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MARIA LILIA CAVAZOS

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I heartily recommend that you consider the Honorable Paul W. Nye, Chief Justice of the Thirteenth Court of Civil Appeals of the State of Texas, for a position on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. In my experience as Briefing Attorney for the Court of Civil Appeals, I have observed first hand the efficiency and effectiveness with which Chief Justice Nye conducts Court business and can verify that the Thirteenth Supreme Judicial District is generally considered to be one of, if not, the most respected Court of Civil Appeals in the state. It is a matter of common observation that Chief Justice Nye posseses the remarkable ability to seize the crucial issue in a maze of legal entanglement and deal with it by appropriate application of the law.

Chief Justice Nye is an eminent justician in his own right and well thought of by his peers, as is exemplified by his ascension to the Chairmanship of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas. The position has been one of considerable controversy in recent years due to the pressing problems before the Bar and Chief Justice Nye has provided effective leadership for the State Judiciary during this critical phase.

I can state unequivocally that Chief Justice Nye is both qualified and well suited for the position and would make an outstanding addition to the Fifth Circuit.

Very truly yours,