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VIA E-MAIL

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Re: Self-Nomination Statement for Regional President of HNBA Region X

Dear members of the HNBA Nominations Committee:

My name is Henrique Alejandro Geigel. I am a proud naturalized U.S. citizen, born and raised in Caracas, Venezuela. I am an associate with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP, in Columbus, OH, and I am interested in taking on the job of HNBA Region X President.

My first interaction with Region X was soon after moving to Columbus. However, I only became actively involved after Christian Gonzalez took over the helm of our local chapter. I joined the HNBA in September of 2017, and since then I have been one of the deputies on Christian's leadership team, helping organize CLEs, presentations, and fundraising events, and otherwise furthering the organization's mission.

Christian led us for over two years and has accomplished much in this time. He relaunched our local chapter (Columbus, OH) and revitalized the organization at the local level. Christian is ready to move on and pass the main leadership responsibilities to a new leader, while continuing to be a vital part of our chapter. He and I have discussed his succession plans and we both agree the time is now appropriate for me to run as a candidate for President of Region X and continue the HNBA's growth in the region. If elected, my main goal will be to continue to grow and strengthen Region X, both in numbers and commitment. We have accomplished a lot at the local level. We want to implement those same efforts that have worked in Columbus throughout the state and across our entire region. As a region, our biggest struggle has been

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establishing strong local chapters in the other major areas within our territory in need of a strong legal Hispanic coalition.

I am confident that as Region X President I can build upon the progress made under Christian's leadership. I plan to work with the same leadership team of deputies, with the National HNBA, and with Vorys, which is committed to supporting the HNBA, to continue to strengthen Region X. I want to ensure we're growing both, the number of our ranks and the commitment from our current and future members, thereby achieving our mission of making a meaningful and positive impact across our Hispanic communities.

By way of background, I started my legal career with the Caracas office of Macleod Dixon (now Norton Rose Fulbright), a transnational law firm that led Venezuela's mining, energy, and oil & gas sectors. I interned with the firm throughout law school, working full time as a law clerk while attending the five year night school program. Upon graduating from the Universidad Católica Andres Bello in 2004, I joined the firm's litigation practice as an associate. Soon thereafter, I went in-house with a Venezuelan private capital investment firm. Eventually, they transferred me to Miami, FL, in 2006, to establish their local branch. I joined the University of Miami School of Law, got my second law degree, with honors, and was admitted to the Florida Bar in 2008. I practiced insurance defense with a boutique litigation firm until my wife and I decided to move our family to Ohio to be close to her parents.

I was admitted to the Ohio Bar in November 2013, and joined the Ohio Attorney General's Office in January of 2014. I served as an associate assistant attorney general for over three years. First as counsel for the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OCIC) and staff attorney for the Attorney General's Heroin Unit, assisting county prosecutors and state and federal law enforcement agencies with the investigation and prosecution of organized crime and large scale drug trafficking operations. While at OCIC, I completed the Ohio Supreme Court interpreter program and became a certified court interpreter in the English/Spanish combination. I later served as pension counsel for the state retirement systems advising the pensions' boards of trustees and representing the pensions in state and federal litigation, compliance, legislative initiatives and matters arising under Ohio's sunshine laws.

I joined my current firm in 2017. As a member of the firm's national toxic torts defense team, representing several Fortune 500 companies in the defense of massive tort actions, my practice focuses on complex commercial litigation. I believe my commitment to the HNBA and my background are evidence of my ability to lead Region X. I have also attached for your consideration my resume and firm bio.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Henrique A Geigel

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Enclosures

cc: Christian Gonzalez