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Lori A. Buiteweg, Chairperson  
Representative Assembly  
State Bar of Michigan  
Michael Franck Building  
306 Townsend Street  
Lansing, MI 48933-2083

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Dear Ms. Buiteweg:

Kindly consider this as my letter of interest for my nomination by the Nominating and Awards Committee for the position of Clerk of the Representative Assembly of the State Bar of Michigan.

As you may see from the enclosed background information, my commitment to the State Bar of Michigan began years ago when I was a law student. I served as a volunteer senior editor for a journal published by the International Law Section. During my professional career, I have served as a member of the Representative Assembly (3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit), and will this September start my second 3-year term. As a member of the Representative Assembly, I served on the Drafting Committee as a member (2004-2005), and as the current Chair (2005-2006). I also served on the Law and the Media Section as the Representative Assembly Liaison.

It has been a great honor and privilege for me to have been a part of such a dedicated and highly professional governing body of the State Bar of Michigan. Serving as a member has been an enriching personal and professional experience. It is my sincere hope that I can continue to serve both the Representative Assembly and my colleagues in the legal profession in Michigan in the position of Clerk of the Representative Assembly of the State Bar of Michigan.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,



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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### EDUCATION:

- Wayne State University, School of Law, Juris Doctor (May, 2001).
- University of Jordan, Bachelor of Arts, English Language and Literature (1983).
- Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, *Training Seminar on Investigation and Forensic Interviewing in Child Abuse Cases* (2001).
- Hillman Advocacy Program, Western District of Michigan (2005).

### STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN (SBM) AFFILIATION AND ACTIVITIES:

- Admitted to the State Bar of Michigan, November, 2001 (Passed the Michigan Bar Examination on the Multi-State part with a score of 158).
- State Bar of Michigan's Representative Assembly, Elected Member (3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit)—Two Consecutive Terms (2003-2006) (2006-2009).
- Representative Assembly Drafting Committee—Chair (2005-2006); Member (2004-2005).
- The Law and the Media Section of the SBM—Representative Assembly Liaison, (2004-2006).
- International Law Section of the SBM, Senior Editor, *Michigan International Lawyer Journal* (1999-2001).

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- 2004 Fellow, Michigan Political Leadership Program, Michigan State University.
- Member, Arab-American Bar Association.
- Member, Dearborn Bar Association.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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| 2004 – Present | <b>Michigan Department of Attorney General.</b><br><i>Assistant Attorney General, Driver License Restoration Section.</i>  |
| 2003 – 2004    | <b>Michigan Court of Appeals.</b><br><i>Law Clerk to the Honorable Michael J. Talbot, Michigan Court of Appeals.</i>   |
| 2001 – 2003    | <b>Michigan Court of Appeals.</b><br><i>Prehearing Attorney.</i> Researched civil and criminal cases raised before the Court of Appeals, involving a thorough review of the lower court records and comprehensive independent legal research writing covering the case facts, in-depth analysis of the legal issues, and drafting proposed unpublished opinions. |

- 1999 – 2001      **Ford Motor Company, Office of the General Counsel.**  
*Part-Time Law Clerk*, Litigation Department, Employment Law. Performed legal research and writing, and drafted various motions. Designed a pamphlet to assist Ford's Human Resources in a specific employment law matter in Missouri and conducted two group presentations to the Ford Human Resources in Missouri under the supervision of the managing attorney.
- 2000 – 2001      **Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Child & Family Abuse Bureau.**  
*Law Student Internship.* (Two separate internships). Represented the Prosecutor's Office in Personal Protection Order arraignments and show-cause motions; assisted two Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys with cross-cultural training; observed arraignments, preliminary examinations and trials.
- 1999 – 2001      **Wayne State University School of Law.**
- Professor John Mogk's L1 Real Property class, *Teacher Assistant* (as L3 law student) (2001).
  - Moot Court, *Junior Member* (1999-2000); *Senior Member* (2000-2001).
- 1992 – 1998      **Arab-American and Chaldean Council**, Lathrup Village, MI.  
*Assistant to the Director.*
- 1996 – 1998      **City of Dearborn Television, (CDTV) Channel 3**, Dearborn, MI.  
*Field Reporter.*
- 1995 – 1996      **UPN-50 WKBD**, Southfield, MI.  
*Freelance Associate News Director*, Ten O'Clock News.
- 1995 – 1996      **Arab Network of America (ANA) Radio, WNZK 690-AM**, Southfield, MI.  
*Producer/Director.*
- 1985 – 1992      **Jordan Radio and Television Corporation**, Amman, Jordan.
- Television: *News Anchor/Editor* (1987 – 1992).
  - Radio: *Newscaster; News Program Host* (1985 – 1992).
- 1983 – 1985      **The Jerusalem Star**, Staff News Reporter, Amman, Jordan.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Sacred Heart Parish, Dearborn, Parishioner, Lector, Lector Coordinator and Trainer, Parish Worship Commission Member, Eucharistic Minister, RCIA Sponsor.
- Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Dearborn/Dearborn Heights, Member.
- Volunteered in the election campaigns of former U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham (1994), Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Henry W. Saad (1996); Michigan Court of Appeals Judges Michael J. Talbot and Christopher Murray (2002); and Dearborn City Councilwoman Suzanne Sareini (2001 and 2005).
- Nazik Al-Hariri Center for the Mentally Handicapped, volunteer teacher assistant (1979-1982).