

October, 2012

Dear Colleague,

As some of you may know, a group of 50 or so experienced lawyers contributed to making the 2008 election memorable by working for the Cuyahoga County (Cleveland and environs) Board of Elections. We have now been asked to assist in producing a sequel, and are offering you an opportunity to spend some unforgettable time on the wonderful banks of Lake Erie this November. At the request of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, we are coordinating a 2012 Election Day program similar to the one the Board initiated 2008. Clearly, the Board members thought that our collective efforts made for an effective and efficient election day. And, the price was right – you will be paid the grand total of \$5 for your election work (we bargained hard in 2008 as the initial offer was to pay \$100)!

We are recruiting up to 60 lawyers who will become employees of the Board of Elections from Saturday or Sunday (November 3/4) through election day November 6. This is absolutely **NON-PARTISAN** work, and since you will be an employee of the Board of Elections, you will be allowed access into the polling places even though you are an out-of-state attorney.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION:

Half the team will be trained on Saturday, November 3 at noon, and the other half Sunday at 9 a.m. Training will mirror the training all poll workers will have received plus additional work on how the Optical Scan voting machines and counters operate and a range of related issues. We will distribute materials before hand.

MONDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION

On Monday – the day before election day – 23 teams of two *rovers* will be assigned routes in various parts of the county to insure machine delivery to polling sites, proper set up, etc. This means that you (or some of you) will have to rent cars (on your own nickel) and have GPS systems. Those not *roving* will staff phone banks at the Board of Elections starting Monday evening.

ELECTION DAY

On election day the *rovers* will be at work monitoring polling sites and trouble shooting. The phone bank work will continue. At then end of the day *rovers* will close polls and actually deliver the ballots. We will then party; or at least those still able to stay awake.

We can report that every person who participated in this program in 2008 had a truly extraordinary experience. If you want to know how this program improved the voting effort, we can share detailed data related to provisional ballots, etc. We know this program made a difference and preserved the right to vote.

The more complete outline of the program prepared by the Board of Elections is available on the

Voter Protection page of the NLG L&EC website.

If you are interested, please get in touch with one of us. Do not hesitate to follow up promptly. In 2008 the slots went quickly. We would appreciate receiving the information below.

Yours,
Craig & Fran

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[NOTE: Fran will be working in Nevada beginning October 9 but you may leave messages on either the cell or work phone about this program or by email]

Please provide the following information:

Name:

Work Address:

Home Address:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Preferred E-mail:

I am willing to be on a "Rover" team: y/n

I will rent a car: y/n