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I accept the nomination to serve as a candidate for: Independent Director

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EDUCATION (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
J.D.	University of Texas School of Law	1998-2001
M.S.I.S.	University of North Texas School of Information	1991-92
B.A.	Rice University	1987-91
POSITIONS (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Position	Institution	Dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attorney at Law and Consultant, Digital Information Law, March 2010 – present • Attorney at Law, Wong, Cabello, Lutsch, Rutherford, & Bruculerri, L.L.P., Oct. 2007 – Feb. 2010 • Associate Attorney at Law, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., Sept. 2001 – Oct. 2007 • Adjunct Professor, The University of Texas at Austin School of Information, fall 2006, spring 2010 • Legislative Assistant, Texas Library Association, Spring 2001 • Legal Policy Analyst, Texas Senate Judiciary Committee, Spring 1999 • Coordinator of Library Instruction, University of Houston Libraries, August 1994 – August 1998 • Reference Librarian, UTSA Library, University of Texas at San Antonio, Sept. 1992 – Aug. 1994 		
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		
<p>LAW RELATED AWARDS AND HONORS College of the State Bar of Texas, 2003-2005 Co-Editor-in-Chief, Texas Journal of Women and the Law, 2000-2001 Chief Articles Editor, Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal, 2000-2001</p> <p>SELECTED OTHER AWARDS AND HONORS American Library Association Legislative Committee, Copyright Subcommittee, 2011-present Chair, Friends of Libraries and Archives of Texas Board of Directors, 2012-present Commissioner, City of Austin Library Commission, 2008-2011 President, Texas Library Association, 2005-2008 Mentor, TALL Texans Leadership Development Institute, 2004, 2005 Participant, TALL Texas Leadership Development Institute, 1997 Snowbird Leadership Institute (national leadership program for librarians new to the profession), 1994</p>		

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

SELECTED LAW RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Intellectual Property Law Association, 2002-2010
Copyright Law Committee, 2004-2009
Women in IP Law Committee, 2004-2009
State Bar of Texas, Intellectual Property Law Section, 2001-
IP Section Editor, Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal, 2004- 2008
Chair, Copyright Committee, 2006 -2008

SELECTED LIBRARY RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

President, Board of Directors, Friends of the Texas State Library & Archives Commission, 2012-
City of Austin Library Commission, 2007-2011
American Library Association, 1992-
Committee on Legislation, Copyright Committee, 2012-
Texas Library Association, 1992-
President, 2005-2008
Chair, Library Friends, Trustees, and Advocates Round Table, 2008-09, 2012-13
Chair, Intellectual Freedom Committee, 2007-08
Legislative Committee, 1994- 2010
Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, 1994-1997
Texas Library Political Action Committee, Executive Board Member, 1997-1998, 2004-

PUBLICATIONS

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

- Privacy Laws and the Educator. Santa Barbara: ABL-CLIO (forthcoming).
- Licensing Societies: What Can the CCC, ASCAP/BMI/SESAC, and MLUSA/MPLC Do for You?, The Copyright and New Media Law Newsletter (fall 2007).
- Copyright in Cyberspace 2: Questions and Answers for Librarians. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc. 2005.
- Ethical Behavior in the Copyright Context, Texas Library Journal, 80:4, 110 (fall 2004).
- Recent Developments in Copyright Law, Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal 12:1 (fall 2003).
- What Every Librarian Should Know About Copyright (a four-part series) Texas Library Journal 78:2, 56 (summer 2002) through 79:1, 12 (spring 2003).
- Copyright in Cyberspace: Questions and Answers for Librarians. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc. 2001.

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

I come from a family of librarians, and more specifically, librarians devoted to resource sharing amongst libraries in every sense of those words. My father was a leader in the State of Texas in representing the needs of library users for thirty years, focusing on the value of collaboration and sharing. I inherited that passion from him.

I served as an academic librarian for six years in the 1990's, during which time I became interested in the legal issues surrounding the Internet and digital information. That interest led me to law school, after which I worked in firms for several years, before finally surrendering to my true passion and purpose and establishing my own practice. I now practice copyright and privacy law, providing training services as well as legal consulting, and focusing on educational institutions, libraries, and non-profits as clients.

I have worked on legislative matters in various ways throughout my careers, in particular lobbying for libraries through the Texas Library Association and the American Library Association. I served on the TLA Legislative Committee for several years and now serve on the copyright subcommittee of ALA's Committee on Legislation. I have seen over twenty years worth of changes in libraries and other information providers, running the entire spectrum from unlimited potential (such as with new technologies) to heartbreaking devastation (such as the 2003 and 2011 Texas legislative sessions).

And I have watched AMIGOS evolve over that time as its clients and their needs evolved. AMIGOS has done an absolutely amazing job of responding to those changing needs in creative, forward-thinking ways, as its consistent success and growth shows. As our society's information users face increasingly challenging transformations in the world that affect – both positively and negatively – their ability to create, access, and use information, AMIGOS's role and leadership in those areas becomes increasingly important. I will be honored to serve on the AMIGOS Board at such an exciting time.

Gretchen McCord

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