

# **Board Appointment Form**

**Submitted On:** Oct 5, 2022, 09:51AM MDT

# City Clerk

| Appointing Office   | Representative District 1  |
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| Type of Agenda  | Consent  |
| Date of Council Meeting   | Tuesday, October 11, 2022  |
| Agenda Posting Language   | Appointment of Maxey M Scherr to the Women's Rights Commission by City Representative Peter Svarzbein, District 1. |
| Name of Board/Committee/Commission  | Women's Rights Commission  |
| Appointment Type  | Regular  |
| Special Qualification Category (if applicable)  |  |
| Nominated By  | Representative Peter Svarzbein   |
| Nominee Name  | Maxey Scherr   |
| Nominee Email Address   |  |
| Nominee Mailing Address   |  |
| Zip Code  |  |
| Nominee Primary Phone Number  |  |
| Does the proposed appointee have a relative working for the city?                               | NO   |
| Has appointee been a member of other city boards / commissions / committees?                    | YES  |
| If so, please provide names and dates.  | Ethics Commission  |
| List all real estate owned by appointee in El<br>Paso County (by address, if none, enter 'N/A') | N/A  |
| Who was the last person to have held the position before it became vacant?                      | N/A  |
| Incumbent Expiration Date   | September 01, 2022   |
| Reason person is no longer in office  | Term Expired   |
| Date of Appointment   | October 11, 2022   |
| Term begins on  | September 01, 2022   |
| Expiration Date of New Appointee  | August 31, 2024  |
| Term  | 1st Term   |
| Upload File(s)  | Resume base.doc  |

# Attorney-at-Law

Strategic, focused attorney with over 13 years of litigation experience and successful results counseling clients and managing diverse cases in state and federal courts. Specialities include wrongful death, brain injury, trucking cases, dramshop cases and railroad incidents. Confidently manages all stages of litigation, with the ability to develop and deliver sound, persuasive arguments that support successful verdicts and high-value settlements.

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS & AFFILIATIONS**

Texas (admitted May 2009) New Mexico (admitted May 2010) Illinois (admitted December 2014)

# **WORK HISTORY**

# Scherr Law Firm PLLC - El Paso, TX

Present

L=Founder of boutique litigation practice specializing in the areas of serious personal injury and wrongful death cases

# Schert & Legate PLLC - El Paso, TX

2008 to 2021

Litigation practice specializing in the areas of personal injury, products liability, wrongful death, employment law

#### ATTORNEY

Represent clients in civil litigation matters, managing cases from intake to final disposition at trial in both first chair and second chair roles. Research claims, write and file petitions, develop case strategy, manage discovery and disclosure processes, and represent clients in court hearings, trials, arbitrations, and mediations. Conduct research, author briefs, and argue summary judgments as well as appeals. Provide coaching for depositions and testimony. Supervise group of up to 60 staffers and recruit, select, and train law clerks.

# United Nations & Independent Jamaica Council for Human Rights - Kingston, Jamaica

2007

Non governmental human rights organization, part of the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

#### LEGAL INTERN

Oversaw legal department and team in delivery of client services, including representation in criminal, civil, and constitutional matters. Conducted interviews, prepared memos, briefings and pleadings, and represented organization at conferences and hearings across Jamaica.

- Researched, authored, and edited a well-received article on governmental corruption, published in 2007 in United Nations Council and Caribbean Rights Journal.
- Created and presented "Know Your Rights" campaign that explained the universal declaration of human rights, adopted by Jamaica, and informed citizens of their rights regarding healthcare, education, and civil/human rights. Delivered training at local schools, prisons, and community centers.
- \* Handwrote new training guidelines for Jamaican Police Force and visited units across the country to train officers on implementing human rights in everyday practices.

#### United States House of Representatives / Congressman Silvestre Reyes - Washington, DC

2006

Office of the (former) U.S. Representative for Texas's 16th congressional district.

#### LEGISLATIVE INTERN

Drafted press releases, bills, and speeches supporting Congressman's positions. Researched past legislation, attended conferences and congressional briefings, and met with politicians on a variety of issues including finance, banking, taxes, human rights, immigration, veterans' affairs, and Social Security.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ROLES**

**United States Senate Candidate** in the 2014 Democratic Primary: Platform was routinely featured on Nationwide, Statewide and local media and included emphasis on equality regardless of gender, skin color, sexual orientation and/or socioeconomic standing. Endorsed and assisted by numerous organizations, politicians, academic leaders and entities.

# **EDUCATION**

### Juris Doctor | Texas Tech School of Law, Lubbock, TX

2008

- Juris Prudence Awards for Excellence in Tax, Criminal Law, Trial Advocacy
- Philanthropy Chair Women's Causes

### Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (magna cum laude) | University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA

2005

- Presidential Scholar & Upward Bound Presenter/Speaker

# **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ROLES**

Rising Star, Texas Super Lawyer

Vice-President, El Paso Women's Bar Association

Board of Directors, Texas Trial Lawyers Association

Board Member, State Bar of Texas Rules of Evidence Committee

Licensed Mediator, State of Texas, since December 2007

Board Member, El Paso County Ethics Commission, Mayoral Appointee, since April 2010

Board Member, GiGi's Playhouse

Campaign Experience: Barack Obama Campaign, Bill White for Texas Campaign, Hillary Clinton Campaign, Judge William Moody for Supreme Court of Texas Campaign, Joe Moody for Texas Campaign, Kerry for Massachusetts Campaign

Texas Trial Lawyers | New Mexico Trial Lawyers | ABA Young Leader Representative | Mexican Bar Association Member

Women's Bar Member | El Paso Women's Bar Member

Voter's Registration Representative