



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

APPELLATE SECTION Pro Bono Committee

[Date]

[Pro Se Party & Address]

RE: Case Number: []
 Court of Appeals Number: []
 Trial Court Number: []

STYLE: []

Dear [Pro Se Party]:

The State Bar of Texas Appellate Section Pro Bono Committee has been informed that your case has been referred to the Supreme Court of Texas' Pro Bono Pilot Program ("Pro Bono Program"). If you are financially eligible and choose to participate in the Program, we will work to find a volunteer lawyer to represent you in preparing your briefs on the merits and presenting oral argument, if the Court requests it, to the Supreme Court. You will not be responsible for paying any legal fees for this representation. Additional information about the Pro Bono Program can be found at www.tex-app.org, or I can send you our *Guide to Practice Before the Supreme Court of Texas*, which explains the procedures before the Court and the Pro Bono Program if you request it.

If you want to participate in the Pro Bono Program, please be advised that we will be sending background information about this case that is publicly available, including copies of the briefs previously filed, to our volunteer lawyers via an electronic Listserv, and also post this information on the Internet, in an attempt to match you with a volunteer lawyer. We will also be discussing this information with potential volunteers.

Your participation in the Pro Bono Program is conditioned upon a finding that you are financially eligible. What that means is that you either: (a) filed an affidavit of indigence in accordance with Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 20, are proceeding without paying costs of court, and either no contest was made to the affidavit, or the contest was sustained in your favor; or (b) your income level

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satisfies the requirements for the appointment of pro bono counsel under a program funded by the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (“IOLTA”) program. If you do not currently have an affidavit of indigence on file with the Court, the Committee will work with you to determine your financial eligibility. You may be required to submit an affidavit and/or documentation regarding your financial circumstances as a condition to your participation in the Pro Bono Project.

Participation in this Program is purely voluntary, and as the Court has indicated, if you would like to participate, please complete the attached application within thirty (30) days of the letter you received from the Court and send to the Program Liaison at the following address:

Marcy Hogan Greer
Program Liaison
Supreme Court Pro Bono Pilot Program
c/o Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.
600 Congress, Suite 2400
Austin, Texas 78701
mgreer@fulbright.com

If you inform me that you would like to participate in the Pro Bono Program we will work on finding a volunteer lawyer to represent you before the Texas Supreme Court. In the next two weeks, I will send you a letter that indicates the results of our efforts. If we are successful in placing your case, I will provide information regarding the name and contact information for the volunteer attorney, and you will have fourteen (14) days from the date of that letter to object to the placement. Otherwise, the volunteer lawyer will contact you and file notice with the Supreme Court that he or she will be representing you in the matter.

In the meantime, if you have questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Very truly yours,

Marcy Hogan Greer

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Marcy Hogan Greer
Program Liaison
Supreme Court Pro Bono Pilot Program
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600 Congress, Suite 2400
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: No. [Supreme Court docket number], [name of case]

Dear Ms. Greer:

Petitioner requests that the State Bar of Texas Appellate Section's Pro Bono Committee consider this request for inclusion in the Supreme Court of Texas' Pro Bono Pilot Program.

[Include all that apply:]

[Currently, Petitioner is proceeding pro se and has filed a petition for review in this matter.]

[Currently, Petitioner is being represented by the undersigned counsel and has filed a petition for review. If the Court deems it advisable that further briefing and/or argument be provided, Petitioner requests that his/her case be considered for the appointment of pro bono counsel.]

[Petitioner is proceeding as an indigent in this proceeding and/or meets the financial eligibility requirements for the Program.]

[Petitioner is submitting the attached affidavit of indigence for the Committee's consideration.]

[The Supreme Court has requested that the parties submit briefs on the merits by letter dated _____, ____, ____.]

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Very truly yours,

Name of person filing motion
State bar number, if any
Address
Phone number
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