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Application Form for Board, Committee, and/or Commission

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO: LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

If the Board, Committee, or Commission position you are applying for is filled, would you consider serving in another capacity? Please circle one: YES ☐ NO ☒

If your answer is "YES," please list any other boards, committees, or commissions that you are willing to serve on:

Name: ROBERT J. TRIZNA

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Education:

Highest Degree Attained	Institution Name	City, State	Major	Year Degree Awarded
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J.D.	JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL	CHICAGO, IL	LAW	1978
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Community Participation (past and present)/Special Qualifications for Service: PARK RIDGE RECREATION + PARK DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, 1997-2005 (PRES. 2004-05); SCHOOL DIST. 64 FOREIGN LANGUAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 1996-97; DISTRICTS 64 + 207 CAUCUS, 1996-97; LIBRARY REFERENDUM ORGANIZER (CRG), 2001-02; YOUTH SPORTS COACH (SOCCER, BASEBALL + BASKETBALL) 1991-2004; EDITOR, PUBLIC WATCHDOG.ORG, 2004-PRESENT.

Why do you desire this appointment?

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

Signature

Date

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CITY OF PARK RIDGE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT/ 505 BUTLER PLACE PARK RIDGE, IL 60068

Trizna, Robert J.

Why do you desire this appointment?

I desire appointment to the Library board because the Library is one of this community's most significant assets and resources. But it must be actively and creatively managed if it is to remain relevant and vital in the face of both the changing economic realities of local government operations and the accelerating pace change in the way we warehouse, manage and distribute information. The key to doing that requires a balancing of "content," services and environment in ways that reflect the unique characteristics of our community and its resident "customers."

My interest in the operation of municipal libraries dates back to 1991, when I got involved with the City's plans for building an addition to the current Library structure. By the time I helped organize the campaign to put three Library replacement referendum questions on the November 2002 ballot, I already had developed an appreciation for the role of information technology and the evolution of libraries in our society. Since then I have studied the competing views of libraries as collaborative learning spaces v. individual research facilities v. social gathering spots; I have observed the ongoing "competition" between libraries and bookstores like Barnes & Noble; and I have monitored the development of both centralized and de-centralized library services.

Moreover, my experience with intergovernmental cooperation while on the Park District Board convinced me of the efficiencies and the economies that can be achieved by that process. As a member of the Library board, therefore, I would expect to advocate for more inter-library cooperation not only on a regional basis (*i.e.*, between and among municipal libraries) but also on an intra-community basis, utilizing both the information resources and the physical space of our Dist. 207 and Dist. 64 school libraries.

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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Over thirty years experience crafting and implementing strategic, cost-effective solutions to client problems in the role of lead trial counsel in hundreds of cases involving a wide variety of business-related legal issues and practices, and as primary outside counsel to small and medium-sized businesses.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Partner, Robbins, Salomon & Patt, Ltd. (2009 to present)

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT:

- Shareholder, Schuyler, Roche & Zwirner, P.C., Chicago, Illinois (1996 to 2009)
- Partner, Trizna & Lepri, Chicago, Illinois (1984 to 1996)
- Sole practitioner, Chicago, Illinois (1983 to 1984)
- Associate, McDermott, Will & Emery, Chicago, Illinois (1980 to 1983)
- Law Clerk to Hon. George N. Leighton, U.S. District Court, Chicago, Illinois (1978 to 1980)

EXPERIENCE:

- Lead counsel in state and federal court cases, including jury and non-jury trials and arbitrations involving non-competition agreements, trade secret misappropriation and unfair competition; anti-trust; trademark and service mark infringement; contract and business related disputes; labor and employment matters, including ERISA; general personal injury and insurance defense, including products liability, architect and engineer malpractice and medical malpractice; real estate and construction-related disputes; mortgage foreclosures; and creditor's rights and bankruptcy. Representative reported decisions include:

Trustees of AFTRA Health Fund v. Biondi, 303 F.3d 765 (7th Cir. 2002), involving ERISA preemption of state law tort claims by a health and welfare fund against a plan participant.

International Armor and Limousine Co. v. Moloney Coachbuilders, 272 F.3d 912 (7th Cir. 2001), involving federal jurisdiction of a dispute over the terms of a settlement agreement that resolved federal intellectual property issues.

UAW Local 540 v. BVR Liquidating, Inc., 190 F.3d 768 (6th Cir. 1999), involving the vesting of ERISA-based healthcare benefits under a collective bargaining agreement

UAW Local 540 v. Baretz, 159 F.Supp.2d 954 (E.D.Mich. 2000), involving a challenge to auditor's fees related to an ERISA-governed pension plan.

Board of Trustees, Sheet Metal Workers' National Pension Fund v. Illinois Range, Inc., 71 F.Supp.2d 864 (N.D.Ill. 1999), involving issues related to the withdrawal liability of former shareholders under a corporation's ERISA-governed pension plan.

International Union, UAW v. BVR Liquidating, 190 F.3d 768 (6th Cir. 1999), involving ERISA-governed collectively bargained retiree health care benefit issues.

Greenslade v. Chicago Sun-Times, 112 F.3d 853 (7th Cir. 1997), involving employment discrimination issues.

Creyts Complex, Inc. v. Marriott Corp., 98 F.3d 321 (7th Cir. 1996), involving real estate acquisition and conditional contract issues.

Duffy v. United States, 966 F.2d 307 (7th Cir. 1992), involving constitutional law and military immunity issues.

Marrocco v. General Motors Corp., 966 F.2d 220 (7th Cir. 1992), involving spoliation of evidence issues in a products liability case.

In re Baxco Corp., 148 B.R. 855 (Bkrcty. N.D.Ill. 1992), involving the imposition of a constructive trust on the proceeds of a post-petition fraud on a creditor.

In re Malcolm, 145 B.R. 259 (Bkrcty. N.D.Ill. 1992), involving the non-dischargeability of attorneys' fees incurred through the fraud of the debtor.

Greer Properties, Inc. v. LaSalle Nat. Bank, 874 F.2d 457 (7th Cir. 1989), involving real estate acquisition and conditional contract issues.

American Nat. Bank & Trust Co. v. Bentley, 159 Ill.App.3d 27, 512 N.E.2d 12 (1st Dist. 1987), involving partnership liability issues.

Bartsch v. Gordon N. Plumb, Inc., 138 Ill.App.3d 188, 485 N.E.2d 1105 (1st Dist. 1985), involving complex state law contract, real estate and procedural issues.

- Litigation management, including supervision and direction of other counsel in cases involving contracts, intellectual property, products liability and creditors' rights.
- Negotiation, review and drafting of contracts for a wide variety of commercial transactions, including worldwide manufacturing and distribution activities; and the sale, purchase and leasing of residential, commercial and industrial real estate.
- Counseling of clients concerning: the adoption and licensing of trademarks and service marks, including the filing of applications for registration, the protection of trade secrets, and non-competition matters; the adoption and implementation of corporate compliance, human resource and employment policies and procedures; and the formation, maintenance and governance of businesses.

BAR ADMISSIONS: Admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court (1999); Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals (1997); Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals (1985); United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan (1997); United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin (1992); United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois (1980); Supreme Court of Illinois (1979)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: American Bar Association (Alternative Dispute Resolution, Antitrust, Business Law and Litigation Sections; Illinois State Bar Association (Intellectual Property and Corporation Sections); Chicago Bar Association.

EDUCATION:

The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois (J.D., 1978 – earned degree in five semesters). Member, The John Marshall Journal of Practice and Procedure (now known as “The John Marshall Law Review”); Member, Moot Court Board; Member, National Labor Law Moot Court Team.

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana (A.B. English, 1974)