
Subject: [Records Center] Public Information Request :: R007505-121020

Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 at 10:14:07 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: TEXAS AG Public Information

To: Foia@americanoversight.org

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January 11, 2021

Mr. Austin Evers
American Oversight
FOIA@americanoversight.org
VIA E-MAIL ONLY

Re: Public Information Request No. R007505

Dear Mr. Evers:

This e-mail is in response to your narrowed public information request to the Office of the Attorney General ("OAG"), received by the OAG on December 10, 2020.

The OAG has reviewed its files and has located the attached documents that are responsive to your request. Although the Public Information Act allows a governmental body to charge for copying documents, the attached documents are being provided to you at no charge. Please note the OAG has redacted personal e-mail addresses from the attached documents pursuant to section 552.137 of the Government Code and the previous determination issued by the Open Records Division. See Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009) (governmental

bodies may withhold certain information without necessity of requesting decision from Open Records Division). The OAG has also redacted employee user IDs from the attached documents pursuant to section 552.139 of the Government Code and the previous determination issued to the OAG. See Open Records Letter No. 2011-18124 (2011) (OAG may redact employees' user IDs without requesting ruling from Open Records Division).

Further, the attached documents contained personal information of employees of the OAG. As allowed by section 552.024 of the Government Code, these employees have chosen to make this personal information confidential. The documents also contained access device numbers that are confidential under section 552.136 of the Government Code. Because our office is prohibited by law from releasing confidential information to you, we have removed it from the attached documents. Normally, we must request a ruling from the Open Records Division before we can withhold any of the information you requested. However, sections 552.024 and 552.136 allow us to withhold this specific information without requesting a ruling.

You have the right to appeal our decision to withhold this information from you. Instructions for appeal are attached. If you do not want to appeal, you do not need to do anything else. Please note that we are only withholding the specific categories of information that are confidential under sections 552.024/552.117 and 552.136 of the Government Code.

As previously noted, the OAG believes the remaining information responsive to your request is excepted from required public disclosure. We have requested a ruling on this information from the Open Records Division of the OAG. A copy of our brief to the Open Records Division is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at publicrecords@oag.texas.gov.

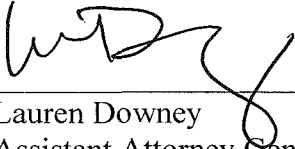
Sincerely,

Lauren Downey
Assistant Attorney General
Public Information Coordinator
Office of the Attorney General

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Public Records Center](#)



Pursuant to section 552.308(b), this is to confirm the brief at issue was timely placed in intra-agency mail addressed to the Open Records Division on January 11, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LD', is written over a horizontal line.

Lauren Downey
Assistant Attorney General
Public Information Coordinator
Office of the Attorney General



KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

January 11, 2021

Mr. Justin Gordon
Open Records Division
Office of the Attorney General
P. O. Box 12548
Austin, TX 78711-2548

Re: Public Information Request Nos. R007455 and R007505

Dear Mr. Gordon:

On December 10, 2020, the Office of the Attorney General ("OAG") received a public information request under the Public Information Act ("PIA"), Chapter 552, Government Code, from Mr. Austin Evers.¹ On December 21, 2020, the OAG received a narrowed request for similar information from Ms. Emma Platoff. Copies of the requests are attached as Exhibit A.

The OAG will release some responsive information to both requestors with redactions allowed by law. The OAG asserts that the remaining information is excepted from required public disclosure under the PIA. Pursuant to section 552.301(b) of the Government Code, the OAG submitted initial briefing with respect to Mr. Evers' request to your office on January 4, 2021. Pursuant to section 552.301(e), the OAG submits this additional brief to seek a decision as to whether section 552.107 of the Government Code applies to the information at issue. The OAG has copied the requestors as recipients of this brief pursuant to section 552.301(e-1) of the Government Code. A representative sample of the information at issue is attached as Exhibit B.

I. Information Excepted From Required Public Disclosure Under Section 552.107: Privileged Attorney-Client Communications

Section 552.107(1) of the Government Code excepts from required public disclosure information "that the attorney general . . . is prohibited from disclosing because of a duty to the client under the Texas Rules of Evidence or the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct." Gov't Code § 552.107. Section 552.107 protects information that falls within the attorney-client privilege. When asserting the attorney-client privilege, a governmental body has the burden of providing the necessary facts to demonstrate the elements of the privilege in order to withhold the information at issue. Open Records Decision No. 676 at 6-7 (2002). First, a governmental body

¹ The OAG was closed for business on December 24, 2020 and December 25, 2020, observed skeleton crew holidays on December 28, 2020 through December 30, 2020, and was again closed on December 31, 2020 and January 1, 2021.

must demonstrate that the information constitutes or documents a communication. *Id.* at 7. Second, the communication must have been made for the purpose of facilitating the rendition of professional legal services to the client governmental body. Tex. R. Evid. 503(b)(1). Third, the privilege applies only to communications between or among clients, client representatives, lawyers, and lawyer representatives. *Id.* 503(b)(1)(A), (B), (C), (D), (E). Lastly, the attorney-client privilege applies only to a confidential communication, *id.* 503(b)(1), meaning it was not intended to be disclosed to third persons other than those to whom disclosure is made in furtherance of the rendition of professional legal services to the client or those reasonably necessary for the transmission of the communication. *Id.* 503(a)(5).

Section 552.107(1) applies to communications between a governmental body and its attorney made in confidence to further the attorney's rendering of professional legal services to the governmental body. Attorney General opinions applying section 552.107(1) have permitted governmental bodies to withhold information their attorneys have received or generated in the capacity of a legal advisor. *See* Open Records Decision No. 462 at 10-11 (1987) (applying section 3(a)(7), predecessor to Section 552.107(1)).

The responsive information includes communications between and among attorneys in the OAG's Executive Administration and the Office of the Solicitor General pertaining to various legal matters of the agency. The responsive information also includes communications between OAG attorneys and other similarly aligned parties in litigation discussing matters related to the litigation. These communications were not intended to be disclosed and have not been disclosed to non-privileged parties. *See* Tex. R. Evid. 503(a)(5). Because this information consists of confidential communications between privileged parties that were made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the State of Texas, the OAG contends the information at issue may be withheld in its entirety under section 552.107(1) of the Government Code.

II. Conclusion

The OAG respectfully requests a decision from the Open Records Division regarding the applicability of the argued exception as provided by the PIA.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (512) 475-4213 or publicrecords@oag.texas.gov.

Sincerely,



Lauren Downey
Assistant Attorney General
Public Information Coordinator
Office of the Attorney General

cc: Mr. Austin Evers
American Oversight
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Washington, DC 20005
(without enclosures)

Ms. Emma Platoff
Texas Tribune
919 Congress Avenue, Sixth Floor
Austin, Texas 78701
(without enclosures)

How to appeal the withholding of information under Gov't Code section 552.136

If you wish to appeal the withholding of information discussed on the previous page, you must send the following to the attorney general:

- 1) a signed, written statement indicating your wish to appeal the withholding of information;
- 2) the name of the governmental body that withheld information from you;
- 3) the date you made your original request for information; and
- 4) a copy of your original request for information, or if you are unable to provide a copy, a description of your original request for information.

You may also submit written comments stating why you think the information should be released to you, but you are not required to do so.

Send your appeal by mail to the attorney general at:

Open Records Division
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Within forty-five business days after receiving all of the above-listed items necessary to file your appeal, the attorney general will issue a written ruling on the matter. You will receive a copy of this ruling in the mail.

How to appeal the withholding of information under Gov't Code section 552.024

If you wish to appeal the withholding of information discussed on the previous page, you must send the following to the attorney general:

- 1) a signed, written statement indicating your wish to appeal the withholding of information;
- 2) the name of the governmental body that withheld information from you;
- 3) the date you made your original request for information; and
- 4) a copy of your original request for information, or if you are unable to provide a copy, a description of your original request for information.

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Webster, Brent
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 7:32 AM
To: De La Garza, Henry; French, Lesley
Cc: Hornsey, Brittany
Subject: Deputy 1st

Henry,

Grant Dorfman will be our new Deputy First, starting the week after thanksgiving.

Can you contact him and provide him a job Application and begin the process of onboarding. His number is

Thanks!

BW

Sent from my iPhone

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Webster, Brent
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 4:56 PM
To:
Subject: Draft intervention for Texas Original Action - deadline imminent
Attachments: 2020-Election-StatesIntervention.docx

No. _____, Original

In the Supreme Court of the United States

STATE OF TEXAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, STATE OF
GEORGIA, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND STATE OF WIS-
CONSIN,

Defendants.

**MOTION OF STATE OF _____, STATE OF _____,
AND STATE OF _____ TO INTERVENE AS PLAIN-
TIFFS**

[Name/Address]

* *Counsel of Record*

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to S.Ct. Rule 17 and 21 and by analogy to FED. R. CIV. P. 24, movants State of _____, State of _____, and State of _____ (collectively, “Plaintiffs-Intervenors”) move for leave to intervene as plaintiffs in this matter as of right or, in the alternative, permissively. Plaintiff in this action is the State of Texas; the defendants are the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of Georgia, the State of Michigan, and the State of Wisconsin (collectively, the “Defendant States”). Plaintiff sued the Defendant States in an original action relating to the administration of the 2020 presidential election in each state, alleging that the Defendant States ran their 2020 election processes in noncompliance with the ballot-integrity requirements of their State legislature’s election statutes, in violation of the Electors Clause of Article II, Section 1, Clause 2, and the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. In lieu of submitting a Bill of Complaint in Intervention, Plaintiffs-Intervenors adopt the Bill of Complaint that Texas has sought leave to file. *Cf.* FED. R. CIV. P. 24(c).

This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiffs-Intervenors’ claim pursuant to Article III of the United States Constitution and 28 U.S.C. §1251(a), the latter of which provides that “[t]he Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction of all controversies between two or more States.” 28 U.S.C. §1251(a). For the reasons stated herein, and in the Bill of Complaint, Plaintiffs-Intervenors have a direct, substantial, and sovereign interest in the subject matter of the suit.

FED. R. CIV. P. 24 sets out the criteria for intervention both as of right and permissively. Although Rule 24 does not apply by its terms to appellate proceedings, appellate courts frequently look to its criteria to guide intervention into appellate litigation, *Mullaney v. Anderson*, 342 U.S. 415, 416-17 (1952), and this Court’s rule for original actions adopt the federal rules for motions and pleadings. *See* S.Ct. Rule 17.2.

INTERVENTION OF RIGHT

This action meets the four-prong test for intervention as of right.

The Motion to Intervene Is Timely

For both intervention as of right and permissive intervention, the motion must be timely, FED. R. CIV. P. 24(a), (b)(1), where “the point to which the suit has progressed is one factor” but “not solely dispositive.” *Nat’l Ass’n for Advancement of Colored People v. New York*, 413 U.S. 345, 365-66 (1973) (“NAACP”). Courts evaluate timeliness under a totality-of-the-circumstances test, “determined by the court in the exercise of its sound discretion.” *Id.* With only days having passed since Texas filed this action on the evening of December 7, this motion is timely for both intervention as of right and permissive intervention.

Intervention would not delay these proceedings at all. Plaintiffs-Intervenors’ participation would not prevent the Court’s granting of the interim relief that Texas has requested or affect the briefing schedule that the Court has set.

The Movants Have a Sufficient Interest

Plaintiffs-Intervenors have the same sovereign dignity before this Court that Texas has and thus “claim[] an interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action.” FED. R. CIV. P. 24(a)(2); *South Carolina v. North Carolina*, 558 U.S. 256, 274-75 (2010). “Only in rare circumstances will a litigant in one cause be compelled to stand aside while a litigant in another settles the rule of law that will define the rights of both.” *Landis v. North American Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 255 (1936) (emphasis added). Given this Court’s exclusive jurisdiction for actions between States, this Court should not limit jurisdiction to the first filer.

Because Plaintiffs-Intervenors seek the same relief as Texas, they do not need independent Article III standing, *Town of Chester v. Laroe Estates, Inc.*, 137 S.Ct. 1645, 1651 (2017), but Plaintiffs-Intervenors have the same basis for standing as Texas: injury to their own voting rights *as States* in the Senate, *see* U.S. CONST. art. V, cl. 3 (“no state, without its consent, shall be deprived of its *equal suffrage in the Senate*”) (emphasis added), plus injuries to the voting rights of their citizens and electors *as parens patriae*. *New Jersey v. New York*, 345 U.S. 369, 372-73 (1953) (citing *Kentucky v. Indiana*, 281 U.S. 163, 173 (1930)). Either this Court lacks Article III jurisdiction for this entire dispute, or Plaintiffs-Intervenors suffer an Article III injury well beyond Rule 24’s mere “interest” threshold.

This Action May Impair the Plaintiffs-Intervenors' Interests

To meet the third criterion for intervention as of right, Plaintiffs-Intervenors must establish that they are “so situated that disposing of the action may as a practical matter impair or impede the [movants'] ability to protect [their] interest.” FED. R. CIV. P. 24(a)(2). The gravamen of the Bill of Complaint is a *national* election for President and Vice President: “the impact of the votes cast in each State is affected by the votes cast for the various candidates in other States.” *Anderson v. Celebrezze*, 460 U.S. 780, 795 (1983). Plaintiffs-Intervenors will be affected to the same extent as all other States.

Texas Does Not Adequately Represents Plaintiffs-Intervenors

To meet FED. R. CIV. P. 24(a)'s fourth criterion for intervention as of right, Plaintiffs-Intervenors must establish that the existing plaintiff—Texas—*may* inadequately represent their interests. *Trbovich v. United Mine Workers of America*, 404 U.S. 528, 538, n.10 (1972). Because this Court reads the required showing as “minimal,” *id.*, the fourth criterion is easily met here. While Texas “must be deemed to represent all its citizens,” *Kentucky v. Indiana*, 281 U.S. 163, 173-174 (1930), Texas does not represent Plaintiffs-Intervenors' citizens. Similarly, Native American Tribes with claims to water rights that the United States already was pressing “on their behalf” could meet the test for inadequate representation by the United States, especially for permissive intervention *a. Arizona v. California*, 460 U.S. 605, 615 (1983). Texas represents Plaintiffs-Intervenors to a far lesser

extent that the United States represented the Tribes in *Arizona*.

PERMISSIVE INTERVENTION

To intervene permissively pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 24(b), a movant must (1) avoid “unduly delay[ing] or prejudic[ing] the adjudication of the original parties’ rights;” and (2) have a “claim or defense that shares with the main action a common question of law or fact.” Even if Plaintiffs-Intervenors do not meet the test for intervention as of right, they readily meet the test for permissive intervention. *Ionian Shipping Co. v. British Law Ins. Co.*, 426 F.2d 186, 191-92 (2d Cir. 1970) (denial of intervention as of right does not preordain denial of permissive intervention). For the reasons already set forth above, this motion is timely. *See, e.g., NAACP*, 413 U.S. at 365 (timeliness under Rule 24(a) and Rule 24(b) coincide). Moreover, intervention would not delay this litigation at all: If the Court denies Texas leave to file or grants the summary relief that Texas requests, Plaintiffs-Intervenors’ motion will have no effect. Alternatively, if the Court hears this case on the merits, Plaintiffs-Intervenors will have had time to become full-fledged parties who will not delay this matter’s proceedings in this Court. Finally, while the adequacy of representation should not be a criterion for permissive intervention, that criterion is met as explained above. *Arizona*, 460 U.S. at 615. Plaintiffs-Intervenors thus meet all the criteria of permissive intervention.

CONCLUSION

This Court should grant leave to file the Complaint in Intervention.

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December __, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

[Name/Address]

* *Counsel of Record*

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Webster, Brent
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Hornsey, Brittany
Subject: FW: National Association of Attorneys General account email verification code

From: Microsoft on behalf of National Association of Attorneys General <msonlineserviceteam@microsoftonline.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Webster, Brent <Brent.Webster@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: National Association of Attorneys General account email verification code

Verify your email address

Thanks for verifying your brent.webster@oag.texas.gov account!

Your code is:

Sincerely,
National Association of Attorneys General

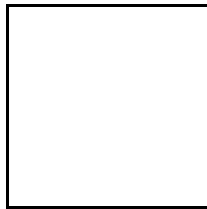
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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

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Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 9:35 PM
To: Moody, Grace
Subject: FW: RSVP Confirmation

From: The White House <noreply@whitehouse.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Webster, Brent <Brent.Webster@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RSVP Confirmation

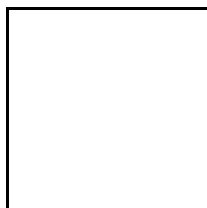


Dear Brent,

Thank you for submitting your RSVP. We have received your information. Please reach out to your point of contact with any questions.

Per the [guidelines](#) established by the Centers for Disease Control, we are politely asking you or your guests to abstain from your White House visit if you or the guest are exhibiting any flu-like symptoms including, but not limited to, fever, chills, cough, running nose, sneezing, nausea, or vomiting. For more information, visit the CDC [website](#).

Sincerely,
The White House



Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Webster, Brent
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 2:22 PM
To: rhughs@sos.texas.gov
Cc: Hornsey, Brittany
Subject: Introduction

Good Afternoon Ruth,

Thank you for your message on linkedin – would love to connect in person soon. Would you be available the week after Thanksgiving? If you can get me some a proposed time, Brittany can help me get it scheduled.

Thanks,
Brent

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Webster, Brent
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 8:15 AM
To: paul.bettencourt@senate.texas.gov
Subject: Letter to Harris County RE Elections Administrator
Attachments: 20201125 State's Letter to Harris Cty_.pdf



KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

November 25, 2020

VIA E-MAIL

Vince Ryan
Harris County Attorney
1019 Congress, 15th Floor
Houston, TX 77002
713-755-5101
vince.ryan@cao.hctx.net

Dear Mr. Ryan:

We are in receipt of the attached letter, dated November 20, 2020, from Director of Elections Keith Ingram with the Texas Secretary of State's Office, which identified multiple deficiencies concerning the appointment of Isabel Longoria as Harris County Election Administrator. *See* Exhibit A. After investigating the matter, we concur that Harris County officials failed to follow proper procedures under Sections 31.031(d) and 31.032(c) of the Texas Election Code, thereby exceeding their statutory authority. The purported creation of the Office of Election Administrator and subsequent appointment of Ms. Longoria to the position therefore constitute *ultra vires* actions and are both unlawful and null and void.

This letter is to inform you that Harris County must take corrective action to cure the deficiencies identified by the Secretary of State. Should Harris County fail to comply within fourteen days of receiving this letter, the State will pursue appropriate legal remedies.

The Election Code lays out in clear and precise terms the procedure that a Texas county must adhere to should it decide to create the office of county election administrator and appoint someone to the position. As part of that procedure, the Election Code requires the county to timely notify the Secretary of State when it completes certain milestones. Specifically, the Election Code states, "Not later than the third day after the date the order [establishing the office of county elections administrator] is adopted, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the order to: (1) the secretary of state; and (2) each member of the county election commission." TEX. ELEC. CODE § 31.031(d). The Election Code continues, "Not later than the third day after the date an administrator is appointed, the officer who presided at the meeting shall file a signed copy of the resolution or order with the county clerk. Not later than the third day after the date the copy is filed, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the resolution or order to the secretary of state." *Id.* § 31.032(c).

It is apparent from the information raised by the Secretary of State that Harris County violated these two provisions.

As per Director Ingram's letter, the Secretary of State received documentation from the Harris County Clerk's office on July 28, 2020. The documentation included an order, ratified by the Harris County

Commissioners Court on July 14, 2020, purportedly “establishing the Office of Election Administrator.” Exhibit B. According to the order, the “effective date for the office to begin operations shall be November 18, 2020.” The order specified, however, that the process for instituting and appointing an election administrator would not proceed until the Commissioners Court voted on and approved of a study—prepared by several elected officials—which detailed the budget, facilities, equipment, and personnel needed to maintain the office. The Secretary of State has since learned from news reports that the Commissioners Court received the study and approved it at a meeting on August 11, 2020.¹

Because the Commissioners Court conditioned the July 14, 2020 order on a subsequent vote, the County Clerk’s office had an obligation under Section 31.031(d) to inform the Secretary of State of the study’s receipt and adoption within three days of the August 11, 2020 meeting. It failed to do so. In addition, even if Section 31.031(d) only applied to the July 14, 2020 order, the Secretary of State did not receive any communication from County Clerk’s office concerning the creation of an election administrator until fourteen days after its ratification. Thus, under either interpretation, Harris County is in violation of its obligations under the Election Code.

Shortly after the Commissioners Court approved of the requisite study, the Harris County Election Commission moved to appoint Ms. Longoria to the position of Harris County Elections Administrator. According to the resolution, as well as multiple outside sources,² the vote took place on October 30, 2020. See Exhibit C. The Election Commission, however, did not file the resolution pertaining to Ms. Longoria’s appointment with the County Clerk’s office until November 20, 2020, based on the receipt stamp. This is a violation of Section 31.032(c), which requires the presiding officer to file a signed copy of the resolution within three days of its passage. As a result of the delay, the Secretary of State was not timely informed of the Election Commission’s actions. The Secretary of State instead received notice of Ms. Longoria’s purported appointment on November 20, 2020, when County Clerk’s office emailed the attached resolution. *Id.*

In neglecting its obligations under Sections 31.031(d) and 31.032(c), Harris County failed to meet the requisites stipulated in the Election Code. As a result, neither the Commissioners Court’s July 14, 2020 order nor the Election Commission’s October 30, 2020 appointment of Ms. Longoria to the position holds any legal weight. In short, the Harris County Office of Election Administrator does not exist. And the duties that would typically be delegated to it pursuant to Sections 31.043, 31.044, and 31.045 remain with the County Clerk and County Tax Assessor-Collector.

It has come to the State’s attention that as of November 18, 2020, Ms. Longoria assumed the role and responsibilities of Election Administrator in violation of the Texas Election Code. As a result, her appointment is a nullity and should be rescinded. Please take corrective action to remedy this matter within fourteen days of receipt of this letter. Otherwise, the State will proceed with appropriate legal action to address her unlawful appointment.

¹ See, e.g., Hannah Zedaker, *Harris County Moves Forward With Creation of Elections Administrator Office*, Community Impact (Aug. 12, 2020), <https://communityimpact.com/houston/spring-klein/vote/2020/08/12/harris-county-moves-forward-with-creation-of-elections-administrator-office/>.

² See, e.g., Zach Despart, *Harris County Appoints Isabel Longoria as First Elections Administrator as Hollins Prepares to Step Down*, Houston Chronicle (Oct. 30, 2020), <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/politics/houston/article/Harris-County-appoints-Isabel-Longoria-as-first-15689377.php>.

Respectfully,

/s/ Kathleen Hunker

Kathleen T. Hunker
Special Counsel
Special Litigation Unit
Office of the Texas Attorney General
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Austin, TX 78746
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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Webster, Brent
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 7:29 AM
To: De La Garza, Henry; French, Lesley
Cc: Hornsey, Brittany
Subject: Move Aaron today

Hi Henry,

Effective this morning, Aaron is now the Deputy AG for Legal Strategy. His salary should be changed immediately to 205k. We will be using the deputy FtE Brickman was in. I'd like the salary change to be in effect today so let me know what I need to do to help that along.

Lesley, I've given him the office next to Hawkins.

Thanks,

BW.

Sent from my iPhone

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Webster, Brent
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 10:33 PM
To: Reed, Cyritha
Cc: Garcia, Alejandro; Hornsey, Brittany
Subject: Re: Community newsletter and Staff Recognitions

Please continue!

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From: Reed, Cyritha <Cyritha.Reed@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 4:02:59 PM
To: Webster, Brent <Brent.Webster@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Garcia, Alejandro <Alejandro.Garcia@oag.texas.gov>; Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Community newsletter and Staff Recognitions

Hello Mr. Webster,

We met very briefly at the Chiefs meeting yesterday. In Constituent Affairs we produce a monthly agency newsletter of sorts called Community. Typically Community includes a synopsis of the First Assistant's comments, staff recognitions and announcements from the division chiefs meeting. I wanted to check with you if this section is something you would like us to continue or postpone for now? We could include the longevity/award photos in our Photo Gallery area if you would like some time to review the rest if that is acceptable. If you would feel more comfortable with someone else writing the synopsis, we can certainly add your approved text to our monthly edition. Happy to adjust however you feel most appropriate.

Thank you for your time and please let me know if you have any questions. I'm including a link below to a recent Staff Recognition section as an example.

<https://txoag.sharepoint.com/sites/community/SitePages/OAG-Staff-Recognitions--October-2020.aspx>

Sincerely,
Cyritha Reed
Director, Constituent Affairs Division

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Webster, Brent
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Darryl Bressack
Cc: Kenneth Paxton; jdelone@attorneygeneral.gov; bellaviatc@doj.state.wi.us
Subject: Re: State of Texas v Pennsylvania et al. Supreme Court Case No. 220155 - Notice of Intent to File Amicus Curiae Brief

Acknowledged and no objection.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 9, 2020, at 9:50 PM, Darryl Bressack <dbressack@finkbressack.com> wrote:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 37.2, please let this email serve as notice that the City of Detroit intends to file an Amicus Curiae Brief on behalf of the Defendants in this matter.

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Webster, Brent
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 9:23 AM
To: VanZile, Caroline (OAG)
Cc: Kenneth Paxton; jdelone@attorneygeneral.gov; apinson@law.ga.gov; restucciae@michigan.gov; kauljl@doj.state.wi.us; AliKhan, Loren (OAG); Stark, Harrison (OAG)
Subject: Re: Texas v. Pennsylvania, No. 20O155

Consent granted.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 9, 2020, at 9:41 PM, VanZile, Caroline (OAG) <Caroline.VanZile@dc.gov> wrote:

Counsel,

I'm writing to ask for your consent for the District of Columbia, on behalf of itself and a group of states, to file a brief as *amici curiae* in support of defendants in *Texas v. Pennsylvania*, No. 20O155. We are aiming to file tomorrow by 3 p.m. and, as is customary for amici at this stage of proceedings, will be moving to dispense with the requirement to file in booklet format and the 10-day notice requirement for amicus briefs. Please let us know your position at your earliest convenience, and many thanks.

Sincerely,

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Webster, Brent
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Taylor, Elizabeth A. EOP/WHO
Subject: Re: Visit to the White House

You're the Best! Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2020, at 6:35 PM, Taylor, Elizabeth A. EOP/WHO <Elizabeth.A.Taylor@who.eop.gov> wrote:

Good evening Brent, Grant and Aaron,

It was great meeting you all at today's events. I wish you all the best luck on today's efforts, both for Texas and for our country!

I will send today's photos once received.

Thanks,

Elizabeth Taylor

Office of Intergovernmental Affairs | The White House
Cell: 202-881-8331 | Desk: 202-456-1686

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From: Webster, Brent
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Hornsey, Brittany
Subject: RE: What do you think?

If I give you the money, can you chase these down for me?

From: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Webster, Brent <Brent.Webster@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: What do you think?

ABSOLUTELY! The black and brown would look really nice with the color scheme.

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What do you think about this

One beside the couch to balance out the flag/frame the flag with the TV:

<https://www.target.com/p/weston-window-pane-floor-lamp-black-project-62-153/-/A-53307113?preselect=52403965#lnk=sametab>

one to to on my desk

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From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 8:24 AM
To: Service Desk - ITS
Cc: McLeod, Tina
Subject: Dropbox

Dear IT,

Very short-fused request: Can I get Dropbox access? Some of the other execs and I are trying to review documents sent to us by Dropbox and we're getting blocked. Please let me know what we can do at your very earliest convenience. Thank you.

Best,
Aaron



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From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 3:23 PM
To: Brown Fore, Elizabeth; Winter, Raymond; Jackson, Jennifer
Cc: Dinunzio, Nanette; Cowles, Shawn
Subject: Hiring Taylor Hubbard
Attachments: TMH Resume.pdf

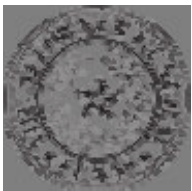
Dear Jenny, Liz, Ray,

As we've discussed (or as you've discussed with Nanette or, before her, David Hacker), we need to find a home for Taylor Hubbard. See his resume attached. As I understand it, each of your divisions has an opening in which he could fit.

I'm going to tell Taylor that there are spots in each of your divisions, and then invite him to reach out to y'all directly to discuss. He's likely most concerned about the job description and the salary.

so it'd be great to make this work!

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From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Hornsey, Brittany; Moody, Grace
Subject: I owe y'all money

I owe both of y'all money for a bunch of different things—e.g., a couple lunches, sympathy flowers from last month, etc.

Call y'all please send me your Venmo info?



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From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Hornsey, Brittany; Hilton, Gracie; Boulton, Beth
Cc: Webster, Brent; French, Lesley
Subject: Interview w/ Lily Bonin
Attachments: 1212020 Resume - Lillian Bonin.pdf

Brittany, Gracie, and Beth,

Brent, Lesley, and I need to interview Lily Bonin. Her resume is attached. She can come into the office any day this week at 5:30 p.m. Can y'all connect and pick a date that works for everyone and then send Lily (and us) a calendar invite with the details?

Thank you!



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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Smith, Michelle
Subject: Invitation: Claremont Digital Statecraft Summit Jan 15-17
Attachments: Claremont Inst. Digital Statecraft Summit.png

Michelle,

Attached is the invitation to the Claremont Institute's Digital Statecraft Summit in January. Copy-pasted below are some more details I received from the organizers. General Paxton and I will attend. Can you please make those arrangements! Thank you.

Dear Atty General Paxton,

We're delighted to invite you to the Claremont Institute's inaugural Digital Statecraft Summit, January 15th through 17th at the Waldorf Astoria in Las Vegas.

This one-of-a-kind, off-the-record event brings together top national players in tech, policy, and philanthropy to forge actionable agreement for a new age of governance. The Summit offers a select group of individuals a unique opportunity to make a direct impact on our political future at a pivotal moment in American life.

Over two days, a close-knit group of presenters, discussants, and attendees will speak frankly and think seriously about how to meet a broad spectrum of interlinked challenges: new and rising threats to free speech and free enterprise, private association and public deliberation, and America's Founding principles and national interests.

Peter Thiel will deliver the Summit's opening keynote address. Additional speakers and panelists include major Silicon Valley founders and funders, influential scholars and experts from the Claremont Institute and other top think tanks, and key federal officials.

The Summit will coordinate thought and action, connect people and organizations with effective resources, and produce a document specifying progress made, core priorities, and concrete next steps for 2021 beyond.

We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!
Ryan



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From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:18 PM
To: Dinunzio, Nanette
Cc: Cowles, Shawn
Subject: Job for Taylor Hubbard
Attachments: Taylor Hubbard Resume.pdf

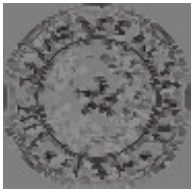
Nanette,

Before David Hacker left, he and I were working on finding a home within OAG for Taylor Hubbard, the

David and I concluded that there were junior-ish-level spots available in Consumer Protection, Civil Medicaid Fraud, and Administrative Law. (You'll see on his resume that he graduated law school quite a while ago, but hasn't been doing much law, and the law he has been doing isn't relevant to the jobs we have available for him.) We also determined that these positions paid in the \$70K to \$90K range.

Anyway, at your earliest convenience tomorrow morning, can you please call—in Taylor's order of preference: Consumer, Civil Medicaid, and Admin—those division heads and confirm there are still jobs available? I need to be able to brief KP by around lunchtime (or sooner) with our placement plan.

Let me know if you have any questions! Thanks so much.



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To: Webster, Brent; French, Lesley; Dorfman, Grant
Subject: Lily's Interview
Attachments: 1212020 Resume - Lillian Bonin.pdf

All,

Just wanted to touch base before we bring in Lily at 5pm.

We'll likely be meeting with her in the main conference room. KP wants to meet with her too, but it's not clear yet whether he wants to simply join us as a group or whether he wants to chat with her solo. We'll just go with the flow.

After we're done, I'll walk her around the floor to meet the others, and then Beth or Gracie will see her out.

I've known Lily for a couple years, so I won't have many questions. Y'all feel free to ask about her background, interests, etc.

The last time Brent and I talked about the role we're considering her for, it seems to me to be a mix of helping KP manage his in-office admin stuff (though *not* as his scheduler, which is Michelle Smith's job) and helping me in various strategy-related matters. At base, she's politically aware and allied, competent/intelligent, and has good references from other people she's worked for/with that I trust. She appears to be a good utility player for our floor.

Her resume is attached.

See y'all at 5.



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Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Boulton, Beth
Subject: Office Art

Beth, I heard that there's a catalogue or warehouse with art and other stuff to hang on the walls of the office. True? If so, do you know where or how I can look at that stuff?

Aaron

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From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Boulton, Beth
Subject: Printer, TV, and Bobby

Beth,

Just thought about this and figured I'd email before I forget.

Can we have IT come by to get my printer hooked up to my computer? It's not printing when I try to print something.

Have you had a chance to connect with Brittany about the TVs on the 8th floor not working? No rush, but just wanted to follow up.

What time do we think Bobby will come by to hang stuff on Monday? You should also tell him that there are a lot of nails and screws still in the wall from Lacey's time that'll need to be removed.

Thanks Beth!

Aaron

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:51 PM
To: Henry Gonzalez
Subject: RE:

Henry,

Thanks for reaching out. I'd love to connect, but if what you're most interested in is discussing the high-vol car accident practice, I wonder if there's someone better-suited for you to talk with in, say, our General Litigation Division or Transportation Division. Of course, I'd love to chat either way, but I don't want to give the impression that this sort of thing is in my scope.



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From: Henry Gonzalez <hbg@gcaklaw.com>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject:

Here is my email.

I would like to visit about what I am seeing in the high-volume automobile accident practice.

I am around next week. Email is the easiest way to schedule for me. My cell is 210.862.8712, should you need to reach me.

Regards,

Henry Gonzalez
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From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Boulton, Beth
Subject: RE: Biz cards

Okay, no problem at all! Thanks for the update.



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Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Biz cards

I just spoke with the back-up tech in Reprographics, and he is unable to alter the card at this time. He called the main tech, who has the day off, and confirmed this will be addressed first thing next week.

And just for transparency, yesterday afternoon, Reprographics was awaiting my response, but I was momentarily occupied with directing the movers.

I will follow up on this Monday morning.

Please let me know if you need anything else!

~Beth

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Thanks! If you think it's appropriate, feel free to bug those guys. They were super responsive until around mid-day yesterday and seem to have gone dark.

Aaron

From: Boulton, Beth <Beth.Boulton@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 8:12 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Biz cards

Nothing yet, but will certainly do!

From: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 8:08 AM
To: Boulton, Beth <Beth.Boulton@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Biz cards

Beth,

Let me know if you've heard anything on my business cards. Thank you!



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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Hornsey, Brittany
Subject: RE: Don't miss this year's Virtual NAAG Capital Forum! | Dec. 2-3, 2020

Okay thanks. Yes, sign me up!



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From: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Don't miss this year's Virtual NAAG Capital Forum! | Dec. 2-3, 2020

Yes, that is fine. The cost of registration is \$75, and we are holding the funds so if you say yes we will move forward with your registration.

From: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 9:25 AM
To: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Don't miss this year's Virtual NAAG Capital Forum! | Dec. 2-3, 2020

Can I say "yes" now and if other pressing matters arise later in conflict, back out?



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From: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:33 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Don't miss this year's Virtual NAAG Capital Forum! | Dec. 2-3, 2020

Hi Aaron, I am registering Brent Webster for the Virtual NAAG Capital Forum. Do you also want to participate?

Thank you,

Brittany

Brittany B. Hornsey

Office Manager & Executive Assistant

Office of the Attorney General

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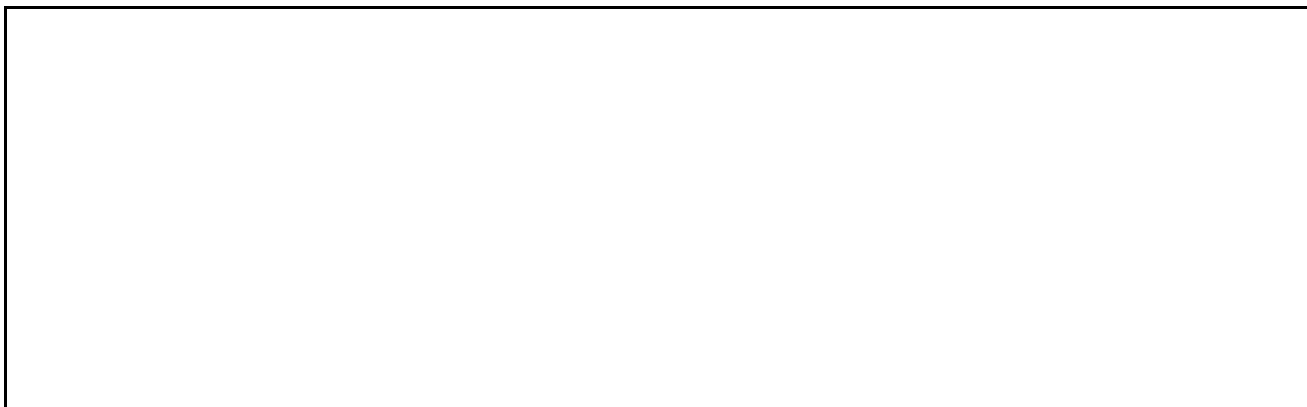
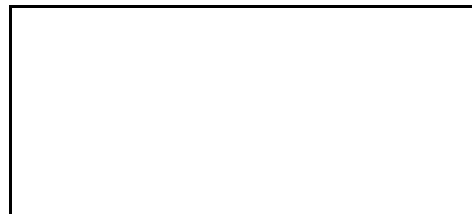
From: NAAG Announcements <announcements@naag.org>

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:05 AM

To: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: Don't miss this year's Virtual NAAG Capital Forum! | Dec. 2-3, 2020

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Reminder: Virtual 2020 NAAG Capital Forum

Dec. 2-3, 2020



Please join us for NAAG's Virtual Capital Forum from Dec. 2-3, 2020. This annual event allows state and territory attorneys general to engage with federal officials, discuss important policy issues, and learn about the latest state and federal legal developments. Sessions will also be held on Dec. 1 for attorneys general and SAGE members only.

Montana Attorney General Tim Fox will conclude his term as NAAG president with a final session on his Presidential Initiative, "Transformational Leadership and Civility." Presidential Historian Michael Beschloss will join General Fox for a moderated chat underscoring what attorneys general can accomplish when they work together in a bipartisan way. District of Columbia Attorney General Karl A. Racine will succeed General Fox as NAAG president on the final day of the program and will announce his Presidential Initiative.

Registration is \$75 for attorney general staff and \$150 for members of the general public. Attendees will receive a link to access the sessions the week of the program.

The program will be eligible for CLE credit, including up to 60 minutes of ethics credit and up to 60 minutes of general/wellness credit. [NAAG's website](#) will be continuously updated with current information, including the agenda and speakers.

Follow these steps to register. Please email Erika Rudiger at erudiger@naag.org with any questions.



Draft Agenda

Wednesday, Dec. 2

- 2:00 p.m. - Moderated Chat with Michael Beschloss
- 3:00 p.m. - Break
- 3:10 p.m. - Roundtable Q&A with Michael Beschloss (*Open to attorneys general and chief deputies*)
- 3:10 p.m. - Wellness Session (*Up to 60 minutes of CLE*)
- 4:20 p.m. - NAAG Business Session (*Open to attorneys general and attorney general staff*)

Thursday, Dec. 3

- 1:00 p.m. - 2021 Presidential Initiative Keynote with Christian Picciolini
- 2:15 p.m. - Break
- 2:25 p.m. - Ethics Session (*Up to 60 minutes of CLE*)
- 3:25 p.m. - Break
- 3:30 p.m. - Supreme Court Update (*Up to 60 minutes of CLE*)
- 5:00 p.m. - Meeting Concludes

**All times are in Eastern Time*



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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:40 PM
To: Herrera, Jessica
Cc: De La Garza, Henry; French, Lesley; Boulton, Beth
Subject: RE: EXEC: Research Specialist Position Description

If I need to sign/initial and date, can you please send this back to me as a PDF?

If not, this email serves as my approval.

Please make the job posting at your earliest convenience on Friday, December 11. Then send me a link so I can share with applicants.

Thank you!



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From: Herrera, Jessica <Jessica.Herrera@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 1:44 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: De La Garza, Henry <Henry.DeLaGarza@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: EXEC: Research Specialist Position Description

Aaron,

Attached is the EAM to post the Research Specialist III position for your review. Once you approve, please sign, date, and return to me. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jessica

From: De La Garza, Henry <Henry.DeLaGarza@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Herrera, Jessica <Jessica.Herrera@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: EXEC: Research Specialist Position Description

Aaron,

Please review the attached position description for your Research Specialist. If you are satisfied, the HR Team can assist your EA in getting this posted today or tomorrow. It will require drafting an "EAM."

As I've mentioned, the posting must be up for 48 hours for veterans. Ideally, you should be able to select your interviewees by Monday morning. At least one interviewee must be a veteran or VEP applicant. I can explain more later.

Thank you.

-Henry

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Garcia, Alejandro; Colarusso, Xochitl
Subject: RE: Headshot with name and title

Perfect! Thank you!

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Headshot with name and title



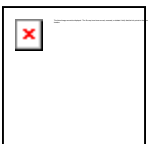
Alejandro Garcia

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From: Colarusso, Xochitl <Xochitl.Colarusso@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Garcia, Alejandro <Alejandro.Garcia@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Headshot with name and title

See attached.
Xochitl



Xochitl Colarusso

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From: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Colarusso, Xochitl <Xochitl.Colarusso@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Garcia, Alejandro <Alejandro.Garcia@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Headshot with name and title

Thanks. Please use the attached photo. I edited out a couple blemishes. The phone and seal look good.



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From: Garcia, Alejandro <Alejandro.Garcia@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Headshot with name and title

Here you go.



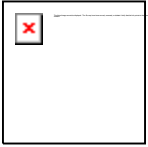
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From: Colarusso, Xochitl <Xochitl.Colarusso@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 7:58 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Garcia, Alejandro <Alejandro.Garcia@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Headshot with name and title

Good morning Aaron,
See the attached photo with the new title and let me know if you approve.
Thank you!
Xochitl



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From: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:11 PM
To: Colarusso, Xochitl <Xochitl.Colarusso@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Garcia, Alejandro <Alejandro.Garcia@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Headshot with name and title

Xochitl,

At around the time I joined OAG on Oct 1, you made a headshot of me with the OAG seal, my name, and title. See attached.

However, I've just been promoted and need to change the info on the headshot. (It'll be public at around noon tomorrow—Wednesday.)

Can you please take the attached blank headshot and make it like the one you made for me before, but this time put the title **Deputy Attorney General for Legal Strategy**?

Thank you!



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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Boulton, Beth
Subject: Re: Lunch/Coffee with Sen. Buckingham

Thanks Beth. I'll talk with Ryan.

From: Boulton, Beth <Beth.Boulton@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Lunch/Coffee with Sen. Buckingham

Aaron,

Before I set any wheels in motion, I just confirmed that this and any other types of communication needs to be vetted through Ryan Fisher, Intergovernmental Relations. I can relay this information to him, but it might be more appropriate for you to, as you'll be able to answer any questions he might have. Please advise.

~Beth

From: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Boulton, Beth <Beth.Boulton@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Lunch/Coffee with Sen. Buckingham

Beth,

Please set up a lunch or coffee for me with State Senator Dawn Buckingham. Her assistant's name is Madeline Traegar. (I say "lunch or coffee" because I'm happy to accommodate whatever works for her schedule, though note that I strongly prefer lunch.) Madeline can be reached at sd24.scheduling@senate.texas.gov or 512-463-0124. Anytime between now and the new year is fine.

For lunch:

1. Fixe Southern House
2. Taverna Downtown
3. Darna Mediterranean

For coffee:

Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea, 316 W. 12th St., Austin, TX 78701 (it's the only coffee place in the downtown area that allows people to sit indoors!)

Thank you!

Aaron F. Reitz



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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 8:27 AM
To: Moody, Grace
Cc: Hornsey, Brittany
Subject: RE: Moving Offices

Okay thanks. Can I see a proof before they get printed?

Yes, that's the desk phone I'm using now. If it can be moved to the new office, great. If not, I'm happy to take another line. I figured it'd be easier to just keep my same number since it's already been out there.



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From: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 8:25 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Moving Offices

I'll put in a printing request. Is the business phone you're listing the desk phone you are now using? Just confirming that we will move this desk phone to your new office? Thanks so much.



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From: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 10:35 PM
To: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Moving Offices

Grace,

Brent tells me I can be open about this on the 8th floor, but I'm moving to the new office because I'm being appointed as Deputy Attorney General for Legal Strategy. This is great news! I'm very excited about the new role. My core responsibility will be to quarterback the OAG's major externally-facing lawsuits and political/legal initiatives—a responsibility that will become increasingly important as Biden transitions to the White House.

I understand you're the person to talk to about business cards. Here's the info I'd like on there, just like this:

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aaron.reitz@oag.texas.gov

And then, beginning on Monday, November 30 (for now, that's the date when this appointment goes public), we'll need to go into the OAG system and have my title reflected there.

Let me know what else you need!



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From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 6:51 PM
To: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>; Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Webster, Brent <Brent.Webster@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Moving Offices

Brittany and Grace,

Tomorrow I'm moving to Lacey's old office. Can we arrange help to make that happen?

I'll also be assigned new secretarial support, but the decision about who that'll be remains up in the air. For now, Grace, I'll keep working with you.

Best,
Aaron



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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:02 PM
To: McLeod, Tina
Cc: French, Lesley; Vasquez, Mauricio
Subject: RE: Project Management Tools

Thank you Tina!



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From: McLeod, Tina <Tina.McLeod@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 10:53 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: French, Lesley <Lesley.French@oag.texas.gov>; Vasquez, Mauricio <Mauricio.Vasquez@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Project Management Tools

Hi Aaron,

Enclosed is an overdue email with project management options that are currently used at the agency. After you have some time to take a look and explore, we'd like to schedule a few meetings to live demo what may peak your interest. I'd recommend first considering using our Office 365 suite tools that include Planner, Teams, SharePoint and our office products. I've also enclosed an early draft plan of an Identity Management project that will kick off in the new year that's based off an excel template our security team uses with limited date automation.

1. Microsoft Excel - Simple and effective, but limited automation (Enclosed sample)
2. [Microsoft Project](#) – Used for simple to detailed project plan creation. Project can be an option if your projects are too complex for excel because of resource planning needs and dependencies. I don't recommend it out of the gate.
Demo Video (MS Project): <https://youtu.be/7sCF6VOWX1s>
3. [Microsoft Planner](#) - Tracks tasks and collaborative work management tool. Has built-in automation of notifications and works well for projects with <100 tasks. This tool could also increase adoption of Microsoft Teams and SharePoint.
Demo Video (MS Planner): <https://youtu.be/o4A3Ftz3YRc>

Microsoft Tools pricing is included in our Office 365 subscription (already paid for with the exception of MS Project). IT published a knowledge article including videos here to glance through all our current offerings: <https://txoag.sharepoint.com/sites/OAGALITSMicrosoft365Service/SitePages/Modern-Workplace.aspx>

Typical use cases for Microsoft tools:

- *Tasks tracking (progress and resourcing)*
- *Project collaboration (for example, marketing campaign planning)*
- *Planning and ideation*

- *Task publishing/tracking with frontline workers*
- *Employee onboarding*
- *Workflow management*

4. [Wrike](#) - \$11,375 annual for 25 users or \$455 per user annually. The EPMO uses this software and can give you a tour.

Demo Video: <https://youtu.be/CjaLQYuSafi>

Typical use cases for Wrike:

- *Enterprise project management*
- *Project and portfolio management*
- *Workflow management and automation*
- *Remote work coordination*
- *Marketing and professional services work management*

5. [Atlassian Jira](#) - \$1,300 annual for 25 users or \$52 per user annually. IT Application Development uses this tool.

Typical use cases for Jira:

- *Project management*
- *Team communications*
- *Software development*
- *Workflow management*

If we are missing the mark on products that could fit your needs, we'd look forward to a discussion on your vision on what success would look like and how we can make work more visible, organized, and transparent at our agency.

Thank you,

Tina McLeod

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:29 PM
To: Boulton, Beth
Subject: RE: SCOTUS Application

Thanks Beth. The SCOTUS purchase request is now with Procurement and will be approved tomorrow morning. Things appear to be moving quickly. As for the E.D. Tex., I left the signed and notarized application on your desk when I left the office tonight.



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From: Boulton, Beth <Beth.Boulton@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: SCOTUS Application

Aaron-

Grace has just submitted the Purchase Request for the check, with a request to expedite. Once that is approved, we will receive the check and mail it and the completed application to SCOTUS next-day.

I will begin this process for the Eastern District tomorrow morning.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

~Beth

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:23 PM
To: Amason, Matt
Subject: RE: Send-As Permissions Request

Matt,

I'm not sure what "send-as" permissions are, but my goal here is for Beth to have access to my email for public info request-related purposes (i.e., search for and gather emails and attachments responsive to requests), not to allow her to send emails out as though it were me.

Let me know what you think!



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From: Amason, Matt <Matt.Amason@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Send-As Permissions Request

Hello and good morning Aaron,

I hope this email finds you well.

Earlier today we received a request from Beth Boulton that we grant her Send-As permissions to your mailbox. Given the nature of this request, I wanted to ask whether or not we have your approval to grant these permissions.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very Respectfully,

Matt Amason

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You can check the status of your tickets, or create new tickets with the ServiceDesk, at the ServiceNow link below.



Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 7:20 PM
To: Boulton, Beth
Subject: RE: Stationary

No problem!

If there's a choice between white and something not white (cream, off-white, etc.), please let me know. I'm happy to go down to Quick Copy and look at options.

As for envelopes, surely they're offered. I'd push for them. What good is a note card if it can't be mailed or sent through inter-agency routing?



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From: Boulton, Beth <Beth.Boulton@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Stationary

Apologies for the delayed email. Apparently Outlook hadn't sent my email before I shut my laptop down to go home. I think the note pads and cards are both printed on white paper and are not accompanied with envelopes. I can confirm this and your other questions with Quick Copy tomorrow morning. I will also check the status of your business cards.

Thanks and have a great evening!

~Beth

From: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 7:01 PM
To: Boulton, Beth <Beth.Boulton@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Stationary

Thanks Beth.

I wrote a couple notes on the proofs and left them on your desk before receiving this email. I just pulled them back. Here's what I said:

1. General

- a. What color is the paper of both the note cards and note pads?
2. Note cards
 - a. Do these come with envelopes?
 - i. If so, can we print my return address on the outside?
 1. If so, I'll need to approve that too.
 - b. Right-justify the bottom-right text (Austin, Texas and my email address).
 - c. Make all the bottom text the same size font; as it stands now, the email address is a much larger font.
3. Note pads
 - a. Replace my mailing address with my email address in lowercase letters.
 - b. I like the one with the bottom line *lower*. (If I'm understanding your notes correctly, you've given me two options: one with the bottom line higher and one with it lower. I like it lower.)
4. Business cards
 - a. Status on these?



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Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 6:19 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Stationary

Aaron –

I have left on your desk two proofs for stationary options:

Note Cards:

- Approx 6" W x 4.5" T (horizontal)
- Card stock
- 500 minimum

Note Pad:

- Approx 4" W x 7" T (vertical)
- Bond paper
- 25 sheets/pad
- 10 pads

Please let me know which you prefer and if you have any edits additional to what I have marked on the proofs.

~Beth

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 8:05 PM
To: Moody, Grace
Cc: Boulton, Beth
Subject: RE: Supreme Court Bar & SCOTX for Certificate of Good Standing
Attachments: SupremeCourtCert.pdf

Categories: Red Category

Thanks, Grace. I just left the SCOTUS application on your desk. Kyle Hawkins has not yet confirmed that he'll be my second sponsor, but we can pencil him in for now until he gets back to me.

The Texas Supreme Court came through very quickly on my letter of good standing. It's attached. I paid the \$25 myself. We can worry about reimbursement later.

Let me know what else I need to do to get this done as quickly as possible. I'm happy to go out of my own pocket (assuming I'll be reimbursed) for as much as is necessary to make all this go fast.

Relatedly, I also need to be admitted ASAP to the **Eastern District of Texas** and the **Fifth Circuit**. The Eastern District is more important right now, so let's knock that out first.



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From: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Supreme Court Bar & SCOTX for Certificate of Good Standing

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/filingandrules/supremecourtbar.aspx>

<https://www.txcourts.gov/supreme/attorney-certificates-licensing-and-name-changes/>



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I, **BLAKE HAWTHORNE**, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas, certify that the records of this office show that

Aaron F. Reitz

was duly admitted and licensed as an attorney and counselor at law by the Supreme Court of Texas on the 3rd day of November, 2017.

I further certify that the records of this office show that, as of this date

Aaron F. Reitz

is presently enrolled with the State Bar of Texas as an active member in good standing.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my signature



and the seal of the Supreme Court of Texas at the City of Austin, this, the 30th day of November, 2020.

BLAKE HAWTHORNE, Clerk

Blake A. Hawthorne
Clerk, Supreme Court of Texas

No. 9134C.1

This certification expires thirty days from this date, unless sooner revoked or rendered invalid by operation of rule or law.

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 9:51 PM
To: De La Garza, Henry
Subject: RE: Taylor Hubbard

Thanks for tracking this down Henry! Have a great weekend.



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Cell: 512-800-5727

From: De La Garza, Henry <Henry.DeLaGarza@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Taylor Hubbard

The Employment & Compensation Team was not able to locate any applications by Taylor Hubbard.

From: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 1:49 PM
To: De La Garza, Henry <Henry.DeLaGarza@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Taylor Hubbard

Correct. I just want to confirm whether Taylor Hubbard has applied for anything with this Agency at all.

From: De La Garza, Henry <Henry.DeLaGarza@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Taylor Hubbard

We were not able to find any applications from Mr. Hubbard. If he is not licensed in TX, he cannot apply for an AAG position. That aside, he could apply for a position in Open Records or we could post/repost an AAG position as a "Research Specialist." We would need to look at what is available, what he might be interested in (e.g., litigation, criminal law), and a few other factors. Please let us know how else we can assist.

From: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 11:18 AM
To: De La Garza, Henry <Henry.DeLaGarza@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Taylor Hubbard

I should have clarified. Taylor Hubbard is a Virginia lawyer. He is not yet licensed in Texas.

Background: We're trying to find a place for him. We have some spots available but we're being told that he applied through the system. We can't reach Taylor for details.

From: De La Garza, Henry <Henry.DeLaGarza@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Taylor Hubbard

Aaron,
We're not finding anything yet. In addition, Texas Bar does not show any Taylor Hubbard as being licensed in Texas. There is a Aaron T. Hubbard from College Station.
I did find a Taylor Hubbard who is a Financial Analyst at Texas A&M Corpus Christi: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/taylorhubbard>.
Will keep you posted.
HDLG

From: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 10:31 AM
To: De La Garza, Henry <Henry.DeLaGarza@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Taylor Hubbard

Thanks. Yes he is a lawyer.

Aaron

From: De La Garza, Henry <Henry.DeLaGarza@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Taylor Hubbard

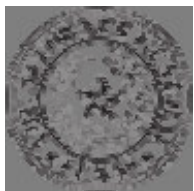
Aaron,
I'm having the HR team go through the OAG portal and CAPPs. By the way, is he a lawyer? That might make the search faster.
HDLG

From: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 8:18 AM
To: De La Garza, Henry <Henry.DeLaGarza@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Taylor Hubbard

Henry,

I'm told that a man named Taylor Hubbard applied for a job with our Agency. True? If so, can you please pull his application and send it to me within the next couple of hours? Thank you!

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Boulton, Beth
Cc: Moody, Grace
Subject: RE: U.S. District Court Eastern District of Texas Application

On the application:

- Firm name is Office of the Attorney General of Texas
- email is aaron.reitz@oag.texas.gov
- For the motion for admission, once the application is filled out, I'll find someone on the floor to sign it.

That should do it! Once it's all set, I'll sign and then we'll get it notarized, get someone to sign the motion, etc.



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From: Boulton, Beth <Beth.Boulton@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: U.S. District Court Eastern District of Texas Application

Aaron –

Attached is the application for the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Texas. I completed as much as I could. Please review and fill in anything I missed. Tomorrow we can have Grace notarize it. We will also need to have the Motion for Admission completed by an attorney who is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas and/or of any United States District Court.

I have also attached the complete instructions for the application, as well as the EAM I drafted for the Request to Approve Funding for Admission.

Thank you,

Beth Boulton

Office Manager and Executive Assistant for Communications

Executive Assistant to Aaron Reitz, Deputy Attorney General for Legal Strategy

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Taylor Hubbard, Esq.
Cc: Dinunzio, Nanette; Cowles, Shawn
Subject: RE: Updates

Taylor,

Thanks so much!

Here's the best way forward:

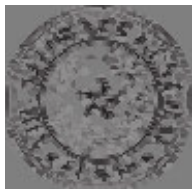
Civil Medicaid Fraud, Consumer Protection, and Admin Law still have spots available in which you might fit. The best thing to do is to reach out to those Division directors directly to discuss the details of what working there would look like. I've provided their contact info below. They all have your resume. Then, once you've made your choice, we can get into the details about start date, etc.

Jenny Jackson, Consumer Protection Division: Jennifer.Jackson@oag.texas.gov, 512-463-9917

Ray Winter, Civil Medicaid Fraud Division: Raymond.Winter@oag.texas.gov, 512-542-4342

Liz Fore, Administrative Law Division: Elizabeth.BrownFore@oag.texas.gov, 512-463-4109

Keep me posted!



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From: Taylor Hubbard, Esq. <
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Updates

Aaron,

Just heard the news of your promotion. Congratulations!

Certainly much to be thankful for this year!

Respectfully,
Taylor

On Wed, Nov 25, 2020 at 11:40 AM Taylor Hubbard, Esq.

wrote:

Aaron,

I hope you are well and gearing up for a great Thanksgiving celebration, tomorrow.

I was happy to receive your email. I've been tempted the last couple of weeks to reach out, but didn't want to be a nuisance. From what I understood, you were meeting with the Attorney General the day after our last correspondence and were going to circle back. My apologies if I misunderstood.

To answer your question, yes, I am still interested in continuing our conversation about working with the Attorney General. Since we last spoke, I've been diligently compiling all the necessary documentation to complete the Texas State Bar reciprocity application. It will be finished and submitted next week.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you, again, for all your help with this matter.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

Respectfully,
Taylor

On Tue, Nov 24, 2020 at 12:48 PM Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Taylor,

I'm told . I wanted to touch base and see if you're still interested in continuing the conversation about working at the Agency. Let me know!

Best,

Aaron



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From: Taylor Hubbard, Esq.
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 7:19 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Updates

Aaron,

Again, appreciate the update and assist.

Have a great weekend.

-Taylor

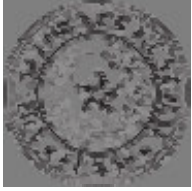
On Fri, Oct 30, 2020 at 8:13 AM Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Thanks for your feedback on the division preferences.

Salary: I think we'd have to get a few more steps into the hiring process to say for sure. Let me brief the Attorney General on where we're at, and then I'll connect you with the appropriate division chief to discuss.

Admission to Texas Bar: I too am not super clear about this. I've been told two things: One the one hand, you could just start at the position for which you were hired and the salary you were offered before getting barred. On the other hand, you would start as a "legal assistant" with a slightly lower salary until barred, then you'd jump up to your title "assistant attorney general" and attendant salary. I can't get a straight answer. Like the salary question, let's discuss this again as we get a few more steps down the pipeline.

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Cell:

From: Taylor Hubbard, Esq.
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 6:54 AM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Updates

Aaron,

Appreciate the email.

Of the three divisions you mentioned, Consumer Protection certainly holds the most interest. Medicaid Fraud could also be a strong fit, but I'd still lean towards CP. Administrative law would round out the pack at the bottom.

A couple follow up questions:

1. I completely understand that the salary range you mentioned was an approximation. At what point might we know some specifics regarding the salary for any of the openings? Even at 90K, this would represent a sizable drop from my current income. And while I'm happy to make sacrifices for the advancement of career, I certainly have a duty to show financial prudence in making such a large decision.

2. As you requested, I did some research into gaining admission to the Texas Bar from out of state. The process seems straightforward enough (although some recent changes add a few layers). It is unclear, however, how fast the admission process takes once the required documentation is submitted. Were you able to gain any insight into if a Texas law licence is required for the positions discussed and, if so, at what point it would be required?

Many thanks.

Respectfully,

Taylor

On Wed, Oct 28, 2020 at 7:21 PM Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Thanks Taylor. Yes, I need to brief the AG on these options, but I'm curious to hear your thoughts. We have some openings in the following divisions:

- Civil Medicaid Fraud
- Consumer Protection Division
- Administrative Law Division

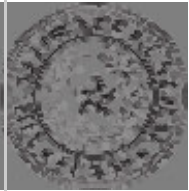
These will be largely *legal* positions rather than *comms*.

Historical data about these positions suggest that the salary range for any of these positions could be \$70,000 to \$90,000, give or take. *This is not a salary offer. I'm just sharing an estimated range for your planning purposes. Totally subject to change.*

Can you take a look at each of these divisions on our website and let me know if you have any preferences or thoughts? I plan to brief the AG this Friday, so please send me any comments before then.

Thank you!

Best,



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From: Taylor Hubbard, Esq.
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 12:34 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Updates

Hey Aaron - hope you are well. Just circling back with you to see if we had any updates.

I realize that the Attorney General is out of the office with the unfortunate passing of his mother, and that this might delay matters a bit, but thought I would reach out.

Have a great day, sir. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Taylor Hubbard

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 9:04 PM
To: msilver@supremecourt.gov
Subject: RE: URGENT: Account Set-Up

Mara,

We've finalized all our docs and have sent them to the printer. A lawyer named Larry Joseph in DC is handling that. He will be calling your shortly to ensure printing, delivery, and, separately, e-filing is done correctly. Please call me on my personal cell— —if we need to connect. My team and I are standing by for any guidance.



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From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 5:51 PM
To: msilver@supremecourt.gov
Cc: Webster, Brent <Brent.Webster@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: URGENT: Account Set-Up
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Silver,

The Texas Attorney General plans to e-file an emergency motion within the next couple of hours and need an account set up right away to do that. No one in our office at the moment has the ability to do so. Can you please call me and help me work this out? Once you call me, I'll loop a few others in on the call. Thank you.



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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 5:45 PM
To: Taylor, Elizabeth A. EOP/WHO; Webster, Brent; Dorfman, Grant
Subject: Re: Visit to the White House

Thanks Elizabeth!

Aaron

From: Taylor, Elizabeth A. EOP/WHO <Elizabeth.A.Taylor@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 5:34 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>; Webster, Brent <Brent.Webster@oag.texas.gov>; Dorfman, Grant <Grant.Dorfman@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Visit to the White House

Good evening Brent, Grant and Aaron,

It was great meeting you all at today's events. I wish you all the best luck on today's efforts, both for Texas and for our country!

I will send today's photos once received.

Thanks,

Elizabeth Taylor
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs | The White House
Cell: 202-881-8331 | Desk: 202-456-1686

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:25 PM
To: Taylor, Elizabeth A. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: Visit to the White House

Elizabeth,

Grant, Brent, and I were joking earlier: What if the pics never came through and the photographer wipes her cards each day and ours are lost forever!

Okay, yes, unlikely, but I had to reach out and see if maybe they were lost in the mix. We'd definitely like to get the pics as soon as possible so our comms team can push them out before the Court makes a decision tomorrow morning.

Thank you!



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From: Taylor, Elizabeth A. EOP/WHO <Elizabeth.A.Taylor@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>; Webster, Brent <Brent.Webster@oag.texas.gov>; Dorfman, Grant <Grant.Dorfman@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Visit to the White House

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From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:51 PM
To: James Lloyd
Subject: RE: Writing Sample

Thanks James. Did this publish?

Aaron F. Reitz

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-----Original Message-----

From: James Lloyd
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Writing Sample

Aaron,

Please find attached an article I was working toward publishing last year for national security journals—a neat topic on the emerging issue of biosurveillance. The impact of the pandemic now necessitates some updates though.

Thank you,
James

—

James Lloyd
(713)304-6328

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Boulton, Beth
Cc: Garcia, Alejandro
Subject: The Blast?

Did The Blast ever come through?



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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Moody, Grace; Boulton, Beth; Smith, Michelle
Cc: Dorfman, Grant; Webster, Brent
Subject: Travel to DC

Categories: Red Category

Michelle, Grace, and Beth,

I just spoke with Brent about our DC travel plans. The tentative 12/9 to 12/10 plan that's been presented won't work for us. Instead, what we propose for me, Brent, and Grant (General Paxton may want something totally different or personalized for his needs) is as follows:

- Depart Austin sometime late afternoon/early evening on Wednesday, December 9
- Check in to hotel on the evening of Wednesday, December 9
- Spend all day in DC on Thursday, December 10; stay in hotel that night
- Depart DC in the morning/mid-morning on Friday, December 11

Let us know what you think!



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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Reitz, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:45 PM
To: Boulton, Beth
Subject: Work Order for Bobby

Beth,

I have a few new maps to hang in my office. Can you please set up a time for Bobby to come by to do that? I can show you where I'm thinking they should go in case Bobby comes by and I'm not there.



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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 8:31 PM
To: Rosales, Sylvia; Mendoza-Williamson, Maria
Subject: Donate time

Sylvia and Maria,

I have 232 hours of sick leave. I would like to donate 50% of that (i.e., 116 hours) to Natalie Thompson. Is that something you can help with? Thank you.

Thank you.
Kyle

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Stone, Judd
Subject: FW: PAF Completed: 00007715

Good news on the money front.

From: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: PAF Completed: 00007715

Kyle,

You can now inform Judd that the PAF for his merit increase in salary has been approved and completed. The effective date is 11/1/2020. Since it was approved on 12/4/2020, and he has already received his Dec. check, he will be receiving another direct deposit after 12/8/2020 with the difference.

Thank you,

Sylvia Rosales
Office Manager, OSG
6-1821

From: Lerma, Kristy <Kristy.Lerma@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: PAF Completed: 00007715

Yes, that's correct.

From: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Lerma, Kristy <Kristy.Lerma@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: PAF Completed: 00007715

I understand. Judd should see another direct deposit after the 8th of this month.

Thank you,

Sylvia Rosales
Office Manager, OSG
6-1821

From: Lerma, Kristy <Kristy.Lerma@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: PAF Completed: 00007715

Yes, but since we already go paid on December 1st, he will receive his increase only when we run our next off-cycle payroll, which is on December 8th. He should see this increase a few days after the 8th.

From: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Lerma, Kristy <Kristy.Lerma@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: PAF Completed: 00007715

I actually have thought of a question to ask you, since this was approved today but has an effective date of 11/1/2020, should his pay this month already be for the new amount in salary?

From: Kristy Lerma <kristy.lerma@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: PAF Completed: 00007715

The below PAF has been approved and processed.

Link to PAF: <https://oag.my.salesforce.com/a3kt00000002m8lr>

PAF Summary:

Employee: Judd Stone
Employee ID:
Position: 00041859
Action: Merit
Effective Date: 11/1/2020
PAF ID: 00007715



Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 8:40 PM
To: French, Lesley
Subject: FW: PAF pending approval

Lesley, it sounds like the scheduled pay increase for one of my ASGs might have gotten stuck—are you able to help (or direct me to the person who can help)? Thanks.

From: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 2:25 PM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: PAF pending approval

Kyle,
I've reached out to our budget analyst, Karen Haywood, for an update on Judd's career ladder merit increase:

From: Haywood, Karen <Karen.Haywood@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: PAF pending approval

Good Afternoon Sylvia,

Grant just let me know he is still waiting on a response from Executive Management on this one. When he sends me any new news on it I will share it with you right away. Thanks so much for your patience!

Thank you,

Karen Haywood | Budget Analyst

Office of the Attorney General-Texas | Administrative and Legal
300 West 15th Street | Austin, TX 78701
karen.haywood@oag.texas.gov | (512) 936-0580

From: Haywood, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: PAF pending approval

Good Afternoon Sylvia,

I've sent an email to Grant asking him if I may approve this PAF. I can't approve any merits/promotions/new hires until Grant okays them, so I've also attached the related 865-OSG EAM for career ladder raises for Grant's review.

Thank you,

Karen Haywood | Budget Analyst

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karen.haywood@oag.texas.gov | (512) 936-0580

From: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 1:26 PM

To: Haywood, Karen <Karen.Haywood@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: PAF pending approval

Hi Karen,

I wanted to bring to your attention that I submitted a PAF (00007715) for an increase in pay for Judd Stone. We have the funds in our budget. This is for the OSG Career Ladder for attorneys.

Thank you,

Sylvia Rosales

Office Manager, OSG

6-1821

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 12:03 PM
To: OSG-Attorneys
Subject: Judge Reavley

I was sad to see the news of Judge Reavley's passing: <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Thomas-Reavley-federal-judge-and-friend-of-LBJ-15766184.php>

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Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 6:08 PM
To: Watson, Mary
Subject: Need device un-quarantined

Importance: High

Mary, I need my agency iphone unquarantined ASAP—this is critical—can you please help? Thanks.

Kyle D. Hawkins
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From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 6:02 PM
To: Rosenthal, Jordan <Jordan.Rosenthal@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Ticket INC0236572 - intune migration troubles

I just need my device to be un-quarantined or whatever. Can't get mail on my device right now. This needs to happen tonight—thanks.

From: Rosenthal, Jordan <Jordan.Rosenthal@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 5:32 PM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Ticket INC0236572 - intune migration troubles

Hi Kyle,

I was reviewing the ticket you submitted in regards to having some troubles with the intune migration. What's a good time/phone number I could contact you at so we can look into troubleshooting what you're experiencing with the WiFi?
Also, are you trying to connect to WiFi at home or at the office?

Thank you,
Jordan Rosenthal
System Support Specialist
Information Technology Services
Office of the Attorney General - Texas
jordan.rosenthal@oag.texas.gov



Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Davis, Bill
Subject: RE: Call Cody Coll

Yes, please do. Thanks.

From: Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Call Cody Coll

Should I ask Rita to make a similar call to the candidate that I interviewed? (I told him the same thing about timing that you told the other candidates we interviewed.) My thought is that the message to him would be shorter, in that it would not include an indication of his chances of being offered a position.

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 9:56 AM
To: McBride, Rita <Rita.McBride@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>; Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Call Cody Coll

Rita – Last week, we interviewed Cody Coll for a Coleman Fellowship and promised him a decision by this week. As it turns out, we're not prepared to make a decision yet.

Would you please call Cody and tell him the following:

- Thank you for applying and for interviewing – we really enjoyed talking with you
- We are still strongly considering your candidacy for a Coleman Fellowship
- We indicated during the interview that we would make a decision by this week
- Due to circumstances beyond our control, we're calling to let you know that we're going to have to push back the hiring until January.
- We're still very much interested in you, and hope that you'll be able to wait until January for a decision.
- If anything comes up such that you cannot wait until January and need a decision sooner, please let us know.
- Otherwise, we'll get back to you next month with a decision.

Thanks,
Kyle

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Rosales, Sylvia; McBride, Rita
Subject: RE: Daily Occupancy Report - 1 DEC 2020

I expect to be in the office today from about 1pm until the end of the day.

From: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 6:40 AM
To: Office of the Solicitor General <OfficeoftheSolicitorGeneral@texasattorneygeneral.gov>
Subject: Daily Occupancy Report - 1 DEC 2020

Please let me know if you will be visiting/working in the office today and for how long – ASAP. If possible, no later than 8:30AM please.

Thanks,
Sylvia

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Rosales, Sylvia; McBride, Rita
Subject: RE: Daily Occupancy Report - 2 DEC 2020

I am in the office now and expect to be here all day.

From: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 6:52 AM
To: Office of the Solicitor General <OfficeoftheSolicitorGeneral@texasattorneygeneral.gov>
Subject: Daily Occupancy Report - 2 DEC 2020

Please let me know if you will be visiting/working in the office today and for how long – ASAP. If possible, no later than 8:30AM please.

Thanks,
Sylvia

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 8:45 AM
To: Rosales, Sylvia; McBride, Rita
Subject: RE: Daily Occupancy Report - 3 DEC 2020

I am in the office today and expect to be here all morning, leaving early afternoon.

From: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 6:48 AM
To: Office of the Solicitor General <OfficeoftheSolicitorGeneral@texasattorneygeneral.gov>
Subject: Daily Occupancy Report - 3 DEC 2020

Please let me know if you will be visiting/working in the office today and for how long – ASAP. If possible, no later than 8:30AM please.

Thanks,
Sylvia

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 2:11 PM
To: Rosales, Sylvia
Cc: Frederick, Matthew; Davis, Bill
Subject: RE: Fall 2021

I think the specific timing is up to her attorneys, but I think that's something we should be flexible on. I don't think she would necessarily have to make her partial workday align with our time zone if that would be a burden, unless the attorneys require otherwise.

From: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>; Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Fall 2021

I agree with your concerns. I definitely can be on board. I will reach out to Phil, Kyle and Evan and confirm if they are okay with this plan.

I will let Athena know that she will need to identify to us the portion of her trip when she'll be working and not working. Also, since the time in Scotland is 6 hours ahead of us, does this mean she will need to be available to us during our hours of operation or will it be okay if she works during reasonable hours in Scotland? We will need to know her schedule in order to determine any work over 40 hours a week.

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>; Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>; Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Fall 2021

This seems like a reasonable accommodation to me. I am open to it so long as Sylvia and Athena's attorneys are on board. I think communication would be critical—Athena's attorneys would need very clear information on which dates Athena would be available and what portion of the trip she'd be working and what parts would be vacation.

I should also note that while I am always open to reasonable accommodations like this, I do anticipate that OSG will be returning to the office at some point in 2021, and once we have done so, I don't think we would be in a position to sign off on indefinite or very lengthy remote-work proposals. (Athena's proposal is short-term and clearly defined, which is why I'd be good to support it.)

From: Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>; Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>; Hawkins, Kyle

<Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: Fall 2021

Me, either.

From: Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:36 AM

To: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>; Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>; Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: Fall 2021

No objection from me.

From: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 7:26 AM

To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>; Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>; Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: FW: Fall 2021

Please let me know if you give Athena permission to work remotely as she's requesting below. Thanks!

From: Leyton, Athena <Athena.Leyton@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 7:22 AM

To: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: Fall 2021

Sylvia, I am optimistically planning for a holiday next fall. are moving to Scotland this winter, and I haven't seen them since pre-COVID. I'd like to take between 2 and 4 weeks vacation In August and September. If I go for 4 weeks, would it be an option to take my laptop and work part time?

Athena

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Klusmann, Beth
Subject: RE: Gifts for the Twins

Thank you!

From: Klusmann, Beth <Beth.Klusmann@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Gifts for the Twins

FYI – these went on sale for Black Friday, so I ordered two blankets for only \$95. (I know a lady at church who should be able to embroider the names for us.) So we'll be able to pool the remaining \$185 with Special Lit, which should work out nicely.

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Klusmann, Beth <Beth.Klusmann@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Gifts for the Twins

I think this one is it?



From: Klusmann, Beth <Beth.Klusmann@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 4:27 PM

To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: Gifts for the Twins

Do any of these look like ?

https://www.potterybarnkids.com/shop/bedding/bedding-baby-blankets/?cm_type=lnav&isx=0.0.0

We'd have to hold them until we know the names (I know someone who can embroider them, so that wouldn't be a problem.)

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 4:19 PM

To: Klusmann, Beth <Beth.Klusmann@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: Gifts for the Twins

I'm in favor of blankets if they're not cost-prohibitive.

. Thanks.

From: Klusmann, Beth <Beth.Klusmann@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 2:47 PM

To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: Gifts for the Twins

There was (before my time). We revived it . But I think that's been it. We usually do random baby stuff. I'll see what that would cost- it may be easy to roll in with the other stuff.

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 2:45 PM

To: Klusmann, Beth <Beth.Klusmann@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: Re: Gifts for the Twins

Isn't there a blanket tradition? I mean blanket as a noun, not an adjective.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 9, 2020, at 2:44 PM, Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Done. Thank you!!

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 9, 2020, at 2:32 PM, Klusmann, Beth <Beth.Klusmann@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Hello everyone (EXCEPT)!

The attorneys and staff of Special Lit have reached out to us to see if we'd be interested in doing a joint gift for the , as the twins will be here before we know it! We thought that sounded like a good idea, and we wanted to open this up to our staff as well. (We know you like !)

So I will be collecting donations for the next two weeks. If everyone gives approximately \$10, we'll have plenty to buy one of the nicer gifts on their registry as well as some smaller items. **YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO PARTICIPATE!!** No one will know but me whether you give or not. But if you'd like to give, you can send me any amount of money (doesn't have to be \$10!) in several ways:

Venmo: @Beth-Klusmann

PayPal: paypal.me/BethKlusmann

If you'd like to give by cash or check, just e-mail me back, and we can work out the details.

Thank you!

Beth

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Mendoza-Williamson, Maria; Rosales, Sylvia; McBride, Rita
Cc: Davis, Bill; Frederick, Matthew
Subject: RE: Help with mailing

Thank you. I was sad to learn today that Judge Reavley has died. There is no need to send a letter to his chambers. Please remove that one from the file.

Would it be possible to add an actual signature to these files electronically? I will be in the office this afternoon and can write it out on notecards for scanning, if that would help. I can leave it on your desk for when you come in tomorrow.

From: Mendoza-Williamson, Maria <Maria.Williamson@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>; Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>; McBride, Rita <Rita.McBride@oag.texas.gov>
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Good morning Kyle,

Please see the attached letters for your approval. I plan on going into the office tomorrow to stuff in envelopes and to mail.

Thanks,
Maria

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 4:37 PM
To: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>; Mendoza-Williamson, Maria <Maria.Williamson@oag.texas.gov>; McBride, Rita <Rita.McBride@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>; Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Help with mailing

Sylvia, Maria, and Rita,

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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

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Subject: RE: Help with mailing

I have left a note card on your computer monitor with two versions of my signature. I hope one of them will work.

Since we're going to be modifying the letters anyway, can I request two other small changes?

1. In the address blocks, can we do the names of the courts are in Equity Text A, instead of Equity Caps A?
2. Can we change this sentence: <We further offer Coleman Fellows the opportunity to brief and argue their own appeal as lead counsel under the supervision of an OSG lawyer.>
to this: <We further offer each Coleman Fellow the opportunity to brief and argue his or her own appeal as lead counsel under the supervision of an OSG lawyer.>

Thank you!

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Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:16 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>; Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>; McBride, Rita <Rita.McBride@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>; Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Help with mailing

I'm sorry to hear about Judge Reavley.

Yes, you can write it out on a notecard and leave it on my desk. You can sign your name on a blank document and scan that to me as well. I can work on that today.

Thanks,
Maria

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Cc: Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>; Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>

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- Hon. Andrew S. Oldham

The mailing addresses should be available on the courts' websites. Thank you.

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Hornsey, Brittany
Subject: RE: Monetary Collection for Custodial Crew

Thanks—just sent \$50 on Venmo.

From: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Monetary Collection for Custodial Crew

I'm receiving a range between \$20-\$50 right now.

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:05 PM
To: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Monetary Collection for Custodial Crew

I would like to participate—what's the recommended contribution? Thank you.

From: Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>; Boulton, Beth <Beth.Boulton@oag.texas.gov>; Burgess, Sarah <Sarah.Burgess@oag.texas.gov>; Cowles, Shawn <Shawn.Cowles@oag.texas.gov>; Dinunzio, Nanette <Nanette.Dinunzio@oag.texas.gov>; Dorfman, Grant <Grant.Dorfman@oag.texas.gov>; Eskew, Jordan <Jordan.Eskew@oag.texas.gov>; Fisher, Ryan <Ryan.Fisher@oag.texas.gov>; French, Lesley <Lesley.French@oag.texas.gov>; Garcia, Alejandro <Alejandro.Garcia@oag.texas.gov>; Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>; Hilton, Gracie <Gracie.Hilton@oag.texas.gov>; Hornsey, Brittany <Brittany.Hornsey@oag.texas.gov>; Hubbard, Kimberly <Kimberly.Hubbard@oag.texas.gov>; McLeod, Tina <Tina.McLeod@oag.texas.gov>; Moody, Grace <Grace.Moody@oag.texas.gov>; Paxton, Ken <Ken.Paxton2@oag.texas.gov>; Price, Michele <Michele.Price@oag.texas.gov>; Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>; Reno, Josh <Josh.Reno@oag.texas.gov>; Roddy, Steve <Steve.Roddy@oag.texas.gov>; Singer, Paul <Paul.Singer@oag.texas.gov>; Smith, Michelle <Michelle.Smith@oag.texas.gov>; Taylor, Tom <Tom.Taylor@oag.texas.gov>; Thornton, Ruth <Ruth.Thornton@oag.texas.gov>; Tran, Colleen <Colleen.Tran@oag.texas.gov>; Webster, Brent <Brent.Webster@oag.texas.gov>; Andrews, Alison <Alison.Andrews@oag.texas.gov>; Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov>; Cowles, Shawn <Shawn.Cowles@oag.texas.gov>; Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>; Dorfman, Grant <Grant.Dorfman@oag.texas.gov>; Fisher, Ryan <Ryan.Fisher@oag.texas.gov>; Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>; French, Lesley <Lesley.French@oag.texas.gov>; Garcia, Alejandro <Alejandro.Garcia@oag.texas.gov>; Goodwin, Angela <Angela.Goodwin@oag.texas.gov>; Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>; Hupp, Suzanna <Suzanna.Hupp@oag.texas.gov>; McCarty, Darren <Darren.McCarty@oag.texas.gov>; McLeod, Tina <Tina.McLeod@oag.texas.gov>; Price, Michele <Michele.Price@oag.texas.gov>; Reitz, Aaron <Aaron.Reitz@oag.texas.gov>; Reno, Josh <Josh.Reno@oag.texas.gov>; Roddy, Steve <Steve.Roddy@oag.texas.gov>; Rogers, Joel <Joel.Rogers@oag.texas.gov>; Singer, Paul <Paul.Singer@oag.texas.gov>; Sweeten, Patrick <Patrick.Sweeten@oag.texas.gov>; Tanner, Lisa <Lisa.Tanner@oag.texas.gov>; Taylor, Tom <Tom.Taylor@oag.texas.gov>; Thornton, Ruth

<Ruth.Thornton@oag.texas.gov>; Tran, Colleen <Colleen.Tran@oag.texas.gov>; Vasquez, Mauricio <Mauricio.Vasquez@oag.texas.gov>; Webster, Brent <Brent.Webster@oag.texas.gov>; Smith, Michelle <Michelle.Smith@oag.texas.gov>; Dorfman, Grant <Grant.Dorfman@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: Monetary Collection for Custodial Crew

On behalf of Executive Administration, I am collecting money (cash or venmo) to provide our custodial crew, Aracelli (Chelly) Demachado and Alex Pickens, with a gift card this holiday season to recognize them for their outstanding service taking care of us up here on the 8th floor. To reduce the spread of the virus this year, the custodial staff has increased their efforts tremendously. They are disinfecting the floors twice during the day, and once again in the evening while also making sure to vacuum and dust the floors more frequently. If you would like to participate, please stop by my office or send me a venmo at @brittany_hornsey .

Thank you,

Brittany

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Mendoza-Williamson, Maria
Subject: RE: out at 11:30

Thanks for your hard work!

From: Mendoza-Williamson, Maria <Maria.Williamson@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: out at 11:30

Good morning Kyle,

I worked late yesterday and will be leaving at 11:30 to make up time. Please let me know if there is anything that you want me to take care of before leave for the day.

Thank you,

Maria Mendoza-Williamson
Legal Secretary
Office of the Solicitor General
The Attorney General of Texas
Telephone (512)936-1825

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Rosales, Sylvia
Cc: Frederick, Matthew; Davis, Bill
Subject: RE: Shopping Day

Yes. Does everyone do the same day, or do we give everyone the option of picking a day over the next two weeks?

From: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>; Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Shopping Day

Kyle,

Will you continue the tradition of allowing everyone a free shopping day?

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:11 PM
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Subject: RE: Shopping Day

Same here

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Works for me.

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If this Friday works for you all, I'd like to use this Friday as my shopping day.

Thanks,
Sylvia

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 2:09 PM
To: McBride, Rita
Subject: RE: Telephone call

Thanks

From: McBride, Rita <Rita.McBride@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Telephone call

Chad Johnson from IT is returning your call about a ticket you submitted this morning. His number is 512-936-0515.

Thank you.

Rita McBride
Administrative Assistant
Office of Solicitor General
Office of the Attorney General of Texas
Telephone (512) 936-2867

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Greg Stohr
Subject: RE: Texas election filing

Hi Greg,

Good to hear from you. I have forwarded the inquiry to our Comms team—they handle all comment requests and should be getting back to you.

I enjoyed getting to know you at Stanford. Hard to believe that was this year. It feels like years ago. Hope you're staying well and healthy.

Best,
Kyle

From: Greg Stohr (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:45 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Texas election filing

Hey, Kyle. Just wondering if you can tell me what I should take from the absence of your name on the Supreme Court filing in the election case.

Hope you are well. It's been a long time since Stanford.

Greg Stohr
Supreme Court reporter
Bloomberg News
202-297-6430

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:36 AM
To: Rosenthal, Jordan
Subject: RE: Ticket INC0236572 - intune migration troubles

There is no “Notifications” option. All I get under Outlook at Siri & Search, Background App Refresh, Cellular Data, and Default Mail App.

From: Rosenthal, Jordan <Jordan.Rosenthal@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Ticket INC0236572 - intune migration troubles

You’ll want to open up the settings app, then scroll down until you see “Outlook”. Tap into that, then tap on “Notifications” and make sure that “Allow notifications” is turned on. Then once that’s turned on you’ll be able to select what kind of notifications you’d like to allow. I believe banner should be the default notification style. Let me know if this works for you or if you need any further assistance.

- Jordan

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:31 AM
To: Rosenthal, Jordan <Jordan.Rosenthal@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Ticket INC0236572 - intune migration troubles

How do I make it so that I get notifications on my phone when I get a new email? I want a banner to pop up saying I have a new email so that I don’t have to keep opening the mail app and seeing if there’s anything new.

From: Rosenthal, Jordan <Jordan.Rosenthal@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 8:52 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Ticket INC0236572 - intune migration troubles

Good morning Kyle,

It looks like your device has been removed from quarantine, are you receiving emails to your phone?

- Jordan

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 6:02 PM
To: Rosenthal, Jordan <Jordan.Rosenthal@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Ticket INC0236572 - intune migration troubles

I just need my device to be un-quarantined or whatever. Can’t get mail on my device right now. This needs to happen tonight—thanks.

From: Rosenthal, Jordan <Jordan.Rosenthal@oag.texas.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 5:32 PM

To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>

Subject: Ticket INC0236572 - intune migration troubles

Hi Kyle,

I was reviewing the ticket you submitted in regards to having some troubles with the intune migration.

What's a good time/phone number I could contact you at so we can look into troubleshooting what you're experiencing with the WiFi?

Also, are you trying to connect to WiFi at home or at the office?

Thank you,

Jordan Rosenthal

System Support Specialist

Information Technology Services

Office of the Attorney General - Texas

jordan.rosenthal@oag.texas.gov



Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Davis, Bill
Cc: Frederick, Matthew
Subject: RE: Tx OAG Coleman Fellow Position (19-0842)
Attachments: Coleman_Letter_v3.docx

Thanks, Bill. I accepted those good suggestions (see attached). Unless Matt has anything further, I'll have Rita send this out next week.

From: Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 4:59 PM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Tx OAG Coleman Fellow Position (19-0842)

Looks good to me. Here are just a few very minor suggestions.

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>; Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Tx OAG Coleman Fellow Position (19-0842)

How's this? Zero pride of authorship—please feel free to rip up as needed. I envision this going to:

- All 9 Justices on SCOTEX
- Texas-based CA5 judges: Owen, Jones, Reavley, King, Higginbotham, Jones, Smith, Benavides, Elrod, Haynes, Costa, Willett, Ho, Oldham.

From: Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>; Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Tx OAG Coleman Fellow Position (19-0842)

I agree.

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>; Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Tx OAG Coleman Fellow Position (19-0842)

Looping in Matt. I think we need to reopen the posting and send letters to SCOTEX and CA5 judges in Texas advertising the position. I can work on the letters. Thanks.

From: Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:35 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Tx OAG Coleman Fellow Position (19-0842)

Sylvia reports that (1) the posting was closed on 10/19 and (2) no applications beyond those that we've already reviewed have been submitted. Should I ask her to reopen the posting?

From: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Tx OAG Coleman Fellow Position (19-0842)

OK, thanks. Can you please find out whether (1) the posting is still open, and (2) any new applications have rolled in?

From: Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Hawkins, Kyle <Kyle.Hawkins@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Tx OAG Coleman Fellow Position (19-0842)

From: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Frederick, Matthew <Matthew.Frederick@oag.texas.gov>; Davis, Bill <Bill.Davis@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Tx OAG Coleman Fellow Position (19-0842)

FYI – Jacob Bliss is withdrawing his application.

From: Jacob Bliss
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 10:01 AM
To: Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov>
Cc: McBride, Rita <Rita.McBride@oag.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Tx OAG Coleman Fellow Position (19-0842)

Hi Ms. Rosales,

Thank you for reaching out. I wanted to inform you that I need to withdraw my name from consideration for the Coleman Fellowship. I had a last minute opportunity to clerk for a district court in Florida come up late last week and I decided to take it. I believe this will be a very good fit for me, although I regret having to withdraw from consideration for the Coleman program.

I would have preferred to reach out directly to General Hawkins also to let him know (or to Bill or Matt who also interviewed me) but I do not have their contact information. Please convey to them, if you are willing, that I am deeply grateful to have had the chance to interview for this prestigious position and wish them all the best with the hiring process going forward.

All my best,
Jake Bliss

cell: (402) 689-5373

On Nov 23, 2020, at 4:01 PM, Rosales, Sylvia <Sylvia.Rosales@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, Jacob.

I understand that you've had an interview with our office for the position of Coleman Fellow to start on Sept. 1, 2021. I must provide this form to everyone who has interview so that I will have this information in the event you are selected to fill the position.

Please fill this in and return to me asap.

Thank you,

Sylvia Rosales, *Office Manager*
TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
Solicitor General's Office
(512) 936-1821

<Info Required at Interview.docx>



KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

KYLE D. HAWKINS
Solicitor General

(512) 936-1700
kyle.hawkins@oag.texas.gov

November 30, 2020

Via U.S. Mail

Hon. _____
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
ADDRESS

Re: Coleman Fellowship in the Office of the Solicitor General

Dear Judge ____:

I am excited to announce that my office will soon begin hiring Coleman Fellows for the term beginning August 2021 and ending August 2022. I would be grateful if you would share this announcement with your law clerks.

The Coleman Fellowship, named after the late Greg Coleman, Texas's first Solicitor General, is an intensive one-year program for aspiring appellate lawyers seeking to gain real-world hands-on experience in a fast-paced appellate practice. Coleman Fellows work in the Texas Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), where they team with the appellate lawyers handling the most consequential appeals on behalf of Texas, its officers, and its agencies. OSG practices in the U.S. Supreme Court, the Texas Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and other state and federal appellate courts.

Most of the Coleman Fellowship involves assisting OSG lawyers with research, writing, and preparing for oral argument. In that role, Coleman Fellows have a unique opportunity to learn first-hand how top appellate practitioners pursue their craft. We further offer Coleman Fellows the opportunity to brief and argue their own appeal as lead counsel under the supervision of an OSG lawyer. Since 2017, each Coleman Fellow has presented at least one oral argument in an appellate court, and we are strongly committed to maintaining that streak.

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The Coleman Fellowship is open to any aspiring appellate practitioner who has completed an appellate clerkship. We are accepting applications now through January 4, 2021. This website has information on how to apply: <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/careers/fellowships-volunteer-programs-and-employment/attorney-general-fellowships/gregory-s-coleman-fellowships>.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope your law clerks will consider applying.

Sincerely,

Kyle D. Hawkins
Solicitor General

Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 5:54 PM
To: Office of the Solicitor General
Subject: Shopping Day

Colleagues,

While we've had to forego many of our favorite traditions this year due to the pandemic, let's retain the longstanding OSG "shopping day" tradition. Pick any day over the next two weeks to have a lunchtime eggnog and get your shopping done. As always, please keep your team members in the loop so they know which day you'll be off.

Cheers,
Kyle

Kyle D. Hawkins
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Bernal-Leon, Marisol

From: Hawkins, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Hawkins, Kyle
Cc: McBride, Rita
Subject: Time

If you're receiving this, it means we're missing your October time. Please submit ASAP. Thank you.