



December 11, 2020

Mr. Charlie Ginn
Chair, SBOT Board of Directors
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VIA Email Only

Dear Chair Ginn:

Please accept this letter as my intent to seek the position of Chair of the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors for the term 2021-2022. Pursuant to the State Bar Board Policy Manual 1.11.03, I believe this letter will be informative to the Board in its selection of the Chair.

As you know, I am a second-year Director. I will confess that, as a first-year Director, this is not a letter I planned on writing; instead, my desire to run for Chair has grown organically over my tenure on the Board. I knew when I campaigned to be the District 2 Director that the State Bar of Texas ("the Bar") was facing a legal challenge to its mandatory bar membership. As the second year of my Director term began, I watched the events unfold in July, August, and September of this year. In short: I felt that the Bar was under attack. It was at that point that I realized how strongly I had grown to feel about the impactful and positive role the Bar plays in the lives and practices of its members. This feeling motivated my desire to run for Chair.

Having been motivated thus, my goal as Chair of the Board would be to work toward unity. Although I do not count myself in their ranks, many political orators have been credited with using some form of the phrase, "united we stand; divided we fall." It is obvious to me that the Bar needs to stand. It needs to stand in support of its members, for the success of its members, in defense of its members, and to the benefit of its members.

Taking steps toward unity and, therefore, a Bar that will stand, requires the following:

- **The members need to know about the great work being done for them by the Bar.** They need to see that this is a Bar worth their support. I believe this is done by taking the *state* bar to the *local* level. We need to personally interact with members, which may be in the form of CLE presentations, panels, or even columns in local bar newsletters.

- **The members and the public need to feel heard.** We cannot be united if a portion, however great or small, of our membership, our colleagues and friends, feel that they are not being heard. The current SBOT leadership has taken specific action this year to accomplish this goal. The Directors listened to and read the comments of members through two specially-called Board of Directors meetings. Hearing people, however, is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor. We must consider the other ways in which we can ensure our fellow members feel heard and adapt our listening.
- **The Directors need to feel empowered to serve the Bar and its members.** Directors are essential to unity: they are the tangible link between the members and the Bar. As such, Directors are the people who will most effectively inform the membership about all of the work done by the Bar and the people who can make the members feel heard. The scrutiny and controversy of the previous months may be discouraging for many of us; however, the Directors must be given the support and tools to engage with the members in their districts.
- **The Chair needs to serve the Directors.** The Directors need a Chair in the upcoming term that will serve their needs and enable them to serve the membership. As with current and past Bar leadership, the Chair needs to keep the Directors focused on the mission statement of the State Bar of Texas. The most often repeated phrase Directors hear from the Chair should be, "How can I help?"

I do not undertake this intent to run for Chair lightly. It is not a position I seek for the sake of having it, but rather one to which I will bring a focused goal, a willingness to work, and an open mind.

Thank you for considering this letter and I look forward to serving with you.

Sincerely,



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EDUCATION

Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, *Fort Worth, Texas*

Juris Doctorate, May 2010

Licensed in the State of Texas, November 2010

Texas Christian University, *Fort Worth, Texas*

Bachelor of Arts, May 2006

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010 – PRESENT Sinclair Law Office, PC, *Tyler, Texas*
Attorney, Family Law
Shareholder since 2015

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2019 – Present District 2 Director, State Bar of Texas
2019 – Present Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
2018 – 2019 President, Smith County Young Lawyers Association
2017, 2018 Selections Chair, Leadership Tyler
2017 – 2018 Vice President, Smith County Young Lawyers Association
2016 – 2017 Secretary/Treasurer, Smith County Young Lawyers
Association
2016 – 2018 Chair, Women's Section of the Smith County Bar
Association
2015, 2016 Interview Team Captain, Leadership Tyler
2015 – 2016 Co-Chair, Women's Section of the Smith County Bar
Association
2013 – 2014 Leadership Tyler, Class 27
2012 – 2019 Board Member for Smith County Young Lawyers
Association
2011 – 2013 Chair, Family Law Section of the Smith County Bar
Association