

THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

MISC. DOCKET NO. 97-

Certification of an Approved Legal Assistance Organization

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby certifies WEST TEXAS LEGAL SERVICES as an approved legal assistance organization under the State Bar Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Participation Program pursuant to Article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules.

As ordered by the Supreme Court of Texas, in chambers,

with the Seal thereof affixed at the City of Austin, this 30th day of September, 1997.

JOHN T. ADAMS, CLERK SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

STATE BAR OF TEXAS



ADMINISTRATIVE

TEXAS LAWYERS CARE

August 1, 1997

John T. Adams
Clerk, Supreme Court of Texas
Supreme Court Building
P.O. Box 12248
Austin, Texas 78711

Re:

Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Participation Program, Article XIII, Texas State Bar Rules William R. Hendrickson of Carrollton, Texas and West Texas Legal Services of Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed please find application documents for the above referenced attorney and legal services organization. The first set of documents are those necessary to certify West Texas Legal Services as an approved legal assistance organization. Behind the petition please find the certification which requires your signature. The State Bar agrees that this organization does qualify as an approved legal assistance organization.

The next set of documents are those necessary for the certification of the individual attorney as an emeritus attorney with West Texas Legal Services. Included with those documents are the notarized statement of the emeritus attorney applicant and a certification from the State Bar of Texas indicating Mr. Hendrickson's status and his meeting the eligibility requirements. The last document in this set is the certification of emeritus attorney which also must be signed by you. The State Bar agrees that this applicant does fulfill the requirements for eligibility for certification as an emeritus attorney.

I appreciate your assistance in processing these forms. By certifying this attorney to do pro bono legal services to the poor under the supervision of a West Texas Legal Services attorney, many low-income clients, who otherwise would not have been provided legal services, will be assisted. If you have any questions please contact me at 463-1463, ext. 2155.

We have provided copies of both sets of documents. If convenient, please send me copies of the two certification documents. Again, thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Julie Oliver
Executive Director
Enclosures

SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

IN RE:

Emeritus Attorney

Certification of West Texas Legal Services as an approved legal assistance organization pursuant to article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules.

PETITION

West Texas Legal Services, Petitioner, pursuant to article XIII, Section 2 (c), of the Texas State Bar Rules, petitions this Court to certify it as an approved legal assistance organization for the purpose of allowing eligible lawyers to practice under article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules and as grounds would show:

- 1. Petitioner is a Texas, not-for-profit organization. It was formed in December 17, 1951, for the purpose of providing free legal services to indigent persons within 103 Counties. Petitioner accepts no fees or other payment from its clients for legal services rendered. Petitioner is structured as follows:
- 2. Petitioner operates offices in the cities of Ft Worth, Denton, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Planview, Amarillo, San Angelo, Abilene, and Wichita Falls.
- 3. Petitioner's major sources of funding are Legal Services Corporation and IOLTA.
- 4. The criteria used to determine potential clients's eligibility for legal services performed by Petitioner are 125 % above federal poverty guidelines.
- 5. Petitioner provides its clients with the following types of legal and nonlegal services. West Texas Legal Services offers assistance with housing, government benefits, health, medical care, utility problems, family law, and consumer law and other civil matters.
- 6. Presently, Petitioner employs the following members of the Texas Bar.

Jesse Gaines Vernon Lewis

Deputy Director Managing Attorney

Executive Director

Yogesh Nanji Monica Beck

Unit Supervisor Unit Supervisor

Keith Daniels
Catherine Turner

Attomey

Joseph Brown

Attorney

Attorney
Attorney

John Kennedy Managing Attorney

Erin Bowden Attorney
Leslie Shopf Attorney
Catina Malone Attorney
Kevin Dietz Attorney

Art Oken Managing Attorney

Jennifer Ramos Attorney

Rosanne Pitt Managing Attorney

Wendy Scott Attorney
Teresa Trowers Attorney
Frank King Attorney

Arturo Urteaga Managing Attorney
Margarita Marmolejo Managing Attorney
George Elliott Managing Attorney

Cynthia Davidson

Criselda Paz Managing Attorney

Robert Elliott Attorney

Scott McMichael Managing Attorney

7. Petitioner has acquired the following malpractice insurance which will cover any emeritus attorney working with Petitioner, CIMA Companies, INC.

Attorney

8. Petitioner's main office is located at 600 E. Weatherford, Texas 76201. Its area code and telephone number are 817 383-1406.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests this Court to Certify it as an approved legal assistance organization pursuant to article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules.

DATED this <u>28</u> day of <u>54</u>,71997.

Jesse Gaines Attorney at Law Executive Director

600 E. Weatherford, Texas 76102

(817) 336-3943

WEST TEXAS LEGAL SERVICES

600 East Weatherford Fort Worth, Texas 76102 (817) 877-0609

July 25, 1997

John T. Adams
Clerk, Supreme Court of Texas
Supreme Court Building
P.O. Box 12248
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Participation Program Article XIII, Texas State Bar Rules

Dear Mr. Adams:

West Texas Legal Services is an approved legal assistance organization under the emeritus Attorney Pro Bon Bono Participation Program.

Enclosed are:

- (1) a sworn statement by William R. Hendrickson that he meets the requirements set forth in the rule governing this program.
- (2) a certificate from the highest court or agency governing the practice of law in the state, territory or district in which he has previously been licensed stating he has fulfilled the requirements of active Bar membership and has a clear disciplinary record as required under this rule.

Furthermore, I certify that William R. Hendrickson is currently associated with this organization and that Arthur J. Oken, a member in good standing of the Texas Bar and employed by West Texas Legal Services this organization, has been approved by me to be the supervising attorney.

I, therefore, request that William R. Hendrickson be approved as an emeritus attorney for West Texas Legal Services under the supervision of Arthur J. Oken according to the provisions of Article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jess Gaines, Executive Director

PRIVATE ATTORNEY INVOLVEMENT

WEST TEXAS LEGAL SERVICES 121 West Hickory Street Denton, Texas 76201-4115

Reply to Attention of: Sandra D. Farahani,

Telephone: Toll Free:

(817) 383-1406 (800) 955-1407

July 18, 1997

Jesse Gaines, Director West Texas Legal Services 600 W. Weatherford Ft. Worth, Texas 76201

RE: Emeritus Attorney Statement

Dear Mr. Gaines:

As an applicant for the Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Program under article XIII of the State Bar Rules:

- (1) I have read and am familiar with the Code of Professional Responsibility as adopted by the Supreme Court of Texas, and will abide by its provisions;
- (2) I submit to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Texas and the State Bar of Texas for disciplinary purposes, as defined by article X of the State Bar Rules and as set forth in this rule.

I certify that I have graduated from the University of Denver, a law school accredited by the American Bar Association, and have not failed the Texas Bar examination three or more times.

I further certify that I have not been disciplined for professional misconduct by the Bar of courts of any jurisdiction within the past ten years.

William R. Hendrickson

Signature 59454555

1004 Kenbob Circle, Carrollton, Texas 75007-1323

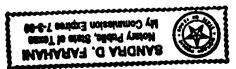
Subscribed and acknowledged before me by William R

Hendlickson this /874 day of July

1997.

Signature

Sandra D. Farahani
Notary Public in and for Penton County, Texas
My commission expires: 9399



STATE BAR OF TEXAS



August 1, 1997

Jesse Gaines, Director West Texas Legal Services 600 W. Weatherford Fort Worth, Texas 76201

Re:

Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Participation Program,

Article XIII, Texas State Bar Rules

Dear Mr. Gaines:

I certify that William R. Hendrickson

- (1) has been engaged in the active practice of law for a minimum of five (5) out of the immediately preceding ten (10) years:
- (2) has been a member in good standing before The State Bar of Texas, governing the practice of law in Texas, and has not been disciplined for professional misconduct in this jurisdiction within the past ten (10) years.

Submitted by:

Steve Young

General Counsel, State Bar of Texas



THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

CHIEF JUSTICE

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASS'T NADINE SCHNEIDER

October 1, 1997

Ms. Julie Oliver Texas Lawyers Care State Bar of Texas Post Office Box 12487 Austin, Texas 78711

Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Participation Program - William R. Hendrickson and West Texas Legal Services.

Dear Ms. Oliver,

Please find copies of orders of the Supreme Court of September 30, 1997 pertaining to the above reference.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams Clerk

Encl.

Mr. Jesse Gaines cc:

Mr. Arthur J. Oken

Mr. William R. Hendrickson