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STATEMENT OF INTEREST FORM



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Years you have been a trustee: 11 Years you have been a member of NABT: 11

Profession: Attorney/Trustee Average annual number of cases 900

Describe why you would like to be a member of the NABT board:

I believe that the NABT has a duty to advocate for all Chapter 7 Trustee's, regardless of the size or scope of their practice. Through my involvement with the NABT board and attending our seminars, I have thoroughly enjoyed interacting with trustees from all across the country and learning about how one region's practices may benefit trustees elsewhere. Although I practice in a large metropolitan area, I gained a great deal of respect for the issues facing trustees in rural areas during the time that I served as a law clerk for the Bankruptcy Court in Arkansas. I would like to serve on the NABT board so that I can help strengthen our practices by harnessing our great diversity, and I will work to improve the NABT by making it more accessible and more responsive to trustees.

Describe any significant efforts you have participated in on behalf of NABT:

I have served on the NABT board as a chair of NABT's marketing efforts, serving as chair and co-chair of the website committee, responsible for completely redesigning NABT's website to implement a more modern and user-friendly layout. I have also most recently been serving as chair of NABT's "Market



Assets for Sale” (MAFS) committee in order to redesign the website to better market trustee assets and to generate more subscribers which will lead to more revenue for the organization. This past year, I participated in NABT’s communications with the U.S. Trustee’s Office regarding the pandemic response. I have also been significantly involved in mentorship efforts for new trustees. I have always enjoyed reaching out to newer trustees to inquire about how the NABT can assist with their adjustment to becoming a trustee and to encourage them to attend our seminars and conventions. I have also worked with NABT’s lobbying efforts to obtain a trustee raise, and I have worked to foster NABT’s relationship with the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ)

Describe any significant efforts you have participated in on behalf of improving the bankruptcy process:

I have presented at multiple CLE’s for NABT conferences and other educational seminars. I have also mentored newer attorneys in my district and around the country, helping them to avoid common mistakes and to offer guidance regarding “problem” cases.

Describe any significant efforts you have participated in on behalf of your specific profession:

I have spoken at financial seminars and foreclosure prevention workshops to help educate the public about the bankruptcy process. I have also served as a guest lecturer for college students to educate them about the dangers of excessive debt.

Describe any other items you would like for the voters to consider:

I would like to work toward increasing our seminar and convention attendance by focusing on ways to make our meetings more affordable for trustees.

These forms will be sent to all NABT Regular members. Please limit responses to two pages. Please return forms to Jennifer Brinkley at jbrinkley@nabt.com.

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- **Bankruptcy Management:** Managed a high volume cases as both a Chapter 7 trustee and a debtor attorney. Supervised legal assistants employed in my office and supervised trustee professionals. Filed reports as required by Chapter 7 trustee handbook.
- **Financial & Debtor Education:** Presented to attorneys at legal education seminars both as a solo presenter and with U.S. Bankruptcy Court judges. Presented to college students on financial literacy and debt management.
- **Fiduciary:** successfully administered over 11,000 Chapter 7 cases, which included estates worth up to \$31 million.
- **NABT Leadership:** Active member of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees ("NABT"); currently serves as an elected representative on the National Board of Directors and appointed to serve on New Trustee Advisory Committee.
- **Legislative Work:** Met with members of Congress and Congressional staff to advocate for NABT legislative priorities.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chapter 7 Trustee, Atlanta, Ga.

Trustee and Trustee Attorney - December 2008-Present

- Appointed by the Office of the U.S. Trustee to Chapter 7 panel of trustees for the Northern District of Georgia
- Manage a high volume of Chapter 7 cases with estates including assets of up to \$31 million
- Manages legal assistant, employ and supervise trustee professionals
- Conduct 341 meetings; File pleadings and adversary proceedings; File reports as required by Chapter 7 trustee handbook; investigate cases for fraud and make referrals to Office of the U.S. Trustee

Jason L. Pettie, P.C., Decatur, Ga.

Bankruptcy Attorney, June 2008 – Present

- Represent individual and businesses debtors in cases filed under chapters 7, 11, and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code
- Analyze clients' finances, make recommendations whether to file bankruptcy, and created budgets for clients
- Handled all administrative aspects of practice

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Little Rock, Ar.

Law Clerk to the Hon. Richard D. Taylor (Chief Judge), May 2007 – June 2008

Law Clerk to the Hon. Audrey R. Evans, January 2007 – May 2007

- Assisted judges in fulfilling various judicial responsibilities including legal research, trial preparation, bench memos, orders, and opinions
- Communicate with attorneys regarding pending cases and prepare for presentations to the bankruptcy bar

Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, Atlanta, Ga.

Associate, 2003 – 2007 *Summer Associate*, 2002

- Represented plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of litigation matters in state and federal courts, including actions arising under the bankruptcy code and general commercial litigation
- Researched and analyzed case law and drafted memoranda in preparation for litigation
- Drafted various pleadings, including complaints and answers, requests for production of documents, answers to interrogatories, trial briefs, motions for summary judgment; and various other motions
- Represented banking entities, software companies, and manufacturing entities in mergers and acquisitions
- Drafted various documents in preparation for mergers and acquisitions

HONORS

Georgia Super Lawyers, recognized by Georgia Super Lawyers magazine for 6 consecutive years.

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, recognized for pro bono work.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, 2008 – Present

Active member of NABT. Elected to National Board of Directors in 2015 and appointed to serve on the Board's New Trustee Advisory Committee in 2012. As a national director, developed and implemented policies to address needs of Chapter 7 trustees nationally and to promote the effectiveness of the bankruptcy system. Reviewed the organization's budget, planning, and cost savings measures to improve the organization's financial position. Responsible for meeting with lobbyist and congressional representatives and staff members to promote trustee legislative efforts. Serve as chair of NABT educational seminars and chair of marketing committee. Serve as Chair of NABT's marketing committee.

American Bankruptcy Institute, Member since 2013

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Atlanta Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, 2005 – Present

Served as a committee chairman, with the responsibility of addressing needs of elderly Brothers and their widows; mentored high school students in southwest Atlanta, and delivered presentations on financial literacy to college students.

Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, 2008 – Present

Served as co-chair and treasurer of Young Adult Ministry

Serve as Chairman of the Ebenezer Men's Ministry (2013-present), organize community outreach events; organize social justice initiatives, and lead mentorship programs to address the needs of the church and community as a whole. Provided leadership during Men's Ministry's most effective fund-raising drives in its seventy year history, raising over \$260,000 since 2013.

Grant Park Conservancy, 2014, 2015

Served on steering committee for Grant Park's first-ever Bar-B-Q festival – a 2 day festival which raised over \$20,000; responsible for securing commitments from all of the festival's food vendors. Assisted in budget and logistics planning as well as day-of supervision.

EDUCATION

Howard University School of Law, Washington, D.C.

Juris Doctor, May 2003

With Honors

GPA: 89.0 / 100

Class rank: Top 10% (12 / 120)

Dean's Merit Fellowship

CALI Awards for Excellence in Entertainment Law and Federal Taxation of Business Enterprises

Admitted to Georgia Bar, 2003

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Bachelor of Arts in Government - American Politics, May 2000

GPA: 3.3 / 4.0

Alumni Scholar - Jefferson Scholar Finalist; Dean's List: Spring 1998, Spring 1999, Fall 1999, Spring 2000

Jefferson Society, Resident Staff, University Judiciary Committee