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JUSTICE, 14<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF APPEALS

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Dear Fellow Republican,

The liberal Democrat plaintiffs' personal injury trial lawyers have vowed to spend \$500,000 or more to unseat me and replace me with their handpicked candidate.

Yes, the liberal Democrat plaintiffs' personal injury trial lawyers are trying to buy a seat on the 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals. The very same liberal Democrats that financed Obama and John Edwards have turned their sights on the courts in Harris County.

And they plan on doing it right in the middle of the Republican Primary!

You elected me in 1994, defeating a liberal Democrat and helping to restore common sense conservative justice to the 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals.

The Courts of Appeals in Texas are very important. After any trial, the losing party is entitled to an appeal. Every type of case, civil or criminal, comes to us. We hear everything.

The difference with the Supreme Court (or Court of Criminal Appeals), is that they only hear a small number of cases, rejecting most of the cases. However, at the Courts of Appeals, we hear every case that is brought to us.

That's why our Court is so important. It is the last or final appeal most cases will ever get. Our rulings are the final word on justice in Texas.

I've spent 15 years on the Court, earning a strong reputation as a conservative judge. The lawyers who practice in the Court refer to me as "smart, tough, and hardworking."

My opponent is Sharon McCally. Before she ran for judge in 2004 she worked as a plaintiffs' personal injury trial lawyer. She was a good one. She sued small and large business, killing jobs and driving up the costs of doing business in Texas. She even sued non-profits like Theater Under the Stars.

So, when she ran in 2004, it was a campaign of slick ads paid for by her friends – the liberal Democrat plaintiffs' personal injury trial lawyers.

Before I ran for Judge, I worked as an Assistant District Attorney for Johnny Holmes. There I tried every type of criminal case imaginable. I handled every level of trial and did appellate work, too. After that I went to work at the Union Pacific Railroad as a general litigation attorney. I handled contract disputes, labor and employment matters, and injury and property claims; all manner of cases - large and small.

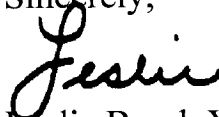
The 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals hears all types of appeals – civil, criminal, family, juvenile, probate; you name it, we hear it.

I'm a conservative – one who believes in strictly interpreting the law, not trying to legislate from the bench or creating new law. I'll leave that to the legislators.

I'm a Republican – and I don't appreciate liberal Democrats trying to interfere in our elections.

Please join me in the fight. Vote to keep an experienced conservative judge on the Court. Vote against Democrat backed candidates who would try to buy a seat rather than earn it.

Sincerely,



Leslie Brock Yates