



Qualifications & Interest Statement

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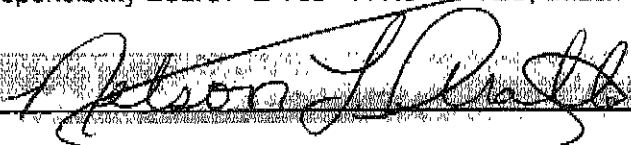
Brief Resume/Qualifications (you may submit a 1-2 page resume): My professional background, including prior experience on CLE panels, qualifies me for a position on the Minnesota CLE Board of Directors. The attached resume provides more detail on the prior CLE panels in which I have participated. In addition, of particular note, I am currently the Co-Chair of the CLE Committee for the 2010 Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Convention, to be held in Minneapolis-St. Paul in September 2010. As co-chair I help oversee a committee charged with delivering high-quality, timely and relevant CLE programming for HNBA Annual Convention attendees.

Statement of Interest: I seek a position on the Minnesota CLE Board of Directors. I have always admired the work of Minnesota CLE and would welcome the opportunity to be a part of its continuing good work. I have been privileged to participate in a few panels sponsored by Minnesota CLE and have enjoyed getting to know a few of the staff involved, such as Tim Morrow. I also have particular interest(s) in: (1) ensuring that CLE programming and coursework continue to be relevant to solo and small firm practitioners, and (2) ensuring/promoting as much participation, involvement and attendance in Minnesota CLE courses by minority lawyers. It would be my hope that were

you to accept my application, I would contribute towards both goals.

Have you ever been subject to public or private disciplinary action by the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board? Yes No **IF YES**, attach an explanation.

Signature



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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Peralta & Peralta, Ltd.

September 2006-present

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Offering services in plaintiff's personal injury, general civil litigation, immigration law, collections and criminal law serving individuals and corporations. The firm handles trials and appeals in both state and federal court. The firm offers bilingual representation to clients who prefer Spanish-speaking counsel.

Capistrant & Associates, P.A.

May 2002 – September 2006

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Handled heavy caseload in personal injury, general litigation and immigration law practice. Tried two personal injury cases to jury verdict, and negotiated settlements in many others. Handled family and employment-based immigration cases. Successfully argued deportation case in Ninth Circuit. *See Acosta-Soriano v. I.N.S.*, 2003 WL 1459956 (9th Cir. 2003).

Livgard & Rabuse, P.L.L.P.

January 2001 – May 2002

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Handled personal injury, general litigation and immigration practice. Tried contract case. Served as second-chair to partner in complex commercial litigation practice.

Peterson, Fishman, Livgard & Capistrant, P.L.L.P.

May 1998 – December 2000

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Handled personal injury and general litigation cases. Tried auto accident cases to jury verdict. Argued cases in Minnesota Court of Appeals. *See Knodel v. Accounting Enhancements, Inc.*, 2001 WL 506877 (Minn. App. 2001); *Ellis v. Wenz*, 1999 WL 1059630 (Minn. App. 1999).

Shutts & Bowen, L.L.P.

November 1996 – December 1997

Miami, Florida

Practiced disability insurance defense for one of Miami's oldest and largest law firms.

Podhurst, Orseck, Josefsberg, et al.

February 1996 – October 1996

Miami, Florida

Provided litigation support for one of Miami's most prominent personal injury law firms.

Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project, Inc.

September 1994 - August 1995

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Performed legal research, drafted pleadings and legal memoranda, and later, took depositions and conducted document review. Also contributed to team of lawyers which had filed significant class-action lawsuit. *See Roman v. Korson*, 918 F.Supp. 1108 (W.D. Mich. 1995).

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Juris Doctor 1993

University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Bachelor of Arts 1991

BAR ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of Minnesota 1998

The Florida Bar 1995 (inactive)

State Bar of Michigan 1995 (inactive)

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit 2003

U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota 1998, Southern District of Florida 1997,

Central District of Florida 1997, Western District of Michigan 1995

BAR ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association

- President 2005-06; President-Elect 2004-05; Vice-President 2003-04
- Recipient, *Distinguished Service Award*, March 2007

Minnesota State Bar Association

- Recipient, *Award of Professional Excellence*, June 2009
- Assembly Representative 2005-06, and Minority Bar Summit Representative 2005-06
- Diversity Task Force Member 2005-06; Co-Chair of Individual Survey Subcommittee
 - The Task Force was honored with the MSBA *President's Award*, June 2006

Hennepin County Bar Association

- CLE panelist, *How to Start Your Own Law Firm*, December 2007
- CLE panelist on diversity: *Where do we go from here?* February 2007
- Author, "Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association: Striving to Lead & Succeed," *The Hennepin Lawyer*, 2006
- Linea Legal Latina, Steering Committee member and attorney volunteer, 2006-present

Minnesota Association for Justice

- CLE panelist on results of Diversity Task Force, May 2006
- Author, "Why It's Important to be a *Civil Civil Litigator*," *Minnesota Trial Lawyer*, 2002

Hispanic National Bar Association 2005-present

Co-Chair, Twin Cities HNBA 2010 Convention, Continuing Legal Education Committee

Co-Chair, 12th Annual HNBA Moot Court Competition, Twin Cities, March 2007

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

- Recipient, *25 on the Rise Award*, November 2008

Minnesota CLE

- CLE Panelist, *Understanding Diverse Cultures and Working with Diverse Clients*, Real Estate Institute, November 2009

American Immigration Lawyers Association 2001-05, 2008-present

Voted Rising Star by *Minnesota Law & Politics* magazine, 2000 & 2003

COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Chair, Escuela de Padres, Windom Dual Immersion School PTO, 2009 - present

Lyndale Farmstead T-ball coach, Summer 2009

Centro Legal, Inc., Board of Directors, May 2008 – present

University of Michigan Twin Cities Club, President 2005-2007

Law Alumni Basketball League, Captain 2004-present, Player 1998-present

Twin Cities Marathon 1999, 2002, 2004; Grandma's Marathon 1998, 1999

Basilica of St. Mary, Member 1998-present, Nursery volunteer 2004-present

LANGUAGES: English, Spanish