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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PRIVATE RECEPTION IN THE BAR AND OUTSIDE
PATIO AT KUU, A HOT NEW RESTAURANT LOCATED AT GATEWAY MEMORIAL CITY.

SMALL BITES & DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 23RD AT WWW.AABAHOUSTON.COM.

For more information, please contact: Julie Evans at julie@jpelawfirm.com,
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Wills Clinic

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The AABA, Houston Volunteer Lawyers, VN Teamwork, and Boat People SOS are hosting the annual Wills Clinic to assist low-income residents of the local Asian-American community.

We are in need of:

- ✓ **Volunteer Attorneys**
- ✓ **Volunteer Witnesses**
- ✓ **Volunteer Translators (Vietnamese and Chinese)**
- ✓ **Volunteer Notaries**

Please contact Tyrone Lin at tyrone.lin@hvlp.org if you wish to volunteer.

Law students are welcome to be witnesses and translators!

Volunteer Attorney Training

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Porter Hedges LLP
1000 Main Street, 36th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

1.5 hours of CLE credit pending

Lunch will be provided courtesy of Porter Hedges LLP.

Please note that parking is available in the firm's building, and validation is available at the receptionist's desk.

Attorneys, please register online at www.aabahouston.com by Monday, April 28, 2014.

Wills Clinic

Saturday, June 14, 2013

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

VN Teamwork Center
11210 Bellaire Boulevard #118
Houston, Texas 77072

If you cannot attend the training but would like to prepare documents for the clinic, please contact Chris Lee at chris.lee@superiorenergy.com.

Asian Wills Clinic

Saturday, June 14, 2014

Asian Will Clinic Press Release:

Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program(HVLPP), VN TeamWork (VNTW), the Asian American Bar Association of Houston (AABA), and Boat People SOS (BP SOS) will co-host an Asian Wills Clinic on Saturday, June 14, 2014, to assist qualifying applicants in preparing and executing the following estate and incapacity planning documents: **Will, Medical Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, HIPAA Release, and Declaration of Guardianship**. Applicants who are potentially eligible for this program are encouraged to call VN TeamWork and ask for Nhi or Judy at (281) 495-8936 to set up an appointment. The clinic will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (The last available appointment time slots will be 12:00 PM) at the VN TeamWork Center located at 11210 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX 77072.

General Outline and Instructions for the Wills Clinic:

Initial Intake and Questionnaires for Applicants:

1. Applicants must contact VN TeamWork as soon as possible to set up an appointment with VN TeamWork for intake and to fill out an estate planning questionnaire.
2. VN TeamWork will assist the applicant in filling out the Estate Planning Questionnaire. Questionnaires will include both English and Vietnamese translations of each question, but *answers* must be filled out in *English*. VN TeamWork will also provide a translator if needed.
3. Applicants will be given an appointment for a time slot between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM reserved for lunch) There will be up to 10-13 appointment time slots every hour, between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, totaling approximately 30-40 applicants. *Applicants will be reminded to show up at least 30 minutes before their appointment time* on the day of the Asian Wills Clinic (June 14th).
4. VN TeamWork should return the completed questionnaires to HVLP by **Monday, April 28, 2014**.
5. HVLP will process applications, verify eligibility, and prepare client folders containing completed estate planning questionnaires and HVLP case disposition forms for distribution to volunteer attorneys during the Wills Training Clinic (April 30th).

Wills Training Clinic for Volunteer Attorneys: **(Wednesday, April 30, 2014)**

1. Ideally, all questionnaires will be distributed to volunteer attorneys on **Wednesday, April 30, 2014**, during the *Wills Training Clinic*, conducted by Peter Bennett at the law offices of Porter Hedges LLP from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM.
2. The remaining questionnaires will be distributed to AABA volunteer attorneys via email. All questionnaires will be assigned to volunteer attorneys no later than **Thursday, May 22, 2014**. Each questionnaire will also include the client's scheduled time slot for document execution during the Asian Wills Clinic.
3. The following six documents will be offered at this year's Wills Clinic: **Will, Medical Power of Attorney, Statutory Durable Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, HIPAA Release, and Declaration of Guardianship**. If an applicant requests any document not provided, please direct the applicant to HVLP for further legal services.

4. Volunteer attorneys will receive an Estate Planning Questionnaire filled out by applicants detailing their wishes as well as sample Estate/Incapacity Planning Documents to guide them through the drafting process. Documents should be drafted as accurately as possible with the information provided in the Estate Planning Questionnaire. Client interaction and interviews will not be necessary unless attorney feels comfortable speaking Vietnamese. Of course, not all applicants will want all six above-mentioned documents.
5. HVLP will also provide a packet containing sample estate planning forms to assist volunteer attorneys in drafting documents for their respective clients.
6. Volunteer attorneys should have all documents drafted and completed by **Thursday, June 5, 2014**. Volunteer attorneys should email copies of drafted documents to Tyrone.Lin@HVLP.org or Christine.Truong@HVLP.org for review.

Asian Wills Clinic:
(Saturday, June 14, 2014)

Volunteer Attorney Responsibilities:

1. On the day of the Asian Wills Clinic, **Saturday, June 14, 2014**, Volunteer attorneys should bring both a hard copy of their client's drafted documents (if no changes are necessary) to place in the client's folder and a saved copy of the documents on a flash drive.
2. Volunteer attorneys should ideally arrive an hour before their assigned client(s)' respective time slots. (Volunteer attorneys with 9:00AM appointments may arrive at 8:30 AM.) If assigned volunteer attorney cannot attend, then another volunteer attorney will fill in to review and execute documents (please let Tyrone or Christine know well in advance if cannot attend).
3. Upon arrival, volunteer attorneys should sign-in on a sheet at the intake table, make a name tag with their first name only, and then go to their assigned computer station.
4. Applicants will be escorted to their volunteer attorneys at their assigned computer station to review the drafted documents. If *no changes are needed*, the volunteer attorney will simply execute their client's documents at a designated Execution Ceremony Table. If *changes are needed*, the volunteer attorney may make the necessary changes at their assigned computer station and reprint the documents on printers provided by VN TeamWork, then proceed to the Execution Ceremony Table. (Printers and computers may become backlogged so, ideally, all documents should be completed and ready to execute before the clinic.)
5. There will be five Execution Ceremony Tables, with two witnesses and a notary provided at each table. If possible, the assigned volunteer attorney should help facilitate the Execution Ceremony with the provided Will Ceremony Execution Script, which will be available at each execution table.
6. After the Execution Ceremony, volunteer attorneys will make two copies of the executed documents for HVLP's client file at the provided copier station. While the copies are being made, volunteer attorneys should complete the HVLP case disposition form, if not already completed, and return the completed form to an HVLP staff member.
7. Volunteer attorneys should provide their client a copy of "*Client Information about Documents*" (available on the day of clinic), and be available to answer any client questions.
8. Before the end of each appointment Volunteer attorneys should ensure that ***the client is given both the original and one copy of the executed will, and the other copy to Tyrone Lin or Christine Truong.***



AABA VOLUNTEER EVENT FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Date and Time:

May 10, 2014
7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Please arrive at 7:00 a.m. for check-in. Our workdays start at 7:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. We ask volunteers to work the entire shift because we plan the build schedule around 25 volunteers working 7-8 hours, with appropriate breaks and lunch.

Location:

Harrel Park build site:
8229 Laura Koppe Road, Houston, Texas 77028

The subdivision is at the corner of Laura Koppe and Vista Oaks. To navigate to the site using online maps or GPS, please use the following address: 8229 Laura Koppe Road, Houston, TX 77028 (<http://goo.gl/maps/zOG0>). All available parking will be on Laura Koppe Rd. Habitat representatives will greet and direct you to the Houston Bar Association house.

Check-in:

All volunteers must sign in at the construction site and provide a signed waiver of liability

Weather:

Always check the Worksite & Weather Information Line at 713-671-9993 Opt. 4. This phone message is updated the morning of each build day by 6:00 a.m., and includes driving directions and pertinent weather advisories.

Tools:

Habitat will provide tools for build date, but volunteers are encouraged to bring the tools referenced in the attached volunteer packet.

Food:

Refreshments will be provided each morning and drinking water will always be readily available. There is a lunch hour. Catering arrangements have been made by our generous sponsors to provide lunch for volunteers.

Construction Day Schedule

7:00-7:30 a.m. Registration
7:30-8:15 a.m. Orientation
8:15-11:30 a.m. Morning tasks
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. LUNCH
12:30-2:30 p.m. Afternoon tasks & Clean up

Want to volunteer?

There is a limit of 20 volunteers for this project and availability is on a first come first served basis.

Volunteer Forms:

A "Volunteer Toolkit" can be downloaded on the Houston Habitat for Humanity website (right side column):
<http://www.houstonhabitat.org/volunteer>

The last two pages of the "Volunteer Toolkit" includes an Adult Waiver and Minor Waiver that will need to be completed. Please have the forms completed prior to your arrival at the site.

Contact:

To volunteer, please contact Albert Liou, Vice President of Community Relations at: aliou@jonesday.com



State Bar of Texas APPELLATE SECTION

The Appellate Section is proud to present:

Minorities in Appellate Law: A View from the Bench

April 25, 2014, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Harris County 1910 Courthouse, 3rd Floor
301 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas

Featuring former Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson and former Justice Dale Wainwright of the Texas Supreme Court, and Justice Luz Elena Chapa of the San Antonio Court of Appeals.

[Register Now!](#)

Dear Texas Attorney,

You are cordially invited to attend a special CLE luncheon featuring former Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson and former Justice Dale Wainwright of the Texas Supreme Court and Justice Luz Elena Chapa of the San Antonio Court of Appeals. The panel will be moderated by Diana Marshall. Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn from these forerunners who paved the way for other minorities in the legal field, as they discuss the importance of diversity to the legal profession and how inclusion can directly benefit you, your firm, and your clients!

The cost of [registration](#) is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. The luncheon will be held in the third-floor courtroom of the beautifully restored Harris County 1910 Courthouse in downtown Houston. Parking is available at [several locations](#) near the courthouse.

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

[Jeffrey Levinger](#), Chair
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HARRY GEE & ASSOCIATES, PLLC

Press Release

March 17, 2014



HOUSTON ATTORNEY MR. HARRY GEE JR. HONORED BY TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION

Mr. Harry Gee Jr. with Harry Gee & Associates, PLLC has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation. Fellows of the Foundation are selected for their outstanding professional achievements and their demonstrated commitment to the improvement of the justice system throughout the state of Texas. Election is a mark of distinction and recognition of Mr. Gee's contributions to the legal profession.

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12th Annual

Texas Minority Attorney Program



LIVE
EL PASO
May 22,
2014



LIVE
HOUSTON
May 30,
2014

Course benefits include:

- Over 6 hours of CLE for only \$90 (*register by deadline*)
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- Protecting Your Legal Reputation and Practicing Ethically
- Changes to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure
- The Aftermath of the Fall of DOMA
- Judges Panel

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The State Bar Office of Minority Affairs presents the 12th Annual

Texas Minority Attorney Program

Cosponsored by the State Bar of Texas

Diversity in the Profession Committee

LIVE
EL PASO

Thursday, May 22, 2014

U.S. District Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room
525 Magoffin Avenue ■ El Paso, Texas 79901

Register by May 8 and **Save!**

TMAP El Paso

Thursday, May 22, 2014

6.25 hours including 2 hours ethics

7:45 **At-the-Door Registration**

8:00 **Registered Attendee Check-in**
Continental Breakfast Provided

8:25 **Welcoming Remarks**

Course Director

Lisa J. Soto, *El Paso*

Clinical Associate Professor

Law School Preparation Institute

The University of Texas at El Paso

8:30 **Best Practices in State Court 1 hr**
(.5 ethics)

Moderator

Hon. Maria Salas-Mendoza, *El Paso*
Judge, 120th District Court

Hon. Linda Chew, *El Paso*
Judge, 327th District Court

Hon. Thomas Spieczny, *El Paso*
Judge, County Court at Law #7

Hon. Carlos Villa, *El Paso*
Judge, County Court at Law #5

9:30 **Protecting Your Legal Reputation
and Practicing Ethically .5 hr**
ethics

Hon. Annabelle Perez, *El Paso*
Judge, 41st Judicial District Court

10:00 **Break**

10:15 **Mandatory Minimum Sentences
in Federal Criminal Cases .5 hr**
Leon Schydlower, *El Paso*
Attorney at Law

10:45 **Prevalent Immigration Law
Issues On the Border .75 hr**
Melissa M. Lopez, *El Paso*
Diocesan Migrant & Refugee
Services, Inc.

Carlos Spector, *El Paso*
Attorney at Law

11:30 **Changes to the Texas Rules of
Civil Procedure: Expedited Trials
and Dismissal of Baseless Claims**
.5 hr

Henry Paoli, *El Paso*
ScottHulse, PC

12:00 **Break for Lunch (lunch provided)**

12:30 **Keynote Luncheon Presentation:
Why Professionalism Matters—
Everything Hangs in the Balance**
.5 hr ethics

Hon. William R. Furgeson Jr., *Dallas*
Founding Dean, University of North
Texas Dallas College of Law
Senior U.S. District Judge (Retired)

1:00 **Break**

1:15 **"What? I'm Really Married?"
Common Misconceptions About
Common Law Marriage .5 hr**
Lisa Aceves Hayes, *El Paso*
Attorney at Law

1:45 **The Aftermath of the Fall of
DOMA: A Survey of Same-Sex
Marriage Cases and What It
Means For Us 1 hr**
Shelly Skeen, *Richardson*
Blume, Faulkner, Skeen & Northam,
PLLC

John Treviño, Jr., *Plano*
Hewlett-Packard Company

2:45 **Break**

3:00 ***El Camino* in Federal Courts 1 hr**
(.5 ethics)
Moderator

Hon. William R. Furgeson Jr., *Dallas*
Senior U.S. District Judge (Retired)

Hon. David Briones, *El Paso*
Senior U.S. District Judge, Western
District of Texas

Hon. Kathleen Cardone, *El Paso*
U.S. District Judge, Western District
of Texas

Hon. Philip R. Martinez, *El Paso*
U.S. District Judge, Western District
of Texas

Hon. Miguel A. Torres, *El Paso*
U.S. Magistrate Judge, Western
District of Texas

4:00 **Adjourn**

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MCLE COURSE NO: 901289121
6.25 Hours (2 Ethics)

Portions of this CLE activity may qualify for
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**LIVE
HOUSTON**

Friday, May 30, 2014

South Texas College of Law, Garrett-Townes Auditorium
1303 San Jacinto Street ■ Houston, Texas 77002
(713) 659-8040

Register by May 16 and
Save!

TMAP Houston

*Work Smart: Keys To Practicing Law
In Areas You Don't Usually Practice*

Friday, May 30, 2014

6.25 hours including 1.25 hours ethics

8:00 **At-the-Door Registration**

8:30 **Registered Attendee Check-in**

Continental Breakfast Provided

8:50 **Welcoming Remarks**

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Neumann and Rodriguez, P.C.*

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Keshia Rodriguez, *Houston
Sedgwick LLP*

9:00 **Employment Law .5 hr (.25 ethics)**

Daniel N. Ramirez, *Houston
Monty & Ramirez LLP*

9:30 **Family Law .5 hr**

Speaker to be announced

10:00 **Criminal Law: A Roadmap From
Arrest to Trial .75 hr**

Hon. Denise Collins, *Houston
Judge, 208th District Court*

Emily Detoto, *Houston
Law Office of Emily Detoto*

Veronica Nelson, *Houston*

10:45 **Break**

11:00 **Keynote Presentation .5 hr**
Senator Sylvia Garcia, *Houston
Texas State Senate: District 6
Harris County Commissioners Court*

11:30 **Break for Lunch (lunch provided)**

11:45 **Entertainment Law .5 hr**
Ricky Anderson, *Houston
Anderson & Smith P.C.*

12:15 **Break**

12:30 **A Few Things to Know If One
Crosses Over Into Immigration
Law .5 hr**
Alexandre Afanassiev, *Houston
FosterQuan, LLP*

Danuta "Danka" Villarreal, *Houston
Law Office of Danuta Villarreal*

1:00 **Successfully Settling a Personal
Injury Case Without Filing a
Lawsuit .5 hr**
Janerí Rivero, *Houston
Law Offices of Janerí J. Rivero*

1:30 **Transactional Law .5 hr**
Al Benoit, *Houston
Benoit Law, PLLC*

2:00 **Update on Civil Procedural Rules
Changes .5 hr**
Keshia Rodriguez, *Houston
Sedgwick LLP*

2:30 **Break**

2:45 **Why and How You Should Do
Pro Bono .5 hr ethics**
Alissa Rubin Gomez, *Houston
Houston Volunteer Lawyers
Program*

3:15 **Judges Panel 1 hr (.5 ethics)**
Moderator
David A. Chaumette, *Houston
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4:15 **Adjourn**

MCLE CREDIT

**MCLE COURSE NO: 901289913
6.25 Hours (1.25 Ethics)**

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April 4, 2014

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22nd Annual

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September 3-5, 2014

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Texas Minority Attorney Program

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Federal Judicial Vacancy, Southern District of Texas

U. S. Congressman Al Green is seeking names of persons who may be interested in being considered for an anticipated federal judicial vacancy in the Southern District of Texas. The last person recommended to the White House by Congressman Green (Gregg Costa) was eventually nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the Senate. Judge Costa presently presides in Galveston, Texas.

To assist with finding possible judicial candidates, Congressman Green has empaneled a committee to solicit, interview and recommend potential nominees for his consideration. The Congressman will make the final decision on whose name is submitted to the White House, but he requires anyone nominated by his office be reviewed by his Committee.

If you are interested in being considered, or know of members of any of your associations who might be interested in being considered, please have them complete the following questionnaire and email back to all of the following email addresses: bhall@bhalllawfirm.com; dave@matthiesenlaw.com; and jterrell@bhalllawfirm.com.

The deadline to submit completed applications is **Wednesday, April 23, 2014**. The Committee will interview applicants between shortly after the deadline. Recommendations to the Congressman are anticipated to be made on or before June 1, 2014.

2014 QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____

DOB: _____

Home Address: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Q1. Marital Status/Divorces/ Family Information (i.e., children and their ages and education, spouse, etc.): _____

Q2. Your educational training (undergraduate, graduate, law school, etc.) Identify all degrees awarded schools attended, academic honors, your class ranking in each graduating class, your LSAT score, and, if available, provide a copy of your law school transcript: _____

Q3. Identify all courts, circuits and districts in which you are and/or have been admitted to practice law. State the dates of your first admission to each, any disbarments, disciplinary actions or removals from any bars, the nature of any examinations or tests taken to be admitted, if any, and your present admission status in each:

Q4. Describe your work and professional history since undergraduate college. List all areas of work and academic studies you have undertaken during this period:

Q5. Identify all board certifications and/or specialty licenses you have possessed and identify the dates of possession for each certification and/or specialty:

Q6. (Incumbent judges for more than three (3) years need not answer this question)

Describe your trial experience since graduating from law school:

a) Have you appeared in court regularly, occasionally, or not at all? Please explain: _____

b) What percentage of your court appearances has been in:

i) Federal courts?

ii) State courts of record?

iii) other courts?

c) What percentage of your court appearances has concerned:

i) civil law matters?

ii) criminal law matters?

d) State the number of jury cases in courts of record you have tried to verdict or judgment as opposed to settled.

e) What number of your trials have you tried to a verdict before a judge only?

f) How many appeals have you handled as the primary brief writer? State Courts? Federal Courts? Identify each appeal you handled by case number, court and style of case.

Q7. Identify every elective or appointed office you have held or sought and the term you served in each. Also, state in what state or jurisdiction each was pursued or held.

Q8. Have you ever been, or are you now engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law or holding judicial or public office? If so, provide the following information: the nature of that other occupation; the name, address and telephone number where such work is or has been performed, and the period of time you have been engaged in such activities:

Q9. Identify all arrests, criminal charges, trials, arraignments or encounters you have ever had with any federal, state or local law enforcement authorities. (Do not include minor traffic tickets or parking violations.) For each that you identify, provide the date, jurisdiction, charge, outcome and punishment, if any.

Q10. Have you and/or any spouse had a tax lien assessed or filed against you, or have you or your spouse, while married, filed for bankruptcy? If so, provide the date, court and disposition of each. Also state why a lien was filed? Provide the case number and court for each of these that you identify.

Q11. Are you, or have you ever been, delinquent on any Federal or State debt, including student or home loans secured by the government? If so, provide the date of each delinquency, the name of all agencies relevant to the delinquency and the disposition of each delinquency.

Q12. Have you ever been involved in any litigation? If so, identify all cases with the style of the case, the court where the suit was filed or transferred, the cause number of the case, and the name of all judges presiding over the case. Also, state the disposition of each piece of litigation.

Q13. Have you ever been sued by an employee or co-worker for conduct in or related to the workplace? If so, please describe each instance and the disposition of each.

Q14. Have you ever hired an undocumented worker? If so, please explain. Were proper tax withholdings taken? Please explain any affirmative answer.

Q15. Have you ever been a party to any other legal proceeding not otherwise listed herein? If so, describe the nature of each, your status in the proceeding, the allegations in the matter, and the disposition of each.

Q16. Have you ever been charged with or accused of a violation or breach of ethics, contempt of court, unprofessional conduct, reprimanded or sanctioned by any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee or other professional group? If so, describe each and the disposition.

Q17. Have you ever, as an elected or appointed official, voted for or been a party to the formation of any legislation, statute, regulation, position or policy that could be construed as implicitly or explicitly discriminatory in any way? If so, please explain.

Q18. Have you ever participated in the legislative processes of any governmental body, either as a member, lobbyist, witness, etc? Please describe all positions you have occupied; identify all legislation you participated in, all committees and the general nature of any testimony you may have provided as a witness, if any.

Q19. Please outline any voluntary or official participation you have had with any candidate for elective office (excluding your own campaign) and any campaign committee. List the dates of your involvement, any titles you assumed, and a summary of the work you performed. Also, please itemize all financial contributions you have made to any candidate (excluding yourself), any campaign committee, any political party, and any political action committee as well as the dates of each contribution.*

Q20. Have you ever been a member of any organization (e.g. country club, service organization, fraternity, etc.) whose by-laws, policies, or activities could be construed as implicitly or explicitly discriminatory in any way? If so, please explain each instance and the ultimate action or inaction taken regarding same.*

Q21. Describe your health history:

- a) Current health?
- b) Have you ever been treated for or had any problems with alcoholism or any related condition associated with consumption of alcoholic beverages? If so, give details.
- c) Have you ever been treated for or suffered from any form of mental illness? If so, give details.
- d) Have you ever been hospitalized for any purposes in the last five years? If so, give details.
- e) Is there any other aspect of your health history, which if brought to light during the nomination process, may raise questions about your nomination?*

Q22. Identify all legal articles, books, briefs and writings you have authored or to which you contributed. Attach copies of same.*

Q23. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and provide the titles and dates of any offices that you have held in such groups. List also chairmanships, offices, positions and committees you have held in any organizations. Also list any professional honors you have received.*

Q24. List all organizations other than bar associations or professional associations or societies of which you are or have been a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social, and fraternal organizations. Also indicate all offices held and honors bestowed (e.g., law review, moot court, etc.)*

Q25. List any honors, prizes, awards, or other recognitions you have received (including any indication of academic distinction in college or law school) other than those already provided elsewhere in your responses.*

Q26. List all organizations and/or causes to which you have ever volunteered your time, resources and/or energies without compensation or pay. Please explain why you did so for each cause or organization you have identified. State the period of time of your services, donations, etc.

Q27. List any additional information about yourself and your background that you wish to be considered, including but not limited to, any information about your personal history that could cause embarrassment to yourself, the United States, the President, or any member of Congress or the Senate.*

Respond to the following questions within the space provided (no attachments for these questions).

(Q28)1. What do you view to be the legitimate role of a federal district judge? Explain.

(Q29)2. In your own words, how would you characterize your philosophy of the proper judicial temperament? Please explain?

(Q30)3. What opinion issued by the United States Supreme Court during the last five (5) years do you most disagree with? Please explain.

(Q31)4. What opinion of the United States Supreme Court during the last five (5) years do you believe to be a significant ruling? Please explain your answer.

(Q32)5. Why do you want to be a federal district court judge?

NOTE: All nominees will be subject to an exhaustive background investigation by the FBI if nominated.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

(Signature of Applicant)

(DATE)

* Denotes questions copied substantially from Senator Hutchinson's Judicial Candidate Questionnaire.

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