

Nomination Form

Section Representative to the Board of Directors

Term 2023-2026

Please limit Nomination Information to 4 pages.

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

Brandy Wingate Voss
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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(s), one of which is a **LARGE** Section:

Appellate Section

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

Brandy Wingate Voss is a wife, mother, and active volunteer in the community. She grew up in Houston but relocated to the Rio Grande Valley in 2005, where she has lived and practiced ever since. Brandy is most proud of her daughter, who is currently attending the New School-Parsons School of Design.

Brandy served as a girl scout troop leader for many years and has repeatedly volunteered with the Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas in their fundraising and engagement efforts. Brandy also served on the board of the Make-a-Wish Rio Grande Valley board of directors, helping to grant wishes to children suffering from serious illnesses. Brandy has served as the Chair of the "Justice is Served" Committee, a committee she created while serving as Chair of the Hidalgo County Women's Bar Section, to raise money for local law-related charities. Brandy has a strong work ethic and is dedicated to serving the community, and in particular, the legal community.

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

Brandy formed the Law Offices of Brandy Wingate Voss, PLLC in March 2016. She decided to strike out on her own after practicing with Smith Law Group LLLP for five years, where she was a partner.

Prior to joining Smith Law Group, Brandy served for four years as the senior staff attorney to Justice Gina Benavides at the Thirteenth Court of Appeals in Edinburg. Before her service at the court, Brandy was an associate in Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C.'s trial and appellate practice group.

Brandy graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.A. in anthropology. She then received her J.D., magna cum laude, from Baylor Law School. Brandy served as editor-in-chief of the Baylor Law Review and as a brief writer on Baylor's ABA Moot Court team. After law school, she served as a law clerk to former Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips.

Brandy was included on Thomson Reuters' 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 Texas Super Lawyers lists, an honor received by no more than five percent of all Texas attorneys. She was also named to Thomson Reuters' Texas Rising Stars list in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Brandy has represented clients before the Texas Supreme Court, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the Texas intermediate courts of appeals, and the Federal Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Third Circuits. She has been board certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 2009. Brandy also has extensive experience in criminal appellate matters and is one of a handful of lawyers on the appointment list for criminal appeals in Hidalgo County.

Brandy is also a certified mediator and currently teaches a course called "Criminal Evidence & Proof" in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley. She has previously taught a course called "The Constitution and Criminal Law" at UTRGV. Brandy strongly believes in educating future law enforcement officers, at the undergraduate level, to respect the rights of the accused and the Constitution and laws of this state and our country.

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

Brandy has served on numerous boards and committees in the legal field, including the Texas Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee and the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society. She served two terms as the District 13 Director for the Texas Young Lawyers Association, and she is a past president of the Hidalgo County Bar Association, where she moved up through the executive ranks.

Brandy is currently the secretary of the State Bar of Texas Appellate Section and serves on the Diversity Committee for the section, and she previously served a three-year term as co-editor-in-chief of the State Bar Appellate Section's newsletter, The Appellate Advocate. She currently serves on the board of the State Bar College and on committees within the Hidalgo County Women's Bar Section. Brandy regularly speaks at legal education courses on appellate-related topics.

- 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.

I have verified with and discussed the duties of this position with Brandy Wingate Voss.


Elizabeth Cantu

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Board Certified—Civil Appellate Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization

BRANDY WINGATE VOSS

EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Civil Appellate Law. 2009-Present.

Certified Mediator in Civil Cases, Manoussos Mediation Training & Alternative Dispute Resolution Center

Certified Mediator in Suits Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship and Other Family Disputes, Mediation Dynamics

Law Offices of Brandy Wingate Voss, PLLC, McAllen, Texas. Member/owner March 2016-Present. Representing clients before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, intermediate Texas courts of appeal, and before the Texas Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation. Providing trial support, including drafting and arguing dispositive pretrial and post-verdict motions, drafting and arguing jury charges, providing error preservation assistance at trial, and advising clients on preservation of trade secrets at trial.

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas. Adjunct Professor August 2016-May 2019, January 2021-present. Past Courses: Constitutional and Criminal Law, CRIJ 3310; Criminal Evidence & Proof, CRIJ 3316; Court Systems & Practices, CRIJ 1306.

Smith Law Group LLP, McAllen, Texas. Partner July 2015-February 2016; Of counsel Jan. 2011-June 2015. Represented clients before the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, intermediate courts of appeal, and before the Texas Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation. Provided trial support, including drafting and arguing dispositive pretrial and post-verdict motions, drafting and arguing jury charges, providing error preservation assistance at trial, and advising clients on preservation of trade secrets at trial.

Thirteenth Court of Appeals, Corpus Christi/Edinburg, Texas. Senior Staff Attorney to Justice Gina M. Benavides January 2007-December 2010. Drafted opinions, research memoranda, and CLE papers, supervised briefing attorney, and assisted Justice Benavides in preparation for oral arguments.

Law Office of Brandy M. Wingate, McAllen, Texas. Solo practitioner November 2006-December 2006. Handled oral argument of medical malpractice case before the Texas Supreme Court, *In re McAllen Med. Ctr., Inc.*, 275 S.W.3d 458 (Tex. 2008) (orig. proceeding).

Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C., Dallas, Texas and Mission, Texas. Associate September 2003-November 2006. Represented clients before the Federal Courts of Appeal for the Fifth and Third Circuits, the Supreme Court of Texas, and the Texas intermediate appellate courts, including briefing and presenting oral argument. Represented media clients before the Texas courts in defamation and libel cases, and before the Attorney General in open records matters.

Supreme Court of Texas, Austin, Texas. Law Clerk to Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips August 2002-August 2003. Drafted opinions, research memoranda, speeches, and law review articles for the former Chief Justice.

EDUCATION

Baylor University School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude, 2002

Activities: Editor in Chief, Baylor Law Review 2001-2002; Lead Articles Editor, Baylor Law Review 2000-2001; Member, Baylor Law Review 1999-2000

Awards: James P. Alexander Memorial Award for Outstanding Performance in Practice Court Program 2001-2002; President's Award for Outstanding Scholarship 2002; Baylor Law School Outstanding Student Award Fall 2001; Baylor Law Review Scholarship 2001-2002

Advocacy: Baylor Moot Court Team Captain/Brief Writer, 2001-2002; Regional Finalist 2001, ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition

Texas A&M University, B.A. Anthropology, 1999

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Texas, admitted 2002
Northern District of Texas
Southern District of Texas
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals