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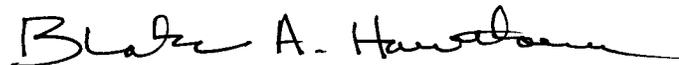
Misc. Docket No. 12- 9141

Certification of Emeritus Attorney

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby certifies Rita Irani as an Emeritus Attorney pursuant to Article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules. As such, Rita Irani is eligible to participate in the Texas State Bar Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Program. She may perform the services allowed by the State Bar Rules, only in association with the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, an approved legal assistance organization. Services performed by Rita Irani must be performed under the supervision of Carel L. Stith of the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program.

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

with the Seal thereof affixed at the City
Of Austin, this 27~~th~~ day of August 2012.



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SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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August 27, 2012

Blake Hawthorne
Clerk, Supreme Court of Texas
Supreme Court Building
P.O. Box 12248
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Participation Program, Article XIII, State Bar Rules
Attorney: Rita Irani

Dear Mr. Hawthorne:

Enclosed please find an Emeritus application/certification packet for Ms. Rita Irani. Ms. Irani requests that the Supreme Court of Texas reapprove her as an Emeritus attorney. Her previous supervising attorney has retired from the program, and a new one has been appointed. Upon approval, she will continue to perform pro bono legal services with the Houston Bar Association's Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (HVLP), which is an organization the Supreme Court of Texas certified as an "approved legal assistance organization" in 1988.¹ Enclosed in the packet are:

- 1) Letter of support for the Emeritus attorney applicant from HVLP's Director, Alissa Rubin;
- 2) Notarized statement of Emeritus attorney applicant indicating that she meets Emeritus attorney criteria set forth under Article XIII of the State Bar Rules;
- 3) Ms. Irani's previous Emeritus Attorney certification; and
- 4) "Certification of Emeritus Attorney" document *for the Court to sign*, should it approve the attorney as an Emeritus volunteer.

If the volunteer is approved by the Court, please sign and return the "Certification of Emeritus Attorney" to our office so that Ms. Irani may continue volunteering with HVLP.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 427-1855.

Sincerely yours,

Cathryn Ibarra
Program Attorney, Legal Services Support Division

Enclosures

¹ A copy of this certification is attached to this letter for your convenience.

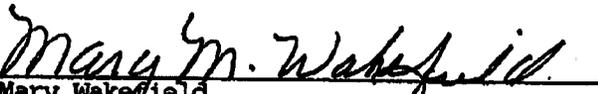
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IN RE
Certification of
Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program
as an approved legal assistance
organization pursuant to Article XIII
of the Texas State Bar Rules

CERTIFICATION OF AN APPROVED
LEGAL ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION

THIS MATTER is before the Court for certification of an approved legal assistance program pursuant to Article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules.

Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program is accordingly certified as an approved legal assistance organization in the State Bar of Texas' Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Participation Program.


Mary Wakefield
Clerk, Texas Supreme Court

Conformed copies to:

Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program

this 28th day of November, 1988.





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

Dear Mr. Hawthorne:

Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program is an approved legal assistance organization under the Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Participation Program.

Enclosed are:

- (1) a sworn statement by Rita Irani that she 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 she has previously been licensed stating she has fulfilled the requirements of active Bar membership and has a clear disciplinary record as required under this rule.

Furthermore, I certify that Rita Irani is currently associated with this organization and that Carel L. Stith a member in good standing of the Texas Bar and employed by (or participating as a volunteer with) this organization, has been approved by me to be the supervising attorney.

I, therefore, request that Rita Irani be approved as an emeritus attorney for Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program under the supervision of Carel L. Stith according to the provisions of Article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules.

Respectfully submitted by:

Alissa Rubin
Director

6/25/12

7718 Stonesdale Drive
Houston, TX 77095
May 14, 2011

David Mandell, Executive Director
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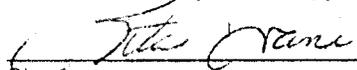
Re: Emeritus Attorney Statement

Dear Mr. Mandell:

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

- (1) I certify that I have graduated from Duquesne University School of Law, a law school accredited by the American Bar Association, and have not failed the Texas Bar examination three or more times:
- (2) 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:
- (3) 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:
- (4) My Texas Bar Card number is 10409700.
- (5) I will neither ask for nor receive compensation of any kind for the legal services authorized by this rule.
- (6) I further certify that I have not been disciplined for professional misconduct by the Bar or Court of any jurisdiction within the past fifteen years.

Rita M. Irani
(emeritus attorney's name typed)

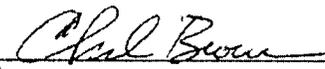


Signature

7718 Stonesdale Drive
Houston, TX 77095

Subscribed and acknowledged before me by Rita Irani this 17 day of
May, 2011.





Signature

Chad Brown

(print name)
Notary Public in and for Harris County, Texas
My commission expires: 11/01/2014