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Via E-Mail Only (council@lakewoodoh.net)

Mary Hagan
Clerk of Council
12650 Detroit Road
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Re: Application for City Council Vacancy

Dear Ms. Hagan:

Please allow this letter to serve as my application for appointment to Councilmember Nickie J. Antonio's City Council seat. I am a fourth-generation Lakewood resident, and I am proud to raise my family in this city. Serving on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Citizens' Advisory Committee allows me to give back to my hometown, but I am ready to do more for Lakewood.

For your reference, I enclose a copy of my current résumé. My law practice allows me to assist with the resolution of conflicts in a variety of areas, which experience would carry over into my role as a Member of Council. I also currently serve as the Chair of the Branch Advisory Board of the Lakewood YMCA. My involvement with the various Lakewood-related boards and committees continually reminds me of our dynamic and progressive community, but it also helps me understand the difficult challenges currently facing Lakewood. By serving on City Council, I want to help our city meet these challenges and move forward accordingly.

Thank you very much for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio (2005); U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio (2006).

WORK EXPERIENCE

SCHNEIDER, SMELTZ, RANNEY & LaFOND, P.L.L., Cleveland, OH

Associate Attorney, 8/06 – present

- Serve as an associate in the Litigation and Family Law practice areas. Trial advocacy practice includes first-chair jury trial experience in the Court of Common Pleas, first- and second-chair bench trial experience in both the General Division and the Division of Domestic Relations of the Court of Common Pleas, and second-chair bench trial experience in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio. Represent businesses and individuals regarding commercial litigation matters such as business torts, contract disputes, issues involving non-compete covenants, and shareholder disputes. Act as primary attorney on a wide variety of family law matters including divorces, dissolutions, post-decree motions, and the preparation and review of prenuptial agreements. Experience in Alternative Dispute Resolution methods, including arbitration and mediation. Assist in representation of clients in appellate matters.

LAW OFFICE OF WILLIAM T. DOYLE, Cleveland, OH

Associate Attorney, 11/05 – 8/06

Law Clerk, 8/05 – 11/05

- Assisted in preparation for state and federal criminal trials and attended pre-trial conferences; researched and wrote memoranda, briefs, and motions in the areas of criminal law and general civil litigation; interviewed clients. Assisted the Prosecutor for the City of University Heights, Ohio, in managing the city's criminal and traffic court dockets.

THOMAS & LIBOWITZ, P.A., Baltimore, MD

Law Clerk, 5/04 – 5/05

- Wrote memoranda, briefs, and motions concentrated in areas of insurance defense and commercial litigation; assisted with interviewing clients; daily research of statutes and case law. Worked closely with one of the firm's senior litigation partners.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC

Congressional Fellow for Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones, 9/03 - 12/03

- Researched and drafted legislation, wrote talking points, press releases, and Dear Colleague letters for the Congresswoman. Attended several meetings and briefings along with and in place of aides and staffers.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW, Baltimore, MD

Juris Doctor, May 2005

- Member, Phi Delta Phi, The International Legal Fraternity
- Class Representative, Student Bar Association

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND, Baltimore, MD

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, *cum laude*, May 2002

- Member of the Honors Program
- President, Student Government Association

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY, Co. Galway, Ireland

- Studied abroad Fall 2000

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Associate, Judge John M. Manos Inn of Court

Member, Lakewood Board of Zoning Appeals

Member, Lakewood Citizens' Advisory Committee (Co-Chair, 2009-present)

Member, Lakewood Family YMCA Branch Community Advisory Board (Chair, 2010-2011)

Member, Center for Principled Family Advocacy

Representative, Ohio State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Council

Participant, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association "3R's" Program