

# Nomination Form

## Section Representative to the Board of Directories

Term 2021-2024

- 1.) Provide your candidate's names, 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:

General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section

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

Sonya D. Hoskins graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Sonya is a Cum Laude graduate of Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where she received her Juris Doctor. Subsequently, she was admitted to the State Bar of Louisiana on October 16, 1992. During her employment with Robinson & West, she was also admitted to the State Bar of Texas (1993), the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (1995), and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1998) and the Supreme Court of the United States of America (1998). Sonya is a co-founder and partner of the law firm of Robinson & Hoskins, L.L.P., in Dallas, Texas. Her main areas of practice are Business Transactions, Real Estate, Probate and School Law.

Sonya is a hard worker, goal oriented, very detailed and has a high degree of integrity and honesty.

Sonya is very active in professional, business, civic and community organizations where she has held numerous leadership positions. Sonya served as President of the J.L. Turner Legal Association in 1999. She is an original founder of the J.L. Turner Legal Scholarship Foundation and served as Chair in 2010. Sonya also served as a Co-Chair of the J.L. Turner Legal Association's Women's Issues Committee, Director of the Dallas Bar Association, and Director of the African-American Section of the State Bar of Texas. She has been an active member of the Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court and the Dallas Women Lawyers Association. Sonya is also a Past Chair of the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of Texas.

Sonya's affiliations and involvement are not restricted to the legal profession; she is also committed to service in various civic and community organizations. Sonya is Immediate President of Trinity (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. She also previously served as Vice President of Programs, 2014 Nominations Committee Chair, Treasurer, Chair of the Finance Committee, Chair of Protocol, Arts Facet

Chair, and Bylaws Committee member of Trinity Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. She also served as the 2012 Chair of the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce. Sonya also serves as a mentor and role model to African-American girls and young women and previously served on the Dallas Women Foundation as a Trustee. Previously, she served as Chair of the Convention & Tourism Committee for the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, Chair of the Diversity Marketing Committee and member of the Board of Directors for the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau, as well as Secretary and Director for Dispute Mediation Services, Inc

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

Sonya has received numerous awards and recognitions; most notably, National Bar Association 2019 Gertrude E. Rush Award, J.L. Turner Legal Association 2015 Presidential Award, J.L. Turner Legal Association Paralegal Section 2011 Outstanding Advocate Award, J.L. Turner Legal Association 2010 C.B. Bunkley Award, Southern University Law Center 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award, the National Bar Association Presidential Award (1999, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2016, 2017 and 2020), the National Bar Association's Outstanding Region Award, and J. L. Turner Legal Association 1997 Presidential Award. Sonya was also featured in the 2019, July 2004 edition and July 2005 edition of Texas Super Lawyers Magazine as a "Texas Rising Star".

Sonya has been a member of the College of the State Bar of Texas since 1996.

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

Sonya Hoskins has been an active member of the GP Section. She served as Secretary/Treasurer, Chair-elect and Chair of the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of Texas. Sonya served a Chair of Law School Outreach Program and a member of the Membership Committee.

Sonya served as a Director of the African-American Section of the State Bar of Texas.

- 7.) Provide *your (nominator's)* 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.

I have discussed this with my candidate.

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**EDUCATION**

Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude, May 1992

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, August 1987, Dean's Honor of Roll

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON**

Arlington, Texas

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

SUPREME COURT, STATE OF LOUISIANA (1992)

SUPREME COURT, STATE OF TEXAS (1993)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS (1995)

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (1998)

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT (1998)

STATE BAR OF TEXAS GUARDIAN AD LITEM CERTIFICATION

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

STATE BAR OF TEXAS

STATE BAR OF LOUISIANA

DALLAS BAR ASSOCIATION

J. L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION

THE COLLEGE OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS

PAST MEMBER OF THE PATRICK E. HIGGINBOTHAM AMERICAN INN OF COURT

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

2002 - Present           **ROBINSON & HOSKINS, L.L.P.**  
**CO-FOUNDER AND PARTNER**

Provides representation in the areas of Civil and Probate including serving as an Administrator, Attorney Ad Litem and Guardian Ad Litem in Civil and Probate cases and Guardian Ad Litem in State and Federal cases. Provides representation in the areas of Real Estate, Corporate and Business Law, Business Transaction and Special Counsel to Board of Trustees for Dallas Independent School District.

1992 – 2002           **ROBINSON WEST & GOODEN, P.C.**  
**SENIOR ASSOCIATE**

Provided representation in the areas of Civil and Commercial Litigation, Banking, Commercial and Business Law, Business Transaction, Small Business Development, Real Estate (Commercial and Residential), Probate and School Law. Served as a Guardian Ad Litem in County

Courts, State District Courts and Federal Court. Represented local governmental entities such as Dallas Independent School District and Dallas Area Rapid Transit.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS**

- Immediate President, TRINITY (TX) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED (2016 - 2020)
- Past Chair, STATE BAR OF TEXAS GENERAL PRACTITIONER, SOLO, SMALL FIRM SECTION (2017-2018)
- Past Secretary/Treasurer, STATE BAR OF TEXAS GENERAL PRACTITIONER, SOLO, SMALL FIRM SECTION (2015-2016)
- Fellows, TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION (2015 – Present)
- Board Secretary and Member of Board of Directors, NATIONAL BAR INSTITUTE (2007-present)
- Past Chair and CEO, DALLAS BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2012)
- Past Chair, DALLAS BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2012)
- Past Chair, J. L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION (2010)
- Past Vice President of Finance (2005-2008) and Member of the Board of Governors (1996-2008), NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION
- Past Chair, Budget Committee, NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION, (2005-2008)
- Past Chair, Finance & Fundraising Committee, NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION (2005-2008)
- Past Corporate Secretary, NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION (2000-2005)
- Past Board Member-At-Large, NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION (1998-2000)
- Past Director, AFRICAN AMERICAN SECTION OF STATE BAR OF TEXAS
- Past Secretary and Former Member of the Board of Directors, DISPUTE MEDIATION SERVICES, INC.

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2019 Gertrude E. Rush Award, National Bar Association
- Who's Who in Black Dallas, 5th Edition 2019, 4th Edition 2017, 3rd Edition 2015 2nd Edition 2014 and Inaugural Edition 2012
- J. L. Turner Legal Association Foundation 2015 Presidential Award
- J. L. Turner Legal Association Paralegal Section Award 2011
- J. L. Turner Legal Association 2010 C.B. Bunkley Community Service Award
- Southern University Law Center 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award
- Texas Super Lawyers Magazine - Texas Rising Star for 2004 and 2005
- Chairman's Award Volunteer of the Year (2002 and 2009), Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce
- Presidential Award (1999, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2016, 2017 and 2020), National Bar Association
- Presidential Award, J. L. Turner Legal Association 1997
- African-American Judges Scholarship Award, J. L. Turner Legal Association
- Outstanding Regional Award, National Bar Association
- Who's Who In American Law
- Dean's List, Top 5% of class at UTA