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BY E-MAIL OR REGULAR MAIL

Dear Friends:

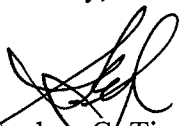
Please find enclosed my recommendations in contested judicial races on the May 29 Republican and Democratic primary election ballots. As always, I forward these recommendations for your consideration in the event that you have not been able to obtain adequate information concerning the candidates on your own. It is not my intention to attempt to influence your vote in races in which you already have chosen a candidate.

For those of you who will be voting in the Republican primary, I strongly recommend votes for sitting Texas Supreme Court Justices **Don Willett** and **David Medina**. Both Justices Willett and Medina are distinguished jurists who are deserving of re-election to their current positions. In my judgment, each is far better qualified to serve than his opponents.

Please let me know if I need to update your address. If you have received this letter by regular mail but have an e-mail address to which I can send it, let me know that at <stephen.tipps@bakerbotts.com>. You can use that same address if you need to update your e-mail address.

Early voting begins on May 14 and runs through May 25. I encourage you to vote, either early or on May 29.

Sincerely,



Stephen G. Tipps

2012 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Bold	Preferred by Stephen Tipps
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Also qualified candidate</i>
i	Incumbent
SB	State Bar preference poll winner
HBA	Houston Bar Association qualification poll winner
HC	Houston Chronicle endorsement

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2
Steve Smith
Don R. Willett (i) (SB) (HBA)
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4
John Devine
David Medina (i) (SB) (HBA)
Joe Pool, Jr.
Judge, 11th Judicial District (Civil)
Bruce Bain (HC)
Michael West
Judge, 61st Judicial District (Civil)
George W. Gore
Jeff Hastings
George May (HC)
Judge, 127th Judicial District (Civil)
Sonya Aston
Russell Lloyd (HC)
Judge, 129th Judicial District (Civil)
Edward Casanova
Chris Gillett
Michael Landrum (HC)
Frank Pierce
Judge, 133rd Judicial District (Civil)
Sharon J. Hemphill
Lamar McCorkle (HBA) (HC)
Judge, 151st Judicial District (Civil)
Leif Olson (HC)
John Wittenmyer

2012 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Judge, 152nd Judicial District (Civil)
Don Self
Janet Townsley
Allyson Wilkinson (HC)
Judge, 164th Judicial District (Civil)
Sophia Mafrige (HBA) (HC)
Bud Wiesedeppe
Judge, 174th Judicial District (Criminal)
Robert Summerlin
<i>Joe Vinas (HC)</i>
Judge, 177th Judicial District (Criminal)
Antonio Benavides
Ryan Patrick (HC)
Judge, 179th Judicial District (Criminal)
Kristin M. Guiney (HBA) (HC)
Lana Shadwick
Judge, 337th Judicial District (Criminal)
Jim Barr
Renee Magee (HBA) (HC)
Judge, County Court at Law No. 2 (Civil)
Theresa Chang (i) (HBA)
Donna Detamore

2012 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Bold	Preferred by Stephen Tipps
<i>Italics</i>	Also qualified candidate
i	Incumbent
SB	State Bar preference poll winner
HBA	Houston Bar Association qualification poll winner
HC	Houston Chronicle endorsement

Judge, 215th Judicial District (Civil)
Steven E. Kirkland (i) (HBA)
Elaine H. Palmer