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Samuel Loyd Neal, Jr.
Nueces County Judge
901 Leopard, Rm 303
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Re: Letter of Interest for position of Judge of County Court at Law #5

Dear Judge Neal:

My name is James R. Lawrence and I am an attorney applying for the position of Judge of County Court at Law #5 as outlined in the Public Notice dated January 8, 2014. I am attaching a statement of qualifications. I will be happy to meet with you and or any commissioner to answer any questions.


Sincerely,


James R. Lawrence

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Statement of Qualifications
Of James R. Lawrence

I was born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas. My father, Harry Lawrence, was a Nueces County Deputy Sheriff for most of his life. I served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1958 to 1962. I have an AA degree from Del-Mar College in 1962, a BA degree from St. Mary's University in 1964, a MS degree from Texas A & I in 1967 and a JD degree from St. Mary's Law School in 1970.

I passed the Bar in 1970 and have been licensed since. I have had no disciplinary problems with the State Bar in all my years of practice. Upon being licensed to practice law, I was an Assistant District Attorney in Bexar County from 1970-1973. In 1973 I moved back to Corpus Christi, Texas and set up my law practice. From 1973 thru 2009 I have been in private practice. Most of my practice is devoted to criminal law which includes juvenile, misdemeanor, felony and capital murder.

In 2010 I became First Assistant District Attorney in Nueces County Texas. In 2011 I became an Assistant Public Defender for the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases Office located in Kingsville, Texas. From 2012 to the present I am in private practice in the area of criminal law.

I have tried hundreds of jury cases in my 44 years of practice. I have no desire of running for Judge of County Court at Law #5 in the future. I have had a very good working relationship with all present and past Judges in Nueces County, Texas. I am punctual and have a very good work ethic. I follow the law and am respectful of others. I have been married to my wife for 51 years and have three adult children and three grandchildren.