

**APPLICATION (INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS) FOR
INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

Answer all items in print or type. Attach additional sheets as needed to answer completely.

Full Name Nicholas Constantine Dranias

Spouse's Name (if applicable) Nicole L. DeJulia Dranias

City Phoenix **Zip** 85048

County of Residence Maricopa **Resident of Arizona Since** 2008

Employer Nick Dranias Law & Policy Analysis LLC **Title** Managing Member

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Education: Include name(s) of institution(s) and year diploma(s) or degree(s) received.

Loyola University Chicago Law School, 1996, J.D.

Boston University, 1993, B.A. Philosophy & Economics

St. Ignatius College Preparatory, 1989, High School

List **all** political activities for **at least** the past ten years. Include dates of service and indicate **all** offices held in any organization. (Use attachment if necessary.)

None other than occasional small dollar donations to various candidates (records not retained)

List **all** professional and occupational memberships for **at least** the past ten years. Include dates of service and indicate **all** offices held in any organization. Please include honors, awards and other forms of recognition. (Use attachment if necessary.)

- Managing Member, Nick Dranias Law & Policy Analysis LLC, April 2012 to Present
- General Counsel, Honduras Próspera LLC and affiliates, September 2018 to Present (on loan from Nick Dranias Law & Policy Analysis LLC)
 - General Counsel, NeWay Capital LLC, September 2018 to Present
 - Board Chairman/Chief Legal Officer, Próspera Arbitration Center LLC, December 2019 to Present
 - Secretary/Legislative Counsel, North Bay GSP, Inc. (Próspera ZEDE General Service Provider), April 2019 to Present
- Adjunct Instructor, Grand Canyon University, Colangelo College of Business, Aug. 2018 to Present
- Senior Litigation Counsel, Arizona Attorney General, Government Accountability &

- Special Litigation Unit, February 2018 to September 2018
- Pres. & Exec. Director, Board Member, Council of Scholars Member, Compact for America Educ. Found., September 2014 to January 2018
- Representative, Compact Administrator, Compact Commission of the Compact for a Balanced Budget, January 2015 to January 2018
- President, Board Member, Advisory Council Member, Compact for America Action, September 2014 to Jan. 2018
- Member, Vesuvius Terra LLC, October 2016 to Present
- Constitutional Policy Director, Policy Development Director, General Counsel, Of Counsel, Goldwater Institute, April 2008 to September 2014
- Staff Attorney, Institute for Justice-Minnesota Chapter, April 2005 to March 2008
- Associate, Dranias, Harrington & Wilson, November 1996 to March 2005
- Chicago Bar Association, 1997-2005
 - 2005 Oliver Wendell Holmes Award for Outstanding Service to the Chicago Bar Association
 - Co-Editor of the YLS Journal of the Chicago Bar Association Record from 2003 to 2005
- Illinois State Bar, 1996 to Present
- Minnesota State Bar, 1997 to Present
- Washington, DC Bar, 1998 to Present
- Arizona State Bar, 2008 to Present (Rule 38 member 2008-2012; full member from 2012)
- Texas State Bar, 2016 to Present

List **all** civic and community service activities for **at least** the past ten years. Include dates of service and indicate **all** offices held in any organization. Please include honors, awards and other forms of recognition. (Use attachment if necessary.)

- Law & Civil Liberties Speaker, Students for Liberty, February 2017 to Present
- Research Fellow & Policy Advisor, The Heartland Institute, January 2014 to Present
- Advisory Council Member-Civil Liberties, Our America Initiative, August 2014 to Present
- Expert/Speakers Bureau, Federalist Society, January 2012 to Present
- Constitution Day, League of Women Voters, September 2010
- Dialogue with Goldwater Institute: What is the Proper Role of Cities & Towns in Arizona? Arizona League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference, 2010
- Whether a Free Republic is Well-Served by Recent Campaign Finance Decisions, VoteSmart.org, 2010

ATTACH A **STATEMENT OF INTEREST** explaining why you are interested in serving on the independent redistricting commission. (ATTACHED)

ATTACH A **RESUME** OR **BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT**. (ATTACHED)

Applications that do not include the required resume or biographical statement, and a statement of interest, will be considered incomplete and will NOT be considered for nomination.

COMPLETELY ANSWER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Are you committed to applying the provisions of the Arizona Constitution, Article IV, Part 2, Section 1 in an honest, independent and impartial fashion, and to upholding public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process? Yes (X) No ()
2. Will your employment and/or personal circumstances permit you to attend meetings of the Independent Redistricting Commission in their entirety? Yes (X) No ()
3. Are you a registered Arizona voter? Yes (X) No ()
4. Have you been continuously registered for at least the past three years with the same political party or as unaffiliated with a political party? Yes (X) No () If no, attach explanation.

Indicate political registration for the past three years: No affiliation with a political party

5. During the past three years, have you:
 - a. been appointed to, elected to, or a candidate for any other public office, including precinct committeeman or committeewoman, but not including school board member or officer? Yes () No (X)
 - b. served as an officer of a political party or as an officer of a candidate's campaign committee? Yes () No (X)
 - c. served as a registered paid lobbyist? Yes () No (X)

If your answer to any part of this question is "Yes," attach an explanation.

6. Is there any possible conflict of interest or other matter that would create problems or prevent you from fairly and impartially discharging your duties as an appointee to the Independent Redistricting Commission? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," attach an explanation.
7. Are you now an officer, director, or majority stockholder, or otherwise engaged in the management, of any business enterprise? Yes (X) No ()

If your answer is "Yes," give details by attachment, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title and description of your position, the nature of your duties, and the term of your service.

8. Have you filed your state or federal income tax returns for all years you were legally required to file them? Yes (X) No () If your answer is "No," explain by attachment.
9. Have you paid all state, federal and local taxes when due? Yes (X) No () If your answer is "No," explain by attachment.

10. Have you ever violated a court order including but not limited to an order for payment of child or spousal support? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," explain by attachment.
11. Have you ever been expelled, terminated, or suspended from any employment or school or course of learning on account of plagiarism, cheating, or any other "cause" that might reflect in any way on your integrity? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," explain by attachment.
12. Are you, in any jurisdiction, currently charged with or have you ever been arrested for, convicted of, or pleaded guilty to any felony, misdemeanor (excluding civil traffic violations), or violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," explain by attachment.
13. If you performed military service, please indicate the date and type of discharge. If other than honorable discharge, explain by attachment. Not applicable
14. List and describe by attachment any litigation involving an allegation of fraud in which you are or were a defendant. Not applicable
15. In the past year, have you ever been reprimanded, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended, or terminated by an employer as a result of your alleged consumption of alcohol, prescription drugs, or use of illegal drugs? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," explain by attachment the circumstances under which such action was taken, the name(s) of any persons who took such action, and the background and resolution of such action.
16. Have you failed to vote in any general election held during the past eight years? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," explain by attachment.
17. Have you ever refused to submit to a test to determine whether you had consumed and/or were under the influence of alcohol or drugs? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," state the date you were requested to submit to such a test, type of test requested, the name of the entity requesting that you submit to the test, the outcome of your refusal and the reason you refused to submit to such a test.
18. Within the last five years, have you ever been formally reprimanded, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended or terminated by an employer? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," state the circumstances under which such action was taken, the date(s) such action was taken, the name(s) of any persons who took such action, and the background and resolution of such action.
19. Has a judgment or finding that you failed to comply with the substantive requirements of any business or contractual arrangement, including but not limited to bankruptcy proceedings, ever been entered against you? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," explain by attachment.
20. List by attachment all elected or appointed offices that you have held and/or for which you have been a candidate, and the dates. Not applicable.
21. Provide any additional information relative to your application or qualifications you would like to bring to our attention at this time.

BY SIGNATURE OF THIS APPLICATION:

If appointed to the Independent Redistricting Commission I understand I will be ineligible for Arizona public office or for registration as a paid lobbyist during my term on the Independent Redistricting Commission and for three years thereafter, pursuant to the Arizona Constitution, Article IV, Part 2, Section 1.

I have reviewed the constitutional requirements governing the Independent Redistricting Commission and attest that I meet those requirements.

I authorize investigation of all of my responses to this application and further authorize the references listed in the confidential section of this Application to give you any and all information concerning my qualifications they may have, personal or otherwise, and release all parties from all liability for any damages that may result from furnishing information to you.

I understand that the Commission which reviews my application may or may not conduct an interview, and may make its decision based on my responses to this Application and any due diligence.

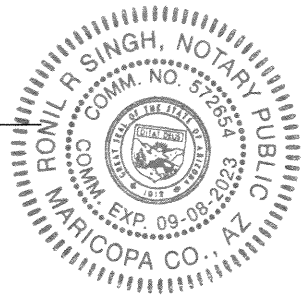
The statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 8/17/20

State of Arizona)
County of Maricopa) ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of August, 2020, by
Nicholas C Draniás

[Signature]
Notary Public



My Commission Expires:
09/08/2023

OPTIONAL SECTION

The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments strives for diversity in its appointments. Therefore, in this optional section, we ask you to consider providing us with information that will help us evaluate our progress in achieving this goal.

RACE/ETHNICITY: () WHITE (Not Hispanic) () NATIVE AMERICAN
() HISPANIC () ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER
() BLACK () Other: _____

GENDER: () MALE () FEMALE

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SUPPLEMENT TO QUESTION 7

Managing Member, Nick Dranias Law & Policy Analysis LLC, April 2012 to Present

My current role is maintaining the firm predominantly as a marketing platform for referrals to associated attorneys and public policy analysts; however, I do furnish pro bono legal services from time to time as well.

General Counsel, Honduras Próspera LLC and affiliates (identified below), September 2018 to Present (on loan from Nick Dranias Law & Policy Analysis LLC)

Although I remain an employee of Nick Dranias Law & Policy Analysis LLC, I have been loaned to furnish general counsel legal services as well as public policy analysis and development services to Honduras Próspera LLC and its various affiliates, which have a business model of developing special economic zones, focusing first in Honduras. My service as General Counsel to NeWay Capital LLC, Board Chairman/CLO of Próspera Arbitration Center LLC, and Secretary/Legislative Counsel with North Bay GSP, Inc. are all in service to this purpose. At NeWay Capital LLC, I focus on protecting intellectual property and supporting investment efforts. At Próspera Arbitration Center LLC, I oversee the principal arbitration service provider for our first special economic zone. North Bay GSP, Inc. is the municipal service provider for the zone; and I furnish it with typical corporate secretarial services, as well as client trust accounting, transactional work, legislative and administrative drafting and analysis services.

Member, Vesuvius Terra LLC, October 2016 to Present

This is an entity I created for my kids to house a microfarm business that they would run by growing tomatoes and other vegetables in raised beds in our backyard; and then selling them to the neighborhood. The kids own 98% of the business, although I oversee the operation.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Having spent the last couple of years supporting efforts to develop a special economic zone in Central America, I am increasingly humbled by the challenges presented by developing and administering governance systems. Good governance involves finding and maintaining an optimal balance between core values as well as economic and political realities—an achievement that, to be stable, must be recognizable by a critical mass of people of good will across the political spectrum. In my view, that optimal balance is achieved by an unbiased commitment to the rule of law. The redistricting process involves one of the most challenging contexts for demonstrating an unbiased commitment to the rule of law insofar as the proper application of the governing standards is often reasonably debatable. I believe my background will allow me to add unique value to the process of applying the governing legal standards to generate a reasonable outcome that has fidelity to our state and federal constitutions, as well as contemporaneous political legitimacy. I would be honored with the opportunity to contribute to such an outcome.

Nicholas C. Dranias – Resume

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Core Experience

- **General Counsel, Honduras Próspera LLC, 2018 – Present**
- **Senior Litigation Counsel, Arizona Attorney General, 2018**
- **President & Executive Director, Compact for America Educ. Found., 2014 – 2018**
- **Constitutional Policy Director, Goldwater Institute, 2008 – 2014**

Education

- **Loyola University Chicago School of Law, JD, 1993 - 1996**
Senior Member of the Loyola University Law Review; Member of Nat'l Labor Law Moot Court Team; Awards for highest grades in Legal Writing, Remedies and Land Use Law
- **Boston University, BA, Economics and Philosophy, cum laude, 1989 – 1993**

Sample Projects, Presentations & Publications

- **U.S. House Judiciary Committee - The Need for the Balanced Budget Amendment – July 2017**
Testified as an expert witness alongside Profs. David Primo and Alan Blinder on the Compact for a Balanced Budget effort's draft balanced budget amendment (<http://tinyurl.com/2017CBB>).
- **McComish v. Bennett/Arizona Free Enterprise Club v. Bennett - 2008 to 2011**
Success in securing All Writs Act emergency stay order from Justice Kennedy. McComish v. Bennett, 130 S. Ct. 3408 (2010).
- **The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, Water Access Rights: City of Tombstone v. U.S.A., 3 Arizona Summit L. Rev. 1, 219 (2014)**
- **Introducing “Article V 2.0”: The Compact for a Balanced Budget, 15 Engage J. Federalist Soc’y Prac. Groups 2 (2014)**
- **Past the Pall of Orthodoxy, 111 Penn. St. L. Rev. 863 (2007)**
- **Eminent Domain Abuse in Minnesota, 62 Bench & B. Minn. 19 (2005)**
- **The Patriot Act of 2001, 17 C.B.A. Rec. 28 (2003)**
- **Washington Post - No Reason to Be Wary of a Constitutional Convention – October 2014 (with Professor Lawrence Lessig)**
- **Harvard Law School: Conference on the Constitutional Convention - September 2011**

Certifications

- **Licensed Attorney - Practicing law under authority of licensure in Arizona, Illinois, Minnesota, Texas and Washington, DC, admission to U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Courts of Appeals (7th, 8th, 9th Circuits), U.S. District Courts (AZ, EDWI, MN, NDIL).**