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Republican Justice Jim Moseley Files For Texas Supreme Court, Place 3

Austin – Wednesday, Justice Jim Moseley officially filed for the Republican nomination for Texas Supreme Court, Place 3, the position currently held by Justice Harriet O'Neill. (Justice O'Neill has announced she will not seek re-election.)

"Supreme Court justices need experience in dealing with complex legal issues and a conservative judicial philosophy that values both the rule of law and the role of juries in our legal system," Moseley said. "My 31 years experience as an attorney, including 13 years as a justice on the court of appeals and four years service with the FTC during the Reagan administration, has prepared me to be that kind of Supreme Court justice."

Moseley continued: "As a justice on the court of appeals, I've written over 1,000 opinions dealing with all areas of civil and criminal law. I have more appellate judicial experience than all the other candidates for this seat—combined. Further, I have a proven record as a judicial-restraint conservative—someone who decides cases based on the law and the facts of the case, and who understands the difference between the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary."

Justice Moseley was appointed to the Dallas Court of Appeals in 1996 by Gov. George W. Bush. In a recent Judicial Evaluation Poll conducted by the Dallas Bar Association, Moseley was the highest-rated justice on the Dallas court.

Before joining the court, Moseley was a shareholder in the Dallas-based firm of Locke Purnell Rain Harrell (now Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell). From 1983 to 1987, Moseley served as Regional Director of the Federal Trade Commission's Dallas office. There he was responsible for enforcing federal antitrust and consumer protection laws in Texas and four surrounding states. He began his legal career in Odessa with the firm of Shafer, Gilliland, Davis, Bunton & McCollum.

Moseley has served as Chair of the State Bar of Texas' Antitrust & Business Litigation Section. He also served two years as a director of the Dallas Bar Association, and authors a regular column on legal writing for that organization's publication, Headnotes. He is a founding member of the Dallas lawyers' chapter of the Federalist Society, a conservative legal organization.

Moseley is an active Republican, and has served as a precinct chairman, county-vice chairman, county chairman, and a member of the State Republican Executive Committee. However, Moseley draws a sharp line between the political process of becoming a judge and the judicial process involved once on the bench. "Texans elect judges on a partisan basis, but a judge's proper role after taking the bench must be non-partisan," Moseley said. "There is no such thing as Democratic or Republican justice. My past support from all segments of the legal community is proof I will apply the law fairly and without bias."

Moseley is a native Texan, born and raised in Eastland County. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from Baylor University. He has been married for 26 years to the former Marian Bentley of Burkburnett. They have two children--Becky, a second-year law student at the University of Chicago, and Jimmy, a junior at Texas A&M. Jim and Marian reside in Coppell and attend Irving Bible Church.

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