

# Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)\* of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

**Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subcommittee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hearing Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hearing** :

**Witness Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness Type:**  Governmental  Non-governmental

**Are you representing yourself or an organization?**  Self  Organization

**If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:**

## **FOR WITNESSES APPEARING IN A NON-GOVERNMENTAL CAPACITY**

**Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.**

**Are you a fiduciary—including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent—of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing? If so, please list the name of the organization(s) or entities.**

**Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.**

**Please list any contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.**

**Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.**

- I have attached a written statement of proposed testimony.
- I have attached my curriculum vitae or biography.

\* Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

(5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.

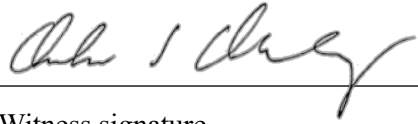
(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include— (i) a curriculum vitae; (ii) a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (iii) a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B)(ii) shall include— (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than one day after the witness appears.

**False Statements Certification**

Knowingly providing material false information to this committee/subcommittee, or knowingly concealing material information from this committee/subcommittee, is a crime (18 U.S.C. § 1001). This form will be made part of the hearing record.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John S. [unclear]", written over a horizontal line.

Witness signature

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Date



## **Short-form Narrative Bio**

Drew Whiting is the CEO of the Erie Downtown Development Corporation. A native of the Buffalo suburbs, Drew graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Business and Finance degree, and Loyola University Chicago's School of Law with a JD and Tax Certificate. Early in his legal career, Drew founded a law firm to work with start-up companies, a venture fund to provide capital to strong founders in need, and engaged in several downtown real estate development projects.

While in Chicago, Drew met and married a girl from Erie and in late 2018, they welcomed their twins, Annie and Auggie. After raising toddlers through a pandemic far from family, Drew and Emily made the decision to move to Erie in late 2021.

In late 2022, encouraged by the recent development activity in Erie's downtown and on its Bayfront, in late 2022, Drew and his wife purchased 1000 State, an anchor corner building in Erie's Entertainment District. 1000 State will reopen this month after a year of major renovations to include a Five Iron Golf franchise (the company's first authorized franchise) and an expanded Café 7-10.

In July 2023, Drew was named the CEO of the Erie Downtown Development Corporation, where he oversees development, management and activation of ~\$115M in transformative investment in the core of Erie's downtown. Drew brings his enthusiasm for the community, vision for its future, and practical experience to bear as the EDDC enters its next phase.

In addition to roles with the EDDC and Tenth and State, Drew serves as the Chairman of the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership's ICE Angel Fund, sits on the Board of Directors of Erie's Black Wall Street, volunteers as a Big Brother with Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Northwest PA and is an assistant coach for the Little Penguins.

Drew and his wife Emily live in the West Bayfront area and spend their free time with their five-year-old twins, Annie and Auggie.

# DREW WHITING

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## SUMMARY

Community-oriented professional with broad experience cultivating relationships and leading a high volume of complex projects and deals.

Reputation for identifying and capitalizing on opportunities related to human capital, financial capital, and market opportunities to generate growth.

Entrepreneur with successful track record in building a recession-resilient business, applying passion and expertise to drive the betterment of the community.

**Economic Development • Real Estate Development and Financing**  
**Corporate Counsel • Venture Capital Financing • Small Business Growth Advisor**

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - CURRENT

**ERIE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION- ERIE, PA**  
**CEO**

**JULY 2023–PRESENT**

- Leadership of transformative investment and development in the core of Erie’s downtown, with the goal of economic growth through real estate development and a focus on local small business growth.

**TENTH AND STATE LLC – ERIE, PA**  
**Managing Principal**

**AUGUST 2022–PRESENT**

- Acquisition and development of commercial building at southwest corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and State Streets in downtown Erie.

**BREAKPOINT VENTURES – CHICAGO, IL**  
**Co-Founder and Managing Partner**

**MARCH 2014–TODAY**

- Actively manage Breakpoint Ventures, a network of professionals with experience in a diverse array of industries, including real estate, law, technology, and finance, who syndicate seed-stage capital investments in growth-stage companies.

**ICE ANGEL FUND – ERIE, PA**  
**Chairman**

**JULY 2023–TODAY**

- Actively oversee investment diligence and decisions of returns-oriented community of angel investors whose goal it is to invest in the growth of regional businesses

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - PAST

**SCALE LLP – REMOTE**

**JANUARY 2023–MAY 2024**

**Partner/Counsel, Corporate and Securities Group**

- Serve as outside general counsel to venture-backed companies at various stages of growth, managing the fulfillment of day-to-day legal needs of those companies across various relevant practice areas.
- Counsel investors engaged in diligence and negotiation of convertible and preferred equity investment deals.

**MICHAEL BEST & FRIEDRICH LLP – CHICAGO, IL**

**MARCH 2019–DECEMBER 2022**

**Senior Counsel, Transactions Practice Group, Venture Best Industry Group**

**STAHL COWEN CROWLEY ADDIS LLC – CHICAGO, IL**

**FEBRUARY 2017–FEBRUARY 2019**

**Member, Business Practice Group, Management Committee Member**

**AXIA LAW, LLC – CHICAGO, IL**

**FEBRUARY 2012–FEBRUARY 2017**

**Partner, Manager**

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## EDUCATION

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW**

**J.D., TAX AND INTERNATIONAL LAW CERTS, 2011**

**UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME**

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, 2008**

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## LICENSE & RECOGNITION

- Admitted to State Bar of Pennsylvania, 2022
- Admitted to State Bar of Illinois, 2011
- Illinois Super Lawyers: Rising Star: 2015-2023

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## ACTIVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ERIE’S BLACK WALL STREET**

**OCTOBER 2022- PRESENT**

**BIG BROTHER, BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS OF NWPA**

**AUGUST 2022- PRESENT**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS OF ERIE, PA**

**FEBRUARY 2024- PRESENT**

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## PERSONAL

- Moved to Erie in late 2021 after 14+ years in Chicago, where I now live with my wife, Emily, 5-year-old twins, Annie and Auggie, and our Wheaten Terrier, Lady
- Avid golfer when schedule permits
- Buffalo Bills and Sabres, and Notre Dame Football are longstanding passions and sources of anguish