

THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 12- 9161

Certification of Emeritus Attorney

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby certifies Frances Hamermesh as an Emeritus Attorney pursuant to Article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules. As such, Frances Hamermesh 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 Texas C-BAR, a project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, an approved legal assistance organization. Services performed by Frances Hamermesh must be performed under the supervision of Dorothy Ann Johnson of Texas C-BAR.

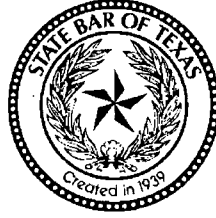
As ordered by the Supreme Court of Texas, in chambers,

with the Seal thereof affixed at the City
Of Austin, this ~~28th~~ day of September 2012.



BLAKE A. HAWTHORNE, CLERK
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September 27, 2012

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

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

Dear Mr. Hawthorne:

Enclosed please find certification documents for Ms. Frances Hamermesh. Ms. Hamermesh requests that the Supreme Court of Texas approve her as an Emeritus attorney. Upon approval, she will perform pro bono legal services with Texas C-Bar, a project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, which is an organization the Supreme Court of Texas certified as an "approved legal assistance organization" in 2011.¹ Enclosed in the packet are:

- 1) Letter of support for the Emeritus attorney applicant from Texas C-Bar Director, Frances Leos Martinez;
- 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) Letter from the State Bar of Texas certifying that the attorney is in good standing and was engaged in the active practice of law for a minimum of five out of the last ten years immediately preceding their Emeritus attorney applications; and
- 4) "Certification of Emeritus Attorney" document *for the Court to sign*, should it approve the attorney as an Emeritus volunteer.

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 Texas C-BAR 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 427-1839.

Again, thank you for your assistance.

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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-Frances Leos Martinez, 512-374-2710

September 12, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Hawthorne:

Texas C-BAR, a project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, is an approved legal assistance organization under the Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Participation Program.

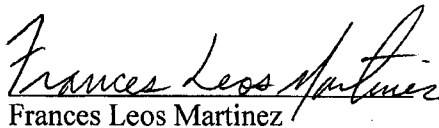
Enclosed are:

- (1) a sworn statement by Frances Hamermesh that s/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 s/he has previously been licensed stating s/he has fulfilled the requirements of active Bar membership and has a clear disciplinary record as required under this rule.

Furthermore, I certify that Frances Hamermesh is currently associated with this organization and that Dorothy Ann Johnson a member in good standing of the Texas Bar and employed by this organization, has been approved by me to be the supervising attorney.

I, therefore, request that Frances Hamermesh be approved as an emeritus attorney for Texas C-BAR under the supervision of Dorothy Ann Johnson according to the provisions of Article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules.

Respectfully submitted by:



Frances Leos Martinez
Director, Texas C-BAR

4101 Firstview Drive
Austin, TX 78731

July 11, 2012

Frances Leos Martinez
Director
Texas CBAR
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Austin, Texas 78751

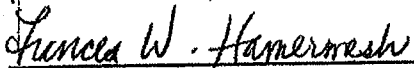
Re: Emeritus Attorney Statement

Dear Ms. Martinez:

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 the Law School of the University of Michigan, 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) [If a Texas attorney] My Texas Bar Card number is 00788806.
- (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.

Frances W. Hamermesh
(emeritus attorney's name typed)



Signature
4101 Firstview Drive
Austin, TX 78731

Subscribed and acknowledged before me by Frances Hamermesh this 12th day of July, 2012.

Signature

(print name)

Notary Public in and for Travis County, Texas

My commission expires: May 20, 2016



STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Membership Department

September 27, 2012

Frances Leos Martinez, Director
Texas C-BAR
4920 N IH-35
Austin, TX 78751

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

Dear Ms. Leos Martinez;

I certify that Frances Witty Hamermesh:

- (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 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:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra L. Gavin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sandra L. Gavin
Administrative Assistant IV, Membership Dept.