

MEXICAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN ATTORNEYS - HOUSTON
SCREENING COMMITTEE – CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

March 2026 Primary Election

1. NAME: _____
PARTY AFFILIATION: _____
SBN: _____ DATE LICENSED IN TEXAS: _____
OTHER JURISDICTIONS: _____
2. POSITION SOUGHT: _____
3. OPPONENT: _____
4. CAMPAIGN ADDRESS: _____
PHONE NUMBER(S): _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES): _____
WEBSITE: _____
FACEBOOK: _____ TWITTER: _____
MANAGER: _____ E-MAIL(S): _____
5. NUMBER OF YEARS AS RESIDENT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS: _____
NUMBER OF YEARS RESIDING IN TEXAS (STATEWIDE, OR APPELLATE: _____
6. LAW SCHOOL: _____ YEAR: _____
For non-lawyers, highest education level/degree attained: _____
7. For lawyers and non-lawyers, list any state licenses or certifications by state agencies:

PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR LENGTHIER ANSWERS

ATTORNEYS ONLY

8. Describe your law practice generally, as to years, and areas of practice. Elaborate on how those experiences qualify you for the position sought.

9. Trials and Appeals

Number of civil law trials: _____

Date of most recent trial: _____

Number of family law trials: _____

Date of most recent trial: _____

Number of probate law trials: _____

Date of most recent trial: _____

Number of criminal trials: _____

Date of most recent trials: _____

Number of civil or criminal cases appealed to Court of Appeals: _____

Date of most recent appeal: _____

Number of cases appealed to TX Supreme Court or Court of Crim. Appeals: _____

Date of most recent appeal: _____

10. List of Board Certification and area(s).

If **YES**, state the fields and years of certification(s) and re-certification(s).

11. List professional and community organization memberships within the last five (5) years.

12. Pro-bono work completed in the last five (5) years.

13. What other elected office(s) have you previously sought? Include date(s), party affiliation, and outcome(s).

14. What is the most important case you undertook as a lawyer and why did you take the approach you did in this case? How was it resolved? What was your reaction to the resolution?

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

15. Do you agree judges have an obligation to communicate an overall understanding of the court system? How would you implement this in your court, for both practicing attorneys and the community, as a whole?

16. What is your view as to possible obstacles to the Hispanic community's access to the court system and legal aid?

a. What can be done to improve this:

b. By you?

c. By the legal community?

17. What is your view as to possible obstacles to Women's access to the court system and legal aid?

a. What can be done to improve this:

b. By you?

c. By the legal community?

18. Delineate your ideas for implementing best practices for court room procedure and in eliminating ineffective practices.

a. What ideas would you suggest that might be effective methods for improving court room procedure and efficiency?

b. Would your procedures include the fair and equal treatment of attorneys, litigants, witnesses, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation?

19. What criteria would you use in deciding sentences outside the standard ranges (only for criminal court)?

20. Regarding judicial elections, do you favor other methods for judicial selections that differ from the partisan method presently in place? Please explain.

21. Explain why your experience, talents, and cultural background make you better suited for this position.

22. What practices do you implement in your Court to welcome and encourage your lawyers to the practice of law?

23. Harris County is facing a large backlog of cases. What is your Court doing to combat this? / What are your plans to combat this should you get elected to the position you seek?

*****Judicial Candidates may skip to Question 29*****

NON-JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

24. Please explain what you perceive to be major issues facing the Hispanic community in the judiciary and law enforcement system?

25. Please explain what you perceive to be major issues facing Women in the judiciary and law enforcement system?

26. Explain your ideas to bring about positive changes in the community within the elected office you are seeking. Specifically, with respect to underserved communities (e.g. low-income Anglo, Hispanic, Black, Women, and others?)

27. What, if anything, do you feel could be done to increase diversity in the Texas judiciary, or law enforcement system?

28. Explain why your experience, talents, and cultural background make you better suited for this position.

ALL CANDIDATES

29. To the best of your knowledge, are there any professional disciplinary, or grievance procedures currently being investigated, or previously undertaken, against you? If **YES**, state the name and location of the agency and the nature of the charges.

30. Have you ever been indicted, or convicted of any criminal offense other than a *class C misdemeanor*? If **YES**, state the date, location, nature of the offense, and disposition.

31. Do you have any civil suits now pending or unsatisfied civil judgment pending against you, or on your behalf? (other than divorce proceedings, but including, claims for deficient child or spousal support which were outstanding during the previous three years)

32. What are you doing to ensure that your campaign finance reports are being done accurately and in accordance with the Rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission?

33. Please add any other comments about your candidacy that you think will help the committee and membership better understand your candidacy.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____