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March 27, 2018

Mr. John Schlabach
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Re: DOJ-2018-002996 (OLP)
VRB:VAV:JMS

Dear Mr. Schlabach:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 26, 2018, for specific records pertaining to United States District Court Judge Salvador Mendoza, Jr., currently sitting on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington. This response is made on behalf of the Office of Legal Policy.¹

Please be advised that a search has been conducted in the Office of Legal Policy, and four pages were located that contain records responsive to your request. I have determined that three pages are appropriate for release without excision, and copies are enclosed. Also enclosed is one page that is appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of a third party.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2015) (amended 2016). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Douglas Hibbard, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642; or facsimile at 202-514-1009.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601

¹ Your request was originally directed to the Mail Referral Unit, Justice Management Division, for appropriate routing. It was received by the Office of Information Policy on February 27, 2018. The MRU tracking number associated with this request is EMRUFOIA022618.

Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within ninety days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vanessa R. Brinkmann".

Vanessa R. Brinkmann
Senior Counsel

Enclosures

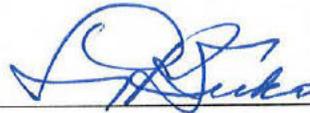
OATH OF OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES JUDGES

(Title 28, Sec. 453 and Title 5, Sec. 3331, United States Code)

I, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington under the Constitution and laws of the United States; and that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. SO HELP ME GOD.


(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 20th day of June, 2014.



Actual abode:	(b) (6)
Official station*	<u>Richland, Washington</u>
Date of birth	(b) (6)
Date of Entry on Duty	<u>June 20, 2014</u>

* Title 28, sec. 456 United States Code as amended.

APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVITS

United States District Judge
(Position to which Appointed)

06/19/2014
(Date Appointed)

United States District Court
(Department or Agency)

Eastern District - Washington
(Bureau or Division)

Richland, Washington
(Place of Employment)

I, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that--

A. OATH OF OFFICE

I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

B. AFFIDAVIT AS TO STRIKING AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

I am not participating in any strike against the Government of the United States or any agency thereof, and I will not so participate while an employee of the Government of the United States or any agency thereof.

C. AFFIDAVIT AS TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF OFFICE

I have not, nor has anyone acting in my behalf, given, transferred, promised or paid any consideration for or in expectation or hope of receiving assistance in securing this appointment.



(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me this 20th day of June, 2014

at Richland
(City)

Washington
(State)

(SEAL)



(Signature of Officer)

Commission expires _____
(If by a Notary Public, the date of his/her Commission should be shown)

Senior District Judge
(Title)

Note - If the appointee objects to the form of the oath on religious grounds, certain modifications may be permitted pursuant to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Please contact your agency's legal counsel for advice.

Senate of the United States

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

June 17, 2014

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the following nomination:

Salvador Mendoza, Jr., of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, vice Lonny R. Suko, retired.

Attest:



Secretary.



Barack Obama

President of the United States of America.

To all, who shall see these Presents, Greeting:

Know Ye: That, reposing special trust, and confidence, in, the Wisdom, Uprightness, and Learning of
of Salvador Mendoga, Jr., of Washington, I have nominated, and, by and with the advice
and consent of the Senate, do appoint him United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, and, do
authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that Office, according to the Constitution, and
Laws of the said United States, and, to Have, and, to Hold, the said Office, with all the powers,
privileges, and, emoluments, to, the same, of right, appertaining, unto him the said Salvador Mendoga, Jr.
during his good behavior.



In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made patent
and the seal of the Department of Justice to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this nineteenth day
of June, in the year of our Lord, two thousand fourteen
and of the Independence of the United States of
America, the six hundred and thirty-eighth.

By the President:

Attorney General.

Barack Obama
Eric Holder