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COLLEGE OF LAW

November 21, 2017

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
Office of the Clerk of the Board
651 Pine Street
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: Contra Costa County Public Law Library Board of Trustees

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I would like to be considered for appointment to the upcoming vacancy on the Contra Costa County Public Law Library's Board of Trustees.

As my Curriculum Vitae reflects, since 2010 I have served as Dean of the John F. Kennedy University College of Law where I am responsible for all aspects of law school operations, including the campus law library. I hope to bring to the Contra Costa County Public Law Library Board of Trustees my experience in law library management gained through my first-hand experience with governance of the JFK University law library, as well as my 37 years of experience in the field of law.

I have been a member of The State Bar of California since 1980. During this period I worked with the State Bar for more than a decade in a variety of capacities, including in the areas of development, administration and grading of the California Bar Examination, as well as serving as the State Bar's representative on the Governing Board of Continuing Education of the Bar.

I have served on a variety of boards and commissions and have held public office, most notably as Mayor of the City of Piedmont from 2010-2012. My practice of law has been augmented by extensive problem-solving work in the field of mediation and arbitration.

It would be an honor to serve the people of Contra Costa County by being a member of the law library's Board of Trustees. As you are well aware, all California county law libraries are presently facing serious economic constraints, and I would look forward to the challenge and opportunity of working with the board and library staff towards solutions of such problems.

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Thank you for your consideration, and I would be pleased to provide such further information as may be needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dean E. Barbieri". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'B'.

Dean E. Barbieri

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Piedmont, California 94611

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

John F. Kennedy University, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, 2013-2017 and Dean of the College of Law, 2010-present

- As SVPAA, chief academic officer for all University colleges and programs.
- As Dean, responsible for all phases of college operation, and faculty and staff performance.
- Member, Law School Council of the State Bar of California.

The State Bar of California, Office of Admissions, San Francisco, CA, 2001-2010 Director for Examinations

- Responsible for development of the California Bar Examination and the California First-Year Law Students' Examination.
- Management, oversight and supervision of examination drafting teams comprised of law school deans, professors and practicing attorneys.
- Extensive interaction with California law school administrators, faculty and students in matters associated with law school accreditation and regulation, bar examination and admission to practice matters.
- Acting Director, Moral Character Determinations.
- Regular speaker on bar examination, accreditation and education matters to law school faculty and administrators, law students and bar admissions administrators.
- Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), Governing Board Member 2005-2010.
- Member, National Conference of Bar Examiners Education Committee and Uniform Bar Examination Committee.
- Council of Bar Admissions Administrators, Chair, Testing Committee.

City of Piedmont, CA, 2004-2012

Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Councilmember

- 2004-Elected to first four-year term, 2008-re-elected to second four-year term.
- 2010-Elected Mayor for two-year term.
- 2008-Elected Vice Mayor.
- Responsible for \$26 million annual balanced budget and negotiation of employment contracts with union, and non-union city personnel and staff.
- Council Liaison to Audit, Pension, Planning, Parks, and Recreation Commissions.
- Member, Piedmont City Council/Piedmont Board of Education Joint Committee.
- Member, numerous regional boards and agencies.
- 1998-2004, Piedmont Recreation Commissioner, Vice Chair 2002-2004.

American Arbitration Association, 1989-present

Mediator and Arbitrator

- Successfully mediated over 300 cases involving business, commercial, construction, contract, personal injury and real estate law matters.
- Sole arbitrator in over 75 cases involving business, commercial, construction, contract, franchise, personal injury, probate and real estate law matters.

First California Real Estate & Mortgage, Alamo, CA, 1998-2001

Broker and General Counsel

- Organized the formation, and served as chief legal counsel, of successful real estate and mortgage loan brokerage firm.
- Originated commercial and residential mortgage loans totaling over \$200 million.

Sellar, Hazard, Snyder, Fitzgerald, McNeely & Alm, Walnut Creek, CA, 1994-1998

Attorney

- Civil litigation and transactional practice with emphasis on ADR, banking, construction, corporate, public entity and real estate matters.
- Firm representative to civic and professional organizations.

Watson, Hoffe and Barbieri, Richmond CA

Partner & Associate, 1981-1994

- Civil litigation and transactional practice with emphasis on ADR, banking, business, commercial, corporate, probate, and real estate law matters.
- Principal outside general counsel to Mechanics Bank.
- Managing partner responsible for firm's hiring and human resources' matters, budget, insurance, library, facilities and IT operations.

The State Bar of California, Office of Admissions, San Francisco, CA, 1982-2000

- Grader for the California Bar Examination and California First-Year Law Students' Examination.
- Adjunct Reappraiser involved with special projects and bar examination development and grading activities.

EDUCATION

University of San Francisco, School of Law, J.D. 1980

University of California, Davis, B.A. Political Science/Public Service 1977

PERSONAL

Member, The State Bar of California, 1980-present

President, Robert G. McGrath American Inn of Court, 2016-present, Member 2011-Present

Member, Board of Directors Contra Costa County Bar Association, 2012-2016

Past President, Rotary Club of Richmond, CA 2001-2002

Member, Rotary Clubs of Richmond, CA and Walnut Creek, CA, 1981-1998

Rotary International District 5160, Chair, Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee 1996-1998; awarded scholarships to college students totaling \$170, 000, annually.