

# Application for Appointment to the Open Seat for District 30 (A & B) on the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County

*Mailed or hand-delivered applications must be received by noon on Friday, August 31, 2018, to be considered.*

*Mail or hand-deliver to:* School Board Appointment  
Commission of Anne Arundel County, c/o Board of Education Office,  
2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

*E-mailed applications must be received by noon on Friday, August 31, 2018, to be considered.*

*E-mail to:* sbac@aacps.org as a PDF file.

Please call 410-222-5311, after 24 hours, to confirm receipt.

Full Name <b>Jessica Ann Quincosa</b>		List any former names used	
Address (applicant must be an Anne Arundel County resident) [REDACTED] <b>Riva MD 21140</b>		Are you a registered voter? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
How long have you been an Anne Arundel County resident? <b>9 years</b>	Date of Birth [REDACTED]	Can we contact you at work? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Email address [REDACTED]
Home Phone [REDACTED]	Work Phone [REDACTED]	Cell Phone [REDACTED]	

If you answer "yes" to any of the questions below, please attach comments.

- Yes  No Have you ever been convicted of, entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or forfeited collateral for any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? Minor traffic offenses do not include the offenses of operating under the influence of liquor, operating while impaired, reckless driving or the equivalent offenses in other states.
- Yes  No Have you ever been convicted of any crime that relates in any way to the responsibilities of a member of the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County?
- Yes  No Have you ever been convicted of any crime that has not been expunged or otherwise shielded?
- Yes  No Are you delinquent on any federal, state, or local debt? (Include delinquencies for income, property, or other taxes, governmental loans, overpayment of benefits, required payments into or under governmental programs, and other debts or required payments to the government plus any defaults on or under loans which are or were guaranteed, insured, or subsidized by any unit of government.)
- Yes  No In the last five years, have you been, or are you presently a party of interest in any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation, including any action regarding a professional license?
- Yes  No Have you ever been adjudged bankrupt or insolvent?
- Yes  No Has a complaint of discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, age or handicap ever been filed against you or against any firm or organization during your affiliation with it?

Please attach a current résumé with this application. In addition, please provide here any professional organizational memberships and positions held and length of service: (Please limit to past 15 years) *Attach additional sheets as necessary.*

*see attached*

Received

AUG 31 2018

*Application for Appointment to the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County Board*

Applicant Name

Jessica Quincosa

Community Involvement: (Please limit to the past 15 years.)

*Attach additional sheets as necessary.*

- See attached

Awards/Honors: What award/honors have you been most proud to receive?

(Please include the year of the award and the awarding institution or entity.)

see attached

Please provide a bulleted list of three goals you hope to accomplish if you are appointed to the Board of Education.

Please limit each bullet to 15 words.

See Attached

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Applicant Name

Jessica Quincosa

Please answer the following questions. Your responses for each question must be typed on 8½-by-11 sheets of paper using single-line spacing and 12-point font.

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County? Please include an explanation of the primary strengths you would bring to this position, and what you believe is the proper role of a Board member.
2. What do you believe are the most critical issues currently facing Anne Arundel County Public Schools? What specific ideas do you have to address these issues?
3. Please share any current Anne Arundel County Public Schools best practices and procedures you are familiar with and how you feel these initiatives benefit students and the community.
4. What is your exposure to, or experience with, Anne Arundel County Public Schools?

**I CERTIFY that:**

- *This application (and any copy or facsimile of same) contains no willful misrepresentation and that the information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.*
- *Completion and submission of this application gives the School Board Appointment Commission of Anne Arundel County the authority to submit my name for a criminal records check, including a search of the child abuse registry.*
- *Information on this application and any documents submitted to be included with this application will be deemed public records of the School Board Appointment Commission of Anne Arundel County and may be made available to the public. Only information deemed confidential in accordance with applicable federal and state law will be withheld from public disclosure.*
- *Should any investigation at any time disclose otherwise, my application may be rejected, my name may be removed from consideration for appointment to the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County, and I may be disqualified from applying for any future Board vacancy.*
- *I am not presently employed by the Board of Education.*

*By signing this application, I am consenting to any reasonable inquiry that may be necessary to verify the information I have provided on this form or that I may provide in conjunction with my application for the Anne Arundel County Board of Education.*

Signature

8/31/18  
Date

**Jessica A. Quincosa**

[REDACTED] Riva, MD 21140  
[REDACTED]

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Community Legal Services of Prince George's County**

*Executive Director June 2017 to present*

- Manages, coordinates, and evaluates all Community Legal Services Legal Services programs
- Prepares strategic and fundraising goals
- Outreach with funders, stakeholders, community partners to expand the services of CLS
- Researches, writes, and submits grant proposals and reports

### **Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., Maryland Court Self-Help Center**

*Supervising Attorney December 2014- June 2017*

*Staff Attorney, August 2011 to 2014*

- Supervise and train staff and attorneys at four locations
- Coordinate and supervise the opening of Upper Marlboro Self-Help Resource Center
- Provide legal advice to self-represented litigants; including evaluation of case theories to determine strengths and weaknesses and research legal issues and prepare briefs and motions
- Provide self-represented litigants with information on the court process from pre-trial to post-judgment collection, including discovery and interrogatory assistance
- Chair of the Consumer Law Task Force- 2014

### **The Rodriguez-Nanney Law Firm**

*Associate, December 2008- August 2011*

- Practiced family, immigration, and criminal law
- Conducted client interviews, advised clients of their cases, and communicated case strategies and legal analysis with clients and partner including creating checklists for relief requirements
- Researched, analyzed, and interpreted legal issues for cases and prepared briefs, motions, and appeals; including implications of criminal dispositions on immigration status and family and victim based immigration applications
- Represented clients with immigration applications, memos, and briefs for filing with USCIS, EOIR, and Immigration Court, and BIA including Family-based applications

### **Howrey, LLP**

*Antitrust Staff Attorney, June 2005- December 2008*

- Proposed and implemented comprehensive discovery strategy in complex litigation and conducted client interviews, researched legal issues and presented issues to partners
- Managed and coordinated large-scale document review and production projects, pursuant to Department of Justice Second Requests and criminal or civil subpoenas
- Devised and implemented review and quality control procedures for accurate identification of responsive, significant, and privileged documents
- Supervised and coordinated paralegals and contract attorneys

### **Jones Day; Howrey LLP**

*Contract Attorney, Spring 2004- June 2005*

- Document review, including second review and privilege review, for international arbitration proceeding and Department of Justice requests
- Translated and analyzed Spanish language documents and advised attorneys on their significance

## **Suffolk County Family and Probate Courthouse**

*Legal Intern Spring 2003*

- Assisted self-represented litigants with court information and filing procedures
- Translated forms and files for self-represented litigants at the Resource Center

## **New England Clinical Law Office**

*SJC Rule 3:03 Student Attorney, Fall 2002*

- Conducted client interviews, depositions, trial preparation for merit trials and agency investigations, including writing and filing motions
- Represented clients in a child support modification hearing and an unemployment hearing

## **Finex House, Inc.**

*Legal Intern, Volunteer, Shelter Guest Advocate, Summer 2002 and Spring 2003*

- Advocated and researched rights for shelter guests' needs with other agencies and legal aid entities
- Conducted client interviews and assessed situation and informed guest on filing a restraining order
- Coordinated shelter services and events; organized clothing drive

## **EDUCATION**

### **New England School of Law**

*Juris Doctor, May 2003*

**Honors:** Charles Hamilton Houston Scholarship Recipient (2000-01) and Dean's List (Winter 2002, Spring 2003)

**Activities:** American Civil Liberties Union, NESL Chapter Chair (2002-03); Public Interest Law Association; Women's Law Caucus, member and student mentor; Student Body Association, Vice-Chair Senior Week Committee (2002-2003); *Sexual Violence Online Newsletter*, contributing writer (2002-2003).

### **University of Miami, Miami, Florida, 33146**

*Bachelor of Arts, May 2000; Major: Psychology, Minor: English*

**Honors:** Florida Scholars Scholarship Recipient (1997-2000)

**Activities:** Phi Alpha Delta, Law Society

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish, native speaker

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Massachusetts, Inactive Member (2003)

District of Columbia (2006)

Maryland (2008)

United States District Court for the District of Maryland (2009)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Presenter, Post Judgment Collection, Maryland Volunteer Lawyer Service, June 24, 2016

Panelist, Design Thinking and Collaboration in Legal Services Delivery: Expanding Self-Help Services with Technology and Partnerships, Equal Justice Conference, May 13, 2016

Presenter, Filing for an Absolute Divorce, Maryland Courts Self-Help Center, October 2016

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Collaborative Law Training (2014)

**AWARDS/HONORS**

Maryland State Bar Association Leadership Academy Fellow (2010-2011)

American Bar Association Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy Participant (2014)

MSBA Bar Foundation Fellow (2015)

Maryland Daily Record's Leading Women (2016)

MSBA Leadership Academy 20/20 Outstanding Fellow Award (2017)

Maryland Daily Record's Leaders in the Law, Generation JD (2017)

Maryland Daily Record's Very Important Professional (2018)

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES**

Maryland State Bar Association (2008-present); MSBA Judicial Nomination Committee member (2017-present); MSBA Leadership Academy Co-Chair (2017- present), Committee Member (2011-present); MSBA Young Lawyers Pro Bono Committee (2012); Hispanic Bar Association of DC (2006-present), Communications Co-Chair (2015), Communications Committee Member (2014), Board Member (2008), Public Service Committee Co-Chair and Member (2010-2011); Hispanic Bar Association-DC Foundation, Committee Member (2008- present); Hispanic National Bar Association (2007-present); Maryland Hispanic Bar (2008-present), President (2016- 2017); Board Member (2014- present), Judicial Nominating Committee Chair (2014-15); Anne Arundel Bar Association Member and Law Day Committee Member (2010- 2012); Anne Arundel Bar Association Law Day Committee Co-Chair (2012- 2013); committee member (2010-2012).

### **PRO BONO AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

Tahirih Justice Center, Co-Counsel (2014- present); HBA-DC/DC BAR Spanish Language Advice and Referral Clinic (2006-2010); MVLS, Volunteer Attorney (2008-2009); Women's Law Center of Maryland, Judicare Attorney, Family Law cases, (2008-2011); Anne Arundel County Homeless Resource Day (2010, 2012, 2014); AABA Lawyer in the Library (2010).

Please provide a bulleted list of three goals you hope to accomplish if you are appointed to the Board of Education. Please limit each bullet to 15 words.

1. Stem Programs- Provide additional opportunities to meet and exceed the ever-changing needs of technology and the current workforce.
2. Foreign language programs- Provide additional opportunities for students to learn a foreign language in Elementary School.
3. Community Service- Opportunities for more credit hours and incorporation of community service into the curriculum for our students.



1. Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County? Please include an explanation of the primary strengths you would bring to this position, and what you believe is the proper role of a Board member.

I have a stake in Anne Arundel Public Schools succeeding and continuing to grow as a public school system as the mother of two children (one of who is starting kindergarten) attending AA county schools. I previously volunteered for Law Day presentation at Davidsonville Elementary and was so impressed with the school that we decided when we had the opportunity our children would attend Davidsonville Elementary.

As a legal services attorney, I have the unique perspective of knowing and understanding what some of the less fortunate members of our community experience daily including their financial struggles and familial challenges. I can use my experience to provide a different view on school rules and policies. I have firsthand experience in how those rules and policies may affect different families in our community.

As a first-generation American, I had a similar childhood to the one that many of our immigrant students are experiencing. I remember being a free lunch recipient and how important that assistance was for my single mother. As a proud graduate of a public school system in Dade County, Florida, I am grateful for all of the great experiences and education I received and want to ensure other students have the same opportunities. In high school, I was fortunate to attend a dual enrollment program, which allowed me to attend college and law school.

All of these different facets of my life will bring a rich and diverse experience that will enhance the Board of Education's resources. My role as a member of the Board is to ensure that all student's needs at AA county schools are reflected in the policies AA county Board of Education approves.

2. What do you believe are the most critical issues currently facing Anne Arundel County Public Schools? What specific ideas do you have to address these issues?

I believe overcrowding in the schools is a challenge. I believe with creative thinking and budgeting that the school board may be able to find additional solutions to change the current situation. School safety is an issue facing all schools currently. School safety must be taught to students while ensuring students continue to feel safe in school.

English as a second language is an issue that continues to grow in Anne Arundel schools as more new Americans continue to find their new home in our county. It is a challenge for teachers and schools but it is unique opportunity to teach and immerse students with different cultures and languages in classrooms and provide dual language education.

3. Please share any current Anne Arundel County Public Schools best practices and procedures you are familiar with and how you feel these initiatives benefit students and the community.

Anne Arundel County schools background check of all parents and guardians that chaperone. As parent, I feel safe knowing the adults that interact with my children have been vetted and are safe to be around children.

4. What is your exposure to, or experience with, Anne Arundel County Public Schools?

My son started attending Davidsonville Elementary last year after attending private school for two years. I have been impressed with the level of attention and education he is receiving at Davidsonville.