

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):

Ajit Varadaraj Pai

2. Position to which nominated:

Member, Federal Communications Commission\*

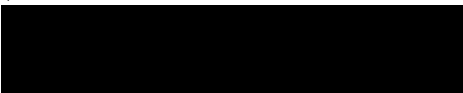
\* President Donald J. Trump designated me Chairman of the Commission on January 23, 2017.

3. Date of Nomination:

March 7, 2017

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

Residence:



Office:

445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

5. Date and Place of Birth:

January 10, 1973  
Buffalo, New York

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).

Janine Van Lancker  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates

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

Harvard University, B.A. (1994)

University of Chicago, J.D. (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.

Federal Communications Commission. Chairman (January 2017 – present); Commissioner (May 2012 – January 2017).

Jenner & Block LLP. Partner (April 2011 – May 2012).

Federal Communications Commission, Office of General Counsel. Special Advisor to the General Counsel (March 2010 – April 2011); Deputy General Counsel (December 2007 – February 2010); Associate General Counsel (July 2007 – December 2007).

U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights. Chief Counsel (February 2005 – June 2007).

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Legal Policy. Senior Counsel (May 2004 – February 2005).

U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts. Deputy Chief Counsel (March 2003 – May 2004).

Verizon Communications Inc. Associate General Counsel (February 2001 – March 2003).

U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Telecommunications Task Force. Trial Attorney, Attorney General's Honors Program (December 1998 – February 2001).

Hon. Martin L.C. Feldman, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana. Law Clerk (September 1997 – September 1998).

Kirkland & Ellis. Summer Associate (June 1997 – September 1997).

Latham & Watkins. Summer Associate (June 1996 – September 1996).

Lathrop & Norquist (now Lathrop & Gage LLP). Summer Associate (August 1995 – September 1995).

Hon. Kathryn H. Vratil, U.S. District Court, District of Kansas. Summer Law Clerk (June 1995 – July 1995).

The management-level jobs I have held include Chairman, Commissioner, Deputy General Counsel, and Associate General Counsel at the Federal Communications Commission; Partner at Jenner & Block LLP; Chief Counsel at the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights; and Deputy Chief Counsel at the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts.

The non-managerial jobs I have held which relate to the position for which I have been nominated include Special Advisor to the General Counsel at the Federal Communications Commission; Senior Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Legal Policy; Associate

General Counsel at Verizon Communications Inc.; and Trial Attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Telecommunications Task Force.

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

A copy of my resume is 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.

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 within the last ten years.

Partner, Jenner & Block LLP (April 2011 – May 2012).

Co-Trustee, Radha V. Pai Children's Trust (resigned August 2012).

Co-Trustee, Varadaraj S. Pai Children's Trust (resigned August 2012).

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 religious organization, private club, or other membership organization. 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 handicap.

Kansas Bar. Member during entire reporting period.

District of Columbia Bar. Member during entire reporting period.

Member, Nominations Committee (November 2010 – November 2011).

Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies. Member during entire reporting period; Member, Executive Committee, Administrative Law Practice Group (January 2011 – November 2011).

South Asian Bar Association – District of Columbia. Member during entire reporting period.

Federal Communications Bar Association. Member (2008-09).

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. 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. Also list all offices you have held with, and services rendered to, a state or national political party or election committee during the same period.

I contributed a total of \$750 to the presidential campaign of Mitt Romney in 2012. I have not contributed \$500 or more to any other individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity over the past ten years. I have not held any offices with any state or national political party, political action committee, or campaign committee during the same period. Between November 6-8, 2006, I served as a volunteer for the Republican National Committee in Montana.

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

2016 Freedom of Speech Award from the Media Institute.

2015 Herbert Brownell Award from the Tech Elders.

2015 Sports Fan Coalition Most Valuable Policymaker (along with all other Commissioners).

2015 Jerry B. Duvall Public Service Award from the Phoenix Center for Advanced Legal & Economic Public Policy Studies.

2011 Marshall Memorial Fellowship, awarded by the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

16. Please list each book, article, column, or publication you have authored, individually or with others. 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.

Publications:

“Consumer Protection Month at the FCC,” self-published on *Medium* (June 22, 2017), available at <https://medium.com/@AjitPaiFCC/consumer-protection-month-at-the-fcc-1dea0007d9c6>.

“How the U.S. can win the digital future,” *Manchester Union Leader* (June 21, 2017), available at <http://www.unionleader.com/Another-View-Ajit-Pai-Tech-Week-How-the-US-can-win-the-digital-future-06222017>.

“Heading Together Toward the Future,” self-published on *Medium* (June 2, 2017), available at <https://medium.com/@AjitPaiFCC/heading-together-toward-the-future-d0800a5e16da>.

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<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-pai-fcc-internet-regulation-20170426-story.html>.

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“Springing Forward for the Public Interest: The FCC’s March Agenda,” self-published on *Medium* (March 2, 2017), *available at* <https://medium.com/@AjitPaiFCC/springing-forward-for-the-public-interest-the-fccs-march-agenda-337b8ef582bc>.

“Setting the Record Straight on the Digital Divide,” self-published on *Medium* (February 7, 2017), *available at* <https://medium.com/@AjitPaiFCC/setting-the-record-straight-on-the-digital-divide-615a9da1f2d1>.

“Closing Digital Divides, Boosting Broadcasting, and Reducing Regulatory Burdens,” self-published on *Medium* (February 2, 2017), *available at* <https://medium.com/@AjitPaiFCC/closing-digital-divides-boosting-broadcasting-and-reducing-regulatory-burdens-cf911ee5cf16>.

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Testimony before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology of the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce (December 12, 2012), *available at* [https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DOC-317900A1.pdf](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-317900A1.pdf).

Subject matter: oversight of the Federal Communications Commission's implementation of the Spectrum Act of 2012.

Testimony before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology of the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce (July 10, 2012), *available at* [https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DOC-315058A1.pdf](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-315058A1.pdf).  
Subject matter: oversight of the Federal Communications Commission.

Testimony before the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (May 16, 2012), *available at* [https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DOC-314115A1.pdf](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-314115A1.pdf).  
Subject matter: oversight of the Federal Communications Commission.

18. 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 had the privilege of serving as the Chairman and, prior to that, a Commissioner at the Federal Communications Commission for over five years. During that time, I have had the opportunity to study and vote on numerous FCC decisions in a wide variety of areas, such as broadcast, cable, public safety, satellite, wireless, and wireline. In addition, I have traveled to many parts of the United States, from south Florida to above the Arctic Circle, in order to learn how Americans benefit from, or could benefit from, communications services. I believe that experiences such as these serve as my principal qualifications for continuing to serve at the Commission going forward.

19. 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?

The Chairman of the FCC is the agency's chief executive officer. I believe that the Chairman has a responsibility to ensure the proper management of the agency. This includes working with the highly capable FCC staff on management and accounting issues; testifying before Congress on the FCC's budget request for any given fiscal year;

and otherwise promoting the proper stewardship of the agency, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations governing the agency's operations.

Other than my service as Chairman and Commissioner at the agency, my management experience lies primarily in helping to lead the offices I served in as Deputy General Counsel in the FCC's Office of General Counsel between 2007 and 2010 and as Chief Counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights between 2005 and 2007. In these roles, I was responsible for substantive decision-making as well as internal matters like personnel.

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

I believe the top three challenges facing the Federal Communications Commission are as follows:

(1) Promoting broadband deployment. The Internet is increasingly critical in the daily lives of Americans from all walks of life. The Commission has an important role to play in ensuring that consumers who want high-speed access to the Internet can get it, wherever or whoever they are. I have outlined a proactive agenda along these lines to enable all Americans to be participants in, rather than spectators of, the digital economy.

(2) Defending the public interest. Across all sectors under the FCC's jurisdiction, I believe the agency should focus on promoting the interests of consumer welfare, competition, and innovation. There is much the Commission can and should do to promote these interests, such as making sure that public safety communications systems are robust, helping advance technology accessibility to those with disabilities, and maximizing the incentives for private sector companies to invest and innovate for the benefit of American consumers.

(3) Increasing openness and transparency. Even though the Commission plays a significant role in a major sector of the economy, many—from members of Congress to the American public—can find it difficult to learn about the agency's operations and decision-making. The

Commission should strive to promote openness and transparency. This would be in keeping with the spirit of the digital age and would give Americans greater confidence in the agency's operations and decisions. This is why, for instance, I introduced an initiative during my second week in office as Chairman to disclose the text of certain items that would be voted at an upcoming meeting. This simple but significant measure has allowed anyone, anywhere to see what the Commission is considering doing before the agency formally votes.

## **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.

During my employment at Verizon Communications Inc., I contributed to a 401(k) plan (with a proportionate matching amount contributed by the company). That plan, over which I still have control, is managed by Fidelity Investments, and all funds are invested in diversified index funds. Neither the company nor I continue to make contributions to this plan.

During my employment at Jenner & Block LLP, I participated in the Firm's Profit Sharing Plan (401(k)), which was and is managed by Fidelity Investments. All funds are invested in a diversified index fund. I do not have any other financial arrangements with the Firm. Neither the firm nor I continue to make contributions to this plan.

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.

None.

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.

During my time at Jenner & Block LLP between April 25, 2011 and May 6, 2012, I did a limited amount of work for a few clients. Out of an

abundance of caution, the complete list of those clients is as follows: AOL, Inc.; Cablevision Systems Corp.; Cerberus Capital Management, L.P.; Charter Communications, Inc.; General Dynamics Corp., C4 Systems; Guggenheim Partners, LLC; The Nielsen Company; and Securus Technologies, Inc. During that time: (1) I did not appear before the Federal Communications Commission, executive branch agencies, Congress, or any court in connection with my work for these clients; (2) my name did not appear on any comments, briefs, or any other written work submitted on their behalf; and (3) to preclude conflicts, my firm established a screen as appropriate to prevent my colleagues from discussing specific matters with me.

5. Describe any activity during the past ten years 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 at the Federal Communications Commission, I and/or my staff have been asked on occasion to review legislative proposals. I also have issued a number of official statements supportive of the passage of particular bills. *See, for example*, Chairman Pai Statement on Bipartisan Support for the Gigabit Opportunity Act, *available at* [http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2017/db0621/DOC-345457A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0621/DOC-345457A1.pdf); Statement of FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai on House Passage of the FCC Process Reform Act of 2013, *available at* [https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DOC-326018A1.pdf](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-326018A1.pdf). Recently, I co-authored an op-ed with a Congressman urging passage of a public safety measure. *See* “Passing the Kelsey Smith Act Will Help Law Enforcement Save Lives,” *The Hill* (May 25, 2016), *available at* <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/technology/280741-passing-the-kelsey-smith-act-will-help-law-enforcement-save#.V0WfhNlfug0> (co-authored with Representative Kevin Yoder). Finally, I have testified many times before Congress; often, I have noted favorable consideration of bills and/or supported enactment of those bills. *See, for example*, Testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation at 1-2 (March 2, 2016), *available at* [https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DOC-338045A1.pdf](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-338045A1.pdf) (Kari’s Law Act of 2016).

- During my initial service at the Federal Communications Commission, in the Office of General Counsel (between 2007 and 2011), I was asked very occasionally to review proposed legislation. I was not asked to recommend the passage, defeat, or modification of such proposals so much as to explain their likely effects.
  - My employment at the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee during 2003 and 2004 and again between 2005 and 2007 required frequent involvement in the legislative process on issues as varied as compensation for asbestos-related injuries and immigration reform. I also staffed the Senators for whom I worked at oversight hearings of executive branch agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
6. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including any that may be disclosed by your responses to the above items.

Should I be fortunate enough to be confirmed to another term at the Federal Communications Commission, I would continue to resolve potential conflicts of interest by (1) identifying the proceeding(s) to which the potential conflicts pertain and gathering all relevant facts; (2) discussing the nature of the potential conflicts with and seeking guidance from the Designated Agency Ethics Official and other attorneys responsible for ethics issues in the Office of General Counsel; and (3) taking the appropriate action to ensure compliance with applicable ethics laws and regulations, as set forth by Congress, the agency, and the bar, respectively.

## 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:
  - a. Provide the name of 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, 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.

I am a member of the Kansas and District of Columbia bars, admitted on October 13, 1998 and December 3, 2001, respectively. In the late summer of 2003, after I became a staffer for Senator Jeff Sessions on the Senate Judiciary Committee, I received a notice (possibly a second notice) from the Kansas Bar informing me that my bar dues had not been paid. Thereafter, I sent the Kansas Bar a check for the requisite amount. Unfortunately, the check arrived several days after the deadline for payment had passed (per a notation made by the Kansas Bar on the letter that I had sent and that was returned), and on October 6, 2003, my Kansas license was suspended. Similarly, my District of Columbia license was suspended for nonpayment of dues, effective September 30, 2003. After this time, I recall having a conversation with Senate Ethics staff in which I described these circumstances and was told that Senate staffers doing policy work exclusively were not required to maintain an active bar license. I also was informed by Senator Sessions' office that the office did not require that lawyers on staff maintain an active bar license.

Nonetheless, I sought to reinstate both licenses in late 2003. According to the Kansas Bar's instructions for reinstatement, one requirement was that I submit an application for reinstatement. Similarly, in order to get my District of Columbia bar license reinstated, I had to take and certify completion of the Course on the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct and District of Columbia Practice, and I also had to submit a statement that I was not suspended by any disciplinary authority. *See* D.C. Bar Bylaws, Art. III, § 3(a), available at [www.dcbar.org/inside\\_the\\_bar/structure/bylaws/article03.cfm#sec3](http://www.dcbar.org/inside_the_bar/structure/bylaws/article03.cfm#sec3). I took the required District of Columbia Bar course; submitted all necessary forms; paid all applicable fees and charges; and finished the remaining steps needed in order for the respective bars to accept my applications for reinstatement. On June 10, 2004, my Kansas license was reinstated to active status, as was my District of Columbia license on June 18, 2004. I was a member in good standing of each bar before September 30, 2003, and without exception, I have been a member in

good standing of each bar since June 18, 2004. However, I greatly regret the oversight that resulted in the administrative suspensions between those dates and will not allow such an oversight to happen again.

#### **D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE**

1. Will you ensure that your department/agency complies with deadlines for information set by congressional committees?

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.

(Nominee is to include this signed affidavit along with answers to the above questions.)

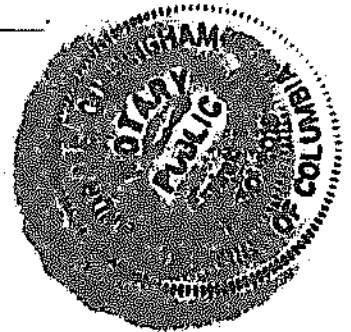
**F. Affidavit**

AJIT V. PAI 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.

*Ajit V. Pai*  
Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

*Andrea E. Cunningham*  
Notary Public



## AJIT V. PAI

### EXPERIENCE

**Federal Communications Commission.** *Chairman* (2017-present); *Commissioner* (2012-17).

**Jenner & Block, LLP.** *Partner* (2011-12) in firm's communications practice.

**Federal Communications Commission.** *Special Advisor* (2010-11); *Deputy General Counsel* (2007-10); and *Associate General Counsel* (2007), Office of General Counsel.

**U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights.** *Chief Counsel* (2005-07).

**U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Legal Policy.** *Senior Counsel* (2004-05).

**U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts.** *Deputy Chief Counsel* (2003-04).

**Verizon Communications Inc.** *Associate General Counsel* (2001-03).

**U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Telecommunications Task Force.** *Trial Attorney*, Attorney General's Honors Program (1998-2001).

**Hon. Martin L.C. Feldman, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.** *Law Clerk* (1997-98).

### EDUCATION

**University of Chicago Law School.** J.D.; 1997.

- University of Chicago Law Review. *Editor* (1996-97); *Staff Member* (1995-96).
- Hinton Moot Court Competition. *Semifinalist*; winner of Thomas R. Mulroy Prize (1997).

**Harvard University.** B.A. with honors in Social Studies, 1994.

- Harvard Speech and Parliamentary Debate Society. *Member* (1990-94).

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Op-Ed, *Des Moines Register*, "Bringing Better, Faster Internet Access to Iowa" (Oct. 10, 2016).

Op-Ed (with Senator Shelley Moore Capito), *Beckley (WV) Register Herald*, "Bridge is a physical reminder of the digital divide in West Virginia" (Aug. 2, 2016).

Op-Ed (with Representative Anna Eshoo), *WTRIED*, "The Feds Have to Act to Get America Faster Wi-Fi" (Feb. 7, 2016).

Article, "Congress and the Constitution: The Legal Tender Act of 1862," 77 *Oregon Law Review* 535 (1998).

Comment, "Should a Grand Jury Subpoena Override a District Court's Protective Order?," 64 *University of Chicago Law Review* 317 (1997). *Proposal adopted, In re Grand Jury Subpoena*, 138 F.3d 442, 445 (1<sup>st</sup> Cir. 1998); *In re: Grand Jury*, 286 F.3d 153, 162-63 (3<sup>rd</sup> Cir. 2002).