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Dr. Daniel D. Reneau, Jr.  
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RE: LETTER OF APPLICATION  
GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Dear Dr. Reneau:

Please accept this communication as my formal application for the presidency at Grambling State University. Although I may be considered a “non-traditional” candidate, my lifelong roots in the Grambling community, combined with my record of serving this university and community as an attorney, City Councilman, State Representative, and State Senator provide the type of leadership needed at this critical time. I do believe the core and “brand” of GSU remain strong and with the right leadership, we can achieve the stability and growth that we all know is possible. Higher education in Louisiana faces challenges unlike any time in our past. The relationships I’ve built over the past 15 years with the Governor, legislature, congressional leaders and corporate sector will serve Grambling State University well. Furthermore, my service on the Board of Directors at CLECO has provided valuable training and experience in organizational governance.

What Grambling State University needs now, more than anything, is stability. I know the Grambling community and the community knows me. Throughout my years of public service, I have developed a skill set and reputation for being a consensus and coalition builder. If selected, one of the first goals will be to engage all of our various stakeholders to harness our energy, ideas, love and commitment to our university. This must be done quickly and in meaningful and tangible ways. Our focus on recruitment, retention and graduation must be unlike any other time in our history. Our students must know that they are our number one priority and deliver to them the caliber of education that they need in order to be competitive in a global marketplace.

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My record of service to this university is visible in many ways. During my years of service in the legislature, capital improvements totaled more than \$100,000,000. The Eddie Robinson Museum, Fred Hobdy Assembly Center, Conrad Hutchinson Performing Arts Center, campus wide student housing replacement, and food court are just a few of the capital outlay and third party financing project that I have been responsible for and/or involved in. I have also donated to a wide array of projects, events and fundraising efforts at the university. My wife Christy and I are both Life Members of the Grambling University National Alumni Association and I was inducted into the Grambling State University Alumni Hall of Fame.

Luke 12:48 teaches us “...*to whom much has been given, much shall be required from him*”. The education and life lessons learned at Grambling State University gave me the foundation I needed to compete in life. I look forward to giving back as the next president of Grambling State University. We will regain our rightful place as a first rate institution, “where everybody is somebody.”

I look forward to meeting with you and the ULS Board to share my vision, plan and path forward. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Gallot, Jr.

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## Professional

CLECO CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER, AUDIT COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE	2016-PRESENT
GALLOT LAW OFFICE <i>Ruston, Louisiana</i>	1990-PRESENT
LOUISIANA STATE SENATE STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 29 VICE-CHAIRMAN, COMMERCE COMMITTEE MEMBER, AGRICULTURE AND REVENUE & FISCAL AFFAIRS	2012-2016
LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 11 CHAIRMAN, HOUSE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEMBER, HOUSE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, JUDICIARY AND CIVIL LAW	2000-2012
CITY OF GRAMBLING City Councilman	1995-1999
LOUISIANA APPELLATE PROJECT Provided representation in non-capital felony appeals for indigent defendants.	1996-1998
GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY Adjunct Professor, Departments of History and Criminal Justice	1990-1991

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## Education and Related Training

SENIOR EXECUTIVES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT <i>John F. Kennedy School of Government Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts</i>	2003
JURIS DOCTORATE <i>Southern University School of Law Baton Rouge, Louisiana</i>	1990
BACHELOR OF ARTS, HISTORY <i>Grambling State University Grambling, Louisiana</i>	1987

Academic Merit Scholar, Presidential Merit Scholar, National Deans List,  
Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Tiger Marching Band,  
Jazz Band, History Club.

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## Awards

Outstanding Young Men of America	1988
Lincoln Parish Outstanding Young Person Award-Ruston Jaycees	2000
Legislator of the Month (June, 2001)- Louisiana Municipal Association	2001
10 Leaders of the New Century in Northwest Louisiana-Shreveport Times	2001
Friend of the Louisiana Municipal Association	2002, 2003
Legislator of the year-La. Chapter, National Conference of Black Mayors	2002
LegisGator of the Year-Chamber Southwest Louisiana	2011
National Conference of State Legislatures, Co-Chair of Redistricting and Elections Committee	2007
Grambling State University Alumni Hall of Fame	2007
BV Peer Review Rated-Lexis/Nexis Martindale-Hubbell	2009
Top 100 Trial Lawyers-The American Trial Lawyers Association	2009
Southern University Law Center Alumni Hall of Fame	2012
Premier 100 La. Trial Attorney-American Academy of Trial Attorneys	2015

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## Organizations

### **Community/Public Service/Fraternal**

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Evangelist Lodge, #144, Saul Staff Royal Arch Masons, Grambling University National Alumni Association (Life Member), Ruston Jaycees, Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Greater Grambling Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln Rotary Club.

### **Professional**

Louisiana State Bar Association, American Bar Association, National Bar Association, Louisiana Trial Lawyer's Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Lincoln Parish Bar Association, President 1998-2000, Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, Rural Caucus, Independent Caucus, National Conference of State Legislatures, Co-Chair, Redistricting and Elections Committee, American College of Corporate Directors.

### **Licenses to Practice Law**

Supreme Court of the United States of America; State of Louisiana; United States District Court, Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana and Southern District of Alabama; Southern District of Mississippi; United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit and Eleventh Circuit.