

June 16, 2016

Dear Precinct Chairs:

On June 13, 2016, you received a letter from one of your fellow precinct chairs, regarding information about the candidates. As you are aware, I am one of the candidates for this position. The letter you received was sent to inform you of the candidates' involvement in family law for the years 2008-2015. I am compelled to respond to the letter, since it was misleading and inaccurate, and to publish misleading and inaccurate information is unfair and can be harmful by all reasonable standards of fairness.

It is my considered opinion that presenting only the years 2008-2015 is a misrepresentation to all of us candidates, since *every* candidate has been practicing law well before the year 2008. Additionally, please note that the letter sent to you does not even include those cases that were filed as post-divorce proceedings between the years 2008-2015, but with a case number that preceded the year 2008. Since the numbers given are limited to the years 2008-2015, those numbers do not reflect the complete and accurate accounting of the actual total number of family law cases handled by the candidates in Harris County, over the life of each of our legal careers. For example, I was licensed to practice law in 2003 and have practiced family law since that time, but other candidates have been practicing for a much longer period of time. The reporting of our numbers should rightly start with the **total** number of family law cases handled, not with a **manipulation of the numbers** based on arbitrarily-chosen years. There is no excuse for wrong information when the actual court records are conclusive and accessible.

Therefore, in an effort to settle any and all discrepancies, and in fairness to **ALL** candidates, I am submitting to the precinct chairs the **correct** total number of family law cases handled by each candidate in Harris County, (based on the records of the **Harris County District Court Clerk's Office**.) The corrections are as follows:

Sandra Peake	1374
Julia Maldonado	546
Germaine Tanner	439
Jim Evans	270
Chip Wells	250
Shawn Thierry	5

Finally, this letter is in no way an attempt for me to speak on behalf of the other candidates, but merely an important opportunity to give all the precinct chairs an accurate accounting of the actual number of family law cases handled by each candidate in Harris County.

Thank you.

Germaine