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LOYD NEAL
County Judge, Nueces County, Texas
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Commissioner Court
c/o County Judge Neal
901 leopard rm. 303
Corpus Christi, tx

Re: public notice for County Court at Law No. 5

To Whom This May Concern:

As an experienced attorney, I am submitting my resume for consideration for appointment/hiring as a interim judge for County court at law #5. I am a qualified voter with over 15 years' experience in criminal, family, juvenile and civil law. I would be available to work week days and weekends. As a former misdemeanor/juvenile prosecutor, probate master and Assistant Attorney General, I have the following experience

My Criminal Experience/Expertise:

- legal aspects of pretrial release, bond conditions;
- *Juvenile Detentions;
- *Juvenile certifications and adjudications;
- *Traffic violations;
- Probable cause examining trial, indictment, information and complaint;
- federal felonies and misdemeanor cases;
- pre-trial hearing on confessions; search and seizure; identification; change of venue; continuance; severance; discovery; speedy trials; double jeopardy issues;
- competence to stand trial and culpable mental state (mental hearings);
- jury voir dire;
- rules of evidence- state and federal(e.g., impeachment, extraneous offenses, etc.);
- procedure and rules of evidence at punishment hearings;
- U. S. and Texas sentencing guidelines;
- legal aspects of plea bargaining and guilty pleas;
- motions for new trial;
- motions for arrest of judgment;
- State appeals;
- other post conviction remedies;
- probation and/or parole granting;
- probation and/or parole revocation;
- death penalty;
- other substantive criminal offenses

My Family Law Experience/Expertise includes practice in the following areas:

- the Texas Family Code, Titles 1, 2, 4 or 5;

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- Texas Penal Code, Chapter 25 (offenses against the family);
 - the law of homestead and other exempt property; retirement
 - torts relevant to family law matters;
 - the trial of cases arising out of the above matters; and
 - appeals arising out of the above matters
- * At least 30 uncontested/contested Texas family law matters involving issues pertaining to Texas Family Code, Titles 1, 2, 4, or 5, handled and disposed of, prior to and without the necessity of, a contested final hearing or trial of the matters on the merits.

Thank you in advance for consideration of my resume.

Respectfully Submitted

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Objective

Judicial Position – CCL#5

Skills Summary

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| ◆ Project Management | ◆ Criminal Law | ◆ Strategic Planning |
| ◆ Report Preparation | ◆ Family Law | ◆ Legal Analysis |
| ◆ Communication | ◆ Civil Law | ◆ Professional Presentations |
| ◆ Computer Skills | ◆ Probate Law | ◆ Temperance |
| ◆ Juvenile Law | | ◆ Fiscal management |

Professional Experience (Synopsis)

1. ATTORNEY, GRAHAM LEGAL SERVICES, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX. 6/2006 – PRESENT
 - ◆ Criminal Defense for State and Federal felonies and misdemeanors; trial skills include arraignments, pre-trial hearings, trials, mental hearings and suppression hearings.
 - ◆ Family Law defense and ad litem work including child removals, child custody, protective orders, divorce, child supports and adult guardianships.
 - ◆ Civil litigation in the areas of Probate and Contract Law
 - ◆ Mental health/competency proceedings including Ad litem, Probate Master
2. ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, NUECES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX. 11/2002 – 5/2006
 - ◆ Former Juvenile Prosecutor; and
 - ◆ Former Misdemeanor Prosecutor; and
 - ◆ Presentor on Criminal and Juvenile law Issues [Criminal and Civil litigation matters].
3. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, AUSTIN, TX. 6/2001 – 10/2002
 - ◆ Former Post Conviction Appellate Attorney; and
 - ◆ Worked in the Habeas Corpus Division; and
 - ◆ Litigated in Federal Evidentiary Hearings.
4. ATTORNEY 1/1999-6/2001 I practiced law as solo and contract attorney; I also worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Legal Department

Education

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY - THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW
Juris Doctorate Degree, 1998, Am Jur Criminal Procedure.
Licensed to practice law in the state of TEXAS since 12/31/1998.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY – DOUGLASS COLLEGE
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry, 1993

Certifications/Special Training

DEATH PENALTY CASES -2ND CHAIR; GUARDIANSHIP, CPS & PROBATE CASES