

Ms. Melodee Gruber  
President, Federal Bar Association  
San Antonio Chapter

April 30, 2021

**Re: Chapter Officer and Director Nominations and Elections, FY 2022.**

Dear Melodee,

As you know, we are approaching our upcoming nominations and elections of next fiscal year's Chapter Officers and Directors. Per our Chapter's bylaws, all Officers and Directors are up for election, except for the current President-Elect, Miguel Villarreal, who will be our President next year.

Because of the ongoing recommended CDC's COVID-19 protocols and as allowed by our Chapter's Bylaws, the nominations and elections this year will again be virtual vote. A posting of this letter will appear on our Chapter's website shortly and our members can make nominations in addition to the below noted candidates until May 12, 2021. If there are any additional eligible nominated candidates by that deadline, they will be included in the voting on our website beginning after May 12th.

All current dues-paying members will be permitted one vote for the election. The voting will be in a "Yay/Nay" format for each individual candidate or if there are no contested positions, then the vote will be for the entire list of nominees. Voting will end by 11:00 a.m. on June 9<sup>th</sup> and if the results are available, they will be announced at our general virtual luncheon meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>, (or otherwise as soon as possible, to be posted on our website<sup>1</sup>).

The Chapter's Nominations Committee has selected the following outstanding candidates for Officers and Directors for our Chapter's election.

**Officers:**

President-Elect -	Rachel Skinner Fernandez (Vice President) <sup>2</sup>
Vice President -	Erica Benites Giese (Treasurer)
Treasurer -	Caroline Newman Small (Secretary)
Secretary -	Faith Johnson Lowry (Director; Membership Chair)

**Directors:**

Hon. Xavier Rodriguez\*, U.S. District Judge, Western District of Texas  
Hon. Elizabeth Chestney\*, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Western District of Texas  
Hon. Ronald B. King\*, Chief Bankruptcy Judge, Western District of Texas  
Hon. Craig Gargotta\*, Bankruptcy Judge, Western District of Texas  
Adam Boland\*  
Brandon Cook\*  
Steven Dennis\*

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<sup>1</sup> [www.fedbarsatx.org](http://www.fedbarsatx.org)

<sup>2</sup> The current position of nominated Officers. "\*" indicates that the Director is currently an incumbent.

Jay Dewald\*  
Sydnee Garcia\*  
Jay Hulings\*  
Mary Kruger\*  
Jeffrie Lewis\*  
John Paniszczyn\*  
Molly Roth\*  
Teo Seger\*  
Zach Zurek\*

In addition, per Chapter Bylaws, the following individuals, as Chapter Past-Presidents for the last three years will also serve on our Chapter's Board of Directors:

Yourself  
Soledad Valenciano  
Paul Barkhurst

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John F. Paniszczyn  
Chair, Nominations Committee