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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
1315 Bright Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia,

Your letter regarding vacancies in the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals was received with great warmth and appreciation. Thank you for not forgetting me in your quest to secure candidates for these positions.

I would like to explain my delay in replying. It is my understanding from some reliable sources that the positions are being solicited by quite a few Federal Judges, some of which are most deserving. One of the names is Judge Reynaldo Garza; however, it appears that as of two weeks ago, he was still uncertain as to whether he would move to an appellate position or remain as a trial judge. In addition, the other judges, including two from Houston, are seeking the positions and another Federal judge is resigning in April. It is my belief that two positions in the Southern District of Texas will be vacant and since these two are trial courts, I would prefer trials to writing opinions. Being realistic, I lack the experience on a Federal Bench and the possibilities of securing such a position on an appellate level would have been near to impossible.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration and assistance for the two forthcoming vacant positions in the Southern District of Texas. You personally know my background and my experience for the past 23 years. My resume will bear this out. A like copy is being sent to Senator Lloyd Bentsen and others.

Thanking you for your usual kind attention, I remain

Very truly yours,


Nick Barrera

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My name is Nickolas S. Barrera. My residence is located at 6934 Heron, Houston, Texas 77017 and my office is located at 401 Caroline, 5th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002.

I was born in Flint, Michigan on August 15, 1928 and lived in Galveston from 1930 to 1956. I am married and have six children: one is married, two work with the Harris County Sheriff's Office, and three are students.

My educational background includes primary and secondary educational training at St. Mary's Cathedral and Kirwin High School in Galveston, undergraduate work at Alvin Jr. College and South Texas Junior College, and received a J.D. Degree from South Texas College of Law in 1965. I have been admitted to the practice of law in all the Courts in the State of Texas since December of 1966.

I served with the U.S. Army from March 5, 1947 to September 4, 1948. Honorable discharge received on September 5, 1948. I served with the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at San Diego and Camp Pendleton, California, Camp Otser, Japan and served in the Korean Conflict. Honorable Discharge received in 1951.

For 19 years I worked with a Freight Forwarding and Custom House Brokerage Business and for ten years I worked with the Harris County District Attorney's Office, Houston, Texas, where I served as sole and chief counsel in 99% of all the cases I handled. My practice consists of 100% Criminal (including appellate), one in Federal Courts, 100% in State Courts of Record, three cases in the Court of Civil Appeals, and one case in the Supreme Court of Texas. Presently, I am serving as Judge in County Criminal Court at Law #2. I was appointed to this position in 1977 and elected in 1978. I am also serving as the Administrative Judge for the nine Criminal County Courts at Law of Harris County, Texas.

I have been active with the following social and civic organizations:

Member of State Bar of Texas * Member, American Bar Assoc.*
Member, Mexican-American Political and Social Association*
Past-member of District and County Attorney's Association*
Member, Bayou Oaks Civic Club * Member, Order of the Alhambra *
Past-member, National Association of District Attorneys *
Member, Allied Civic Clubs South of Buffalo Bayou *
Member, Mexican-American Bar Association * Past-Chairman
Board of Directors of Houston Jobs for Progress Manpower

Agency * Past-member, Board of Directors of John Whitney Foundation, New York * Past-Member, Board of Directors for San Jacinto Chapter of Girl Scouts of America * Member, American G.I. Forum of the United States * Past Board of Directors of American G.I. Forum of Texas * Past Board of Education of Mt. Carmel School*

I married Emma Guerrero, formerly of Galveston, Texas. She is now on the Board of Directors for the Mental Health and Retardation Center, member of Sultanas - Order of Alahambra, member of Metropolitan YWCA, member United Fund, Member Magnolia YWCA, member of American G.I. Forum of Texas Ladies Auxillary, past-president of Ladies Club of Mt. Carmel Church, and member of the Catholic Daughters of America. She is also active with St. Joseph Hospital - San Jose Clinic and with the Cancer Clinic.