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RE: Letter of application for temporary appointment to Municipal Court Judge in Branch 1 of Milwaukee Municipal Court; Letter of Qualifications

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my interest for an appointment to fill the forthcoming vacancy in Milwaukee Municipal Court, Branch 1. I believe my qualifications and experience make me an excellent candidate for the temporary appointment to the judgeship in municipal court, Branch 1. Accordingly, please find my resume enclosed.

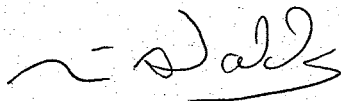
As you can see from my resume, I have been practicing law in Wisconsin since 1989. While I have practiced in other counties within the State of Wisconsin, including Brown, Kenosha, Columbia, Dane and Waushara, most of my practice has been in Milwaukee County.

Additionally, as you can see from my resume I am not a newcomer to the area. I was born in Milwaukee in 1954. I was raised on Milwaukee's south side and continue to reside here. I am married and my children attend Milwaukee Public Schools.

Also, I have been active in my community volunteering my services for many individuals and organizations. In addition I have run for elective office. In 1996 I ran unsuccessfully for Alderman for the 12th District and in 2002 for Milwaukee County

Circuit Court. In the latter race I garnered over 43,000 votes countywide with the majority of those votes (over 24,000) coming from City of Milwaukee residents. I believe I am the only applicant seeking the appointment to fill the vacancy to have campaigning experience. As such I have the knowledge and ability to run a city-wide race in a contested election.

Sincerely,



Ramón A. Valdez
Attorney at Law

Enclosure: two page resume ✓

cc: Alderman Michael S. D'Amato, Chair Judiciary and Legislation Committee
Alderman Don Richards, Vice-Chair
Alderman Fredrick Gordon
Alderwoman Marlene E. Johnson-Odom
Alderman Michael J. Murphy
Alderman Robert G. Donovan
Alderman Angel Sanchez

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BAR MEMBERSHIPS:

Admitted to Wisconsin State Bar, June 1988
State Bar Number 01003713

Admitted to Kansas State Bar, May 1989
State Bar Number 13835

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Attorney at Law, engaged in private practice concentrating in criminal defense. Office located within the City of Milwaukee. July 1997 to present.

Assistant State Public Defender, State of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Criminal Trial Division. Trial level representation of indigent clients charged with misdemeanors and felonies. March 1989 to July 1997.

Legal Researcher, Gott, Young & Boyle, P.A., Wichita, Kansas. Legal research and production of memoranda, letters of opinion, briefs and findings of fact and conclusions of law in civil and criminal cases. October 1988 to March 1989.

Assistant Public Defender, Sedgwick County Public Defender Office, Wichita, Kansas. Trial level representation of indigent clients charged with felonies. August 1988 to September 1988.

Student Attorney, Legal Defense Project, Madison, Wisconsin. Trial level representation of indigent clients charged with misdemeanors under supervision of a practicing attorney in the Dane County court system.

Assistant Director, Voting Rights Litigation Project, Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc., San Antonio, Texas. Provided administrative support, paralegal research and first draft of pleadings; preparation of trial exhibits; data analysis involving the Texas Census Summary Tapes. April 1984 to August 1985.

LEGAL EDUCATION:

School: University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin,
1985 to 1988

Degree: Juris Doctor, May 15, 1988

OTHER EDUCATION:

School: University of Texas at San Antonio, Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration, 1984; Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, 1982

School: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Undergraduate Studies in Political Science, 1973 to 1978

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

Staff Coordinator for issue research for the Albert Bustamante For Congress Campaign, January 1984 to April 1984. Duties included identifying major issue areas for the Candidate for the 23rd Congressional District in the State of Texas.

Research Assistant to Dr. Richard A.L. Gambitta, Professor of Political Science at the University of Texas at San Antonio, 1981 to 1984.

Research Assistant, Center for Latin American Research, 1977 – 1978. Center located at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. Provided research assistance to area instructors.

ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS:

Awarded Membership to the Rubin Society of the Office of the Wisconsin State Public Defender, in recognition of my dedicated service to the community. July, 1997.

Official Recognition Award, from Mayor John O. Nordquist of the City of Milwaukee for my service to the community as a member of the Leadership Council for the Federation for Civic Action, Inc., April 30, 1997.

Recipient of the Ruth B. Doyle Award, University of Wisconsin, Law School, 1988.

Recipient of the Mexican – American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) Law School Scholarship, 1985 – 1986.

President of the Latino Law Students Association, University of Wisconsin, 1986.

Former Member of Board of Directors for the following Organizations: Benedict Center, Journey House, Latino Resource Center, Federation for Civic Action.

REFERENCES:

Available upon request