



TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

G. K. MAENIUS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

September 8, 2016

Ms. Lara Aman
President
Tarrant County Probate Bar Association
500 W. 7th, 15th Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Ms. Aman:

Judge Patrick W. Ferchill has submitted his resignation as the statutory probate judge of Tarrant County Probate Court No. 2, effective August 31, 2016. After thirty-seven (37) years of service to Tarrant County, Judge Ferchill is retiring from county service. In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 25.0009, and Texas Local Government Code, Section 87.041, the Commissioners Court is responsible for the filling of this Probate Court vacancy.

The Commissioners Court will be receiving resumes for the Probate Court vacancy through Friday, September 23, 2016. The resumes should be sent to G. K. Maenius, Tarrant County Administrator, 100 E. Weatherford St., Fort Worth, Texas 76196. Alternatively, resumes may be submitted electronically to gkmaenius@tarrantcounty.com. Attached to this letter are the qualifications for this position at the time of appointment. Once appointed, the individual selected will serve the unexpired term which ends on December 31, 2018.

We are requesting your assistance in publicizing this vacancy and the Court's efforts in filling the position. Please make this letter, including the attachment, available to the members of your Bar Association. If I can provide any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

G. K. Maenius
County Administrator

Attachment
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The statutory probate judge has jurisdiction relating to:

- Decedents' estates
- Trusts (inter vivos, testamentary, and charitable)
- Proceedings under the Texas Mental Health Code (mental health commitments)
- Guardianships for incapacitated persons and minors
- Emergency Orders for Protective Services under the Human Resources Code
- and other duties as provided by law.

A wide range of subjects may be litigated in probate court in connection with an estate, guardianship, or trust, including any type of civil litigation including but not limited to personal injury, property damage, breach of fiduciary duty, and family law.

Qualifications of Statutory Probate Court Judge at the time of appointment:

- be at least 25 years of age;
- be a United States citizen and have resided in the county for at least two years before appointment;
- be a licensed attorney in this state in good standing who has practiced law or served as a judge of a court in this state, or both combined, for the four years preceding election or appointment, unless otherwise provided for by law;
- have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
 - (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or
 - (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
- at the time of the appointment, be registered to vote in Tarrant County
- be bondable as required by law;
- following appointment, may not engage in the private practice of law;
- not be related to any member of the Tarrant County Commissioners Court within the nepotism prohibition; and
- be (and thereafter remain) current as to all continuing education requirements