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Honorable William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of the State of Texas
State Capitol Building
Austin, Texas 78711

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Dear Governor Clements:

With the encouragement of many of my friends of the bench and bar civic leaders and other citizens, I am prompted to submit my name for your consideration in the appointment of a successor to the Judgeships of either the 148th District Court or the 214th District Court of Nueces County, Texas, which will become vacant on September 1, 1981, by reason of your appointment of their respective Judges Noah O. Kennedy, Jr. and Norman Utter to the Court of Appeals for the Thirteenth Supreme Judicial District of Texas, sitting in Corpus Christi, Texas.

I have been serving as Judge of the County Court at Law No. 2 of Nueces County, Texas, since January 1, 1971, originally by appointment of the Nueces County Commissioners Court and subsequently by election in a contested race in 1972. I have been re-elected twice since then without opposition.

Prior to my service on the Bench, which includes civil, criminal probate, condemnation, mental illness, alcoholism and drug addiction jurisdiction, and the addition of juvenile jurisdiction in 1979, which none of the three County Court at Law are exercising at this time, I had been in the general practice of law since 1937 here in Nueces County with the exception of four (4) years during World War II, when I worked under the Navy Department in the Cable Division of the Office of Censorship. My legal experience includes six (6) years in the prosecution of criminal cases as Assistant County Attorney of Nueces County under the Honorable Noah O. Kennedy, Jr., who was County Attorney at that time. I have also served as Assistant City Attorney and Alternate Judge of the Municipal Court for the City of Corpus Christi, Texas.

I believe that I have amply proven my ability as a Judge, which opinion has been supported by the voters of Nueces County, Texas, who have favored me with their votes in three (3) previous elections. Your favorable consideration would be in line with your previous appointments of Judges Noah O. Kennedy, Jr., and Norman Utter, who as experienced District Judges have been elevated or promoted from a lower level Court to a higher level Court.

I would invited your inquiries regarding my background, character, morals, reputation, integrity, judicial capabilities and qualifications for the position to which I aspire.

For your further information, I am submitting a personal resume.

In the event that I may be favored with an interview, I will be available at your convenience.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration of my application for appointment as Judge of either the 148th or 214th District Court of Nueces County, Texas, and with kind personal regards, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Hector De Peña

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Encl: Resume

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August 29, 1981

Honorable William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of the State of Texas
State Capitol Building
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Clements;

Judge Hector de Pena of Corpus Christi, Texas has submitted his name in nomination and for your consideration to the Judgeship for 148th District Court or 214th District Court of Nueces County, Texas. These Judgeships will become vacant September 1, 1981.

Governor Clements, I have known Judge de Pena for over 33 years. He is a good friend of mine and of our community. I have no reservations in assuring you that Judge de Pena is a fine man with great qualifications and a fine record of service in his profession as an attorney and judgeship.

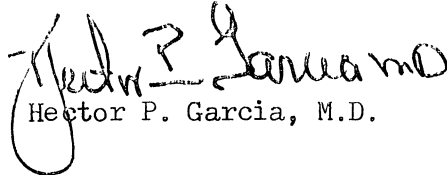
Governor, during my 33 years of acquaintance with Judge de Pena I have never known him to do an unethical act, to render an unjust decision, to commit an act to discredit his profession.

For 33 years he has served his community in many civic and patriotic affairs. His wife is a registered nurse, his children are professionals. One is an attorney and the other one is in medical school. All of his family are honest, sincere, and righteous as Judge de Pena.

Governor, Judge de Pena is one of those persons who have no prejudices and he renders justice to all sexes and all races and all ethnic groups in an equal, impartial and judicial manner. Judge de Pena will bring you great honor with your appointment. Please consider him as highly qualified for this position.

I greatly recommend Judge de Pena for either of the aforementioned Judgeships and I respectfully request your consideration for Judge Hector de Pena.

Respectfully,


Hector P. Garcia, M.D.