**APPLICATION FOR POSITION OF**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**

**Middle District of Louisiana at Baton Rouge**

**PART II**

**Instructions:** *Use letter size paper in preparing* ***PART II*** *of the application. Type each question and place your answer immediately beneath it using single-space typing. A PDF version of* ***PART II*** *of the application must be emailed to* mlabankruptcy@ca5.uscourts.gov *by* ***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022****.* ***PART I*** *and* ***PART II*** *of the application must not be combined.*

**Responses to the Following Questions Will Only be Reviewed by**

**Judge Members of the Merit Selection Panel**

**Full Name:**

1. In accordance with the *Judicial Conference Regulations for the Selection, Appointment, and Reappointment of Bankruptcy Judges*, a minimum qualification to be appointed as a United States bankruptcy judge is that an applicant be of sound physical and mental health sufficient to perform the essential duties of the office.  Are you able to satisfy this minimum qualification?  Yes: No:

If not, please explain.

1. Have you ever been arrested, cited, or convicted for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? Yes: No:

If so, please provide details. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of $100 or less was imposed unless it also included a jail sentence.

1. Have you ever been a party to an administrative proceeding, mediation, or arbitration? Yes: No:

If so, please explain.

1. Are you current on any applicable court-ordered domestic support obligations? Yes: No:

If not, please explain.

1. Have you ever been sued by a client? Yes: No:

If so, please explain.

1. Do you carry professional liability insurance? Yes: No:

If not, please explain.

1. Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? Yes: No:

If so, please explain, including the amounts involved.

1. Have you ever been charged in any civil or criminal proceeding with conduct alleged to involve moral turpitude, dishonesty, and or unethical conduct? Yes: No:

If so, please explain, including the full case cite.

1. Have you ever been disciplined for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group? Yes: No:

If so, please explain.

1. Have allegations ever been made against you (civilly, criminally, administratively, or in the context of your employment or business affiliation) of sexual, racial, gender or employment misconduct or discrimination? Yes: No:

If so, please explain, including details about any settlements or punishments involved.

1. a. To the best of your knowledge, are you in current compliance with the tax laws and current on all tax-related obligations of the federal government and of the state, county, and community of which you are a resident? Yes: No:

If no, please explain.

b. Have you ever been informed of any non-compliance with tax laws and tax-related obligations? Yes: No:

If so, please explain.

1. Have you timely filed tax returns as required by federal, state, local and other government authorities? Yes: No:

If no, please explain.

1. Has a tax lien, levy, or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Yes: No:

If so, please explain.

1. Have you ever been denied employment due to information disclosed during a background check? Yes: No:

If so, please explain.

1. Have you engaged in any conduct that may cause you to be vulnerable to blackmail or intimidation or the revelation of which could cause embarrassment to the judiciary? Yes: No:

If so, please explain.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

***CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRELIMINARY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT***

*I hereby waive any privilege of confidentiality I may have concerning information which the Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit or any member of its Merit Selection Panel may desire to obtain from any source concerning my qualifications to serve as a United States Bankruptcy Judge. I specifically authorize all institutions, organizations, schools, physicians, hospitals, and individuals to make available to the Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit or any member of its Merit Selection Panel, any information concerning me which they may request. I understand that individuals I have listed as references, as well as my current employer or co-workers, may be contacted by the Merit Selection Panel. Should this pose a problem, I will notify the Circuit Executive so that special arrangements can be made.*

*I also understand that should I become a nominee, I must undergo a background investigation that will require the divulging of personal data, financial data, information on future employment relationships, and potential conflicts of interest, that will be used by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in determining my suitability for appointment as a United States Bankruptcy Judge.*

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_