and human interface teams on regulatory and product liability implications of various designs and features; worked collaboratively to modify designs to mitigate risk while meeting concept objectives
  - Developed cross-functional Safety Action Committee organization to bring together relevant experts and project leadership to align on policy development and safety-critical decisionmaking
  - Supported large operations infrastructure in achieving program objectives while meeting regulatory requirements and mitigating safety and liability risk
  - Worked with Apple legal, government affairs, security, and communications teams to achieve alignment on supply chain, intellectual property, privacy, and other strategic objectives
- Policy Development:
  - Worked cross-functionally to evaluate implications of alternative performance standards and potential suitability for anticipated regulatory requirements
  - Adapted goal-structured notation approach for policy/process development through cross-functional safety case governance
  - Developed policies, based upon regulatory, standards, and political research, designed to generate design-and-feature-specific engineering requirements

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)**, Washington, District of Columbia  
*Chief Counsel* 2017 to 2021

NHTSA is the primary Federal automotive industry regulator, overseeing activities of automobile manufacturers, parts suppliers, automated driving system (ADS) developers, dealers, and alterers/modifiers. NHTSA's mission is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce economic costs due to vehicle crashes.

- Appointed by Secretary of Transportation to serve as the 16th Chief Counsel in NHTSA's history to lead all regulatory, enforcement, and other legal activities within NHTSA's jurisdiction
- Engaged in detailed technical discussions with government and stakeholder attorneys, engineers, economists, statisticians, human factors specialists, and other researchers to inform policy and legal determinations
- Worked with NHTSA's Office of Defect Investigations and Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance to evaluate safety and compliance concerns based upon TREAD Act reporting, consumer complaints, and other information to determine whether investigations were necessary and appropriate, ensure due process, and evaluate the adequacy and timeliness of manufacturer recalls
- Oversaw negotiation of consent orders with manufacturers, importers, parts suppliers, and new car dealers
- Researched and issued authoritative legal interpretations of relevant statutes and regulations
- Oversaw Congressional affairs inquiries and led Congressional briefings on matters relating to cybersecurity, ADS, fuel economy, and odometer disclosure requirements

- Represented the United States in presentations before national and international government, trade association, and industry events

**Auto Advisory Services, Inc. (AAS)**, Irvine, California  
*President* 2014 to 2017

AAS was a 40+ employee legal compliance consulting company that leveraged deep understanding of industry operations and expertise in technical State and Federal laws to provide compliance counsel to hundreds of new car dealer and technology company clients.

- Assisted clients in navigating industry issues in response to governmental activity and litigation threats
- Led team of attorneys, and former law enforcement officials to audit dealer activities for compliance with California and Federal sales, finance, privacy, advertising, and repair laws
- Leveraged automotive repair expertise to create automotive service compliance program
- Worked with State and Federal trade associations representing dealers, automakers, finance companies and other transportation-related sectors to develop and provide compliance guidance
- Fostered relationships with trade associations, regulatory agencies, automakers, finance companies and litigators to gauge compliance threats and provide targeted industry guidance

**California New Car Dealers Association (CNCDA)**, Sacramento, California  
*Director of Legal & Regulatory Affairs* 2006 to 2014

CNCDA represents 1,200 California franchised new car and truck dealers in legal, regulatory, legislative and media advocacy.

- Led legal and regulatory advocacy efforts before all California courts and regulatory agencies, including the California Air Resources Board, Department of Motor Vehicles, Bureau of Automotive Repair, Department of Toxic Substances Control, and Board of Equalization
- Drafted legislation and regulations to implement favorable policy positions and strategies
- Testified before California legislature and Federal and State regulatory agencies on behalf of dealers
- Assisted dealers in navigating pressing industry events spurred by Federal or State laws
- Analyzed and monitored legislative and regulatory proposals to determine dealer impact
- Monitored legal trends in California and Federal courts; coordinated Amicus activity among businesses and trade associations; drafted and edited Federal and State Amicus briefs

#### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

**Member**, United States Supreme Court Bar, 2018 to Present

**Member**, State Bar of California, 2005 to Present

**Director**, Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association, 2021 to 2024

**Co-Chair**, Regulatory Compliance Practice Group, National Association of Dealer Counsel, 2015 to 2017

**Director**, California Automotive Business Coalition, 2014 to 2017

**Appointed Member**, California Bureau of Automotive Repair Advisory Group, 2014 to 2017

#### EDUCATION

**University College London**, London, United Kingdom

LL.M., *with Merit* (Honors), International Business Law, 2005

**The Notre Dame Law School**, Notre Dame, Indiana

Juris Doctor, 2004

**University of Pittsburgh**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Philosophy, *Magna Cum Laude*, Philosophy & Music, 2001

**Cosumnes River College**, Sacramento, California

Associate of Arts, *with Highest Honors*, Music, 1998