

Application Form

Profile

Jessica

First Name

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Middle Initial

Palvino

Last Name

Preferred Name

Jessica

Email Address

2510 Moreno Street

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Austin

City

TX

State

78723

Postal Code

Residency and District Information

Are you a City of Austin Resident? *☒ Yes

Are you, or your employer, a registered lobbyist with the City or have you, or your employer, been registered as a lobbyist with the City Clerk within the past three years?

No

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

Cell Phone**Home Phone****Business Phone****Select Your District**☒ District 9Teacher Retirement System of
Texas

Employer

COO/Chief of Staff - Legal &
Compliance

Job Title

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve on a board or commission

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

My reasons for applying are largely personal. Because of family experiences, I understand and appreciate the need for a safe alternative to incarceration. I believe that the Sobering Center fills an important gap that exists between the criminal justice system and routine/accessible healthcare. For several years, I have been seeking an opportunity to better serve the homeless and mentally ill persons in my community and would be privileged to serve on the Sobering Center's board. Although I am not a healthcare professional, I do have legal experience that could be useful in a board role. As further described in the attached resume, I am an attorney with the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and a student at NYU Law School, seeking a masters of law in taxation with a particular focus on tax exempt entities. I am familiar and experienced in many areas of law related to tax exempt and governmental entities, including fiduciary duties, board governance and administrative law. I also have experience on a variety of boards and commissions, as further described in the attached resume. I appreciate this opportunity to serve my community and look forward to answering any questions from you or the Council.

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Upload a Resume

Resume

See attached.

Qualifications

See attached.

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female

Sexual Orientation

☒ Straight/Heterosexual

06/26/1980

Date of Birth

Disability or Impairment Information

Do you have an auditory/hearing disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have a visual disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have a mobility disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have a cognitive disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have another disability or impairment you'd like to share?

Board Requirements

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation: Submitted

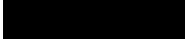
Some boards have additional requirements for appointees. Additional requirements will appear below as they apply to each board.

Question applies to Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation

Please select the requirements you have met (Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation): *

☒ City Council representative

Jessica Palvino
2510 Moreno Street
Austin, Texas 78723



Stephanie Hall
Boards and Commissions Coordinator
City of Austin
301 West 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Statement of Intent to serve on the Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation

Dear Ms. Hall,

I am writing to describe my reasons for applying to serve on the Sobering Center board.

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Best regards,
Jessica Palvino

JESSICA PALVINO, J.D.

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LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/jessicapalvino/

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief of Staff and Chief Operations Officer, Legal & Compliance December 2018-Present

TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS, Austin, TX

Facilitated creation of department strategic plan and executes plan. Ensures that priorities are met or adjusted as necessary. Collaborates across the department, including acting as a liaison with other divisions, to ensure that operations function smoothly. Oversees departmental administrative staff, including executive assistant to the General Counsel. Coordinates and oversees technology improvement projects.

Assistant General Counsel, Tax and Pension Benefits June 2017-Present

TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS, Austin, TX

Provide in-house legal advice and guidance for a broad range of administrative and legal issues related to the TRS pension benefits administration system which consists of 1.5 million members and more than \$133B in assets. Provide guidance regarding compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, handle administrative appeals and collateral litigation, and oversee member requests for information and other legal orders received by TRS.

Partner 2005-June 2017

MCGINNIS LOCHRIDGE, Austin, TX

Managed high profile state and federal cases throughout the United States with a focus on products liability and personal injury. Managed and coordinated complex discovery in overlapping litigation spanning multiple jurisdictions. Oversaw all aspects of litigation from pre-suit investigation through trial.

- **Allergan, Inc. Lawsuit - Products Liability.** Represented multiple plaintiffs injured by Botox in lawsuits against Allergan, Inc. Obtained substantial jury verdicts in Oklahoma and Vermont federal courts.
- **Ortho Evra Lawsuit - Products Liability.** Established as the first team of U.S. attorneys to file and prosecute failure-to-warn claims against the manufacturer of the Ortho Evra birth control patch. Obtained settlements on behalf of several plaintiffs.
- **Awards & Recognition.** Earned the Texas Lawyer Litigation Department of the Year for Products Liability in 2015.

EDUCATION

LLM (Masters of Law in Taxation), New York University, (Expected Spring 2021)

Juris Doctor, Baylor Law School, Cum Laude, 2005

Bachelor of Arts in Agribusiness, Texas A&M University, 2002

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Featured in an article for Texas Rising Stars, Super Lawyer's Magazine, 2016

Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, Austin Bar Foundation and Austin Bar Association, 2015

Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars List, Thomson Reuters service, 2014-2016

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Chair, City of Austin Charter Review Commission, Austin, TX, 2018

Board Member, Thinkery, Austin, TX, 2013-Present

Board Chair, Thinkery, Austin, TX, 2016-2017

- Led an executive organizational transition, oversaw the hiring process for a new CEO, and launched 7-year strategic planning process.

PUBICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Co-Author, *States' Response to Evolving Drone Issues*, Legal and Regulatory Considerations of Drones and UAVs, The Seminar Group, Las Vegas, Nevada

Speaker, *Electronically Stored Information Discovery – Beyond Weekley Homes*, 39th Annual Advanced Trial Course, TexasBarCLE

Speaker, *UAS Regulatory and Legal Issues Facing Energy Users*, UAS Energy In Sight Summit, New Orleans, LA

Co-Author, "5 Litigation Trends for 2016", *Corporate Counsel*

Speaker, *E-Discovery*, TCWLA Day in Federal Court, Travis County Women Lawyers' Association, Austin, TX

Co-Author and Co-Presenter, *Nonparty Discovery in Arbitration and Litigation*, Texas Bar Association Advanced Evidence and Discovery

Co-Author, *Aiding-and-Abetting Liability: Is Privivity Making a Comeback?*, 70 TEX. B.J. 52 (2007)