



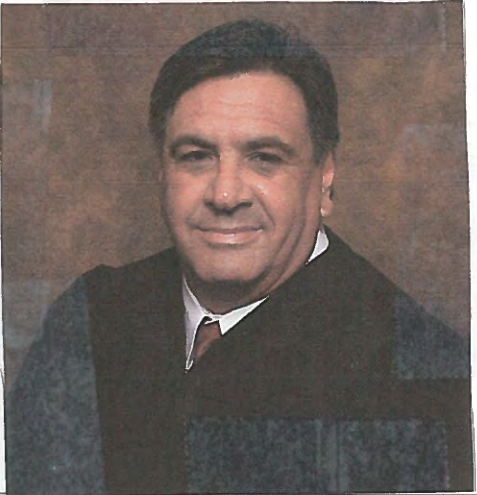
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1. Personal Information

2. Photograph

Full Legal Name Kenneth Stevenson Cannata		
Preferred Name Ken		
Spouse's Name		
Physical Home Address		
City, State Zip		
Mailing Address		
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County Fort Bend	Work Telephone 281-238-1460	
Preferred E-mail Address		
Secondary E-mail Address		
State Senator Lois Kolkhorst		
State Representative Rick Miller		

3. State Board(s), Commission(s), or Task Force(s) of Interest to You:

The list of all entities to which the Governor makes appointments may be found at:
<http://www.gov.texas.gov/appointments/positions>

Judge 458th District Court Fort Bend County	

4. Employment Information

Employer Fort Bend County	Employer's Address 401 Jackson Street Richmond, TX. 77469	Present Job Title Justice of the Peace
		Profession Judge
Present Job Description Justice of the Peace Pct. 3		

Name **Kenneth S Cannata**

5. Education/Training

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Degree and Field of Study
High School	Plant High School Tampa, Florida	1975	General Studies
Undergraduate	University of South Florida Tampa, Florida	1979	B.A. Political Science
Graduate	South Texas College of Law	1983	Doctor of Jurisprudence
Other			

6. Employment History

Employer	Position	Dates	Location
Fort Bend County	Justice of the Peace	2006-Present	Katy, Texas
Self Employed Attorney	Attorney	1998-2006	Richmond, Texas
Gamble & Cannata P.C.	Attorney	1988-1998	Houston, Texas

7. References

Name	Employer	City	Telephone	Relationship
Charles W. Seymore	Self	Richmond, Texas	281-804-7759	Friend
Brent Gamble	Harris County	Spring Texas	713-304-8669	Former Partner
Jim Awalt	Self	Austin, Texas	512-466-4739	Client
A. D. Muller	MnDannen	Katy, Texas	713-818-3510	Friend
Gary Gillen	Gillen Pest Control	Richmond, Texas	713-205-6969	Friend

8. Professional Memberships (including any state bar memberships)

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
State Bar of Texas	member	Current
Fort Bend County Bar Association	member	Current
Texas Assn. of Civil Trial & Appellate Specialists	member	Former
Justice of the Peace & Constables Association	member	Current
State Bar of Texas Justice of the Peace Section	member	Current
Houston Bar Association	member	Former

9. Volunteer Participation

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
Fort Bend Youth Football League	Executive Director	Former
Lamar Hornets Youth Football	President/ Coach	Former
Travis High School Booster Club	Liason to Football Team	Former
West Fort Bend Women's Charity	Volunteer	Current
Fort Bend Dispute Resolution Center	President/ Board of Directors/Instructor	Former/Current
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo	Commiteeman	Former

10. Military Service

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Branch	Dates of Service	Type of Discharge

Name **Kenneth Cannata**

11. Social Media Information

Do you use, or have you ever used, any of the following? If "yes," provide additional information.

Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Username
Twitter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Handle @KenCannata1
Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Username
LinkedIn	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Profile
Google+	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Username

12. Spouse Information

This Section Not Applicable

Spouse's Employer	Job Title/Position
Does your spouse conduct any business with or before the Texas Legislature or any other state entity? Yes No	If yes, please list agencies:

13. Miscellaneous Information

Note: "Material interest" is defined as (a) serving on the governing board of directors or (b) a ten (10) percent or greater ownership. This does not apply to any mutual funds in which you do not exercise authority in investment decisions.

Have you filed federal income tax returns for the past five (5) years? If no, give details.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Are you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest currently delinquent in any local, state or federal taxes? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Have you ever defaulted on a personal, business or student loan? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Type of Loan	Date	Details

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest or of which you have been an officer or principal been involved in any bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, give details including dates.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Do you currently serve, or have you ever served, on any local, state or federal government board, commission or committee or in any elected or appointed office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Entity	Position	Dates	Compensated (Y/N)	Reimbursed (Y/N)
Fort Bend County	Justice of the Peace	2006-Present	Y	Y

Name **Kenneth S. Cannata**

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

Are you or your spouse related to a local, state, or federal public official?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of Official and Title		Relationship	

Do you or your spouse have any material interest in, or are either of you employed by, any company that does business with or receives funds from the State of Texas? If yes, give full name and details:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Name of Company	Details		

Are you or your spouse an officer, director, employee or paid consultant of a trade association? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please list association and position:	Self
	Spouse

Have you or your spouse ever been registered as a lobbyist or received compensation to represent someone before a local, state, or federal government?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Self or Spouse	Entity Represented	Entity Lobbied	Dates

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you or your spouse have a material interest been party to litigation? If yes, give details.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
see attached	

In the last five years, have you, or any company in which you have a material interest, been licensed by a Texas state agency? If yes, give details.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Type of License	License #	Expiration
State Bar of Texas	Law	03743860	n/a
Department of Public Safety			
Texas Alcoholic Beverage	Mixed Bev/Cartage/Caterer	MB866789	03/18/2016

Have you ever been delinquent in child support payments? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
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Name Kenneth S. Cannata

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

To the best of your knowledge, has any federal, state or local law enforcement or regulatory agency (on behalf of itself or any other person or entity) filed or investigated any grievance or complaint against you, your spouse, or an entity in which you have a material interest? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, dismissed, reprimanded) Yes No

Agency	Date	Details and Disposition

To the best of your knowledge, have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest been investigated, reprimanded, fined or suspended from doing business with any state or federal agency? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, reprimanded, fined, suspended) Yes No

Agency	Date	Details and Disposition

Have you ever been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations), placed on probation, required to perform community service, or had a criminal proceeding disposed of by pre-trial diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred adjudication, or some similar proceeding? Yes No

If yes, list the charge, the date of the offense, the city and/or county and state in which it allegedly occurred, and the disposition thereof.

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14. Certification

Full Legal Name Kenneth Stevenson Cannata	
Date of Birth	Driver License or DPS ID#
Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Place of Birth Tampa Florida
Date of naturalization (if not a citizen upon birth) / /	
Ethnicity: (optional; check all that apply)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> African American
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian American	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Other

Notes:

- Appointment to a Board or Commission may require the annual filing of a Personal Financial Statement (PFS) Form with the Texas Ethics Commission.
- A resume must be attached in order for this application to be considered complete.
- Judicial candidates must also complete a Judicial Questionnaire.
- Any information provided on the application or attached may be subject to the Texas Public Information Act. This means that an individual requesting copies of the information in your file may be provided access to that information.

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the foregoing and any attached statements are true, accurate and complete. I agree that any misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of a fact may result in my disqualification for appointment. I assign and hereby give the Office of the Governor full authority to conduct background investigations pertinent to this application. I specifically authorize the Texas Department of Public Safety to conduct a background investigation and to disclose the results of that investigation to the Governor or his authorized representative.


Applicant's Signature

6-26-17
Date

Submit to:

Appointments Staff (512) 463-1828
Office of the Governor (512) 475-2576 fax
PO Box 12428 www.gov.texas.gov
Austin, Texas 78711

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SENATOR LOIS W. KOLKHORST

8.16.17

Dear Governor,

Just a personal note of support for the appointment of Ken Comaneta to the vacated 458th District Court in Ft. Bend County. I've known Ken since 2000 when we met both seeing office. Ken is currently the Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3. He is an experienced campaigner & with FB County now a swing county, I believe he will be an asset and has the experience for the bench as well. Please give Judge Comaneta your most serious consideration. His vacated JP position will allow FB Com. Court an opportunity for diversity as well. Sincerely,
Lois

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The Honorable Greg Abbott
Office of Appointments
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

July 17, 2017

Dear Governor Abbott:

It is my privilege to recommend my constituent, Judge Ken Cannata as an appointee to the 458th State District Court in Fort Bend County.

Judge Cannata currently serves as Justice of the Peace, Place 3 in Fort bend County and would consider it an enormous honor to serve his community and state on the 458th State District Court. He embodies the kind of values we need in those who lead our state's most important institutions.

I wholeheartedly support the appointment of Judge Ken Cannata to the 458th State District Court. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lois W. Kolkhorst".

Lois W. Kolkhorst

cc: Judge Ken Cannata

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July 18, 2017

Governor Greg Abbott
c/o Ms. Gaby Fuentes
Governors Appointment Office
P. O. Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Governor Abbott:

I have practiced law in Houston for 60 years and I have lived in Fort Bend County for 40 years. I am a lifelong Republican having voted for President Eisenhower in the early 1950's.

I would recommend to you Justice of the Peace in Fort Bend County **Kenneth Cannata** to be appointed to the 458th District County in Fort Bend County.

If I can ever be of service to you feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Joe E. Coleman

Cc: Honorable Lois Kolkhorst
P. O. Box 12068
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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From: Michael Gibson
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Gaby Fuentes
Cc: David Zapata
Subject: New District Court in Fort Bend County & Administrative Judge

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Dear Gaby,

I am the former Republican County Chairman in Fort Bend County having resigned in March to allow the next generation to start leading. As chairman, I worked with David on the appointments of Maggie Jaramillo, David Perwin and Chad Bridges. I stayed within the bounds of my function and did not actively advocate for any candidate. I simply determined the voting history of the candidates and my assessment of re-electability after appointment.

Now, since I no longer have the chair position, I will advocate for two candidates, Ken Cannata for the new district court and Judge Jim Shoemake for Administrative Judge.

Ken has been the JP in Fort Bend Precinct 3 for 11 years and in private practice for many others. His case work will stand up favorable against anyone currently applying. He has work tirelessly with the Katy ISD and the county to handle truancy cases in a more effective manner and one in which children would not permanently be hurt by immature actions. I cannot provide a higher recommendation for a candidate! He has shown great judicial acumen and behavior, is involved in his community and holds himself to a higher standard than those coming before him.

I have worked for the last 4 years with Judge Jim Shoemake as a district Court Judge but also as the Administrative Judge in Fort Bend county. He has shown great leadership in juggling the court dockets while one of the district judges was ill and eventually passed to make sure cases were progressed while staying within the budget for visiting judges and accommodating the other judges. Under his leadership, we added two district courts, one County Court at law and the new District and CCL this year. None of this would have been possible without his vision and leadership as well as his ability to work with the County Judge and Commissioners. He will make an excellent Administrative Judge for District 11. Being from Fort Bend, he has a broader view than judges in Harris County as they are very specialized but still has the experience in the 10th largest county in the state. His balance cannot be matched by a judge from either Harris or Wharton for combination of diversity of cases and population served. I highly recommend Judge Shoemake for this position.

God Bless,

Mike Gibson

Gary L. Gillen
1012 Morton Street
Richmond, Texas 77469

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June 30, 2017

Governor Greg Abbott
c/o
Ms. Gaby Fuentes
Governor's Appointments Office
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: 458th District Court

Dear Governor Abbott:

Since Janice and I held that first reception for you when you were running for AG the first time I have admired and respected you. It is a great honor for me today to recommend another man I admire and respect.

I got to know Judge Ken Cannata when I was Republican Party Chair of Fort Bend County. He is a brilliant legal mind and was invaluable for his advice to the party. He has served the party in Fort Bend County well for many years and his conservative viewpoint has helped a long list of County Chairs.

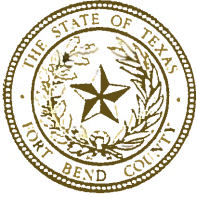
I believe that if you had the opportunity to personally meet Judge Cannata you would be certain of his qualifications, his temperament and his judgement. You would also recognize that he is the right choice for Judge of the 458th District Court.

I encourage you to appoint Judge Ken Cannata to the bench of the 458th District Court here in Fort Bend County.

Sincerely,



Gary Gillen
Former Republican Party Chair Fort Bend County
Former Richmond City Commissioner
Former Rosenberg City Councilman



James Patterson
Commissioner

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Ms. Gaby Fuentes
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Ms. Fuentes,

As person that has been in public service for over fifty years serving in the capacity of County Commissioner and public school administrator; I cannot imagine a more qualified person to serve as district judge for District Court 458 than **Ken Cannata**. Judge Cannata has demonstrated tremendous leadership in dealing with juvenile/ truancy issues in our community by ensuring that he and his court always looks for solutions.

Judge Cannata is recognized by both the legal community and *folks* who end up in front of him in court as a judge that is firm but fair. Again, I strongly feel that Judge Cannata is an outstanding district judge candidate. Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Patterson".

James Patterson
Fort Bend County Commissioner Precinct 4
(281) 980-2235
James.Patterson@fortbendcountytexas.gov

JOHN ZERWAS, M.D.

P.O. Box 2910
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Ms. Gaby Fuentes
Appointments Director
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Fuentes,

It is my distinct pleasure to recommend the **Honorable Kenneth S. Cannata** for appointment to the 458th District Court in Fort Bend County. Judge Cannata truly embodies the definition of a public servant and practitioner of the law. For over three decades, he has dedicated much of his professional and personal efforts to adjudicating and serving the citizens of Texas and Fort Bend County.

Judge Cannata holds a great understanding in the field of civil litigation, in both state and federal courts, as he spent nearly two decades representing both plaintiffs and defendants in commercial, business and tort cases, preparing him for a future on the bench. Since 2006, he has served as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3 in Fort Bend County, one of the most populous counties in Texas. His expertise and experience at the state and federal level have the potential to be an invaluable asset to the 458th District Court. Judge Cannata's knowledge and skills will be instrumental in upholding the Texas Constitution and serving the great State of Texas for years to come.

Again, I highly recommend Judge Kenneth S. Cannata for appointment to the 458th District Court and urge you to carefully review his impressive resume and many qualifications.

If I can be of any assistance or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached by telephone at (512)463-0657 or (713) 205-2113.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Zerwas".

John Zerwas, M.D.
State Representative
District 28





JUDGE BRENT GAMBLE
270TH DISTRICT COURT
HARRIS COUNTY CIVIL COURTHOUSE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002
(832) 927-2270

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June 26, 2017

Ms. Gaby Fuentes
Acting Appointments Director
Office of Governor Greg Abbott
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: **Kenneth S. Cannata**, Candidate for Appointment to the 458th Judicial District Court

Dear Ms. Fuentes:

I understand that Kenneth Cannata has applied for appointment to the 458th District Court in Fort Bend County. I am pleased to furnish this letter of recommendation.

I have known Ken since 1980 when we were both entering our first year at South Texas College of Law. In 1989, we formed Gamble & Cannata, P.C. and practiced together until I took the bench in 1999.

I have known and been able to observe Ken as a law student, practicing lawyer and since 2006 as a Justice of the Peace.

In law school, Ken quickly became known as an outstanding student and the "guy you want to study with". He was well liked by his classmates and was the "go-to" person for the difficult questions that law students grapple with. He won several awards for legal scholarship and graduated near the top of our class.

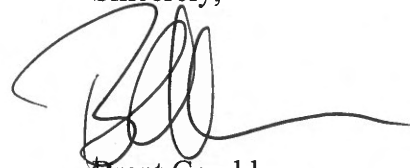
As a practicing lawyer, Ken exemplified all of the best characteristics one looks for in a trial lawyer: unwavering honesty, technical excellence and humility in his relationships with clients, opposing counsel and the courts. My relationship with him as a law partner was much the same. I knew without exception that I could rely on him to do the right thing in any circumstance.

Since taking the bench as a Justice of the Peace, Ken has developed a reputation for fairness, courtesy and a common sense approach to the day-to-day operation of his court.

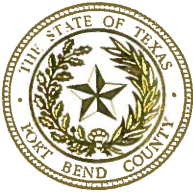
On a personal level Ken has been my friend for over thirty-five years. I watched he and his know how important and his faith are to him. No one could ask for a better friend.

Based on all the above, I am very pleased to give Ken my highest recommendation for appointment to the 458th District Court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brent Gamble', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brent Gamble



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W.A. "Andy" Meyers
Commissioner

June 26, 2017

Ms. Gaby Fuentes
Office of the Governor
State of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: **Kenneth Cannata** Applicant for District Judge Appointment

Dear Ms. Fuentes:

I am writing on behalf of Judge Ken Cannata in regard to his application for appointment as Judge for the newly created District Court for Fort Bend County.

I've known Ken for over 10 years. Judge Cannata has been Fort Bend County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace since 2006. As the County Commissioner for Precinct 3, I have worked closely with Judge Cannata on many issues. Judge Cannata, who graduated Magna Cum Laude from South Texas College of Law, is one of the most knowledgeable Judges we have. He is certainly the hardest working Judge we have, consistently hearing and disposing for more cases than any other JP we have.

Judge Cannata has the legal knowledge, the judicial temperament, and the work ethic to be an outstanding District Judge and I highly recommend him to the Governor for appointment. Governor Abbott will be very proud to have appointed an official of Judge Cannata's character and abilities.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 281-238-1400 Off. Or 832-338-1199 Cell.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W.A. Meyers".

W. A. "Andy" Meyers

CHARLES W. SEYMORE

Former Justice, 14th Court of Appeals

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June 28, 2017

Ms. Gaby Fuentes
Appointments Director
Governor's Office
Post Office Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: Appointment of Judge **Ken Cannata** to the 458th District Court of Fort Bend County

Dear Ms. Fuentes:

During January of 2006, Governor Abbott honored me by administering the Oath of Office. I will always remember how he conducted the ceremony with grace and dignity. I retired after completing two terms on the 14th Court of Appeals.

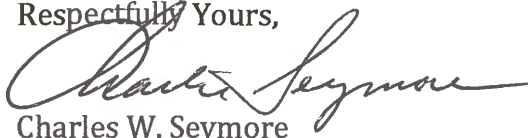
I have known Judge Ken Cannata more than twenty years. Judge Cannata's excellent academic performance in law school portended his very successful career as a board certified civil trial attorney. Before he was elected to judicial office, Ken impressed all of his colleagues with masterful litigation strategies and excellent courtroom advocacy.

Ken works hard as an inveterate leader in the Fort Bend County Republican Party. Our elected officials here in Fort Bend County always consult with Ken when they design and prosecute campaigns for county and State offices. He is a dedicated and influential Fort Bend County Republican.

Accordingly, I highly recommend Judge Cannata for appointment to preside over the 458th Judicial District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas.

Thanks for your kind consideration.

Respectfully Yours,



Charles W. Seymore



Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

COUNTY JUDGE
Fort Bend County, Texas

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Governor Greg Abbott
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

RE: Proposed 458th Judicial District Court, Fort Bend County

Dear Governor Abbott:

In the event you should sign into law the creation of the 458th District Court in Fort Bend County, it is my pleasure to recommend to you **Ken Cannata** as a potential appointee. Ken Cannata has served as Justice of the Peace of Precinct 3 for many years, hearing both civil and criminal cases. Ken has also shown the initiative to provide innovative courts administration of truancy cases in Fort Bend and achieved the goal of reducing truancy by providing support systems aimed at helping children remain positively motivated to stay in school. Since Ken has been serving in this capacity, his judicial temperament, leadership and forward thinking has made him a fair and effective Justice of the Peace, and I believe, has earned my recommendation that you consider him if this court becomes a reality.

I have known Ken for many years both personally and as County Judge and I am now proud to recommend him to you for this new district court in Fort Bend County. I believe he will make us both proud of his appointment. I deeply appreciate your consideration in appointing Ken Cannata as Judge of the 458th District Court in Fort Bend County.

Thank you for your valuable service to Texas and our great nation.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Hebert

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Post Office Box 536
Katy, TX 77492-0536
June 26, 2015

Mr. David Whitley, Appointments Office
Office of Governor Greg Abbott
State Insurance Building
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, Texas 78701-1935

Dear Mr. Whitley,

I want to recommend **Mr. Kenneth S. Cannata, J.D.**, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Fort Bend County for the nomination to the 240th Judicial District Court, Fort Bend County. I have known Judge Cannata for many years.

Judge Cannata graduated with honors from South Texas College of Law and is eligible to practice in the US Supreme Court and Texas Southern District/Bankruptcy Court. He had practiced law for more than twenty years before being elected to the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 in November, 2006. His court handles a majority of all traffic offenses as well as civil suits under \$5,000 and many juvenile offenses,

Judge Cannata is also active in community service, serving as president of the Fort Bend County Dispute Resolution Center. He is a coach and board member of the Fort Bend Youth Football League and a life member of both the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Fort Bend County Fair.

I will appreciate your consideration of Judge Kenneth Cannata for the nomination to the 240th Judicial District Court, Fort Bend County.

Sincerely yours,



Ann S. Crockett,
FBC Republican Pct. Ch. 3014

EV. 29.15

June 23, 2015

David Whitley
Appointments Office
Office of Governor Greg Abbott
State Insurance Building
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, Texas 78701

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Ref: Kenneth Cannata, Candidate for the 240th Judicial District Court, Fort Bend County.

Dear Sir:

I understand that Governor Greg Abbott is considering Judge Kenneth Cannata for an appointment to the 240th District Court in Fort Bend County. As a longtime supporter of Governor Abbott since his first run for Attorney General (when my wife and I hosted the first of two receptions in our home for him), I know Governor Abbott appreciates the importance of appointing well qualified individuals to our judiciary.

I originally met Judge Cannata when I was Republican Party Chairman of Fort Bend County. Judge Cannata had previously served as legal counsel to the party during my predecessor's term of office. Immediately after his election as Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 Judge Cannata quickly developed the reputation as a hard-working fair minded Judge. Judge Cannata dramatically increased the efficiency of his court by implementing policy controls that increased the Court's ability to meet the demands of his growing constituency. Judge Cannata has a sharp legal mind and has been known to assist his judicial colleagues when they require advice and counsel.

In addition to his capabilities as a jurist Judge Cannata has exhibited the character traits of honesty and integrity which we require of our ~~public servants~~ not only in the course of his official duties but also in his daily life. Judge Cannata has been active in our community serving for many years as a coach and mentor to disadvantaged youths as well as working with local charities to support wounded veterans.

I truly believe the citizens of the State of Texas, and Fort Bend County in particular, will be well served by Governor Abbott's appointment of Judge Cannata to the District Court bench.

Sincerely,



Gary Gillen

1012 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas 77469



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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1. Personal Information

Full Legal Name Matthew Todd Banister			
Preferred Name			
Spouse's Name			
Physical Home Address			
City, State Zip			
Mailing Address Same			
City, State Zip			
County Fort Bend	Work Telephone 281-238-3206	Home Telephone	
Cellular	Preferred E-mail Address		
Secondary E-Mail Address (if applicable)			
			State Senator Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst
			State Representative Representative John Zerwas

3. State Board(s), Commission(s), or Task Force(s) of Interest to You:

The list of all entities to which the Governor makes appointments may be found at:
<http://www.gov.texas.gov/appointments/positions>

Presiding Judge, 458th District Court	

4. Employment Information

Employer Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office	Employer's Address 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle Richond, TX 77469	Present Job Title Deputy Chief Narcotics & Gangs
		Profession Lawyer
Present Job Description Serving the citizens of Fort Bend County in seeking justice prosecuting Narcotics and Gang related felony level crimes. The prosecution of these cases include responsibilities to legally advise officers and task force agents in various law enforcement agencies on a daily basis regarding the application of the 4 th Amendment protections for citizens in ongoing undercover operations. Additionally I am responsible for evaluating cases in various stages of prosecution that ranges from initial intake for filing of charges through reccomendations of punishment for plea bargaining and then ultimately representing the State of Texas in hearings, bench trials, Jury Trials and other contested litigation matters.		

Name Matthew Todd Banister

5. Education/Training

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Degree and Field of Study
High School	Waxahachie High School, Waxahachie TX	1997	High School Diploma
Undergraduate	Texas A&M University	2001	B.S. Political Science
Graduate	South Texas College of Law	2004	Juris Doctorate
Other	Texas A&M University	2001	B.S. Economics

6. Employment History

Employer	Position	Dates	Location
Brent Coon and Associates	Contract Attorney-Litigation	3/05-6/05	Beaumont, TX
Tucker, Taunton, Snyder & Slade	Associate Attorney	6/05-7/07	Houston, TX
Wolpoff & Abramson LLP	Attorney	7/07-11/07	Houston, TX
Fort Bend County District Attorney	Assistant District Attorney	11/07-Present	Richmond, TX

7. References

Name	Employer	City	Telephone	Relationship
Fred Felcman	Fort Bend District Atty	Richmond	281-344-3975	Supervisor
Luke Radney	Burt Barr & Associates	Dallas	469-337-4660	Long time friend
Chris Morales	County Court 1 Judge	Richmond	281-639-3551	colleague
Matthew parish	Taunton, Snyder & Slade	Houston	713-459-8616	colleague
Drew Dornburg	Associat Judge	Katy	512-293-1792	colleague

8. Professional Memberships (including any state bar memberships)

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
State Bar of Texas	Member	Current
Fort Bend Young Lawyers Association	Member	Former
Texas District and County Attorneys Association	Member	Current
American Bar Association	Member	Current

9. Volunteer Participation

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
City of Fulshear- Parks and Rec Commission	Volunteer Commission Member	Current
Cross Point Church Youth Flag Football	Coach	Current
Katy American Little League	Coach	Current
KatyISD- Randolph Elementary/Shaffer Elementary	Speaker to kids about the Justice System	Former
Toys for Tots/Santa Behind the Badge	Participant in Flag Football to Raise Money	Former-6 years
Gus George Law Enforcement Academy	Teacher-Arrest, Search, & Seizure law	Current

10. Military Service

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Branch	Dates of Service	Type of Discharge

Name **Matthew Todd Banister**

11. Social Media Information

Do you use, or have you ever used, any of the following? If "yes," provide additional information.

Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Username
Twitter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Handle @BStarMjolnir
Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Username
LinkedIn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Profile Matt Banister
Google+	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Username

12. Spouse Information

This Section Not Applicable

Spouse's Employer	Job Title/Position
Does your spouse conduct any business with or before the Texas Legislature or any other state entity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please list agencies:

13. Miscellaneous Information

Note: "Material interest" is defined as (a) serving on the governing board of directors or (b) a ten (10) percent or greater ownership. This does not apply to any mutual funds in which you do not exercise authority in investment decisions.

Have you filed federal income tax returns for the past five (5) years? If no, give details.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Are you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest currently delinquent in any local, state or federal taxes? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Have you ever defaulted on a personal, business or student loan? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Type of Loan	Date	Details

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest or of which you have been an officer or principal been involved in any bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, give details including dates.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Do you currently serve, or have you ever served, on any local, state or federal government board, commission or committee or in any elected or appointed office?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Entity	Position	Dates	Compensated (Y/N)	Reimbursed (Y/N)
City of Fulshear- Parks and Rec	Comission Member	2015-2017	N	N

Name **Matthew Todd Banister**

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

Are you or your spouse related to a local, state, or federal public official?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of Official and Title		Relationship	

Do you or your spouse have any material interest in, or are either of you employed by, any company that does business with or receives funds from the State of Texas? If yes, give full name and details:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of Company	Details		
Fort Bend County	General Funding to the County/Grants		

Are you or your spouse an officer, director, employee or paid consultant of a trade association? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please list association and position:	Self
	Spouse

Have you or your spouse ever been registered as a lobbyist or received compensation to represent someone before a local, state, or federal government?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Self or Spouse	Entity Represented	Entity Lobbied	Dates

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you or your spouse have a material interest been party to litigation? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

In the last five years, have you, or any company in which you have a material interest, been licensed by a Texas state agency? If yes, give details.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Type of License	License #	Expiration

Have you ever been delinquent in child support payments? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Name Matthew Todd Banister

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

To the best of your knowledge, has any federal, state or local law enforcement or regulatory agency (on behalf of itself or any other person or entity) filed or investigated any grievance or complaint against you, your spouse, or an entity in which you have a material interest? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, dismissed, reprimanded)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Date	Details and Disposition

To the best of your knowledge, have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest been investigated, reprimanded, fined or suspended from doing business with any state or federal agency? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, reprimanded, fined, suspended)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Date	Details and Disposition

Have you ever been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations), placed on probation, required to perform community service, or had a criminal proceeding disposed of by pre-trial diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred adjudication, or some similar proceeding?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, list the charge, the date of the offense, the city and/or county and state in which it allegedly occurred, and the disposition thereof.	

14. Certification

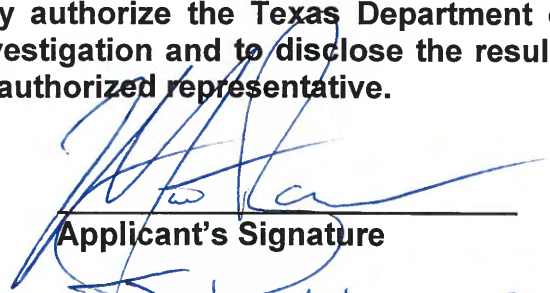
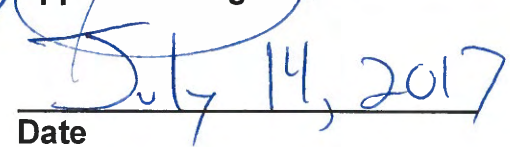
Full Legal Name Matthew Todd Banister	
Date of Birth	Driver License or DPS ID#
Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Place of Birth Dallas, Texas
Date of naturalization (if not a citizen upon birth) / /	
Ethnicity: (optional; check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> African American	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Notes:

- Appointment to a Board or Commission may require the annual filing of a Personal Financial Statement (PFS) Form with the Texas Ethics Commission.
- A resume must be attached in order for this application to be considered complete.
- Judicial candidates must also complete a Judicial Questionnaire.
- Any information provided on the application or attached may be subject to the Texas Public Information Act. This means that an individual requesting copies of the information in your file may be provided access to that information.

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the foregoing and any attached statements are true, accurate and complete. I agree that any misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of a fact may result in my disqualification for appointment. I assign and hereby give the Office of the Governor full authority to conduct background investigations pertinent to this application. I specifically authorize the Texas Department of Public Safety to conduct a background investigation and to disclose the results of that investigation to the Governor or his authorized representative.


 Applicant's Signature

 Date

Submit to:

Appointments Staff
 Office of the Governor
 PO Box 12428
 Austin, Texas 78711

(512) 463-1828
 (512) 475-2576 fax
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Simonton, Texas 77476
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August 4, 2017

Governor's Appointments Office
Appointments Staff
P. O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711


Re: Matthew T. Banister
458th Judicial Appointment

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that **Matthew T. Banister** has applied for appointment as Judge of the newly created 458th District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas. This letter is to recommend Mr. Banister for the appointment.

I served as Judge of the 400th District Court of Fort Bend County for more than ten years and retired from the bench in 2014. During the time that I served on the bench, Mr. Banister served as an assistant district attorney prosecuting cases in my court. Mr. Banister was at all times professional, diligent and competent in his work and respectful to the court. In my opinion Mr. Banister has the intellect and temperament to do an excellent job of serving as Judge of the 458th district court.

Very truly yours,



Clifford J. Vacek

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1. Personal Information

2. Photograph

Full Legal Name Amanda Colleen Bolin			
Preferred Name Amanda			
Spouse's Name			
Physical Home Address			
City, State Zip			
Mailing Address Same			
City, State Zip			
County Fort Bend	Work Telephone 281-238-3353	Home Telephone	
Cellular	Preferred E-mail Address		
Secondary E-Mail Address (if applicable)			
State Senator Lois Kolkhorst			
State Representative John Zerwas			

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458th District Court (Fort Bend County)	

4. Employment Information

Employer Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office	Employer's Address 301 Jackson Street, Room 101 Richmond, TX 77469	Present Job Title Chief Family Violence Prosecutor
		Profession Lawyer/Prosecutor
Present Job Description This job primarily involves the supervision and training of 6 prosecutors who handle all family violence cases in Fort Bend County as well as developing policies and procedures for the division. Duties also include investigating, reviewing and making filing decisions on both misdemeanor and felony family violence cases. As Chief Prosecutor I also personally handle the prosecution of family violence related murder cases and high profile family violence cases. Finally, the position involves teaching and training outside the office for law enforcement, police academies, citizens academies, the local women's center as well as various community groups.		

Name AMANDA C. BOLIN

5. Education/Training

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Degree and Field of Study
High School	Sanford-Fritch High School, Fritch, Texas	1997	HS Diploma
Undergraduate	Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas	2001	BS in Political Science
Graduate	Baylor University School of Law	2004	JD
Other			

6. Employment History

Employer	Position	Dates	Location
Fort Bend County District Attorney	Assistant District Attorney	12/06-Present	Richmond, Texas
State Attorney's Office - 10 th District	Assistant State Attorney	2/05-11/06	Bartow, Florida
Pobjecky Law Firm	Clerk/Legal Assistant	8/04-2/05	Winter Haven, FL

7. References

Name	Employer	City	Telephone	Relationship
Judge Maggie Jaramillo	400 th District Court	Richmond, Texas	713-213-6249	colleague
Major Chad Norvell	Ft. Bend County Sheriff	Richmond, Texas	281-914-3829	colleague/friend
Celena Cavazos Vinson	Harris County Attorney	Houston, Texas	832-455-3447	colleague/friend
Rodolfo Ramirez	United States Attorney	Houston, Texas	832-215-4348	colleague/friend
Judge Stuti Patel	Associate District Court	Richmond, Texas	281-250-5491	colleague

8. Professional Memberships (including any state bar memberships)

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
Texas District and County Attorney's Association	member	current
State Bar of Texas	member	current
State Bar of Florida	inactive member	former
Fort Bend Crime Victim Response Team	Member and Director on Board	current

9. Volunteer Participation

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
The Fellowship (church)	various	current
Fort Bend Women's Center	guest trainer	current

10. Military Service

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States: Yes No

Branch	Dates of Service	Type of Discharge

Name **AMANDA C. BOLIN**

11. Social Media Information

Do you use, or have you ever used, any of the following? If "yes," provide additional information.		
Facebook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Username Amanda Coker Bolin
Twitter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Handle @@amandabolin
Instagram	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Username amandacbolin
LinkedIn	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Profile
Google+	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Username

12. Spouse Information

This Section Not Applicable

Spouse's Employer	Job Title/Position
Does your spouse conduct any business with or before the Texas Legislature or any other state entity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please list agencies:

13. Miscellaneous Information

Note: "Material interest" is defined as (a) serving on the governing board of directors or (b) a ten (10) percent or greater ownership. This does not apply to any mutual funds in which you do not exercise authority in investment decisions.

Have you filed federal income tax returns for the past five (5) years? If no, give details.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Are you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest currently delinquent in any local, state or federal taxes? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Have you ever defaulted on a personal, business or student loan? If yes, give details.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Type of Loan	Date	Details	
HELOC	December 2006	co-signer on funds used for husband's former business which closed due to economic crisis	

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest or of which you have been an officer or principal been involved in any bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, give details including dates.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Do you currently serve, or have you ever served, on any local, state or federal government board, commission or committee or in any elected or appointed office?					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Entity	Position	Dates	Compensated (Y/N)	Reimbursed (Y/N)	

Name

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

Are you or your spouse related to a local, state, or federal public official?		Yes	No
Name of Official and Title		Relationship	

Do you or your spouse have any material interest in, or are either of you employed by, any company that does business with or receives funds from the State of Texas? If yes, give full name and details:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Name of Company	Details		

Are you or your spouse an officer, director, employee or paid consultant of a trade association? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Self
If yes, please list association and position:	Spouse

Have you or your spouse ever been registered as a lobbyist or received compensation to represent someone before a local, state, or federal government?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Self or Spouse	Entity Represented	Entity Lobbied	Dates

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you or your spouse have a material interest been party to litigation? If yes, give details.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I was sued in federal court by a criminal defendant on March 2, 2011. The case was dismissed on August 4, 2011. See Kelvin Washington v. Amanda Bolin et. al., Action No 4:11-CV-781, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas	

In the last five years, have you, or any company in which you have a material interest, been licensed by a Texas state agency? If yes, give details.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Type of License	License #	Expiration

Have you ever been delinquent in child support payments? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Name **AMANDA C. BOLIN**

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

To the best of your knowledge, has any federal, state or local law enforcement or regulatory agency (on behalf of itself or any other person or entity) filed or investigated any grievance or complaint against you, your spouse, or an entity in which you have a material interest? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, dismissed, reprimanded) Yes No

Agency	Date	Details and Disposition

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If yes, list the charge, the date of the offense, the city and/or county and state in which it allegedly occurred, and the disposition thereof.

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14. Certification

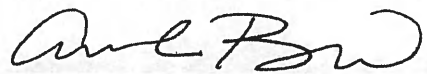
Full Legal Name Amanda Colleen Bolin	
Date of Birth	Driver License or DPS ID#
Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Place of Birth Limestone, Maine
Date of naturalization (if not a citizen upon birth) / /	
Ethnicity: (optional; check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> African American	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

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CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the foregoing and any attached statements are true, accurate and complete. I agree that any misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of a fact may result in my disqualification for appointment. I assign and hereby give the Office of the Governor full authority to conduct background investigations pertinent to this application. I specifically authorize the Texas Department of Public Safety to conduct a background investigation and to disclose the results of that investigation to the Governor or his authorized representative.



Applicant's Signature

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Re: Recommendation Letter for Ms. Amanda Bolin

It is with great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Amanda Bolin which I understand has submitted an application for an appointment to fill the new 458th District Court Judicial position in Fort Bend County. I truly believe she would be a fair and compassionate addition to the Texas Judiciary.

I first met Ms. Bolin while I was working in the private sector of criminal law and Ms. Bolin was employed as an Assistant District Attorney. We had numerous cases together including a two-week long murder trial. Ms. Bolin was always professional, fair minded, even-tempered and displayed a passion for justice. As I am no longer in private practice I do not have the privilege of working with Ms. Bolin on a regular basis. I am still indebted to your office for having the confidence to appoint me as District Attorney for Wharton County last summer. Fortunately, the voters of Wharton County had the same confidence and have chosen to keep me for the next four years.

I do believe Ms. Bolin possesses the qualities and experience to be an excellent judge so please call or email me if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Dawn Allison



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Fort Bend County, Texas

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Re: Letter of Recommendation for Mrs. Amanda Bolin for Appointment to the 458th Judicial District Court, Fort Bend County, Texas

Dear Members of the Appointment Staff,

This letter is sent to express support for Mrs. Amanda Bolin to be appointed Judge of the recently created 458th Judicial District Court.

As the elected District Attorney for Fort Bend County, I have supervised Mrs. Bolin for 10.5 years. During that time, I have come to know Amanda as one who possesses many characteristics that a well qualified District Court Judge should have.

Of great importance, Mrs. Bolin has a strong reputation for knowing the criminal law. She exhibits this knowledge during her prosecution of the many serious felony trials which she has conducted. Her research skills have been called upon by many prosecutors to assist them with finding and applying the correct law to their cases.

Additionally, due to her high level of understanding criminal law, Mrs. Bolin has been chosen by her peers to teach a wide variety of legal topics to attorneys in my office. So too, she is one of the highest rated instructors in criminal law at our local Law Enforcement Academy, where every year she willingly teaches those who will one day become peace officers.

Another quality of Mrs. Bolin which should assist her in becoming a well qualified jurist is her strong work ethic. Mrs. Bolin puts in long hours in the preparation of her cases. Over the years, she has been in the upper tier of felony attorneys engaged in the trial of contested cases. Her trial ability and knowledge of the law have made her one of the most sought out attorneys to sit as a trial assistant, or second chair. This extra work she does willingly. Mrs. Bolin also volunteers for projects in our office

which enhance its effectiveness. One such project deals with the development and maintenance of procedures which ensure officer and prosecutor compliance with the requirements of the case of Brady vs. Maryland, and cases which flow from Brady.

Two years ago, I promoted Mrs. Bolin to become the Chief of my Domestic Violence Division. Although she had never been previously assigned to that division, Amanda soon exhibited the passion for this case load and the leadership qualities which affirmed my certainty that she could perform. Mrs. Bolin has shown sound judgment, empathy, excellent organizational skills, and gained the trust, confidence, and respect of the many individuals and organizations who are key components of our domestic violence initiatives. These traits and the corresponding reaction of others will certainly be repeated should Mrs. Bolin be selected for this appointment.

In evaluating a candidate for this appointment, there are many intangible qualities that factor into the question of subsequent electability. I have personal knowledge that Amanda has a strong family background. She is a wife and the mother of two girls. Amanda has strong ties to "Aggie Nation", and can call upon an army of support. Additionally, I have personally experienced the willingness and ability of Mrs. Bolin to vigorously campaign for those whom she supports.

Due to her knowledge in the law, work ethic, willingness to patiently assist others, and electability, I can whole heartedly recommend Amanda Bolin to be appointed to become Judge of the 458th Judicial District Court.

Sincerely,



John Healey
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1. Personal Information

Full Legal Name Jennifer Cheng-Yee Chiang			
Preferred Name Jennifer			
Spouse's Name			
Physical Home Address			
City, State Zip			
Mailing Address:			
City, State Zip			
County Fort Bend County	Work Telephone 713-568-9206	Home Telephone	State Senator Joan Huffman
Cellular	Preferred E-mail Address		
Secondary E-Mail Address (if applicable)			State Representative Phil Stephenson

3. State Board(s), Commission(s), or Task Force(s) of Interest to You:

The list of all entities to which the Governor makes appointments may be found at:
<http://www.gov.texas.gov/appointments/positions>

458 th District Court, Fort Bend County, Texas	

4. Employment Information

Employer Chiang Law Firm, PLLC	Employer's Address PO Box 1382 Sugar Land	Present Job Title Attorney At Law
		Profession Attorney
Present Job Description I founded Chiang Law Firm PLLC in 2014 as a general practice law firm handling a wide variety of cases, including: commercial litigation, real estate transactions, oil and gas, probate and estate planning, veteran's disability, criminal defense, and child welfare. I also sit as an Associate Judge of the Sugar Land Municipal Court handling Class C Misdemeanor and municipal code enforcement matters.		

Name Jennifer Cheng-Yee Chiang

5. Education/Training

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Degree and Field of Study
High School	Clements High School, Sugar Land, Texas	1999	N/A
Undergraduate	University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas	2005	BBA - Economics
Graduate	University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas	2005	MBA - Fin. & Intl. Bus.
Other	University of Houston, Houston, Texas	2009	Juris Doctorate

6. Employment History

Employer	Position	Dates	Location
Mitchell and Duff, LLC	Senior Associate Attorney	2012-2014	Richmond, Texas
Jennifer C. Chiang, Attorney Landman	Attorney Landman	2011-2012	Sugar Land, Texas
Shanghai Jing An Investment Consulting	Attorney	2010-2011	Shanghai, PRC
Painter Law Firm, PLLC	Associate Attorney	2009-2010	Houston, Texas

7. References

Name	Employer	City	Telephone	Relationship
Mike Gibson	Murphy Oil	Houston, Texas	832-876-7013	Fmr. GOP Chair
Kenneth and Linda Gates		Sugar Land, Texas	713-498-7499	Client
Chip Sutton	Linebarger Goggan	Richmond, Texas	713-576-7380	Board Member
Hon. Wayne Thompson	F.B.C. Constable Pct. 3	Katy, Texas	713-202-2252	Friend
Marcie Zlotnik	BZMZ Interests	Houston, Texas	713-304-0000	Board Member

8. Professional Memberships (including any state bar memberships)

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
State Bar of Texas	Member	Current
United States District Court - S.D.T.X.	Member	Current
College of the State Bar of Texas	Member	Current
Texas Bar Foundation	Fellow	Current
Fort Bend Young Lawyers Association	Board Member	Current
Texas Women Lawyers	Board Member	Current

9. Volunteer Participation

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
Governor's Commission for Women	Commissioner	Current
Fort Bend County Truency Commission	Commissioner	Former
City of Sugar Land Charter Commission	Commissioner	Former
Republican Party of Fort Bend	Secretary, Precinct Chair	Former
Young Republicans of Fort Bend	Board Member	Former
Sugar Land Cultural Arts Foundation	Board Member	Current

10. Military Service

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Branch	Dates of Service	Type of Discharge

Name Jennifer Cheng-Yee Chiang

11. Social Media Information

Do you use, or have you ever used, any of the following? If "yes," provide additional information.

Facebook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Username jcchiang
Twitter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Handle @Jen_Chiang (No longer in use as of 2010)
Instagram	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Username jenchiang
LinkedIn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Profile jcchiang
Google+	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Username jennifer.c.chiang (No longer in use as of 2010)

12. Spouse Information

is Section Not Applicable

Spouse's Employer	Job Title/Position
Does your spouse conduct any business with or before the Texas Legislature or any other state entity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please list agencies:

13. Miscellaneous Information

Note: "Material interest" is defined as (a) serving on the governing board of directors or (b) a ten (10) percent or greater ownership. This does not apply to any mutual funds in which you do not exercise authority in investment decisions.

Have you filed federal income tax returns for the past five (5) years? If no, give details.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Are you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest currently delinquent in any local, state or federal taxes? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Have you ever defaulted on a personal, business or student loan? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Type of Loan	Date	Details

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest or of which you have been an officer or principal been involved in any bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, give details including dates.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Do you currently serve, or have you ever served, on any local, state or federal government board, commission or committee or in any elected or appointed office?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Entity	Position	Dates	Compensated (Y/N)	Reimbursed (Y/N)
Governor's Commission for Women	Commissioner	2015-Present	No	Yes
Sugar Land Municipal Court	Associate Judge	2015-Present	Yes	Yes

Name **Jennifer Cheng-Yee Chiang**

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

Are you or your spouse related to a local, state, or federal public official?		Yes	No
Name of Official and Title	Relationship		

Do you or your spouse have any material interest in, or are either of you employed by, any company that does business with or receives funds from the State of Texas? If yes, give full name and details:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Name of Company	Details

Are you or your spouse an officer, director, employee or paid consultant of a trade association? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Self
If yes, please list association and position:	Spouse

Have you or your spouse ever been registered as a lobbyist or received compensation to represent someone before a local, state, or federal government?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Self or Spouse	Entity Represented	Entity Lobbied	Dates

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you or your spouse have a material interest been party to litigation? If yes, give details.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
In 2011 _____ in Fort Bend County cause number 11-DCV-191317. He later filed a small claims suit against his ex-wife, now Abigail Krasno, to enforce the decree at 13-JCV41-07945.	

In the last five years, have you, or any company in which you have a material interest, been licensed by a Texas state agency? If yes, give details.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Type of License	License #	Expiration
State Bar of Texas	Law License	24069501	N/A
Texas Real Estate Commission	Real Estate Salesperson	603550	03/31/2019

Have you ever been delinquent in child support payments? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Name Jennifer Cheng-Yee Chiang

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

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14. Certification

Full Legal Name Jennifer Cheng-Yee Chiang	
Date of Birth	Driver License or DPS ID#
Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Place of Birth Houston, Texas
Date of naturalization (if not a citizen upon birth) / /	
Ethnicity: (optional; check all that apply)	
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Applicant's Signature

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*via first class mail
and email*

Re: 458th Judicial District Court Appointment - Jennifer Chiang

Dear Ms. Fuentes:

I strongly support Jennifer Chiang for the position of Judge for the 458th District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas. I was Ms. Chiang's senior associate while working at a small firm in Richmond for over two years and we have served together on the Fort Bend Young Lawyers Association Board for over five years. During this time, I have seen Ms. Chiang's strong professional capabilities, dedication to service, and commitment to community affairs.

As her senior associate, Jennifer and I collaborated on many cases and projects. She proved herself with to be an intelligent, dependable, driven, and resourceful attorney. She thrived on challenges and looked for opportunities to add to her experience. When posed with a difficult problem she could not immediately answer, she was not afraid to research and seek counsel to reach a solution. A good judge is not expected to know every answer, but does know how tackle complex problems and explore all avenues to assist her.

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As an example of Jennifer's strong legal mind, Jennifer was an invaluable asset to our litigation team on a case with over twenty causes of action, which culminated in a five-week jury trial. Despite the fact that Jennifer joined the firm in the middle of the litigation, she quickly familiarized herself with the case and causes of action. As the trial loomed closer and stress compounded, she identified where help was needed most by drafting several substantive dispositive motions, including motions for summary judgment, motions for new trial, and motions for sanctions against the opposing party. She also spearheaded researching and drafting over seventy jury instructions. Late one afternoon, the judge, unconventionally, asked the attorneys to stay with him to draft an agreed single set of jury instructions so that closing arguments could begin on time the following day. In response, Jennifer was not flustered and had an immediate game plan: she was the only attorney who thought to bring a laptop and connected it to the projector so that both sides could simultaneously make revisions and the judge could give his anticipated ruling on them as efficiently as possible. With over one hundred twenty combined instructions to review, this process continued well after midnight and Jennifer managed the collaborative drafting the entire time. Because of Jennifer's efforts, the judge ruled on the instructions the following morning and closing arguments went on as scheduled so that the jurors were not inconvenienced. This not only demonstrates Jennifer's work ethic and ingenuity, but that she has experienced what is expected of a good judge: the ability to think of creative solutions under pressure and achieving dual goals of minimizing cost and delay for the parties and jury and upholding to the rules of procedure.

In addition, Jennifer's managerial experience helped her identify problems and take effective steps to reach solutions not only for clients, but in house as well. She saw the firm's need for additional help and proposed reaching out to local law schools for interns. Jennifer created and oversaw the law student internship program, which provided the firm extra support and gave law students an opportunity to get hands on experience. While at the firm, Jennifer oversaw four cohorts of interns, which included

managing their work load, giving them feedback, and actively mentoring them in the practice of law. She ensured that each intern got real, hands-on law firm practice in a supportive environment. Her managerial insight and desire for collaboration even spilled over to her solo practice. Jennifer and I both left our firm to become solo attorneys around the same time. In the past several years that we have been solo, she has always been available to provide advice and lend a hand whenever possible. These are examples of her seeking to improve her environment, give back to the legal community, and taking initiative to go well above her job expectations.

While others can also attest to her professional diligence and accomplishments, I also know Jennifer from the community service level by serving on the Fort Bend Young Lawyers Association (“FBYLA”) executive board together for several years. In addition to her many other community interests, Jennifer helped revive the dormant FBYLA because she wanted to cultivate an environment for young lawyers in this quickly-growing area to network and support each other. Further, she donates her time and expertise to the FBYLA service project, “Wills For Heroes”, whereby attorneys provide pro bono estate planning for local first responders. Her dependable assistance each year in planning and executing the event has proven invaluable to the first responder community.

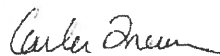
In the years that I have known Jennifer, she has shown she is resourceful, conscientious in her duties, respectful, takes her responsibilities seriously, not afraid to learn, and does not disappoint. She has successfully served as Associate Judge of Sugar Land and is prepared for the demands of a higher court. Her calm and measured demeanor is particularly well-suited for a District Court’s high-volume and high-stakes demands. As a Fort Bend native, Jennifer understands the culture and philosophies which drive our community and personally witnessed the massive changes in development and demographics of the area over the past thirty years, which are only expected to continue. Further, she is the
a community servant, wife of an Army veteran, and

Jennifer is a well-rounded leader that brings a unique and much-needed perspective to the bench. Serving as the Presiding Judge of the 458th District Court is an avenue in which she can use her experience to serve and improve the community. I enthusiastically endorse Jennifer Chiang for this position.

Please contact me directly if you need any further information regarding Ms. Chiang.

Very sincerely,

The Law Office of Carla Freeman, PLLC



Carla Freeman

ASHLEY R. HALLENE

Attorney at Law

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Re: Recommendation for Candidate **Jennifer Chiang for Judge** in the 458th Judicial District Court, Fort Bend County, Texas.

Dear Ms. Fuentes:

As a practicing attorney in Fort Bend County, I am writing to you in support of Ms. Jennifer Chiang and her desire to serve as Judge of the new 458th Judicial District Court in Fort Bend County, Texas. Ms. Chiang has been my classmate and colleague and it has been a privilege to work with her over the years.

Early on, when we attended the University of Houston Law Center, Ms. Chiang showed great aptitude for the study of law, an ardent spirit for the profession, and unquestionable talent. This was most evident during our time in Moot Court Team in the Blakely Advocacy Institute. Ms. Chiang and I worked together on the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Team. Having authored several books and articles for the American Bar Association, I speak from experience when I say I found Ms. Chiang's contributions to our competition appellate brief to be well researched, and her analysis of the numerous issues to be thorough. Ms. Chiang's writing evidences her skill and intellectual capacity to interpret and apply established legal principles to factual situations, and to communicate the reasoning behind the legal conclusions. In practice, Ms. Chiang brought valuable feedback, well thought out questions, and a vast understanding of the law.

After law school, I had the privilege of supervising Ms. Chiang during the time we both worked at Tiger Stripe Resources, LLC, a boutique petroleum land company employing licensed attorneys as landmen. Ms. Chiang's reputation for excellent character and integrity continued throughout this time. Of the landmen I supervised, the quality of Ms. Chiang's work was consistently superior to her peers. She was a quick study and at all times a very responsible professional. During her time since Tiger Stripe, at Mitchell and Duff, LLC and later setting up her own firm, Chiang Law Firm, PLLC, I have seen Ms. Chiang grow as an admirable colleague and compassionate member of her community. Her commitment to public service and passion for offering legal assistance to those less fortunate further exemplify why she is the right choice for this position.

Ms. Chiang is devoted to improving the quality of justice and would be a credit to the legal system. Without reservation, I recommend her highly for this position. Please consider my recommendation and do not hesitate to contact me to provide you with any further information regarding Ms. Chiang.

Sincerely,



Ashley Hallene

Catherine Gilbert Susser

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Corpus Christi, Texas 78411

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Dear Ms. Fuentes,

I would like to respectfully express my support of **Jennifer Chiang** for consideration for the position of Fort Bend County District Court Judge. I have known Ms. Chiang for almost two years as we have served together on Governor Abbot's Texas Commission for Women. During this time, we worked together on the Texas Women's Hall of Fame Luncheon and Induction Ceremony as well as the 2017 Texas Women's Legislative Luncheon. In addition, due to the resignation of our Commission's Executive Director, we have worked together as a team to reset the goals and missions of the Commission.

It is through these experiences that I can say with confidence that Ms. Chiang would be a fair judge who listens well to all viewpoints. She asks great questions and considers input from all of those involved before voicing her opinion. She is a problem solver who thinks ahead and anticipates the group's upcoming needs. Ms. Chiang's temperament would be an asset to the bench as she is humble, approachable and possess a kind sense of humor. Ms. Chiang has never missed a meeting or event for the Commission, even though they take place all over the state and that demonstrates that she prioritizes her responsibilities. In summary, Ms. Chiang would make a responsible and respected District Court Judge.

I appreciate your consideration of Jennifer Chiang. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Catherine Susser
Chairwoman, The Governor's Commission for Women
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July 6, 2017

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Re: Character Reference for Jennifer Chiang Meyer for District Court Judge

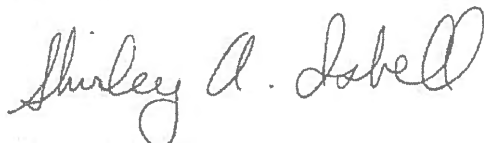
Dear Governor Abbott:

This letter is to enthusiastically endorse my friend, Jennifer Chiang Meyer, for District Court Judge for the new court opening in Fort Bend County on September 1, 2017. Jennifer and I met when she was serving as Secretary of the Republican Party of Fort Bend County in 2011. She made me feel welcome and showed me the ropes when I first became a Precinct Chairman. She also encouraged me to serve as Treasurer and 2nd Vice President for several years.

Jennifer and I share a common background in the oil and gas industry and we are both committed to the economic success of Fort Bend County and the State of Texas. Having spent several years serving with Jennifer during tense situations, happy occasions, and everything in between, I can verify that she has these characteristics in abundance and demonstrates them consistently: proper judicial temperament, patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, courage, punctuality, firmness, understanding, compassion, humility, and common sense.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell phone 713-775-7774.

Regards,



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June 28, 2017

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Re: Letter of Recommendation / Jennifer Chiang

Dear Ms. Fuentes:

It is my honor to recommend to you **Jennifer Chiang** for the 458th District Court Judge position.

This person is one of the most caring and understanding people I know. Summarizing her characteristics in only a few sentences, I would say this to you about her: she is confident, knowledgeable, and knows when she needs to reach out. She conveys professionalism (in both one-on-one and group settings), and follows through with substance on that impression by achieving what she has set out to do. She also works cooperatively with her peers; she is kind and fosters good relations with all those around her.

I originally met Ms. Chiang through the Fort Bend Junior Service League in the spring of 2015. And she could have not come, for me at least, with any better timing given my, at that point, decision to transition my career from tax to law. To be frank, she was one of my first friends in Fort Bend County, as I had recently moved from Montgomery County to Fort Bend County, and knew very few people. I could not have asked for a better first friend in Fort Bend County. Mrs. Chiang represents what Fort Bend County is known for: friendly, yet business-oriented.

What I recognized immediately was Ms. Chiang's active involvement in the community. Not only did she communicate well and effectively the tasks at hand, but executed them. We found ourselves crossing paths again and again in the community – eventually both involved in the Wills for Heroes program, where local attorneys provide estate planning packages for policemen, fireman, and first responders. Not only did she walk me through the minefield of a different area of the law, which I do not practice, she wholeheartedly stepped up to the plate when one of our fellow attorneys suffered a family emergency only a few days before the event.

Whether it is volunteering across the community, or acting as opposing counsel across the table, Ms. Chiang has always worked cooperatively with everyone. Even when it was time to start a family, Ms. Chiang did not back away from a challenge, instead starting a law firm and _____ at the same time. She is an inspiration to other female attorneys who often see and readily find that "having it all" is a bigger challenge than initially expected, yet Ms. Chiang just takes it all in stride. I have personally observed that Ms. Chiang has juggled numerous projects and demands without complaining. Even with all of these demands, she did her work with rigor and care, putting in all the hours necessary to do it well and precisely. And more than that, she demonstrated creativity, with no lack of thinking outside the norm for a solution where appropriate and logical.

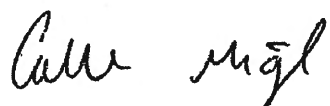
Further, Ms. Chiang is fearless in all the right areas, not afraid to dip her toes in the local and state political arena, by being the Precinct Chair and Secretary of the Republican Party of Fort Bend County. She has been active in her community at the political level, yet careful and mindful of the short-term and long-term implications of such involvement. She does not take politics, or positions of leadership for that matter, lightly. I am certain that in whatever role she holds or leader she encounters, she hands-down expects a higher-level of professionalism, due diligence, and general expectations for that position.

On her demeanor and personal suitability, Mrs. Chiang will no doubt represent your judicial office with excellence. I observed that she expresses herself well; that she is energetic; that she is confident yet carries a proper dose of humility and self-reflection; that she is careful in her words neither to offend nor exaggerate; and that she is helpful to all others that she works with, with always a pleasant personality and manner of speech.

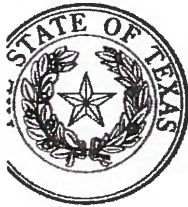
Overall, I saw no tension, but rather good relations, with all of her peers, and I saw her contributing effectively, and beyond, to the community, dedicated to completion of each of the tasks before her and to building up not only herself but those around her. I could not anticipate from my experience with Mrs. Chiang that she will fail to succeed at the highest level in all of her career endeavors.

For all of these reasons, I could not more highly recommend Jennifer Chiang for a judicial position. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any more information about this candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Migl".

Colleen Migl, Esq.



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1. Personal Information

2. Photograph

Full Legal Name Mark Harold Hanna		
Preferred Name Mark		
Spouse's Name		
Physical Home Address		
City, State Zip		
Mailing Address same		
City, State Zip		
County Fort Bend	Work Telephone 281-341-4460	Home Telephone
Cellular	Preferred E-mail Address	
Secondary E-Mail Address (if applicable)		State Senator Joan Huffman
		State Representative Rick Miller

3. State Board(s), Commission(s), or Task Force(s) of Interest to You:

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458th District Court of Fort Bend County	

4. Employment Information

Employer Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office	Employer's Address 301 Jackson Street, Richmond Texas 77469	Present Job Title Chief Prosecutor
		Profession Attorney
Present Job Description Chief of Narcotics and Gang Division – Responsible for the supervision of 4 felony prosecutors. Review and accept or reject all felony drug and gang related offenses. Advise police officers in areas of search and seizure and assist in procuring search and arrest warrants. Handle felony cases from presentation to grand jury through trial.		

Name Mark Harold Hanna

5. Education/Training

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Degree and Field of Study
High School	Judson High School, Converse Texas	1986	Diploma
Undergraduate	Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos Texas	1990	B.S. Criminal Justice
Graduate	South Texas College of Law, Houston Texas	1993	Doctor of Jurisprudence
Other			

6. Employment History

Employer	Position	Dates	Location
Matagorda County Attorney's Office	Assistant County Attorney	Aug. 1994	Bay City, Texas
Matagorda County District Attorney	Assistant District Attorney	June 1996	Bay City, Texas
Fort Bend County District Attorney	Assistant District Attorney	April 1998	Richmond, Texas
See Judicial Application for more detail			

7. References

Name	Employer	City	Telephone	Relationship
Steven Reis	Matagorda Co. D.A.	Bay City, Texas	979-244-4408	Supervisor
John Healey	Fort Bend County D.A.	Richmond Texas	281-341-4460	Supervisor
Robert Simpson	U.S Treasury Dept.	Houston, Texas	832-457-5521	Friend
Shawn McDonald	Attorney	Sugar Land, Texas	713-299-5152	Colleague
Honorable Judge Jaramillo	400 th District Court	Richmond, Texas	281-341-6249	Colleague

8. Professional Memberships (including any state bar memberships)

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
Texas State Bar	Member	Current

9. Volunteer Participation

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
Exchange Club of Sugar Land	Secretary / Member	Current
Riverpoint Community Church	Member & Volunteer	Current
Gus George Law Enforcement Academy	Instructor	Current

10. Military Service

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States: Yes No

Branch	Dates of Service	Type of Discharge

Name **Mark Harold Hanna**

11. Social Media Information

Do you use, or have you ever used, any of the following? If "yes," provide additional information.

Facebook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Username: Mark Hanna
Twitter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	MHH @mjrphanna
Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Username
LinkedIn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Profile: Mark Hanna
Google+	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Username

12. Spouse Information This Section Not Applicable

Spouse's Employer	Job Title/Position
Does your spouse conduct any business with or before the Texas Legislature or any other state entity? Yes No	If yes, please list agencies:

13. Miscellaneous Information

Note: "Material interest" is defined as (a) serving on the governing board of directors or (b) a ten (10) percent or greater ownership. This does not apply to any mutual funds in which you do not exercise authority in investment decisions.

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Are you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest currently delinquent in any local, state or federal taxes? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Have you ever defaulted on a personal, business or student loan? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Type of Loan	Date	Details

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest or of which you have been an officer or principal been involved in any bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, give details including dates.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Do you currently serve, or have you ever served, on any local, state or federal government board, commission or committee or in any elected or appointed office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Entity	Position	Dates	Compensated (Y/N)	Reimbursed (Y/N)

Name **Mark Harold Hanna**

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

Are you or your spouse related to a local, state, or federal public official?		Yes	No
Name of Official and Title		Relationship	

Do you or your spouse have any material interest in, or are either of you employed by, any company that does business with or receives funds from the State of Texas? If yes, give full name and details:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Name of Company	Details

Are you or your spouse an officer, director, employee or paid consultant of a trade association? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Self
If yes, please list association and position:	Spouse

Have you or your spouse ever been registered as a lobbyist or received compensation to represent someone before a local, state, or federal government?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Self or Spouse	Entity Represented	Entity Lobbied	Dates

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you or your spouse have a material interest been party to litigation? If yes, give details.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I have been sued by a criminal defendant as a result of performing my duties as a prosecutor. The case was filed in state district court but moved to federal district court upon our motion. The case was dismissed by the federal district judge after we filed a motion to dismiss.	

In the last five years, have you, or any company in which you have a material interest, been licensed by a Texas state agency? If yes, give details.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Type of License	License #	Expiration	

Have you ever been delinquent in child support payments? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Name **Mark Harold Hanna**

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

To the best of your knowledge, has any federal, state or local law enforcement or regulatory agency (on behalf of itself or any other person or entity) filed or investigated any grievance or complaint against you, your spouse, or an entity in which you have a material interest? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, dismissed, reprimanded)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Date	Details and Disposition
State Bar of Texas	Nov. 2014	A grievance was filed by criminal defendant for an alleged "Brady" violation. I elected to conduct the trial in district court rather than private bar hearing. The case was dismissed in District Court. There was no sanction or finding of misconduct.

To the best of your knowledge, have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest been investigated, reprimanded, fined or suspended from doing business with any state or federal agency? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, reprimanded, fined, suspended)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Date	Details and Disposition

Have you ever been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations), placed on probation, required to perform community service, or had a criminal proceeding disposed of by pre-trial diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred adjudication, or some similar proceeding?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, list the charge, the date of the offense, the city and/or county and state in which it allegedly occurred, and the disposition thereof.		

14. Certification

Full Legal Name Mark Harold Hanna	
Date of Birth	Driver License or DPS ID#
Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Place of Birth: Fort Walton Beach, Florida
Date of naturalization (if not a citizen upon birth) / /	
Ethnicity: (optional; check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> African American	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Notes:

- Appointment to a Board or Commission may require the annual filing of a Personal Financial Statement (PFS) Form with the Texas Ethics Commission.
- A resume must be attached in order for this application to be considered complete.
- Judicial candidates must also complete a Judicial Questionnaire.
- Any information provided on the application or attached may be subject to the Texas Public Information Act. This means that an individual requesting copies of the information in your file may be provided access to that information.

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the foregoing and any attached statements are true, accurate and complete. I agree that any misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of a fact may result in my disqualification for appointment. I assign and hereby give the Office of the Governor full authority to conduct background investigations pertinent to this application. I specifically authorize the Texas Department of Public Safety to conduct a background investigation and to disclose the results of that investigation to the Governor or his authorized representative.



Applicant's Signature

7/7/17

Date

Submit to:

Appointments Staff (512) 463-1828
 Office of the Governor (512) 475-2576 fax
 PO Box 12428 www.gov.texas.gov
 Austin, Texas 78711

ServingTexas@gov.texas.gov (with scanned signature page)

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To: Governor's Appointments Office

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I am contacting you to recommend **Mark Hanna as an** excellent candidate for District Court Judge for the 458th District Court of Fort Bend County. I have known Mark professionally for fourteen years. In that time, I worked alongside Mark and for him as an Assistant District Attorney in Fort Bend County. In both capacities, Mark exudes professionalism, dedication and commitment to public service.

Mark is aware of the privilege and honor of serving the public and as an advocate for Fort Bend County. As Chief of the Narcotics and Gang Division, Mark manages multiple attorneys and staff members and a large docket of criminal court cases. In the six years that Mark was my supervisor, he was always respectful and generous with his talents and time. Regarded as one of the finest trial lawyers in the office, Mark was a mentor for other attorneys and was relied on by the elected District Attorney to competently and professionally handle many of the offices most difficult cases. In addition, Mark was relied on by law enforcement for his knowledge and expertise in search and seizure and evidence issues.

Mark respects and appreciates the difficult and important task of seeking justice for the citizens of Fort Bend County. While this position undoubtedly carries a great deal of power and discretion, Mark is known for his fairness and commitment to not only uphold the law but to also protect the rights of the victims, as well as, the accused. These are virtues that are the foundation of the legal and justice system and virtues that are imperative for the judicial profession.

Mark has a reputation for being an outstanding attorney, prosecutor, supervisor and legal expert who values the oath he took to represent the legal profession and the citizens of Fort Bend County in the highest regard. I am confident he would carry these same values on the bench and represent Fort Bend County and State of Texas in the same exceptional way.

Sincerely,



Celena Vinson
Deputy Managing Attorney
Litigation Division
Harris County Attorney's Office



STEVEN E. REIS

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Re: Mark H. Hanna – 458th District Court Appointment Recommendation Letter

It is my pleasure and honor to recommend **Mark Hanna** for appointment as judge of the 458th District Court of Fort Bend County. Mark is unquestionable a jurist beyond reproach and will bring unassailable integrity and equanimity to the bench.

I first met Mark in 1994 when he began his career as a prosecutor. As soon as I had the opportunity, I brought him onto my team in the DA's office. I relied upon his excellent judgment and studied legal acumen – traits which would become his hallmark – to manage my misdemeanor and juvenile dockets. He never disappointed. In 1997, while I was out of county on venue change for more than a week, I trusted Mark to manage the entire office when he wasn't assisting me during the trial. He was a capable trial attorney as well as office administrator and kept my office in excellent order.

I have followed Mark's career as he has promoted to more responsible prosecutorial positions in Fort Bend County. He eclipses others with his advocacy and justice-driven decision making. He fully comprehends how justice is more than mere "winning." His finely-tuned sense of fairness and morality encourages all who know or work with him to strive for unimpeachable repute – what a perfect fit he will be as a member of the judiciary.

Of course, one cannot ignore political reality in these matters. Judges in Texas are elected as are chief prosecutors. Let me say this – with Mark's credentials, legal acumen, ability to hold high moral ground, and bold strength of character – he presents as a worthy and inestimable opponent. I would personally hate to be opposed by Mark on any ballot.

I'm delighted to call Mark my friend. I am even more enthusiastic with the integrity he brings to our profession. The Office of the Governor will be proud of this appointment. Mark will become a judge of widely-known fairness and excellence. This should be one of Governor Abbott's easiest appointment decisions and one for which he will be justifiably proud!

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Steven Reis
District Attorney



DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
Fort Bend County, Texas

JOHN F. HEALEY, JR.
District Attorney

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Re: Recommendation of Mr. **Mark Hanna** for Appointment to the 458th Judicial District Court

Dear Members of the Appointments Staff,

It is with the utmost sincerity that I recommend Mr. Mark Hanna for appointment as Presiding Judge to the 458th Judicial District Court. I have had the responsibility of representing the people of our county in criminal cases for over thirty-five years. During the last twenty-five of these years, I have performed the duties of the District Attorney. As such, I have observed and become very familiar with the character, work habits, and demeanor of Mark Hanna.

Mr. Hanna came to work for our county fresh from working as an Assistant District Attorney in Matagorda County. While there, he became familiar with the practice of civil law by handling bond forfeitures and Child Protective Services cases. He furthered his civil law practice by handling asset forfeiture cases during the last seventeen years while he has been assigned to our Narcotics Division. His work on the asset forfeiture cases was thorough, done timely, and evidenced a well developed knowledge of civil procedure.

Mark Hanna began his employment in my office in April of 1998. He was initially assigned to handle misdemeanor cases. In 2000, he was promoted to prosecute felony cases in District Court. In March of 2003, Mark Hanna earned a promotion to Chief of the Narcotics Division, a position which he has successfully maintained to this day.

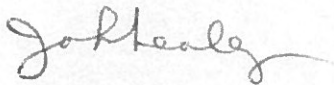
Mr. Hanna has handled a wide variety of misdemeanor and felony cases, ranging from driving while intoxicated to capital murder in which the death penalty was sought. His understanding of procedure and evidence is quite advanced, as are his trial skills. His case preparation has always been thorough. He is remarkably even tempered during trial, plea negotiations, and pre-trial preparation. His dealings with victims, attorneys, the police and judges have been temperate and fair.

While ours is not a business in which we can please all participants, Mark has the respect and admiration of all participants. We value his sound judgment, his strong work ethic, and his engaging and friendly personality. In short, Mark Hanna has the professional skills and interpersonal skills which will serve our Republican Party well when he seeks election, and re-election.

On a more personal note, I can say that Mark is dedicated. His office is full of photos of [redacted]. He proudly talks of the scholastic [redacted] ricular activities in which his [redacted] always with his encouragement, and frequently with his participation. He [redacted] very much. Additionally, on many occasions I have seen Mr. Hanna withstand the professional pressures that come with being a prosecutor whose job performance is highly scrutinized. He remains even tempered and just in his decisions, uninfluenced by such scrutiny. He will react the same way under related circumstances should he become a judge.

Mark Hanna has the professional skills, personal integrity and character which attorneys and citizens expect from their judges. He inspires confidence in the work that he does. He is the type of person that all want to be around. He will make the Governor, our Republican Party, and the people of Fort Bend County proud to call him Judge of the 458th Judicial District Court.

Sincerely,



John Healey
JH/ads



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1. Personal Information

2. Photograph

Full Legal Name Michael Lee Hartman			
Preferred Name Michael			
Spouse's Name _____			
Physical Home Address _____			
City, State Zip _____			
Mailing Address _____			
City, State Zip _____			
County Fort Bend	Work Telephone 281-341-4485	Home Telephone _____	
Cellular _____	Preferred E-mail Address _____		
Secondary E-Mail Address (if applicable) _____			
			State Senator J. HUFFMAN
			State Representative R. MILLER

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4. Employment Information

Employer Fort Bend District Attorney's Office	Employer's Address 301 Jackson Richmond, Texas 77469	Present Job Title Assistant District Attorney
		Profession Attorney
Present Job Description Manage and prosecute all aspects of cases involving computer or internet facilitated crimes against children as well as convicted sex offenders who violate sex offender registration requirements.		

Name Michael Lee Hartman

5. Education/Training

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Degree and Field of Study
High School	St. Thomas High School, Houston, Texas	1984	Diploma
Undergraduate	Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas	1988	B.S., Political Science
Graduate	Universtiy of Tulsa - College of Law, Tulsa, Oklahoma	1993	Juris Doctor
Other			

6. Employment History

Employer	Position	Dates	Location
Fort Bend District Attorney's Office	Asst. District Attorney	9/95 -present	Richmond, Texas
City of Houston Attorney's Office	Asst. City Attorney	4/95 - 9/95	Houston, Texas
21 st Judicial District Attorney's Office	Asst. District Attorney	3/92 - 3/95	Caldwell, Texas

7. References

Name	Employer	City	Telephone	Relationship
Lois Kolkhorst	State of Texas	Brenham, Texas	979-277-4227	Colleague
W.W. (Bill) Torrey	State of Texas	Cameron, Texas	254-697-7013	Prev. Supervisor
Chad Bridges	State of Texas	Richmond, Texas	832-867-0471	Colleague/Judge
Clifford Vacek	Retired 400 th Judge	Simonton, Texas	281-914-7277	Colleague/Judge
Robert C. Bennett	Retired Attorney	Sugarland, Texas	281-242-6292	Colleague

8. Professional Memberships (including any state bar memberships)

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
Texas District & County Attorney's Association	Member	Current
State Bar of Texas	Attorney	Current
Houston Metro Internet Crimes Against Children	Attorney/Affiliate	Current
U.S. District, Texas Southern District	Attorney	Inactive
Fort Bend Young Lawyers Association	President	Former
Texas Young Lawyers Association	Member	Former

9. Volunteer Participation

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
Child Advocates of Fort Bend (CAFB)	Volunteer	Current
Advisory Council Board - CAFB	Board Member & MDT Liason	Former
Boy Scouts of America	Assistant Scout Master	Current
Knights of Columbus - Council #11343	Member & past officer	Current
Little League Baseball	Coach	Former
FFPS Soccer	Coach	Former

10. Military Service

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Branch	Dates of Service	Type of Discharge

Name **Michael Lee Hartman**

11. Social Media Information

Do you use, or have you ever used, any of the following? If "yes," provide additional information.

Facebook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Username Michael Hartman
Twitter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Handle @MHartmanFtBend
Instagram	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Username michaelhartmanftbend
LinkedIn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Profile Michael Hartman
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12. Spouse Information

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Spouse's Employer	Job Title/Position
Does your spouse conduct any business with or before the Texas Legislature or any other state entity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please list agencies:

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Are you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest currently delinquent in any local, state or federal taxes? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Type of Loan	Date	Details

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Name **Michael Lee Hartman**

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

Are you or your spouse related to a local, state, or federal public official?		Yes	No
Name of Official and Title	Relationship		

Do you or your spouse have any material interest in, or are either of you employed by, any company that does business with or receives funds from the State of Texas? If yes, give full name and details:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Self or Spouse	Entity Represented	Entity Lobbied	Dates

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you or your spouse have a material interest been party to litigation? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

In the last five years, have you, or any company in which you have a material interest, been licensed by a Texas state agency? If yes, give details.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Type of License	License #	Expiration
State Bar of Texas	Attorney	00787656	8/25/2017

Have you ever been delinquent in child support payments? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Name **Michael Lee Hartmen**

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

To the best of your knowledge, has any federal, state or local law enforcement or regulatory agency (on behalf of itself or any other person or entity) filed or investigated any grievance or complaint against you, your spouse, or an entity in which you have a material interest? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, dismissed, reprimanded) Yes No

Agency	Date	Details and Disposition

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Yes No

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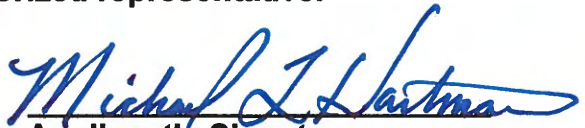
Full Legal Name Michael Lee Hartman	
Date of Birth	Driver License or DPS ID#
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Date of naturalization (if not a citizen upon birth) NA / /	
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Applicant's Signature

June 26, 2017
Date

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July 21, 2017

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor, State of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

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Governor Abbott,

I write this letter asking for your consideration in appointing **Michael Hartman** to judge of the newly created 458th District Court in Fort Bend County. Mr. Hartman works closely with members of our organization on the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and does an incredible job.

Mr. Hartman presently serves as an Assistant District Attorney in Ft. Bend County, where he has prosecuted cases since 1995. Prior to his current position, he served as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Houston and an Assistant District Attorney for Burlleson County.

Our members who work with Mr. Hartman advise me that he is extremely conscientious about his job and is known to work until 3am assisting officers with late night/early morning warrants getting child predators off the streets.

The HPOU is proud to recommend Mr. Michael Hartman to be appointed Judge of the 458th District Court and ask that you give him your highest consideration. Please feel free to contact me if any additional information is needed.

Thanks so much for your consideration and for your leadership in the State of Texas.

Sincerely,

Ray Hunt
President

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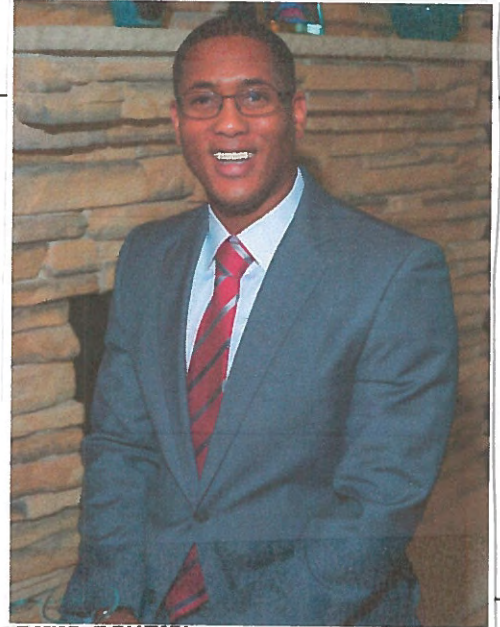


GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT **JULY** 2017 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Appointments

1. Personal Information

Full Legal Name Louis Miguel White Jr.		
Preferred Name Lewis White		
Spouse's Name _____		
Physical Home Address _____		
City, State Zip _____		
Mailing Address: _____		
City, State Zip _____		
County Fort Bend	Work Telephone 713-799-9220	Home Telephone _____
Cellular _____	Preferred E-mail Address _____	
Secondary E-Mail Address (if applicable) _____		



Lois Kolkorst
State Representative
John Zerwas

3. State Board(s), Commission(s), or Task Force(s) of Interest to You:

The list of all entities to which the Governor makes appointments may be found at:
<http://www.gov.texas.gov/appointments/positions>

458th District Court	

4. Employment Information

Employer Law Office of Lewis White	Employer's Address 2717 Commercial Center Blvd. Suite E. 200, Katy Texas 77494	Present Job Title Owner
		Profession Attorney
Present Job Description Owner of Private Law Firm		

Name Lewis White

5. Education/Training

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Degree and Field of Study
High School	Amon Carter-Riverside	1994	
Undergraduate	McMurry University	1999	Political Science
Graduate	Thurgood Marshall School of Law	2002	JD
Other			

6. Employment History

Employer	Position	Dates	Location
Please see Resume			

7. References

Name	Employer	City	Telephone	Relationship
Tim O'Hare	Self	Southlake	214-724-7001	Friend
Rick Figueroa	UBS	Brenham	713-985-3446	Friend
Mike Gibson	J. Ray Mcdermott	Sugar Land	832-876-7013	Friend
Xavier Herrera	Stafford School Board	Stafford	832-714-0892	Friend
Rob -Michelle Anderson		Katy	713-392-4015	Friend

8. Professional Memberships (including any state bar memberships)

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former

9. Volunteer Participation

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former
State Dental Board of Examiners	Chair Disciplinary Committee	Current
McMurry Alumni Board	Member	Current
Fort Bend Exchange Club	Member	Current
Katy ISD Keys Mentor	Mentor	Current

10. Military Service

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Branch	Dates of Service	Type of Discharge

Name Lewis White

11. Social Media Information

Table with 3 columns: Platform, Response (Yes/No), and Username/Handle. Rows include Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Google+.

12. Spouse Information This Section Not Applicable

Table for spouse information with columns for Employer, Job Title/Position, and a question about business with the Texas Legislature.

13. Miscellaneous Information

Note: "Material interest" is defined as (a) serving on the governing board of directors or (b) a ten (10) percent or greater ownership. This does not apply to any mutual funds in which you do not exercise authority in investment decisions.

Table with a question about federal income tax returns for the past five years and a Yes/No response box.

Table with a question about delinquency in local, state, or federal taxes and a Yes/No response box.

Table with a question about defaulted loans and a Yes/No response box, followed by a table with columns: Type of Loan, Date, and Details.

Table with a question about involvement in bankruptcy proceedings and a Yes/No response box, with 'no' written in the details field.

Table with a question about serving on government boards and a Yes/No response box, followed by a table with columns: Entity, Position, Dates, Compensated (Y/N), and Reimbursed (Y/N).

Name Lewis White

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

Are you or your spouse related to a local, state, or federal public official?		Yes	No
Name of Official and Title	Relationship		

Do you or your spouse have any material interest in, or are either of you employed by, any company that does business with or receives funds from the State of Texas? If yes, give full name and details:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Name of Company	Details

Are you or your spouse an officer, director, employee or paid consultant of a trade association? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Self
If yes, please list association and position:	Spouse

Have you or your spouse ever been registered as a lobbyist or received compensation to represent someone before a local, state, or federal government?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Self or Spouse	Entity Represented	Entity Lobbied	Dates

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you or your spouse have a material interest been party to litigation? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

In the last five years, have you, or any company in which you have a material interest, been licensed by a Texas state agency? If yes, give details.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Type of License	License #	Expiration

Have you ever been delinquent in child support payments? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Name Lewis White

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

To the best of your knowledge, has any federal, state or local law enforcement or regulatory agency (on behalf of itself or any other person or entity) filed or investigated any grievance or complaint against you, your spouse, or an entity in which you have a material interest? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, dismissed, reprimanded) Yes No

Agency	Date	Details and Disposition

To the best of your knowledge, have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest been investigated, reprimanded, fined or suspended from doing business with any state or federal agency? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, reprimanded, fined, suspended) Yes No

Agency	Date	Details and Disposition

Have you ever been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations), placed on probation, required to perform community service, or had a criminal proceeding disposed of by pre-trial diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred adjudication, or some similar proceeding? Yes No

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