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BACKGROUND:

Lived in Tarrant County since 2003, residing in Fort Worth and Arlington for over 10 years, and then living in Colleyville since 2016. Born in Borger, Texas and is a Fifth Generation Texan. Scholarship baseball player at Blinn Junior College in Brenham, Texas from 1990-91. Graduated from University of Texas at Austin in 1995.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduated cum laude from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 2000. Law clerk from 2000-2001 for the Honorable John H. McBryde, United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division.

From 2001 to 2004, was an associate attorney in Dallas office for Thompson & Knight, LLP. From 2004 to 2019, was an associate and then partner for Hallett & Perrin, PC, specializing in large, complex business cases. In January 2023, started his own law firm, VerisLaw, PLLC, which has offices in Colleyville and Austin, Texas.

Texas Super Lawer Since 2020. In 2011, was a Texas Super Lawyers – Rising Star. Designated by Martindale-Hubbel as BV Distinguished and Peer Review Rated for having the highest ethical standards.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Tarrant Appraisal District Board Member – 2024-2025

Board Member for Tarrant County Bar Association, Construction Division 2025 Attends both Legacy Church of Christ in North Richland Hills and The Hills Church in Keller, Texas. Actively involved with youth sports in Colleyville since 2017. Was a candidate in the May 2024 election for Place 2 on the Board of Trustees for the Grapevine Colleyville Independent School District.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DUTIES OF MEMBER OF TARRANT APPRAISAL DISTRICT (TAD) BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)

According to Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.0302, an individual <u>may not be appointed to an appointive position on the board of directors</u> and <u>may not file an application for a place on the ballot for an elective position</u> on the board of directors of an appraisal district unless the individual has signed and submitted this acknowledgement to the Chief Appraiser.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the duties of a member of the board of directors of an appraisal district. I understand that the statutory responsibilities include:

- (1) establishing the appraisal district office;
- (2) hiring a chief appraiser;
- (3) adopting the appraisal district's annual operating budget after filing notice and holding a public hearing;
- (4) adopting a new budget if voting taxing units disapprove of the initial budget;
- (5) determining whether to remove members of the appraisal review board if the board of directors of the appraisal district is the appointing authority and potential grounds for removal arise;
- (6) notifying voting taxing units of any vacancy in an appointive position on the board and electing a replacement from submitted nominees;
- (7) appointing a person to fill a vacancy in an elective position on the board;
- (8) electing a chairman and a secretary of the board at the first meeting each year;
- (9) holding board meetings at least quarterly;
- (10) developing and implementing policies regarding reasonable access to the board;
- (11) preparing information describing the board's functions and complaint procedures and making that information available to the public and to participating taxing units;
- (12) notifying parties to a complaint filed with the board of the status of the complaint, unless otherwise provided;
- (13) in populous counties, appointing a taxpayer liaison officer and deputy taxpayer liaison officers;
- (14) annually evaluating the performance of the taxpayer liaison officer and any deputy taxpayer liaison officers, including reviewing the timeliness of complaint resolution;
- (15) referring matters investigated by a taxpayer liaison officer relating to the appraisal review board's conduct to the local administrative district judge with a recommendation;

- (16) developing a biennial written plan for the periodic reappraisal of all property in the appraisal district, filing notice and holding a public hearing on the plan, approving the plan, and distributing copies of the plan to participating taxing units and the comptroller;
- (17) making agreements with newly formed taxing units on an estimated budget allocation for that taxing unit;
- (18) having an annual financial audit prepared by an independent certified public accountant, delivering a copy of the audit to each voting taxing unit, and making the audit available for inspection at the appraisal district office;
- (19) designating the appraisal district depository biennially;
- (20) receiving resolutions from voting taxing units disapproving of board actions;
- (21) adhering to Local Government Code requirements for purchasing and entering into contracts;
- (22) providing advice and consent to the chief appraiser concerning the appointment of an agricultural appraisal advisory board and determining the number of members of that advisory board;
- (23) adhering to laws concerning the preservation, microfilming, destruction, or other disposition of records; and
- (24) adopting and implementing a policy for the temporary replacement of a member of an appraisal review board who violates ex-parte communication requirements.

"Furthermore, I recognize that the board does not appraise property or review the value of individual properties. I acknowledge that tax rates and tax burdens are determined by applicable taxing jurisdictions, not the appraisal district board of directors."

