



# Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission

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## Application for the Court of Appeals of Indiana

The application for the Summer 2020 First District vacancy on the Court of Appeals of Indiana includes two parts. Both parts must be completed in entirety with the appropriate documentation attached and submitted through the Indiana Courts Portal. Twelve complete hard-copy applications also must be submitted to the Nominating Commission's office. Please direct any questions about the application process to Adrienne Meiring, Counsel to the Commission, at the address or telephone number above or by email at [adrienne.meiring@courts.in.gov](mailto:adrienne.meiring@courts.in.gov).

### Part One, Sections 1-11

#### 1. Contact/General Information

##### A. Full legal name and any former names.

- a. Abraham Faith Apolinario Navarro (Current name. Changed after acquiring U.S. citizenship through naturalization.)
- b. Abraham's Faith Apolinario Navarro (Former name.)

##### B. State the full name (use initials for minor children), age, and relationship of each person residing in your household. For each adult living in the household (other than yourself), also state the person's occupation and employer.

- a. Sheena Nicole Navarro, 36, Spouse.
- b. S.N.B., 15, Stepdaughter.

##### C. Business address, email, and telephone number.

- a. Office of the Clark County Public Defender, 501 E. Court Ave. #130, Jeffersonville, IN 47130
- b. [anavarro@co.clark.in.us](mailto:anavarro@co.clark.in.us)
- c. (812) 285-6292

##### D. Attorney number.

- a. 23696-49

##### E. Month and year you were admitted to the Indiana Bar.

- a. November 2002

b. Indicate current law license status (i.e. active/inactive/retired).

(1) Active

c. If you are or have been a member of the Bar of any other state, identify the jurisdiction and provide date(s) of admission and current license status.

(1) Not applicable

F. Date and place of birth.

a. September 16, 1971

b. Manila, Philippines

G. County of current residence and date you first became a resident.

a. Clark County

b. December 2006

2. Secondary Education/Military Experience

A. List all undergraduate colleges and universities you attended. Include the school name; dates enrolled; degree or certificate earned; and any academic honors, awards, or scholarships you received and when.

a. Indiana University

(1) Indiana University Bloomington

(a) August 1991 to December 1995

(b) Bachelor of General Studies in Social & Behavioral Sciences.

(c) Indiana University Dean's List – Multiple Terms.

(2) Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

(a) August 1989 to May 1991

(3) Indiana University Southeast

(a) August 2005 to May 2007

B. Include with your original application a certified transcript from each school named in Subsection 2A, and attach copies of each transcript to each application copy. (If your social security number is on your transcripts, redact it *before* copying.)

C. If applicable, list any military service. Include the name of the military branch; dates of service; last rank achieved; and any honors, awards, or commendations received and when. Attach a copy of your Certificate of Release or Discharge from active duty ("DD 214" paperwork).

a. Not applicable

### 3. Post-Secondary Education

A. List all law schools, graduate schools, and post-J.D. programs attended. Include the school name; dates enrolled; degree or certificate earned; class rank; and any academic honors, awards, or scholarships you received and when.

a. Vermont Law School

(1) Juris Doctor

(2) August 1998 to May 2001

(3) Vermont Law School Dean's Fellow

b. Harvard University

(1) Master of Liberal Arts in Extension Studies in the Field of Journalism

(2) June 2015 to May 2019

c. Ball State University

(1) January 1996 to August 1997

d. Southern New Hampshire University

(1) October 2019 to January 2020

B. Include with your original application a certified transcript from each school named in Subsection 3A, and attach copies of each transcript to each application copy. (If your social security number is on your transcripts, redact it *before* copying.)

### 4. Employment

A. Provide your employment history since graduation from college. Include name of employer, titles or positions, locations, and dates of employment.

a. Papa Johns, Cook, 6311 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220. (August 1997 to December 1997).

b. Marsh Supermarket, Deli Clerk, 2350 Broad Ripple Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220. (June 1997 to August 1997).

c. Sam Goody, Sales Associate, 6101 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220. (January 1998 to May 1998).

d. Blockbuster Video, Customer Service Representative, 6315 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220. (May 1998 to August 1998).

e. Ball State University Applied Archaeology Laboratories, Archaeological Field Technician, Burkhardt Building, Room 314, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306. (May 1996 to May 1997).

- f. Barry's Pizza, Clerk, Chelsea Street, South Royalton, VT 05068. (May 1999 to May 2001).
  - g. Vermont Supreme Court, Judicial Intern, 111 State St, Montpelier, VT 05602. (May 1999 to August 1999).
  - h. Vermont Law School, Research Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs and Diversity, 164 Chelsea St, PO Box 96, South Royalton, VT 05068. (August 1999 to May 2000).
  - i. McClure McClure & Kamen (n/k/a McClure McClure & Davis), Law Clerk, 235 N Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. (May 2000 to August 2000).
  - j. Allen County Superior Court, Judicial Law Clerk, 715 S Calhoun St #208, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. (August 2001 to September 2002).
  - k. Clark County Circuit Court (n/k/a Clark Circuit Court No. 1), Judge, 501 E. Court Ave. #275, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130. (June 2008 to December 2008).
  - l. Floyd County Prosecutor's Office, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, 311 Hauss Square #249, New Albany, IN 47130. (November 2002 to May 2008 and January 2009 to October 2016).
  - m. Ivy Tech Community College, Adjunct Instructor, 8204 County Rd 311, Sellersburg, IN 47172. (January 2014 to May 2019).
  - n. Indiana University Southeast, School of Business, Adjunct Lecturer, School of Business, Hillside Hall Room 214, 4201 Grant Line Rd., New Albany, IN 47150. (August 2012 to Present).
  - o. Office of the Clark County Public Defender, Chief Public Defender, 501 E. Court Ave. #130, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130. (October 2016 to Present).
- B. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your practice of law (present and former), and provide the names of your partners, associates, office mates, and employers.
- a. My law practice is primarily focused on criminal litigation via the representation of the indigent charged with in a criminal prosecution. My practice involves clients charged in felony, misdemeanor, and Southern Indiana Veteran's Treatment Court matters.
  - b. Oversee daily operations and supervise nineteen attorneys and three administrative support staff members.
  - c. Responsible for budgetary and administrative duties of the Office of the Clark County Public Defender.
  - d. Clark County Public Defender Office, Chief Public Defender (October 2016 to Present)
    - (1) Deputy Public Defenders
      - (a) Jennifer Harmeyer, Chief Deputy Public Defender
      - (b) Ryan Bower
      - (c) David Mosley

- (d) William Perry McCall
- (e) Mitchele Harlan
- (f) Nicolas Karaffa
- (g) William Gray
- (h) Bryan Abell
- (i) Krsna Tibbs
- (j) Dustin White
- (k) Michaela Gilbert
- (l) Benjamin Read
- (m) Bernadette Olmos
- (n) Eliot Jeffrey
- (o) Michelle Marquand
- (p) Amy Semones
- (q) Brittany Wilson
- (r) Amy Wheatley
- (s) Craig Graham
- (2) Administrative Staff
  - (a) Deborah Gillenwater Sturgeon, Office Manager
  - (b) Mary Ann Morgan
  - (c) Sherry Peacock
- e. Floyd County Prosecutor's Office, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (November 2002 to May 2008 and January 2009 to October 2016)
  - (1) Represented the State of Indiana in felony and misdemeanor matters.
  - (2) Drafted pleadings, motions, and trial briefs.
  - (3) Continuously undertook preparation for both jury and bench trials before the Circuit and Superior courts of Floyd County, Indiana.
- f. Clark County Circuit Court, Judge (June 2008 to December 2008).
  - (1) Exercised jurisdiction over criminal felony, domestic relations, probate, mental health, and civil plenary matters.
  - (2) Presided over jury and bench trials as well as other evidentiary hearings.

- (3) Supervised court administrative staff, daily operations, and a dedicated adult probation department.
- g. Allen County Superior Court, Judicial Law Clerk (August 2001 to September 2002).
  - (1) Performed extensive legal research in civil plenary and tort matters.
  - (2) Drafted legal memoranda and orders for the Court.
  - (3) Performed administrative tasks and monitored the Court's schedule.
  - (4) Assisted the Court in hearing preparation.
- h. McClure McClure and Kamen
  - (1) Performed extensive legal research for insurance defense matters.
  - (2) Drafted pleadings, discovery responses, and pre-trial motions involving intellectual property and insurance defense matters.
- i. Vermont Supreme Court, Judicial Intern (May 1999 to August 1999).
  - (1) Performed legal research and drafted memorandum decisions for the Court.
  - (2) Assisted the Court in hearing preparation.

5. Trial/Judicial Experience

A. Describe the extent of your jury trial experience, if any.

- a. For almost fourteen years, I served as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the Floyd County Prosecutor's Office. Preparation for jury trials proved to be a critical part of my duties. With regularity, I tried a numerous variety of matters, from infractions to murder, before juries as both first and second chairs.

B. Describe the extent of your bench trial experience, if any.

During my service as deputy prosecuting attorney in Floyd County, Indiana, I spent over six years prosecuting misdemeanor and Level 6/Class D felony matters before the Floyd Superior Court No. 2.

I was responsible for nearly two thousand active cases at any one time. Many had been resolved through plea agreement, pre-trial diversion, or dismissal. The majority of the remaining cases, however, were resolved via bench trial. The Floyd Superior Court No. 2 designated two mornings a week for these matters.

My prosecutorial bench trial experience was not confined to the Floyd Superior Court No. 2. I have had the privilege of trying criminal matters before all of the courts in Floyd County, Indiana.

Moreover, in my capacity of Chief Public Defender for Clark County, Indiana, my bench trial experience extends to felony drug matters pending before the Clark Circuit Court No. 2.

Finally, during my term as Judge of the Clark Circuit Court, I presided over trials that encompassed civil matters → e.g., industrial leasehold disputes, contested domestic relations cases, as well as judicial review of administrative agency and zoning matters.

C. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your judicial experience (including as a judge *pro tempore*). Include a description of your experience presiding over jury trials, if any.

a. Judge, Clark Circuit Court (n/k/a Clark Circuit Court No. 1) June 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

Exercised jurisdiction over criminal felony, domestic relations, probate, mental health, and civil plenary matters. Presided over jury and bench trials.

b. Judge *Pro Tempore*, Clark Superior Court No. 2 (n/k/a Clark Circuit Court No. 2) 2009.

Presided on one occasion over a modification hearing involving child custody and support matters.

## 6. Professional Experience

*Include as writing samples, four selections (in total) from the written materials listed below in Subsections 6A – 6C.*

A. If applicable, list up to five trial or appellate briefs and/or judicial opinions you have written. Refer to them by caption, case number, and filing date.

a. Buckhead Realty, LLC et al. v. Jeffersonville Board of Zoning Appeals et al., 10C01-0803-PL-240, Order Denying Petition to Set Aside Grant of Development Standards Variance from the Parking Requirements of the Jeffersonville Zoning Ordinance issued on October 27, 2008, affirmed in 10A01-0901-CV-8, transfer denied.

b. Clary v. Dibble, 10C01-0609-CT-592, Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment issued on September 8, 2008, affirmed in 10A05-0811-CV-645, transfer denied.

c. State v. Boney, 22C01-0503-MR-72, State of Indiana's Memorandum in Support of its Response to the Defendant's Motion to Correct Error filed on March 31, 2006.

d. Taylor v. State, 10A01-1611-CR-2629, Appellant's Brief filed on May 13, 2017.

B. If applicable, list up to five legislative drafts or court rules you have written or to which you contributed significantly. Refer to them by official citation, date, and subject matter.

Not applicable.

C. If applicable, list up to five of your contributions to legal journals or other legal publications. Provide titles, official citations, and a brief description of the subject matter.

Not applicable.

D. Identify the five most significant legal matters entrusted to you, whether as a judge or lawyer, and describe why you believe them to be so.

The lens of my collective experience has informed my practice of law. Over time and upon reflection, I realized that my professional growth evolved from a progression of responsibilities both sought after by design and, at times, entrusted to me through happenstance. The first time that I experienced the law outside of the academy laid the foundation.

After my first year of law school, I was fortunate to be hired as an intern for the Vermont Supreme Court. From what I learned from former interns, I was to draft simple memorandum decisions for my assigned Justice. The Court did trust me to do so, however, the Justice to whom I was assigned trusted me with more: to quietly learn the impact of litigation.

During my tenure, the Court was in the midst of drafting *Baker v. Vermont*, 744 A.2d 864 (Vt. 1999), the decision that led to the nation's first civil union legislation. Of course, all the Court's staff was bound by confidentiality, especially details of this landmark decision. It was here that I learned the importance of this duty, which now informs my understanding of the attorney-client privilege.

It was there that I learned another important lesson: *The law's impact is as great for the few as it is for the many*. From researching issues by the library windows to eating lunch on the courthouse steps, I watched the protests and the counter protests as well as the news outlets covering them. I observed every emotion—from happiness to hatred—emanate from hundreds, and at times thousands, of people. All throughout, I realized that this started from a dispute between a handful of Vermonters and the State of Vermont. This litigation impacted both the few and the many.

It was early in my service as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Floyd County, Indiana when the Prosecuting Attorney assigned me my first solo homicide. He trusted me with not only maintaining the highest standards of trial preparation, but also holding true to our special duty as being “minister[s] of justice and not simply that of an advocate.” Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct R. 3.8 n.1 (2019).

I had maintained our continuing discovery obligations to the defense. At one point, a piece of discovery revealed potentially exculpatory evidence. I immediately disclosed and understood the new strength of the case. After meeting with the prosecuting attorney, I consulted with the alleged victim's family—as is their right—about exploring possible dispositions. In sum, doing what is right does not always equate with what is popular. The impact on the few involved in this case proved to be just as great as the hundreds screaming at a Vermont courthouse door a few years earlier.

In 2005, Floyd County's Prosecuting Attorney trusted me with a great responsibility. He tasked me with overseeing the office's daily operations while both he and our Chief Deputy Prosecutor tried a well-publicized triple murder, with two different defendants, in two different counties, using the same evidence in both, for many weeks.

I was tasked with making certain operations did not stall during that time. I consulted with the prosecuting attorney regularly when his trials were in recess. I sought guidance

from the existing department heads. In the end, the office ran almost as well during those months (In this, I lend great deference to one of my mentors).

The courts never lacked proficient, well-prepared prosecutors on their dockets. All charges were properly reviewed and filed, if they merited further prosecution. Child support operations continued to collect for custodial parents. I have fond memories of reviewing hundreds of traffic tickets under a banker's lamp some nights.

All throughout, the Prosecuting Attorney's reliance was infused with our community's expectations. I learned that the administration of justice could sometimes fall upon one person's shoulders; its impact, great.

I took the bench on June 1, 2008. Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. trusted me with serving the remainder of an iconic judge's term after his retirement. I was the new Judge of the Clark Circuit Court. Taking the oath of office and donning the robes proved exhilarating! The gravity of the new responsibility was always on my mind.

I had been a member of the bar for fewer than six years. I had been fortunate to have depth of experience in criminal litigation and organizational leadership from my prior service. As to other subject matters, not so much. Even under the prior tutelage of great judges from Allen County, Indiana and a great justice from Montpelier, Vermont, I felt more than a few frazzled nerves.

Early in my term, I presided over a bench trial on an industrial leasehold dispute. A civil plenary matter, this case involved law governing real property and complicated contracts. The amount in controversy was vast. I took comfort that some of the community's great litigators represented the parties and had confidence in my ability to adjudicate. I would not abuse their trust by not making every effort to educate myself on the substantive law beyond proficiency.

Before, during, and after trial I researched. I spent late nights reading. I became a "hot bench" during motion hearings, teasing out issues with counsel to better understand them. I listened to the witnesses, reviewed the evidence, and made timely rulings. As a result, counsel not only accepted the disposition, but also appreciated the process through which I reached it. Learned counsel still mentions that trial to this day.

Every case over which I presided required a level of scrutiny that would never disserve the litigants seeking justice. The Order of the Court never lacks impact.

On October 17, 2016, I began my service as Chief Public Defender of Clark County, Indiana. I entered the office around 7:00 a.m. Stacks of banker's boxes filled with old files lined three of the four walls of a small common area. Two members of the office staff were busy preparing for the day. Both were gracious and professional, but visibly exhausted and sad. One of my predecessors, a state and community icon, passed away unexpectedly five months prior after decades of service. The other returned to private practice weeks before my arrival.

The Clark County Public Defender Board trusted me with restoring the state of our community's public defense. The office had been terribly out of compliance with the Indiana Public Defender Commission's ("Commission") weighted caseload guidelines

for many quarters. I never represented a single criminal defendant. The office consisted of only a dozen part-time contract attorneys and two staff members. The task proved daunting, but after years of keeping the trust of those who guided me, not impossible.

After my appointment, I performed a root cause analysis of the organization. My years as faculty at the local business schools, indicated in Section E, helped me. Although crude in methodology, the results indicated that the Office of the Clark County Public Defender lacked the capital to obtain the necessary personnel to restore it to state regulatory compliance. No amount of repurposing of existing resources was going to restore the office.

This solution took more than knowledge and legal experience. It required the community and professional network that I had built for over fifteen years. I realized that the Clark County Public Board knew that one more attorney would not suffice. They needed me to lead with vision and execute with purpose.

I spent the last almost four years reaching out to state and local offices. I reached out to the Indiana Public Defender Council ("Council"). The Council sent a senior staff member to coach me during weekly teleconferences and monthly in-person strategy meetings my first year in office. Their office guided me through both the practice of public defense and the creation of a functional and efficient office structure. For example, this training led to the creation of cost free in-house CLE opportunities as outlined in Section 7(A) and the addition of a dedicated skilled mitigation case manager acquired through state grant funding.

The solution to the office's noncompliance also required constant lobbying of the Clark County Council for the necessary capital to acquire the much-needed talent and resources. Over the years, the relationship between our office and the county council proved to be collaborative, never adversarial.

All throughout, the Commission continues to offer guidance on the optimal case assignment strategies given the public defender office's resources. Clark County now operates under a hybrid model of public defense consisting of twenty attorneys, both full-time and part-time. The annual budget has nearly doubled in the last four years. In sum, the Office of the Clark County Public Defender operates in compliance with the Commission's guidelines.

Entrusting Clark County's public defense to me proved to be the greatest challenge of my career to date. It required all of my legal, all of my administrative, and all of my networking experience. With cautious optimism, I foresee continuing progress.

By these measures, the community's public defense has been restored.

## 7. Efforts to Improve the Legal System, Administration of Justice, or Society

- A. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) toward the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice. Include a description of any management or leadership roles you undertook to achieve these goals, and describe any specific instances in which your collaborative efforts helped achieve these goals.

As Chief Public Defender of Clark County, Indiana, I have been tasked with providing the best possible representation to the indigent of our community. Part of that task is to ensure that all the attorneys that serve in our office are updated on the best practices and changes in the law.

Upon taking office in October 2016, the public defender's office had little access to a lower-cost or cost-free method of continuing legal education and training in the local Southern Indiana/Louisville Metropolitan area. Given the lower pay and long hours, finding a way to achieve this would immediately increase the public defenders' morale by: 1) lowering the overall continuing legal education costs; and 2) updating current state of the law.

Working with the Indiana Public Defender Council and the Indiana Office of Admissions & Continuing Education, our office became a sponsor for in-house continuing education. Now, our office holds regular continuing education programs each year. Moreover, our attorneys have the opportunity not only to earn credits learning new materials, but also provides a chance for them to earn lecturing credits preparing and teaching them.

As a result, improving the availability, affordability, and quality of local continuing education to our public defenders benefits the indigent community we serve.

- B. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) concerning civic, political, or social issues. Include a description of any management or leadership roles you undertook in this area, and describe any specific instances in which your collaborative efforts in this area led to a successful result.

I have had the privilege of engaging the political process for over eighteen years in both the Floyd and Clark County areas. During this time, I have served as a volunteer for numerous local, state, and congressional campaigns. Additionally, I have held leadership roles throughout and, at one time, served as president of the Clark County Election Board.

From 2003 to 2005, I served as county coordinator of Floyd County for then-candidate Mitchell E. Daniel's first campaign for Governor of Indiana. I was tasked with organizing volunteers, events and appearances for both the governor and lieutenant governor candidates. These efforts were coordinated closely with Clark County, Indiana.

Our team's efforts resulted in high visibility of the candidates, their message, and grassroots support at highly attended public events. One event was the Harvest Homecoming Festival, which has been historically attended by over five hundred thousand people over a two-week period.

Our efforts culminated in an intense ninety-six hour "get out the vote" effort that involved over one hundred volunteers in two counties. As a result, Mitchell E. Daniels won Floyd County, Indiana and garnered an unprecedented amount of votes in Clark County, Indiana for a Republican gubernatorial candidate in his first election as Governor of the State of Indiana.

- C. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) to improve your local, state, or national community through charitable

work or public service. Include a description of any management or leadership roles you undertook in this area, and describe any specific instances in which your collaborative efforts in this area led to a successful result.

Tau Kappa Epsilon-Omicron Sigma, Alumni Board of Advisors, 2018 to 2020. Oversaw, in its fiduciary capacity, the administration of the Indiana University Southeast's collegiate chapter's financial operations. Advise members of the collegiate chapter on ways to meet performance expectations in academics, recruitment and community outreach. The organization's charitable fundraising and volunteer operations focus on St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

D. Describe the nature and extent of any *pro bono* legal services you have contributed.

I am proud to have dedicated my career to public service. In all my capacities, however, I have served as either a full-time government attorney or a member of the judiciary that would be exempt from reporting direct *pro bono* legal services. Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct R. 6.7(a)(4) (2019).

E. Indicate your experience teaching law. Provide the dates, names of institutions or programs, and a description of the subject matter taught.

- a. Indiana University Southeast, School of Business, New Albany, Indiana. August 2012 to Present). I teach the Legal Environment of Business course to undergraduates in the School of Business on campus. This undergraduate survey course familiarizes business students with the functional areas of the law, especially its intersection with business. It explores the law's role in everyday life and ethical issues that arise in the business world.
- b. Ivy Tech Community College, Sellersburg, Indiana. 2014 to 2019. I taught numerous courses for the School of Business Administration as well as the Department of Legal Studies and Criminal Justice to undergraduate students. The courses included, Business Law, Legal Ethics, Business Ethics, Introduction to International Business and Principles of Leadership.
- c. Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vermont. 2000 to 2001. I taught the Legal Writing and Reasoning course to first year law students. At the Vermont Law School, select third year law students taught the first phase of the legal writing curriculum to the One-L class under the guidance of the director of the legal writing department.

8. Memberships and Other Activities

A. List any memberships and offices you have held in professional organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.

Harvard University Alumni Association, Member, May 2019. The purpose of this organization is to foster a continuing affiliation with the university after graduation. Further, through special interests groups and geographic clubs, this organization provides networking opportunities with other alumni both for social and professional purposes. About the Harvard Alumni Association, [WWW.ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU](http://WWW.ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU), <https://alumni.harvard.edu/community>

- B. List any memberships and offices you have held in civic, charitable, or service organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.

Tau Kappa Epsilon-Omicron Sigma, Alumni Board of Advisors, 2018 to 2020. Oversaw, in its fiduciary capacity, the administration of the Indiana University Southeast's collegiate chapter's financial operations. I advise members of the collegiate chapter on ways to meet performance expectations in academics, recruitment and community outreach.

In terms of TKE's charitable mission, the relationships between the alumni and collegiate members proved to be collaborative in nature. Mentorship gives way cooperative learning. Given that, part of my alumni duties is to assist the organization's charitable endeavors through the local collegiate chapter at Indiana University Southeast. Tau Kappa Epsilon focuses its charitable efforts on St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital's mission to end childhood cancer.

- C. List any memberships you hold in social clubs or organizations. If any restrict its membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin, please describe your efforts within the organization to eliminate restrictions.

Harvard Club of Indiana.

- D. Describe your hobbies and other leisure activities.

One of my fondest memories is the first time our family exited the airport in Honolulu, Hawaii. A warm breeze buffeted us as we exited the automatic doors leading outside. Palm trees dotting an otherwise urban setting greeted us. None of us could believe that the tropics could coexist with the taxicabs waiting to take us to our beach resort in Waikiki. As a family, we learned something small, but we learned it together. This was the moment that I decided that travel was my favorite form of leisure.

The destination, whether Walt Disney World or Boston, proved to be only half of the excitement that travel offered us. Planning for each trip is equally exciting. Pouring over maps and websites is an almost weekly activity. Reading travel blogs and watching travel vlogs often takes over family time. In the end, we begin the next journey confident knowing that most details have been addressed.

We not only focus on cost-effective accommodations, dining, and activities, but also on the novelty of experiences. An allegedly haunted historic Salem, Massachusetts hotel, dinner at Cinderella Castle, and hawker stalls in Jamaica are just a few of the fond memories shared by our family. We look forward to making the next one.

## 9. Legal Proceedings

- A. List any lawsuits or legal proceedings in any jurisdiction, including but not limited to bankruptcies, dissolutions, and criminal matters to which you have been a party. Provide dates, case numbers, courts, names of other parties, and, if needed, a brief explanation. (If minor children are involved [i.e. an adoption], use initials only.)

a. In Re: the Estate of Luz Capuli Navarro, 49D08-0502-ES-006173. Gideon Navarro.

- b. Abraham A. Navarro v. C. Navarro, 22C01-0501-DR-00009. Charlene Navarro. The Court issued Decree of Dissolution on December 28, 2005.
  - c. In Re: the Marriage, 22C01-1008-MI-01671. Sheena Navarro. The Court entered an Order of Completion of Marriage License to the Floyd County Clerk.
- B. If you ever have been arrested or cited for any violation of the law other than for routine traffic violations, provide dates, jurisdictions, and an explanation of the event and its resolution.
- a. Not applicable.
- C. If you have been disciplined or cautioned, formally or informally, by the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission, by the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications, by the Indiana Supreme Court, or by similar entities in any other jurisdiction, identify each instance by date, case number (if applicable), and describe the circumstances and the nature of the outcome or resolution.
- a. Not applicable.
- D. If you have any outstanding federal, state, or local tax obligations, please itemize and explain.

Federal Tax Obligation for Tax Year 2018 - \$ 8857.67.

I have an outstanding federal individual income tax obligation for tax year 2018 that is in repayment through an installment agreement with the Internal Revenue Service. During the affected tax year, we experienced an increase in income stemming from a larger number of adjunct faculty contracts during the 2017 academic term. After consultation, there has been a savings and W-4 withholding plan in place to avoid future tax arrearage.

#### 10. References

- A. Provide the names of three attorneys who have been your professional adversaries in your practice or who have litigated substantial cases in your court and who would be in positions to comment on your qualifications for appointment to the Indiana Court of Appeals (contact information to be included in Part Two of this application).
- a. C. Richard Rush, [REDACTED]
  - b. Eric J. Weitzel [REDACTED]
  - c. Timothy G. Curry, [REDACTED]
- B. Provide the names of three professional references other than those listed in Subsection 10A (contact information to be included in Part Two of this application).
- a. Jennifer Culotta, [REDACTED]

- b. Jamey J. Noel, [REDACTED]
- c. [REDACTED] James B. Hancock, [REDACTED]

C. Provide the names of three personal references other than those listed in Subsection 10A or 10B (contact information to be included in Part Two of this application).

- a. David Buskill, [REDACTED]
- b. Gregory A. Guffin, [REDACTED]
- c. George Streib, Jr., [REDACTED]

11. State Police Release Form and Photograph

- A. Complete an Indiana State Police release form printed on green paper (you may obtain the release form by contacting the Nominating Commission office at [marcus.mcgee@courts.in.gov](mailto:marcus.mcgee@courts.in.gov) or [adrienne.meiring@courts.in.gov](mailto:adrienne.meiring@courts.in.gov)). Include the release form with the original application only and not with the copies.
- B. Attach a recent color photograph of you to the front of the original application and to each copy of your application. (This allows the Commission members to put a face with a name if you are interviewed in person.)

3/13/2020  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

Abraham A. Navarro  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name