Bell County Voters,

Running for the 146th District Judge of Bell County is an honor. Given my unique skill set, holding this office is the best way for me to serve my community.

Trial court judges have a great deal of responsibility regarding the cases over which they preside. People before the court are often in difficult situations, and a judge must possess the necessary experience to ensure litigants' rights are protected and citizens are treated with dignity and respect.

My education and entire career have been focused on protecting citizens' rights as they navigate the court system. With my extensive knowledge of how to efficiently and effectively conduct a courtroom, I will ensure that all cases are conducted in a fair, consistent, and impartial manner. With almost two decades of experience in all areas of the 146th District Court's docket— including contract, personal injury, trust & estate, tort, real estate, employment, and family law—I have the necessary expertise to ensure citizens and businesses of Bell County receive the trials they deserve.

Having lived in Temple for 11 years and having developed meaningful relationships with the citizens and businesses of Bell County, I not only want to preserve this area's heritage but also strengthen it for future generations. While I grew up in Corsicana, a small Texas town known and loved for its fruitcakes, my family's Central Texas roots run deep. Some of my most treasured memories are the summers at my grandparent's farm near Waco. I come from a legacy of great men and women who prioritized service, selflessness, and integrity. I hope to honor and continue this legacy by serving this community in the role of District Judge. With your vote for me, you are electing a qualified servant devoted to the administration of justice. I am committed to Bell County, and its citizens and businesses deserve a judge who establishes, maintains, and enforces high ethical standards of conduct, and personally observes those standards outside of the courtroom.

Thank you for taking the time to research your candidates—it is crucial for voters to be informed. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact me at, <u>www.MikeRussellForJudge.com/Contact</u>.

Thank you for considering me for the 146^{th} District Court Judge of Bell County. I humbly ask for your vote in the primary election on March $5^{\text{th}*}$.

With gratitude,

Joe Michael (Mike) Russell, II

*Early voting is February 20th – March 1st.