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Re: Contra Costa County Public Law Library Board of Directors

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

This letter serves as my request for reappointment to serve on the Contra Costa County Public Law Library Board of Directors. I was appointed to the Board last March and, having very much enjoyed the opportunity of serving thus far, wish to continue service for the 2016 calendar year.

I was born and raised in Contra Costa County and currently reside in Walnut Creek. Since 2005, I have been employed as an attorney in the Walnut Creek office of McNamara, Ney, Beatty, Slattery, Borges & Ambacher LLP. Enclosed please find a copy of my current curriculum vitae.

As a practitioner in Contra Costa County for more than 9 years, I have a strong interest in the law library. While there has obviously been a shift towards electronic legal research over the past decade, law libraries remain a critical source of legal information for many practitioners, judges, and members of the public given the significant costs associated with services such as Westlaw or LexisNexis. I look forward to the opportunity of working to preserve the vital resources provided by the Contra Costa County Law Library.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,



Nolan S. Armstrong

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EDUCATION

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Juris Doctorate, *with honors*, May 2005

- Thurgood Marshall Scholar 2004-2005 (top 16%-35% of class)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA, SANTA BARBARA, CA

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Minor in History, May 2001

- Dean's Honor List 2000-2001 (quarterly G.P.A. of 3.75 or higher)

WORK EXPERIENCE

MCNAMARA, NEY, BEATTY, SLATTERY, BORGES & AMBACHER, LLP

Walnut Creek, CA

Associate Attorney, November 2005 – December 2011; *Partner*, January 2012 – present

- Gained substantive experience in all types of civil matters, with specialization in personal injury and property damage defense, real estate litigation, professional negligence, and defense of public entities in personal injury, dangerous condition of public property, and inverse condemnation claims
- Second chair for two jury trials: *Johnson v. Pikkarainen*, tried to verdict in Marin County Superior Court in June 2014; *Tuttle v. Dal-Tile, Inc.*, tried to verdict in Sonoma County in November/December 2014
- Sole defense attorney for multiple arbitrations throughout Northern California
- Personally taken over 500 depositions of plaintiffs as well as percipient and expert witnesses
- Argued discovery motions and appeared at pre-trial conferences in California Superior Court and United States District Court

R. JACK CLAPP & ASSOCIATES

Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk, November 2004 – April 2005

- Investigated facts and conducted legal research to evaluate liability in aviation accidents
- Prepared discovery motions and petitions for documents under the Freedom of Information Act

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, DEATH PENALTY REPRESENTATION PROJECT

Washington, D.C.

Intern, January – April 2004

- Gathered and analyzed statistical data regarding death penalty convictions, for inclusion in *amicus* briefs filed in Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Admitted to practice in California, 2005
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/DISTINCTIONS

- Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada (Member of Board of Directors, December 2014 to present)
- Contra Costa County Bar Association
- Contra Costa Law Library Board of Trustees, March 2015 to present
- Super Lawyers – Young Rising Star, 2012 – 2014.