



HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL

DATE OF REQUEST: 03/28/14
TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES TRAVELING: 1

DEPARTMENT NAME: 139TH DISTRICT COURT
NAME & TITLE OF EMPLOYEE(S) TRAVELING: JUDGE BOBBY FLORES

EVENT INFORMATION

TITLE OF EVENT: JUDICIAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE ECONOMICS AND LAW OF PUBLIC PENSION REFORM
EVENT DATE(S) FROM: 04/27/14 TO: 04/29/14
DEPARTURE DATE: 04/27/14 RETURN DATE: 04/29/14
LOCATION OF EVENT: CITY: CHARLESTON STATE: SOUTH CAROLINA

PURPOSE OF TRAVEL

Place an "X" by the applicable purpose of the trip.

- x To obtain statutorily required continuing professional education.
X To obtain continuing education related to an employee's work or maintenance of a license or certification.
To testify before legislative bodies, regulatory agencies and commissions, and other forums that may make decisions affecting the County and its affiliated organizations and operations.
X To participate in professional organizations related to the employee or official's job assignment.
To conduct essential research & information-gathering for improvement of County operations or compliance with law.
To monitor the development of state or federal legislation or implementation of legislation that might affect the County
To participate in forums, coalitions, & discussions relating to the policy, legislative & regulatory interests of the County
To pursue the County's interests in litigation or criminal justice.
To promote the economic development interests of the County.
To carry out other purposes determined by Commissioners' Court to be in the interest of the County.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NEED TO TRAVEL OUT-OF-STATE

Explain the benefits that this trip it will bring to Hidalgo County. Attach an itinerary, agenda, or schedule for the conference and/ or event. If applicable, justify the need for multiple persons traveling to the same event.

As public pension reform becomes necessary for many states and localities, the myriad of issues surrounding this will become important to our judiciary at many levels and in many courts. This symposium will comprehensively look at pension reform.

Table with 4 columns: SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES, ESTIMATED EXPENSES, (DBM USE ONLY) FUNDS AVAILABLE BALANCE, and MODE OF TRAVEL. Includes rows for Registration Fee, Airfare, Taxi, Bus, Rental Car, Gasoline, Mileage, Telephone, Parking, Lodging, Meals, and Other Expenses.

14. IF HIDALGO COUNTY IS NOT FUNDING ANY OR PART OF THIS TRIP, INDICATE BELOW THE EXPENSE TYPE & SOURCE OF PAYMENT:

Tuition, Reading Materials, Hotel Rooms for Sunday and Monday nights will be paid by the Mason Judicial Education Program.

NOTE: If trip duration is extended to take advantage of lower airfare, a comparison of the savings to the additional estimated cost must be provided with supporting airfare rate documentation.

ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD CERTIFICATION (Place an "X" by each of the certifications)

I certify that:

- x Trip expenses are necessary and will be incurred for official county business.
x Reasonable efforts to minimize the use of county funds have been explored.
Sufficient funds are available within in my department's budget to pay for the related travel expenses without the need of a budget amendment.
x If the trip is for out-of-state training, the training is not available in some other form that does not require out-of-state travel.

APPROVED BY ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD: [Signature] DATE: 3/31/14 DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON: [Signature] PHONE NO.: 318-2260

FOR DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT (DBM) USE ONLY:

TRAVEL IS APPROVED for the individuals listed below:

TRAVEL IS NOT APPROVED for the individuals listed below:

REVIEWED BY (PRINT NAME): Sanjay Akelis DATE: 4-1-14 REVIEWER'S SIGNATURE: [Signature] PHONE NO.: 75601

DBM'S DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL (PRINT NAME): DATE: SIGNATURE OF DBM DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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Subject: INVITATION: Judicial Symposium on the Economics and Law of Public Pension Reform, April 27-29, 2014
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Judicial Symposium on the Economics and Law of Public Pension Reform
Sunday, April 27, 2014 - Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Dear Judge Flores,

I am writing to personally invite you to attend the **Mason Judicial Symposium on the Economics and Law of Public Pension Reform** to be held **Sunday, April 27 to Tuesday, April 29** at the historic Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina.

As public pension reform becomes necessary for many states and localities, the myriad of issues surrounding this will become important to our judiciary at many levels and in many courts. This symposium will comprehensively look at pension reform and include the following topics: the financial structure of pensions, private versus public pensions, bankruptcy and the public pension crisis, and pension reform options. Constitutional arguments against pension reform, the contracts clause, and the takings clause will also be considered. A full agenda for this symposium and a list of speakers can be found online [here](#).

The symposium is nearly full, but there a handful of spots remaining. If your schedule will permit you to join us in Charleston in April, please complete the application as soon as possible. (September's symposium is oversubscribed and the registration application for that program is closed.)

You may apply online [here](#).

There is no tuition; reading materials, hotel rooms for Sunday and Monday nights, and group meals are included. Upon successful completion of the program, qualifying travel expenses are reimbursable 100 percent up to \$400, plus 50% of the amount exceeding \$400, up to a maximum total reimbursement of \$500. Judges traveling from Alaska and Hawaii are eligible for reimbursement up to \$1,000, plus 50% of the amount exceeding \$1,000.

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the application, please contact Kayla Lahti, our program assistant. She may be reached by email at klahti@gmu.edu or by phone at 703.993.8008.

Please also feel free to forward this information on to your colleagues who might be interested and available to join us. We hope to see you at the symposium in April!

Respectfully,

Karen

Karen M. Czarniecki
Director, Education
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Subject: Judicial Symposium on the Economics and Law of Public Pension Reform
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GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW



Judicial Symposium on the Economics and Law of Public Pension Reform
Sunday, April 27, 2014 - Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Dear Judge Flores,

I am delighted to inform you that we have accepted your application to attend the *Judicial Symposium on the Economics and Law of Public Pension Reform* scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2014 to Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina. I am certain you will find the program to be a valuable experience.

Upon successful completion, the JEP will reimburse you for 100% of qualifying transportation expenses up to \$400 plus 50% of the amount exceeding \$400, up to a maximum of \$500. Detailed information on allowable expenses may be found here. For those traveling from Alaska and Hawaii, the reimbursement limit is \$1,000, plus 50% of the amount exceeding \$1,000. Please be prepared to submit original receipts with your reimbursement request.

When making your travel arrangements, it is important that your arrival and departure should be scheduled so that you may attend all program sessions. The JEP will make hotel arrangements.

Reading materials will also be available on the event website approximately six weeks prior to the program.

I look forward to seeing you in April.

Respectfully,
Kayla

KaylaLahti
Program Assistant, JEP
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Sunday April 27, 2014 – Tuesday April 29, 2014

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Reservation Name

MFE/DFW

Status: **Ticket Pending** on Mar 13, 2014

Flight

Depart

Arrive

American Airlines

310



McAllen/ Mission (MFE)

April 27, 2014 06:00 AM

Travel Time : 1 h 40 m

Cabin Class : First

Seat : 5B

Dallas/ Fort Worth (DFW)

April 27, 2014 07:40 AM

Booking Code : P

Plane Type : S80

American Airlines

3135

Operated by American Eagle Airlines

Dallas/ Fort Worth (DFW)

April 27, 2014 08:40 AM

Travel Time : 2 h 25 m

Cabin Class : Economy

Seat : 15B

Charleston (CHS)

April 27, 2014 12:05 PM

Booking Code : K

Plane Type : ER4

Flight

Depart

Arrive

American Airlines

3135

Operated by American Eagle Airlines

Charleston (CHS)

April 29, 2014 12:30 PM

Travel Time : 3 h 0 m

Cabin Class : Economy


Seat : 10B

Dallas/ Fort Worth (DFW)

April 29, 2014 02:30 PM

Booking Code : V

Plane Type : ER4

Flight	Depart	Arrive
American Airlines 243 	Dallas/ Fort Worth (DFW) April 29, 2014 04:15 PM Travel Time : 1 h 35 m Cabin Class : Economy Seat : 11C	McAllen/ Mission (MFE) April 29, 2014 05:50 PM Booking Code : V Plane Type : 319



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Carry-On Baggage	Cost (USD)	Size*	Additional Info
American Airlines Domestic	1st Carry-On	No Charge	36 din / 91 dcm Includes: purse, briefcase, laptop item that must fit under the seat
	2nd Carry-On	No Charge	45 din / 114 dcm Maximum dimensions not to exc 22" long x 14" wide x 9" tall (56 >

Checked Baggage	Cost (USD)	Size*	Weight
American Airlines MFE - CHS	1st Bag	No Charge	62 din / 158 dcm Under 70 lbs/ 32 kgs
	2nd Bag	No Charge	62 din / 158 dcm Under 70 lbs/ 32 kgs
American Airlines CHS - MFE	1st Bag	\$25	62 din / 158 dcm Under 50 lbs/ 23 kgs
	2nd Bag	\$35	62 din / 158 dcm Under 50 lbs/ 23 kgs

*Dimensional Size is calculated as follows: (Length +



Save time at the airport! Add your travel information below to check-in online.

JOSE FLORES No Further information required

Trip Contact Information

We may need to contact you in the event there is important information relevant to your trip. Please enter your phone number. This information will not be used for marketing purposes.

Trip Contact Information

Passenger details have been updated.

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Summary	Required	Optional
All information required for online check-in has been provided. Online check-in will be available 24 hours prior to your departure.	Secure Flight Information	Frequent Flyer Numbr



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Flight	Flight Details	Upgrade Required	Request Upgr:
# 310	Depart: McAllen/ Mission (MFE) Arrive: Dallas/ Fort Worth (DFW)		N
# 3135	Depart: Dallas/ Fort Worth (DFW) Arrive: Charleston (CHS)	Not Offered*	N
# 3135	Depart: Charleston (CHS) Arrive: Dallas/ Fort Worth (DFW)	Not Offered*	N
# 243	Depart: Dallas/ Fort Worth (DFW) Arrive: McAllen/ Mission (MFE)		N

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AGENDA

Sunday, April 27, 2014

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Registration and Reception <i>Upper Lobby and Lobby Bar, Francis Marion Hotel</i>
	Welcome <i>Colonial Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i>
	Host: <u>Henry N. Butler</u>
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Dinner <i>Colonial Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i>

Monday, April 28, 2014

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast <i>Colonial Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i>
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	Conference Introduction and Overview <i>Carolina Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i>
	Instructor: <u>Todd J. Zywicki</u>

Part 1: The Background of Pensions

8:15 AM - 9:30 AM	The Financial Structure of Pensions <i>Carolina Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i>
	Instructor: <u>D. Bruce Johnsen</u>
9:45 AM - 11:00 AM	The Public Pension Crisis <i>Carolina Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i>
	Speaker: <u>Joshua D. Rauh</u>

Part 2: Bankruptcy: The Nuclear Option

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Bankruptcy and the Public Pension Crisis <i>Carolina Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i> Keynote Speaker: <u>David A. Skeel</u>
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Luncheon: Viewing of "Bankrupt" <i>Colonial Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i> A documentary about the City of Detroit and discussion with the film's director and executive producer, Ben Howe. Speaker: <u>Ben Howe</u>

Part 3: Pension Reforms

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM	Pension Reform Options <i>Carolina Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i> Moderator: <u>Todd J. Zywicki</u> , <u>Eileen Norcross</u>
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Legal Questions Raised by Pension Reform <i>Carolina Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i> Moderator: <u>Amy B. Monahan</u> Instructor: <u>Todd J. Zywicki</u>
4:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Audience Q & A <i>Carolina Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i> Including all speakers and panelists Moderator: <u>Todd J. Zywicki</u>
6:15 PM - 7:15 PM	Reception <i>Gold Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i>

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

7:15 AM - 8:15 AM	Breakfast <i>Colonial Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i>
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Part 4: Assessment of Economic and Legal Arguments

8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	Public Choice Instructor: <u>Todd J. Zywicki</u>
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Pension Reform in Practice <i>Carolina Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i> Moderator: <u>Todd J. Zywicki</u> Panelist: <u>Theodore Orson</u>
10:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Economic and Legal Issues <i>Carolina Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i> Moderator: <u>Todd J. Zywicki</u> Panelist: <u>Anthony Radazzo</u> , <u>Michael J. Podgursky</u>
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Roundtable Discussion <i>Carolina Ballroom, Francis Marion Hotel</i>

12:30 PM	Adjourn
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Sunday, September 14, 2014

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Registration <i>Fountain Room</i>
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Reception <i>Fountain Room</i> Welcome <i>Crown Room</i> Host: <u>Henry N. Butler</u>
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Dinner <i>Crown Room, Fairmont San Francisco</i>

Monday, September 15, 2014

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast <i>Venetian Room, Fairmont San Francisco</i>
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8:00 AM - 8:15 AM **Conference Introduction and Overview**
Gold Room, Fairmont San Francisco

Instructor: Todd J. Zywicki

Part 1: The Background of Pensions

8:15 AM - 9:30 AM **The Financial Structure of Pensions**
Gold Room, Fairmont San Francisco

Instructor: D. Bruce Johnsen

9:45 AM - 11:00 AM **The Public Pension Crisis**
Gold Room, Fairmont San Francisco

Part 2: Bankruptcy: The Nuclear Option

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM **Bankruptcy and The Public Pension Crisis**
Gold Room, Fairmont San Francisco

Keynote Speaker: David A. Skeel

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM **Luncheon: Viewing of "Bankrupt"**
Venetian Room, Fairmont San Francisco

A documentary about the City of Detroit and discussion with the film's director and executive producer, Ben Howe.

Speaker: Ben Howe

Part 3: Pension Reforms

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM **Pension Reform Options**
Gold Room, Fairmont San Francisco

Moderator: Todd J. Zywicki,
Eileen Norcross

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM **Legal Questions Raised by Pension Reform**
Gold Room, Fairmont San Francisco

Moderator: Todd J. Zywicki

Panelist: Amy B. Monahan

4:45 PM - 6:00 PM **Audience Q & A**

Gold Room, Fairmont San Francisco

Including all speakers and panelists

Moderator: Todd J. Zywicki

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Reception

Pavilion Room and Roof Garden, Fairmont San Francisco

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

7:15 AM - 8:15 AM

Breakfast

Venetian Room, Fairmont San Francisco

Part 4: Assessment of Economic and Legal Arguments

8:15 AM - 8:30 AM

Public Choice

Instructor: Todd J. Zywicki

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Pension Reform in Practice

Gold Room, Fairmont San Francisco

Moderator: Todd J. Zywicki

Panelist: Theodore Orson,
Glen R. Grell

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

Economic and Legal Issues

Gold Room, Fairmont San Francisco

Moderator: Todd J. Zywicki

Panelist: Anthony Radazzo,
Michael J. Podgursky,
Alexander "Sasha" Volokh

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Roundtable Discussion

Gold Room, Fairmont San Francisco

12:30 PM

Adjourn
