IOWA ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS

**SPONSOR'S QUESTIONNAIRE PROPOSING NOMINEE**

**I hereby propose for admission as a Fellow of the Academy:**

**1. Candidate's Full Name:**

**2. Email Addresss:**

**3. Phone Number:**

**4. Firm Name and Address:**

**5. Place and Date of Birth:**

**6. Dates and Places of Admissions to Courts:**

 **State:**

 **Federal:**

 **District:**

 **Circuit:**

 **Supreme:**

**7. How long have you known the nominee? Do you have personal trial experience with nominee? If so, what case?**

**8. What is the nominee's scholastic background (including undergraduate and graduate education), and state what degrees nominee obtained.**

**9. When and where did the nominee commence the practice of law, and where does the nominee presently practice?**

**10. State in chronological order the nominee's major legal associations, since the nominee has been engaged in the active practice of law, specifying in each case whether the nominee was employed by a law office, corporation, or government agency; a member of a law firm; or a single practitioner.**

**11. To what other bar associations, clubs, or organizations does the nominee belong (list position held, if any)?**

**12. Has any complaint against the nominee been made to the Committee on Professional Ethics and Conduct of any bar association?**

**13. Has the nominee held public office? If so, what, where, and when?**

**14. Has the nominee ever contributed to legal publications or published any legal materials? If so, on what subject, when, and where?**

**15. Has the nominee ever lectured or offered instruction on legal matters (if so, on what subject, when, and where)?**

**16. Has the nominee ever "made law" in testing an established principle, advancing a unique one or otherwise? If so, briefly state the circumstances.**

**17. What is the general nature of the nominee's practice?**

**18. Does the nominee substantially engage in trial and appellate practice? If so, is the nominee's practice predominantly plaintiff or defendant's work?**

**19. Does the nominee specialize in any particular field of the law?**

**20. What is the nominee's reputation at the bar and among the judges?**

**21. State the names of at least one judge who is acquainted with the nominee's professional ability and status.**

**22. What is the nominee's reputation at the bar as a trial lawyer? Is the nominee recognized among the lawyers as a trial lawyer with ability? How would you rate the nominee, percentage-wise, among the trial lawyers in the district where the nominee practices (top 1%, 5%, etc...)?**

**23. What is the nominee's reputation as an ethical lawyer? Can you give your assurance and certify that the nominee's ethics in obtaining business and in the handling of cases are of the highest?**

**24. (a). How many jury trials has the nominee tried to conclusion?**

**(b). Please list at least five jury cases that the nominee has tried to conclusion as the lead lawyer. (Include the case name, the judge, the opposing counsel, and the date tried).**

**25. Please list at least three non-jury cases that the nominee has tried to a conclusion. Indicate whether or not the nominee was the lead lawyer. (Include the case name, the judge, the opposing counsel, and the date tried)**

**26. Please list at least three appellate cases that the nominee has submitted as the lead lawyer. (Include the case name, the court, the opposing counsel, and the date tried)**

**27. Is the nominee known for any particular trials or cases argued? If so, give details.**

**28. Is a part of the nominee's practice referred by other lawyers? If possible, state what percentage of the nominee's practice is referred.**

**29. Has the nominee given part of his/her time and skill for the general welfare of the profession -- as participation in lectures, legal articles, or public defender or legal aid work, etc...)? Give details.**

**30. Please list the offices held, the committees served on, and any bar association activities the nominee has participated in?**

 **DATE SPONSOR (you may type your name)**