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Honorable Lloyd Neal  
Nueces County Courthouse  
901 Leopard  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

RE: Interim Appointment of Judge for County Court at Law No. 5.

Dear Judge Neal:

I am honored to submit my application for the interim position for Judge of County Court No. 5. Attached is my curriculum vitae which I submit for your review.

I began my legal career in Nueces County in 1987 with the Nueces County District Attorney's office and was honored to be selected by Judge Hunter and Judge Banales as the first Juvenile Court Referee in May 1994. I again served as the Interim Juvenile Court Referee in 1997. While serving as an instructor at the Corpus Christi Police Academy for 14 years, I continued my legal practice by representing parties in County Court No. 5 until 2007. In 2008, I was again honored to be selected by all of the Judges of Nueces County to be one of the first part-time Criminal Court Magistrates for Nueces County. I continue in that role today although the legislature has changed that description to Associate Judge.

Although I enjoy my position as a part-time Associate Judge working out of the Nueces County Jail, I have always had a passion for the juvenile court and enjoyed my time working there. In fact, I was an outspoken advocate for the creation of County Court No. 5 when it was created.

I realize that the appointment to be made by the Commissioners Court is a temporary one ending on December 31, 2014, and I would gladly relinquish the position to the newly elected Judge. In addition, I am aware that Judge Chesney is using a visiting judge quite extensively and in my view, such use appears to be excessive and not cost efficient for the County.

I appreciate the opportunity to apply for this interim position and thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Linda J. Rhodes-Schauer

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Part-time Criminal Court Magistrate and Associate Judge for Nueces County (January 2008-present) (Also presides over Nueces County DWI Court)*  
*Administrative Assistant to the Presiding Judge of the Fifth Administrative Judicial Region of Texas (January 2007-January 2009)*  
*Adjunct Professor, Del Mar College and Instructor at Corpus Christi Police Academy (1993-2007)*  
*Private Practice with focus on Criminal Law, Ad Litem Appointments involving Department of Protective & Regulatory Services, and Pro Bono Representation (1992-2007)*  
*Interim Juvenile Court Referee (Summer 1997)*  
*Juvenile Court Referee (May 1994-January 1995)*  
*Chief Prosecutor, 105<sup>th</sup> District Court, Nueces County District Attorney's Office (1987-1992)*  
*Associate, Anthony P. Griffin, Inc., Galveston, TX. Private practice with focus on Criminal Law, Civil Plaintiff and Family Law cases. (1987)*

## **EDUCATION**

*Doctorate of Jurisprudence, University of Houston Law Center, 1986*  
*Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, St. Mary's University, 1982, Summa Cum Laude*

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

*Member of the State Bar of Texas since 1986*  
*Member of Kings Crossing Church of Christ*  
*2004 CASA Attorney of the Year*

## **PERSONAL**

*Married for 24 years to G. Don Schauer, attorney and graduate of Texas A&M University class of 1975.*

*Three children; Sydney, 23, a graduate of Georgetown University; Steele and Samuel, in their third year of college at Franklin and Marshall College and Colgate University, respectively, both Eagle Scouts.*