

**U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN SYLVIA R. GARCIA'S**  
**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR APPOINTMENT AS UNITED**  
**STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN**  
**DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Q1. Marital Status/Divorces/ Family Information (i.e., children and their ages and education, spouse, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Q2. Your educational training (undergraduate, graduate, law school, etc.) Identify all degrees awarded, schools attended, academic honors, your class ranking in each graduating class, your LSAT score, and, if available, provide a copy of your law school transcript: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Q3. Identify all courts, circuits and districts in which you are and/or have been admitted to practice law. State the dates of your first admission to each, any disbarments, disciplinary actions or removals from any bars, the nature of any examinations or tests taken to be admitted, if any, and your present admission status in each:  
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Q4. Describe your work and professional history since undergraduate college. List all areas of work and academic studies you have undertaken during this period:  
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Q5. Identify all board certifications and/or specialty licenses you have possessed and identify the dates of possession for each certification and/or specialty:  
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**Q6. (Incumbent judges for more than three (3) years need not answer this question)**

Describe your trial experience since graduating from law school:

- a) Have you appeared in court regularly, occasionally, or not at all?  
Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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- b) What percentage of your court appearances has been in:  
i) Federal courts?  
ii) State courts of record?  
iii) other courts?

- c) What percentage of your court appearances has concerned:  
i) civil law matters?  
ii) criminal law matters?

d) State the number of jury cases in courts of record you have tried to verdict or judgment as opposed to settled.

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- e) What number of your trials have you tried to a verdict before a judge only?

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f) How many appeals have you handled as the primary brief writer? State Courts? Federal Courts? Identify each appeal you handled by case number, court and style of case.

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**Q7. Identify every elective or appointed office you have held or sought and the term you served in each. Also, state in what state or jurisdiction each was pursued or held.**

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Q8. Have you ever been, or are you now engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law or holding judicial or public office? If so, provide the following information: the nature of that other occupation; the name, address and telephone number where such work is or has been performed, and the period of time you have been engaged in such activities:

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Q9. Identify all arrests, criminal charges, trials, arraignments or encounters you have ever had with any federal, state or local law enforcement authorities. (Do not include minor traffic tickets or parking violations.) For each that you identify, provide the date, jurisdiction, charge, outcome and punishment, if any.

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Q10. Have you and/or any spouse had a tax lien assessed or filed against you, or have you or your spouse, while married, filed for bankruptcy? If so, provide the date, court and disposition of each. Also state why a lien was filed? Provide the case number and court for each of these that you identify.

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Q11. Are you, or have you ever been, delinquent on any Federal or State debt, including student or home loans secured by the government? If so, provide the date of each delinquency, the name of all agencies relevant to the delinquency and the disposition of each delinquency.

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Q12. Have you ever been involved in any litigation? If so, identify all cases with the style of the case, the court where the suit was filed or transferred, the cause number of the case, and the name of all judges presiding over the case. Also, state the disposition of each piece of litigation.

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Q13. Have you ever been sued by an employee or co-worker for conduct in or related to the workplace? If so, please describe each instance and the disposition of each.

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Q14. Have you ever hired an undocumented worker? If so, please explain. Were proper tax withholdings taken? Please explain any affirmative answer.

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Q15. Have you ever been a party to any other legal proceeding not otherwise listed herein? If so, describe the nature of each, your status in the proceeding, the allegations in the matter, and the disposition of each.

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Q16. Have you ever been charged with or accused of a violation or breach of ethics, contempt of court, unprofessional conduct, reprimanded or sanctioned by any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee or other professional group? If so, describe each and the disposition.

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Q17. Have you ever, as an elected or appointed official, voted for or been a party to the formation of any legislation, statute, regulation, position or policy that could be construed as implicitly or explicitly discriminatory in any way? If so, please explain.

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Q18. Have you ever participated in the legislative processes of any governmental body, either as a member, lobbyist, witness, etc? Please describe all positions you have occupied; identify all legislation you participated in, all committees and the general nature of any testimony you may have provided as a witness, if any.

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Q19. Please outline any voluntary or official participation you have had with any candidate for elective office (excluding your own campaign) and any campaign committee. List the dates of your involvement, any titles you assumed, and a summary of the work you performed. Also, please itemize all financial contributions you have made to any candidate (excluding yourself), any campaign committee, any political party, and any political action committee as well as the dates of each contribution.

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Q20. Have you ever been a member of any organization (e.g. country club, service organization, fraternity, etc.) whose by-laws, policies, or activities could be construed as implicitly or explicitly discriminatory in any way? If so, please explain each instance and the ultimate action or inaction taken regarding same.

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Q21. Describe your health history:

- a) Current health?
- b) Have you ever been treated for or had any problems with alcoholism, or any related condition associated with consumption of alcoholic beverages? If so, give details.
- c) Have you ever been treated for or suffered from any form of mental illness? If so, give details.
- d) Have you ever been hospitalized for any purposes in the last five years? If so, give details.
- e) Is there any other aspect of your health history, which if brought to light during the nomination process, may raise questions about your nomination?

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Q22. Identify all legal articles, books, briefs and writings you have authored or to which you contributed. Attach copies of same.

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Q23. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and provide the titles and dates of any offices that you have held in such groups. List also chairmanships, offices, positions and committees you have held in any organizations. Also list any professional honors you have received.

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Q24. List all organizations other than bar associations or professional associations or societies of which you are or have been a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social, and fraternal organizations. Also indicate all offices held and honors bestowed (e.g., law review, moot court, etc.)

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Q25. List any honors, prizes, awards, or other recognitions you have received (including any indication of academic distinction in college or law school) other than those already provided elsewhere in your responses.

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Q26. List all organizations and/or causes to which you have ever volunteered your time, resources and/or energies without compensation or pay. Please explain why you did so for each cause or organization you have identified. State the period of time of your services, donations, etc.

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Q27. List any additional information about yourself and your background that you wish to be considered, including but not limited to, any information about your personal history that could cause embarrassment to yourself, the United States, the President, or any member of Congress or the Senate.

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**Respond to the following questions within the space provided (no attachments for these questions).**

**(Q28)1. What do you view to be the legitimate role of a federal district judge? Please Explain.**

**(Q29)2. In your own words, how would you characterize your philosophy of the proper judicial temperament? Please explain.**

**(Q30)3. What opinion issued by the United States Supreme Court during the last five (5) years do you most disagree with? Please explain.**

**(Q31)4. What opinion of the United States Supreme Court during the last five (5) years do you believe to be a significant ruling? Please explain your answer.**

**(Q32)5. Why do you want to be a federal district court judge?**

**NOTE: All nominees will be subject to an exhaustive background investigation by the FBI if nominated, and will be subject to a background investigation by U.S. Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia's Committee.**

**CERTIFICATION**

*I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.*

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(Signature of Applicant)

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(DATE)

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION:**

Applications will be accepted electronically and emailed to the following: Roland Garcia at [garciar@gtlaw.com](mailto:garciar@gtlaw.com). In the "subject line" include only the following: Applicant's name/ U.S. Judge Consideration. DO NOT include any information by way of email message. Include: Cover letter, this application and resume.