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March 30, 2012

Honorable Jay Emler  
Chair, Confirmations Oversight Committee  
State Capitol, Room 330-E  
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-7303, I am appointing Suzanne Valdez as a member of the Crime Victims Compensation Board. Please find enclosed the appropriate paperwork required to be submitted to your office to begin the confirmation process. Ms. Valdez is a reappointment to a four year term to the position that expired on March 15, 2012.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Derek Schmidt".

Derek Schmidt  
Kansas Attorney General

Enclosures

cc: Pat Saville, Secretary of the Senate

Senate Ways and Means  
Date: 05-01-2012  
Attachment: 4

## Crime Victims Compensation Board

| Members:         |   | Appointed by     | Number of<br>Appointments | Number of<br>Senate<br>Confirmations |
|------------------|---|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Legislators:     | 0 | Attorney General | 3                         | 3                                    |
| House:           | 0 |                  |                           |                                      |
| Senate:          | 0 |                  |                           |                                      |
| Non-Legislative: | 3 |                  |                           |                                      |
| Total Members:   | 3 |                  |                           |                                      |

### Entity Description

KSA 74-7303 *et seq* established the three-member Crime Compensation Board appointed by the Attorney General, subject to confirmation by the Senate as provided in KSA 75-4315b.

Except as provided by KSA 46-2601, no person appointed to the Board may exercise any power, duty or function as a member of the Board until confirmed by the Senate. At no time may more than two members of the Board be from the same political party. At least one member of the Board must be a person regularly admitted to practice law in the State of Kansas.

Each member of the Board serves for a term of four years and until a successor is appointed and confirmed. Upon the expiration of any term of office of any member, the Attorney General appoints a qualified successor. In case of a vacancy on the Board prior to the expiration of a term, the Attorney General appoints a successor of similar qualifications to fill the unexpired term.

The terms of members who are serving on the Board on the effective date of the Act will expire on March 15, of the year in which such member's term would have expired under the provisions of this section prior to amendment by this Act. Thereafter, members are appointed for terms of four years and until a successor is appointed and confirmed.

The Attorney General designates a member of the Board who is regularly admitted to practice law in the State of Kansas to serve as Chairperson at the pleasure of the Attorney General. Members of the Board receive compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and expenses as provided by KSA 75-3223.

## Crime Victims Compensation Board

### Powers and Duties

The Board has the power to:

- Hear and determine all matters relating to claims for compensation;
- Award compensation to persons claiming compensation for economic loss arising from criminally injurious conduct;
- Reinvestigate or reopen claims without regard to statutes of limitation or periods of prescription;
- Request investigations and data from county and district attorneys and law enforcement officers to enable the board to determine whether and the extent to which a claimant qualifies for compensation;
- Publicize the availability of compensation and information regarding the filing of claims; and
- Adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the law under which the Board was created and the Property Crime Restitution and Compensation Act, including rules for the allowance of attorney fees for representation of claimants, and rules and regulations providing for discovery proceedings, including medical examination.

## SUZANNE VALDEZ

Clinical Professor  
The University of Kansas School of Law  
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### Professional Experience

- University of Kansas School of Law (clinical faculty, 1999 – present)  
Lawrence, Kansas
  - Director, Criminal Prosecution Clinic (2003 – present)
  - Director, Externship Clinic (2008 – 2011)
  - Instructor: *Practice in Kansas* (upper-level practice/skills course focused on both Kansas procedural and substantive law)
  - Pretrial Advocacy* (upper-level course in which students litigate a civil case and are taught interviewing, negotiating, and drafting skills)
  - Deposition Skills Workshop* (upper-level intensive litigation course designed to provide students with practical exposure to taking and defending depositions)
  - Director, Master of Law & Letters (LL.M) in Elder Law (2003 – 2005)
  - Supervising Attorney, Douglas County Legal Aid Society (Law School's legal aid clinic) (1999 – 2002)
- Temporary Pro Tem District Judge, Douglas County, Kansas (May 2008 – October 2008)
- Special Prosecutor, Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office (2005 – 2008) Kansas City, Kansas

## Professional Experience (continued)

- Attorney, Kansas Legal Services (1996 – 1999)  
Kansas City, Kansas

## Education

University of Kansas School of Law (J.D. 1996)

- Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy
- Hon. Allen J. Minker, Arizona Superior Court Judge (Legal Intern)
- Walter Hiersteiner Outstanding Service Award (1 of 4 faculty-selected awards presented at law school hooding ceremony)
- Foulston & Siefkin Excellence in Appellate Advocacy Best Brief Award
- Moot Court Council
- Douglas County Legal Aid Society, Legal Intern
- KU School of Law Long Range Planning Committee, Student Member
- Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court, Student Member

University of Nevada, Las Vegas – B.S. "With High Distinction" in Business Administration, 1991

## Publications

*Why Lawyers Conduct Discovery Depositions*, KANSAS BAR ASS'N YOUNG LAWYERS FORUM (forthcoming March 2012)

*What Every Lawyer Should Know About Victims' Rights in Kansas*, 80 J. KAN.B.Ass'N 22 (2011)

*Addressing the Pro Se Litigant Challenge in Kansas State Courts*, 78 J.KAN.B.Ass'N 25 (2009)

*Learning Prosecution: It Begins in Law School*, 6 KAN. PROSECUTOR 20 (2009)

*Some Recent Developments in Kansas Residential Landlord-Tenant Law Including Evictions*, 54 KAN. L. REV. 933 (2007)

## **Publications (continued)**

*What's Become of Grandma, Grandpa, and the Troxels? An Update on Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas*, 75 J. KAN. B. ASS'N 34 (2006)

*Practice In Kansas*, (2001, 2005, 2011)) (compilation of course materials covering Kansas law topics including civil procedure, collection of judgments, landlord/tenant, misdemeanor criminal defense, consumer protection, and family law)

*The Impact of Clinical Legal Education on Student Trial Practice*, 51 KAN. L. REV. 509 (2003)

*Grandparents' Issues: Kinship Caregiving, Visitation, and Related Matters, Advising the Elderly Client* (Chapter 37)(West Group, 2003) (with Laurie Hanson)

*A Proposed Third Party Visitation Statute: A Recommendation for Legislative Change in Kansas*, 11 KAN J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 485 (2002)

*Court-Ordered Grandparent Visitation in Kansas: The Current Law*, Children's Advocacy Resource Center Newsletter, Topeka, Kansas

*Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas: A Review of Troxel v. Granville*, 69 J. KAN. B. ASS'N 14 (2000)

## **Professional Presentations**

Presenter, Testified to Kansas Senate Judiciary Committee concerning SB24 (recodification of Kansas domestic relations statutes) on behalf of the Kansas Judicial Council Family Law Advisory Committee (March 2011)

Panelist, *Who Will Judge You? Advancing Judicial Diversity*, League of Women Voters and Dorothy L. Thompson Lecture Series, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas (September 2010)

Presenter, *The Ethics of Limited Scope Representation in Kansas*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (May 2010)(1 hour CLE)

Co-Presenter, "A Review of Limited Scope Representation," Butler County Bar Association, El Dorado, Kansas (April 2010) (2 hour CLE)

Co-Presenter, *The "Added Value" of Externships: Externships, Clinic, and Pro Bono*, Externships 5 National Conference, Miami, Florida (March 2010) (with Prof. Sande Buhai of University of Loyola, Los Angeles)

## Professional Presentations (continued)

Presenter, *Addressing the Pro Se Litigant Challenge in Kansas State Courts*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (May 2009)(1 hour CLE)

Panelist, KU Law Women in Law, *Criminal Law Panel*, (October 2008)

Panelist, KU Law Women in Law, *Women in the Legal Profession*, (March 2008)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Johnson County Bar Association Family Law CLE Program, Overland Park, Kansas (December 2007) (2 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Wichita SRS CLE Program, Wichita, Kansas (November 2007) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Kansas Legal Services CLE Program, Pittsburg, Kansas (November 2007) (1.5 hour CLE)

Radio Guest on the topic of Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas, *Til Divorce Do Us Part*, a talk radio show that deals with the legal and emotional reality of divorce hosted by Susan Saper Galamba on 1510AM (November 2007)

Presenter, *Recent Developments in Kansas Residential Landlord-Tenant Law, Including Evictions*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (June 2007)(1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Kansas Legal Services Guardian Ad Litem Training, Lawrence, Kansas (December 2006) (2 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Kansas Legal Services Guardian Ad Litem Training, Wichita, Kansas (November 2006) (2 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas, Recent Developments*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (June 2006) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights – An Update*, Kansas Legal Services Guardian Ad Litem Training, Wichita, Kansas (December 2004) (1 hour CLE)

## Professional Presentations (continued)

Presenter, *Practical Skills Program: Nuts & Bolts, Kansas Civil Procedure*, Wichita Bar Association, Wichita, Kansas (October 2004) (1 hour CLE; drafted written materials currently used by various sponsors of practical skills programs)

Presenter, *An Update on Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Southwest Bar Association Annual Meeting & CLE Program, Dodge City, Kansas (September 2004) (1 hour CLE)

Lecturer, *A Survey of American Law*, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia (July 2004) (presented lectures on family law, administrative law, and civil procedure)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas*, Best of CLE Live! Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, Overland Park, Kansas (June 2004) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Update on Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas*, Kansas Trial Lawyers' Association Family Law Teleconference, (March 2004) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *An Update on Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Telephonic CLE Program, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association (February 2004) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Winning Isn't Everything: Ethical Challenges Faced by Young Lawyers*, Best of CLE Live! Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, Overland Park, Kansas (June 2003) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights, Recent Developments*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (June 2003) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Whose Kids Are They Anyway? Third Party Custody Rights in Kansas*, Hot Topics in Family Law, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, Overland Park, Kansas, (March 2003) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Ethics in Domestic Relations Matters*, Southwest Bar Association SKI CLE Program, Frisco, Colorado, (January 2003) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas*, Kansas Bar Association's Current Issues in Elder Law, Lawrence, Kansas (November 2002) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Kansas Legal Services Guardian Ad Litem Training, Salina, Kansas (September 2002) (1 hour CLE)



### **Professional Presentations (continued)**

Presenter, *Landlord/Tenant Law in Kansas: Recent Developments*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (June 2002) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Family Law Update*, Ellis County Bar Association's Thirteenth Annual Legal Education Seminar, Hayes, Kansas (May 2002) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Kansas Legal Services Guardian Ad Litem Training, Chanute, Kansas (April 2002) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Kansas Trial Lawyers' Association Annual Family Law Seminar, Wichita, Kansas (March 2002) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas*, Senior Citizen Law Project, Kansas Legal Service, Topeka, Kansas (November 2001) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Third Party Visitation Rights: The Current Law*, Lindsborg Women Attorney's Conference, Lindsborg, Kansas (July 2001) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Family Law: Recent Developments*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (June 2001) (1 hour CLE)

### **Awards**

KU School of Law, Moreau Award for Excellence and Commitment in Advising Students (student selected: 2002)

KU School of Law, Immel Award for Teaching Excellence (faculty selected: 2000)

Hooder, KU School of Law, December Graduation Ceremony (student selected: 2003)

Student Marshal, KU School of Law, December Graduation Ceremony (student selected: 2002, 2007)

## Service to the Bar

*Chair, Kansas Crime Victim's Compensation Board* (nominated in 2010 by then-Attorney General Steve Six and appointed by Kansas Senate to three-member board charged with awarding compensation to victims of violent crimes in Kansas)

*Kansas Supreme Court Access to Justice Committee* (member of committee convened by Kansas Supreme Court in 2007 and charged with addressing the challenges of self-represented persons in the Kansas courts)

*American Bar Association, Provisional Accreditation Site Inspection Team for Duncan School of Law, Lincoln Memorial University* (March 13-16, 2011) (member of ABA-appointed team that visited and reviewed all aspects of law school's operations to determine whether provisional ABA accreditation should be granted to school)

*American Bar Association, Accreditation Site Inspection Team for Southern Illinois School of Law* (November 16-19, 2008) (member of ABA-appointed team that visited and reviewed all aspects of law school's operations for compliance with ABA legal education standards)

*American Bar Association, Accreditation Site Inspection Team for University of Houston Law Center* (November 5-8, 2006)

*American Bar Association, Accreditation Site Inspection Team for Widener University School of Law* (Wilmington, Delaware and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, February 12-16, 2006)

### *Kansas Continuing Legal Education Commission*

- Appointed by the Kansas Supreme Court for two 3-year terms beginning July 1, 2001
- Chair (three consecutive years, 2003-06)
- Alternative CLE Programs Task Force (2001-05)

*Kansas Trial Lawyers Association* (now known as Kansas Association for Justice)

- Chair, Family Law Section (2003-04)

## Service to the Bar (continued)

### *Kansas Judicial Council, Family Law Advisory Committee*

- Appointed 2003 – present
- Advised committee of possible recommendations for legislative change to Kansas grandparent visitation statutes in light of *Troxel v. Granville* (2001, 2003)
- Forms subcommittee (appointed in 2007 to draft Kansas PFA/PFS and divorce forms to be used by pro se litigants and attorneys)
- Domestic relations statutes recodification subcommittee

### *Judicial Nominating Commission for the Seventh Judicial District*

- Elected lawyer member for 3-year term, 2002 – 05

## Service to KU

### University of Kansas and Kansas Athletics, Inc. NCAA Certification Review

- Steering Committee (appointed by then Chancellor Robert Hemenway, 2008 – 10)
- Chair, Diversity Issues Subcommittee

### Kansas Athletics, Inc.

- Co-chair, Faculty Mentors Steering Committee (2011-12)
- Co-chair, Softball Faculty Mentors Group (2010 – present)
- Co-chair, Women's Basketball Faculty Mentors Group (2011 – present)

### University of Kansas School of Law

- American Bar Association Self-Study Committee (2011 – 13)
- Rice Scholarship Selection Committee (2009 – 12)
- Faculty Recruitment Committee (2001 – 06)
- Admissions Committee (2004 – 07)
- Student Recruitment Committee (1999 – 04)
- Curriculum Review Committee (2000 – 01)
- Faculty Advisor to HALSA (Hispanic American Law Students Association, 2000 – 12)
- Reunions Committee, Chair (2002 – 03)
- Technology Committee (2006 – 07)

### **Service to KU (continued)**

University of Kansas, University Judicial Board (panel of faculty and students appointed to handle grievances filed by university faculty, students, and staff)

- Chair, Judicial Board Panel (2003 – 04)

University of Kansas Mock Trial Team, Faculty Advisor (2006 – 10)

### **Service to Community**

- El Centro, Inc. (1996 – 99) (provided pro bono legal services to Spanish speaking clients in Kansas City, Kansas)
- Parent volunteer at Corpus Christi School and Saint John School in Lawrence, Kansas
- Parent volunteer lunch coordinator for Corpus Christi School (2007 – 2010)
- Girl Scout Troop 7715 and Daisy Troop 7602 Cookie Manager (2009 – present)
- Mentor to Hispanic American undergraduate and law students
- LINK (Lawrence Inter-denominational Nutritional Kitchen) – Server and contributor of food

### **Bar Admissions**

- Kansas (1996)
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas (1996)
- Missouri (1997)
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri (1997)
- Supreme Court of the United States (2003)

### **Memberships**

- American Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Association
- Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court
- Kansas Women Attorneys Association
- Douglas County Bar Association

# Kansas Senate

## CONFIRMATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

### APPOINTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Full Name: Suzanne Valdez  
(name please include title and middle name along with any names previously used) Suzanne Valdez Carey and Suzanne Carey McAllister, Suzanne Diane Valdez, Suzanne Bonilla Valdez

Home Address: 4015 W. 14th Street Lawrence, Kansas 66049  
(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)

\* Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Position to which Appointed: Chair, Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board

Appointing Authority: Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt

\* The driver's license and social security numbers will not be made public but are used by the KBI and Department of Revenue.

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|--------------------------|------------|----------|
| (for Committee use only) |            |          |
| KBI Check: N/A           | In-Process | Complete |
| DOR Check: N/A           | In-Process | Complete |

This Questionnaire is to be fully completed by each appointee appearing before the Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee (Committee) and returned to the Committee Chairman's Office. A meeting of the Committee to consider an appointee will not be scheduled until a completed questionnaire and other forms are received by the Chairman. Please answer each question completely to the best of your knowledge. Should a question not be applicable, please so state. Hand-written responses are strongly discouraged. If filling out this form electronically, "☐" should be replaced with "X" by the appropriate response on the form. Please contact your appointing authority if you have questions when completing the form.

Full Name: Suzanne Valdez (previous names used include: Suzanne Valdez Carey and Suzanne Carey McCallister, Suzanne Valdez, Suzanne Bonilla)  
 Position to which Appointed: Chair, Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board

Appointing Authority: Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt

Home Address: 4015 W. 14th Street Lawrence, Kansas 66049  
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Business Name: University of Kansas School of Law

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Position Title: Clinical Professor

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Fax Number: 785-864-5054 E-Mail Address: suzmac@ku.edu

Kansas resident?  Yes /  No \* Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: Montebello, CA

Registered Voter? Yes Party Affiliation: Independent

Congressional District: 2 Kansas Senate District: 3 Kansas Representative District: 45

Resident County: Douglas

Do you have the legal right to live and work in the United States?  Yes /  No

Please answer the following questions numbered 1 – 43. Each question **MUST BE ANSWERED ON THIS ORIGINAL FORM.** If the answers the question are provided on your resume, please state "See Resume" or if you supply additional attachment(s) with answers, please state "See Attachment(s)" on this form.

1. What is your educational background? Please see resume.
2. Describe your employment experience. Include any expertise related to the position to which you were appointed. Please see resume.

\* Date of Birth will not be made public but will be used by the KBI

3. List any professional licenses that you have obtained and include the number for each license.  
Law licenses: Kansas Supreme Court #17799; Missouri Bar #48423
4. Why do you feel you are a good candidate for the position to which you have been appointed?  
I have served as chair of the CVCB for the past two years. I enjoy
5. What do you see as the purpose or mission of the role to which you have been appointed?  
It is one of public service in which the Board is given the privilege  
to provide compensation to victims of violent crime.
6. **Military Service:** List rank, date and type of discharge from active service.  
None
7. **Government Experience:** List any experience or association with local, state or federal government (exclusive of elective public office but including advisory, consulting, honorary, appointed or other part-time service or positions) and include dates of service.  
None Wyandotte County District Attorneys Office - Special Prosecutor  
(2005-2008)
8. **Elective Public Office:** List all elective public offices sought and/or held with dates of service.  
None
9. **Campaigns:** Have you ever played a role or held a position in a political campaign? If so, please identify the candidate(s), the dates of the campaign and describe your involvement.  
No Yes
10. **Honors and Awards:** List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.  
None Please see resume.
11. **Organization Affiliations:** List all civic, cultural, educational, charitable, or work-related organizations that you have been associated with in the past ten years. Include any position held in the organization and the dates of service.  
None Please see resume.
12. **Organization Restrictions:** To your knowledge, is any organization listed above restricted on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, marital status or veteran status? If so, please describe.  
No Yes
13. **Issues:** Have you ever been publicly identified, in person or by organizational membership, with a particularly controversial national or local issue? If so, please describe.  
No Yes
14. **Submission of Views:** Have you ever submitted oral or written views to any governmental authority, whether executive or legislative, or to the news media on any particularly controversial issue other than in an official governmental capacity? If so, please describe.  
No Yes
15. **Associations:** Have you ever had any association with any person, group or business venture that could be used, even unfairly, to impugn or attack your character and qualifications for the position to which you seek to be appointed? If so, please describe.  
No Yes

16. **Opposition:** Do you know of any person or group who might take overt or covert steps to attack, even unfairly, your appointment? If so, please identify and explain the basis for the potential attack.  
 No  Yes
17. **Miscellaneous:** List any factors, other than the information provided above, which particularly qualifies you or is relevant to the position to which you are seeking appointment? Include any special skills.  
 None Please see resume.
18. **Relationship to Governmental Employees:** Are you or your spouse or other close family members related to any state governmental official or employee? If so, please provide details.  
 No  Yes My husband is also a law faculty member at the University of Kansas School of Law and <sup>he</sup> assists the Kansas Attorney General's Office in constitutional litigation matters.
19. **Compensation:** During the past five years, have you or your spouse or other close family members received any compensation or been involved in any financial transaction with the State of Kansas? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes We are both State of Kansas employees.
20. **Business Relationships:** Describe any business relationship, dealing or financial transaction which you have had during the last five years, whether for yourself, on behalf of a client or acting as an agent, which you believe may constitute an appearance of impropriety or result in a potential conflict of interest in the position to which you want to be appointed. If none, please so state.  
 None
21. **Transactions with Officials:** During the past five years, have you or your spouse or other close family members received any compensation or been involved in any financial transaction with any state government official? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
22. **Spouse or Other Family Members:** If the nature of employment for your spouse or other close family member is related in any way to the position to which you have been appointed, please indicate the employer, the position and the length of time it has been held. If not, please so state.  
 No  Yes
23. **Lobbying Activities:** Describe any lobbying activity during the past ten years in which you and/or your spouse have engaged for the purpose of influencing the passage, defeat or modification of any legislative or administrative action. Lobbying activity includes any activity performed as an individual or agent of another individual, or of any organization that involves direct communication with an official in the executive branch of state government or any official of the legislative branch. If none, please so state.  
 None
24. **Regulated Activities:** Describe any interest that you, your spouse or other close family member may have (whether as an officer, owner, director, trustee, or partner) in any corporation, firm, partnership or other business enterprise and any non-profit organization or other institution that is regulated by or receives direct financial benefits from any department or agency of the State of Kansas. If none, please so state.  
 None



25. **Other:** Please describe any other matter in which you are involved that is or may be incompatible or in conflict with the discharge of the duties of the position to which you have been appointed or which may impair or tend to impair your independence of judgment or action in the performance of the duties of that position. If none, please so state.  
 None
26. **Conflict of Interest:** How would you resolve any potential conflicts of interest that, while maybe unforeseen at this point in time, could arise? I would give thoughtful consideration to the matter and resolve in an ethical manner.
27. **Citations:** Have you ever been cited for a breach of ethics for unprofessional conduct, or been named in a complaint to any court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please provide details.  
 No  Yes In 1999, a divorce client complained to the Disciplinary Administrator's Office. I responded to the complaint and it was dismissed. Please see attached.
28. **Convictions:** Have you ever been convicted or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or forfeited collateral for any criminal violation other than a traffic infraction? (Please include any offenses of driving under the influence, operating while impaired, reckless driving, or the equivalent offenses in other states.) If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
29. **U.S. Military Convictions:** Have you ever been convicted by any military court? If so, please provide details.  
 No  Yes
30. **Imprisonment:** Have you ever been imprisoned, been on probation or been on parole? If so, please provide details.  
 No  Yes
31. **Agency Proceedings/Civil Litigation:** Are you presently, or have you ever been, a party in interest in any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation that is related in any way to the position to which you are seeking appointment? If so, please provide details.  
 No  Yes
32. **Agency Proceedings and Civil Litigation of Affiliates and Family:** a.) Is your spouse or other close family member currently, or ever been, a party in interest in any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation that is related in any way to the position to which you are seeking appointment? If so, please provide details.  
 No  Yes
- b.) Has any business in which you, your spouse, close family member or business associate are or were an officer, director or partner been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position to which you are seeking appointment? If so, please provide details. (With respect to this question, you need only consider proceedings and litigation that occurred while you, your spouse, close family member, or business associate were an officer of that business.)  
 No  Yes

33. **Other Litigation:** a.) Other than the litigation described in question 32, have you or any business in which you are or were an officer, director, or partner been a plaintiff or a defendant in a civil lawsuit? If so, please describe.  
 No  Yes See attached.
- b.) Are you aware of any pending or anticipated litigation against you or any business in which you are an officer, director, or partner? If so, please describe.  
 No  Yes
34. **Drivers License:** Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? If so, please describe.  
 No  Yes
35. **Parking Tickets:** Do you have outstanding parking tickets from any jurisdiction that have remained unpaid for more than 60 days? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
36. **Security Clearance Denial:** Have you ever been denied a military or other governmental clearance? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
37. **Firings:** a.) During the past ten years, have you been fired from a job for any reason? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
- b.) During the past ten years, have you quit a job after being told that you would be fired? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
- c.) During the past ten years, did you leave a job by mutual agreement because of specific problems? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
38. **Alimony and Child Support:** Are you now, or have you ever been, delinquent in the payment of alimony or child support? If so, please explain  
 No  Yes
39. **Consumption of Alcohol:** Have you ever or are you currently abusing alcohol? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
40. **Controlled Substances:** Have you ever or are you currently engaged in the illegal use of a controlled substance or abusing the use of a prescribed controlled substance? If so, please explain.  
 No  Yes
41. **Physical Examination:** If you receive a conditional offer of appointment or employment, would you be willing to take a physical examination, which may include a drug test?  
 No  Yes

42. **Governmental Delinquencies:** Are you delinquent in the payment of any obligation owed to the federal or state government or any political or taxing subdivision or any instrumentality thereof? (Include delinquencies in the payment of: Income, property, or other taxes; exactions, fees or special assessments; loans, including any defaults, on or under loans which are or were made by, guaranteed, insured or subsidized by any unit of government or instrumentality thereof; overpayment of benefits; required payments into or under governmental programs; payments under a diversion arrangement or other repayment schedule.) If applicable, please state whether such delinquency is under formal appeal.  
 No  Yes

43. **Other:** Please provide any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be considered in connection with your appointment. If none, please so state.  
 None Please see resume.

Please include resume and completed Statement of Substantial Interest not more than twelve months old.

### REFERENCES

Name: Prof Michael J. Davis Knows you how?: Professional colleague  
Address: 340 Kaw Lane East Lake Quivera, Kansas 66217  
(City, State, Zip)  
Home Phone: 913-268-7821 Business Phone: 785-864-9244

Name: Shelley Sutton Knows you how?: Executive Director of Kansas CLE Commission  
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(City, State, Zip)  
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Suzanne Valdez

Kansas Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee Appointment Questionnaire

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Supplemental response to Question 33 (a).

*In Re Matter of the Marriage of Carey* (Douglas County Case No. 2003D1031) – Divorce granted and settlement agreement reached between my ex-husband and I on all issues. Since our divorce, my ex-husband and I have worked closely together to parent our two children, Brett and Isabel.

*Paul Davis Restoration v. Suzanne & Steve McAllister* (Douglas County Small Claims Case No. 2007SM230) – PDR sued us for not paying the full invoice of the work they did on a home we were selling. We countersued arguing that the amount that we paid was more than reasonable considering the shoddy work that was done on our home. The case was dismissed, with costs to plaintiff.

State of Kansas



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April 26, 1999

Ms. Mia Lewis  
1134 Greeley  
Kansas City, Kansas 66104

Dear Ms. Lewis:

This is a follow up, after some investigation, to my letter to you of February 18, 1999, concerning your letter of complaint against attorney Suzanne Valdez Carey. I have received a seven-page letter of response from Ms. Carey along with numerous documents from the domestic relations and court files on your divorce. From all of this information, it is obvious that you were competently and diligently represented by Ms. Carey and her predecessor Ms. Moyer at all levels of representation. Please be advised that in the private sector, your \$450.00 payment would not have even purchased four hours of an attorney's time. You received more than ten times the amount of legal services that you in fact paid for.

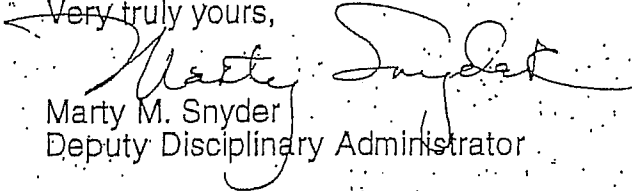
Your letter is mistaken when you say that your husband owned two homes or made \$50,000.00 a year. Ms. Carey did receive the bank account and property information from adverse counsel and did get orders on your behalf distributing the real assets. As you know, the Camry did not belong to you and was not paid for by you and you had your other car already. The judge took into consideration when he awarded the property split and did award it to your former husband.

As you are aware, you do have the legal right to have the court's orders enforced. If your former husband is not paying child support and health benefits, you will need to seek some legal services from an attorney to enforce the court orders. There will probably be additional charges for those legal services.

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After carefully considering all the information presently available to me I find no action of Attorney Carey which would violate the Kansas Rules of Professional Conduct or any other ethical consideration. Therefore, under the power vested in me by Rule 209 of the Kansas Supreme Court Rules Relating to Discipline of Attorneys, I am dismissing your complaint.

Very truly yours,

  
Marty M. Snyder  
Deputy Disciplinary Administrator

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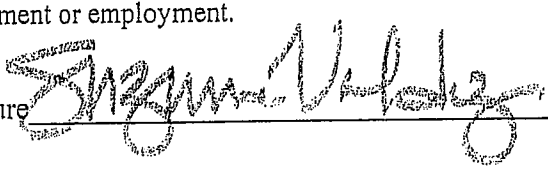
cc: Suzanne Valdez Carey

**AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION:**

The facts set forth in my application are true and complete. False statements, answers, or omissions on this application shall be sufficient cause for nonconsideration or for dismissal after appointment or employment. I also recognize that my selection is based on receipt of satisfactory information from former employers and references, and upon my ability to perform the essential elements, with or without reasonable accommodations, for the position for which I am applying. I herein authorize investigation, without liability, of the information supplied by me in this application for employment or appointment including academic, occupational, health, law enforcement, and government records. I also authorize listed employers and references, without liability, to make full response to any inquiries in connection with this application for appointment or employment. I understand and agree that the terms, conditions, compensation, benefits, hours, schedule, and duration of my appointment or employment may be determined, changed, or modified from time to time at the will of the appointing authority or designee without limitation or condition. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPH AND KNOWINGLY MAKE THIS AUTHORIZATION BY SETTING FORTH MY SIGNATURE.

I understand that if I am required to be registered, licensed, or certified by federal or state law or regulation for the position I seek, I will notify the appointing authority immediately if any investigation, limitation, or cancellation of my registration, licensure, or certification occurs. If any investigation, probation, limitation, or cancellation occurs, I understand that my failure to notify my appointing authority as described above will result in the termination of my appointment or employment.

Signature



Date

3/7/12

**Kansas  
Senate**

**CONFIRMATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Acknowledgment of Release of Tax and Criminal Records Information Form

I, Suzanne Valdez acknowledge that as part of the  
(print name)

Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee process I will:

- be subject to a criminal records background investigation by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation; and
- have my tax records released by the Kansas Department of Revenue.

Such information will not be released to the general public, but will be made available for review at the appropriate time by:

- Myself;
- My appointing authority;
- Chairperson of the Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee; and
- The Vice Chair of the Senate Confirmations Oversight Committee.

By signing the "Authorization and Certification" section (on page 8) of the Senate Confirmation Oversight Committee questionnaire, the Kansas Department of Revenue will be authorized to release my tax information and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation will be authorized to conduct a criminal background investigation on me and provide that information to the appropriate individuals.

Signature

Suzanne Valdez

Date

9/1/02



## STATE OF KANSAS



## KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

ELECTRONIC STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FORM

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This statement must be completed by individuals who are required to do so by law. Any individual who intentionally fails to file as required by law, or intentionally files a false statement, is subject to prosecution for a class B misdemeanor.

Please read the "Guide" and "Definition" section provided with this form for additional assistance in completing sections "C" through "G". If you have questions or wish assistance, please contact the Commission office at 109 West 9th, Topeka, KS or call 785-296-4219.

**A. IDENTIFICATION:**

|   |                       |    |
|---|-----------------------|----|
| Valdez  | Suzanne               |    |
| Last Name   | First Name            | MI |
| Stephen R. McAllister   |                       |    |
| Spouse's Name   |                       |    |
| 4015 W. 14th Street   |                       |    |
| Number & Street Name, Apartment Number, Rural Route, or P.O. Box Number |                       |    |
| Lawrence, KS 66049  |                       |    |
| City, State, Zip Code   |                       |    |
| (785) 766-6169  | (785) 864-9268        |    |
| Home Phone Number   | Business Phone Number |    |

**B. THIS FORM IS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BECAUSE YOU ARE:**

*( check one or more of the following )*

- 1. State Elected Official (Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Insurance, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, State Senator, State Representative, Member of State Board of Education or District Attorney);
- 2. Appointed Member of a State Board, Council, Commission or Authority;
- 3. Appointed State Position is Subject to Senate Confirmation;
- 4. Employee of a State Agency or University;
- 5. General Counsel for a State Agency;
- 6. Candidate for State Office.
- 7. Other (Contractor / Member of Compact)

Crime Victim's Compensation Board

List the Name of Agency, Board, University or Elected Position (You may use abbreviations but not acronyms)

Chair

Division if applicable (May use acronyms)

Position

\* The last four digits of your social security number will aid in identifying you from others with the same name on the computer list. This information is optional. \*

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**C. OWNERSHIP INTERESTS:** List any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, trust, joint venture and every other business interest, including land used for income, and specific stocks, mutual funds or retirement accounts in which either you or your spouse has owned within the preceding 12 months a legal or equitable interest exceeding \$5,000 or 5%, whichever is less. If you or your spouse own more than 5% of a business, you must disclose the percentage held. Please insert additional page if necessary to complete this section.

If you have nothing to report in Section "C", check here

|    | BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS | TYPE OF BUSINESS | DESCRIPTION OF INTERESTS HELD | PERCENT OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS | HELD BY WHOM |
|----|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. |                           |                  |                               |                                |              |

**D. GIFTS OR HONORARIA:** List any person or business from whom you or your spouse either individually or collectively, have received gifts or honoraria having an aggregate value of \$500 or more in the preceding 12 months.

If you have nothing to report in Section "D", check here

|    | NAME OF PERSON OR BUSINESS FROM WHOM GIFT RECEIVED | ADDRESS | RECEIVED BY |
|----|--|---------|-------------|
| 1. |  |         |             |

**E. RECEIPT OF COMPENSATION:** (Part 1) List all places of employment in the last calendar year, and any other businesses from which you or your spouse received \$2,000 or more in compensation (salary, thing of value, or economic benefit conferred on in return for services rendered, or to be rendered), which was reportable as taxable income on your federal income tax returns.

1. YOUR PLACE(S) OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER BUSINESS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR. IF SAME AS SECTION "B", CHECK HERE

If you have nothing to report in Section "E"1, check here

|    | NAME OF BUSINESS                   | ADDRESS                                     | TYPE OF BUSINESS |
|----|------------------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. | University of Kansas School of Law | 1535 W. 15th Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66045 | Legal Education  |

2. SPOUSE'S PLACE(S) OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER BUSINESS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

If you have nothing to report in Section "E"2, check here

|    | NAME OF BUSINESS                   | ADDRESS                                     | TYPE OF BUSINESS |
|----|------------------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. | University of Kansas School of Law | 1535 W. 15th Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66045 | Legal Education  |

**F. OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF AN ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS:** List any organization or business in which you or your spouse hold a position of officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor at the time of filing, irrespective of the amount of compensation received for holding such position. Please insert additional page if necessary to complete this section.

If you have nothing to report in Section "F", check here

| BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS | POSITION HELD | HELD BY WHOM |
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**G. RECEIPT OF FEES AND COMMISSIONS:** List each client or customer who pays fees or commissions to a business or combination of businesses from which fees or commissions you or your spouse received an aggregate of \$2,000 or more in the preceding calendar year. The phrase "client or customer" relates only to businesses or combination of businesses. In the case of a partnership, it is the partner's proportionate share of the business, and hence of the fee, which is significant, without regard to expenses of the partnership. An individual who receives a salary as opposed to portions of fees or commissions is generally not required to report under this provision. Please insert additional page if necessary to complete this section.

If you have nothing to report in Section "G", check here

|    | NAME OF CLIENT / CUSTOMER    | ADDRESS                                      | RECEIVED BY |
|----|------------------------------|--|-------------|
| 1. | Smith Legal, LLC             | 719 Massachusetts St, Lawrence, Kansas 66044 | self        |
| 2. | Thomson, Ramsdell & Qualseth | 333 W, 9th Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66044    | spouse      |

**H. DECLARATION:** I declare that this statement of substantial interests (including any accompanying pages and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement of all of my substantial interests and other matters required by law. I understand that the intentional failure to file this statement as required by law or intentionally filing a false statement is a class B misdemeanor.

Date Electronically Filed: 03/06/2012  
 Name of Person Making Statement: Suzanne Valdez