

Nomination Form

Section Representative to the Board of Directors

Term 2017-2020

Please limit Nomination Information to 4 pages

- 1) Provide your candidate's name, affiliation and full contact information, including email address and phone:

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- 2) I am nominating this person as a LARGE Section Representative to the Board of Directors.

- 3) This candidate is a member of the following section, which is a Large Section:

Tax Section

- 4) Briefly describe your candidate's personal background, character and contributions to their community.

Elizabeth is a partner with the Strasburger & Price Law firm in San Antonio. She is an expert in civil tax controversy, covering both domestic and international issues. She graduated in 1986 from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.B.A., with honors. In 1992, she graduated from the University of Texas School of Law with her J.D. She has been practicing tax law for 24 years, largely in front of the United States Tax Court. She is married to Brad Wilder, and they have three lovely children, Davis, Lexie, and Preston.

- 5) Describe your candidate's professional achievements and commitment to the legal profession.

Elizabeth has numerous professional achievements some of which are:

- a. She has been board certified in tax law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 2002;
- b. She is a CPA as well as a tax attorney;
- c. She is a former Attorney Advisor to the United States Tax Court;
- d. In 2017, she was recognized as San Antonio's Top Tax Lawyer by Best Lawyers®, with only one lawyer in each city receiving this recognition;
- e. Upon graduation from the University of Texas at Austin Law School, she clerked for the United State Tax Court;
- f. In 2012, she was honored as one of the Top 10 Tax Persons of the Year along with Mitt Romney and Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. by Tax Analysts®, a nationally recognized tax publication; and
- g. In 2009, she received the prestigious American Bar Association Section of Taxation Janet R. Spragens Pro Bono Award;
- h. She has been named a Texas Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters from 2003 – 2016; and
- i. Last but definitely not least, in May 2015, Elizabeth was nominated by President Obama for a position as a Judge in the United States Tax Court.

- 6) Describe your nominee's participation in State Bar projects, including contributions to your Section.

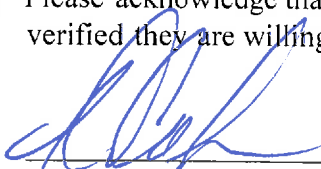
Elizabeth served as Chair of the Tax Section from 2013 – 2014. She was an Officer of the Tax Section from 2011-2013 and served on the Tax Council from 2006 – 2011. Elizabeth was Chair of the Tax Controversy Committee for two years prior to being nominated to the Council. During her time on the Council, she served as Chair of the Pro Bono Committee from 2008

to 2011. While serving as Pro Bono Committee Chair, she was responsible for setting up the first state-wide Tax Court pro bono program in the nation. Other bar associations around the country have used it as a model for setting up their own programs. This program brought national recognition to the State Bar of Texas Tax Section.

- 7) Provide *your* full contact information including email address and phone.

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- 8) Please acknowledge that you have discussed the duties and purpose of this position with your candidate and verified they are willing to serve in this capacity, if elected.



David E. Colmenero, Chair
State Bar of Texas Tax Section

Nominating Procedure

Nominations must include a completed Nomination Form and a resume. Resumes should be limited to one page and the nomination information should be limited to four pages. Nominations or resumes that exceed these limits will be reduced accordingly.

Nominations will be accepted by mail or email (*email is preferred*) and must be received no later than Monday, February 6 at 5:00pm.

Send nominations to:

Tracy Nuckols, Director, Sections Department, 1414 Colorado, Austin, TX 78701-1627
Phone: (512) 427-1710, Email: tnuckols@texasbar.com

Elections will be held at the Council of Chairs Meeting on February 17th at the Texas Law Center in Austin. Only Section chairs (or the section's designated representative) is qualified to vote in this election and you must be present to cast your ballot. Early or late votes will not be accepted. Chairs who attend by telephone may email their vote(s) to me during the voting period at tnuckols@texasbar.com. **Nominees are encouraged to attend and briefly present their qualifications to the Council of Chairs Committee on February 17th.**

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EDUCATION

JD, 1992: The University of Texas School of Law
BBA, 1986, The University of Texas at Austin, Accounting with Honors

EMPLOYMENT

Strasburger & Price, LLP
2012 – Present, Tax Litigation Partner

Oppenheimer, Blend, Harrison & Tate, Inc.
1993 – 2012 Shareholder

Our Lady of the Lake University, 1997 – 1999, Adjunct Professor, Business Law Course

United States Tax Court, 1992 – 1993, Attorney Advisor to the Honorable Mary Ann Cohen

Ernst & Young (formerly Ernst & Whinney), 1985 – 1989, Senior Accountant, received early promotion to Senior Accountant

HONORS

Nominated in 2015 by President Obama for Judge of the United States Tax Court in Washington DC
Best Lawyers® 2017 Top Tax Lawyer for San Antonio
The 2012 Tax Persons of the Year (Top 10), as recognized by taxanalalysts® *Tax Notes*, 2013
Recognized as The Best Tax Lawyer in San Antonio, 2011, Awarded by Best Lawyers in America
San Antonio Super Lawyer, *Thompson Reuters*, 2003 – 2016
San Antonio's Best Tax Law Attorneys, *S.A. Scene Magazine*, 2004 – 2016
The 2010 Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer, Awarded by the Bexar County Women's Bar Association (also awarded the 1998 Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Lawyer)
Recipient of the Janet Spragens Pro Bono Award, 2009, ABA Section of Taxation
2007 Balance Award, American Society of Women Accountants

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Board Certified in Tax Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 2002
Certified Public Accountant, Texas, 1988 – Present
American Bar Association Section of Taxation, Past Chair, Appointments to the Tax Court Committee; Past Vice-Chair, Pro Bono Committee; Member Nominating Committee
State Bar of Texas Section of Taxation, Chair, 2013 – 2014, Officer 2011-2013, Council 2006-2011
Bexar County Women's Bar Association, former Vice-President, Director and Treasurer
Texas Board of Legal Specialization Tax Law Exam Review Board, 2010 – 2012

COMMUNITY

Leader, Girl Scouts 2005 – 2014; Administrative Assistant, Girl Scouts of America 2011 – 2014
Former Chair, Travis Park United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee; Board Member
Trainer, Providence High School Peer Mediation Project
Speaker, Young Women's Leadership Academy
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) for the Internal Revenue Service

PERSONAL

Married mother of three children, ages 13, 16 and 22