

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT

(Please attach additional pages as needed to respond fully to questions.)

DATE: 09/12/2018 Florida Bar No.: 0587621

GENERAL: Social Security No.: [REDACTED]

1. Name Samantha Barrett E-mail: [REDACTED]

Date Admitted to Practice in Florida: September 23, 2002

Date Admitted to Practice in other States: None

2. State current employer and title, including professional position and any public or judicial office.

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Since August 2014 Telephone [REDACTED]

5. Place of birth: Oxford, OH

Date of birth: [REDACTED] Age: 48

6a. Length of residence in State of Florida: 23 years

6b. Are you a registered voter? Yes No

If so, in what county are you registered? Brevard

7. Marital status: Single

If married: Spouse's name [REDACTED]

Date of marriage [REDACTED]

Spouse's occupation [REDACTED]

If ever divorced give for each marriage name(s) of spouse(s), current address for each former spouse, date and place of divorce, court and case number for each divorce.

8. Children

Name(s)	Age(s)	Occupation(s)	Residential address(es)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]

9. Military Service (including Reserves)

Service	Branch	Highest Rank	Dates
none			
Rank at time of discharge		Type of discharge	
Awards or citations _____			

HEALTH:

12a.

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EDUCATION:

18a. Secondary schools, colleges and law schools attended.

<i>Schools</i>	<i>Class Standing</i>	<i>Dates of Attendance</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Florida Coastal School of Law	3.4 GPA Honors	August 1999 to May 2002	Juris Doctorate
Florida State University	3.4 GPA	August 1992 to May 1994	Master of Arts in Spanish
Georgetown College	3.5 GPA Cum Laude	August 1988 to May 1992	Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Communication Arts with Minor in English
Center for Cross-Cultural Studies		August 1990 to December 1990	(Was part of BA degree above.)

18b. List and describe academic scholarships earned, honor societies or other awards.
 Florida Coastal School of Law--Class speaker for graduation ceremony, Invited Pupil-Student member of the Chester Bedell Inn of Court, Academic Scholarship 1999-2002, Dean's Merit Scholarship, Dean's Scholar's list, Highest grade in Torts, Contracts II, Appellate Advocacy, Remedies and Florida Constitutionall Law, Chosen on academic merit for Law Review, Chosen from intra-school competition to compete in regional Moot Court competition in Atlanta, Moot Court Board Vice Chair.

NON-LEGAL EMPLOYMENT:

19. List all previous full-time non-legal jobs or positions held since 21 in chronological order and briefly describe them.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Address</i>
9/1994 to 8/1995	Spanish Teacher	Westwood Academy	225 Fuller St., Camilla, GA 32730
8/1995 to 8/1999	Spanish Teacher	Episcopal High School	4455 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32907

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS:

20. List all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admission requirements to which you have ever been admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission, and if applicable, state whether you have been suspended or resigned.

<i>Court or Administrative Body</i>	<i>Date of Admission</i>
Florida Bar Association	09/23/2002

LAW PRACTICE: (If you are a sitting judge, answer questions 21 through 26 with reference to the years before you became a judge.)

21. State the names, dates and addresses for all firms with which you have been associated in practice, governmental agencies or private business organizations by which you have been employed, periods you have practiced as a sole practitioner, law clerkships and other prior employment:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name of Firm</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Assistant State Attorney	Office of the State Attorney, 18 th Judicial Circuit	2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Bldg. D, Viera, FL 32940	08/19/2002 to present

22. Describe the general nature of your current practice including any certifications which you possess; additionally, if your practice is substantially different from your prior practice or if you are not now practicing law, give details of prior practice. Describe your typical clients or former clients and the problems for which they sought your services.

I am an Assistant State Attorney, prosecuting gun crimes and career criminals on behalf of the State of Florida. During my 16 year career with the 18th Judicial Circuit, I have prosecuted and tried cases in the following divisions: misdemeanor, felony, sex crimes, methamphetamine laboratories, as well as homicides and attempted homicides.

23. What percentage of your appearance in courts in the last five years or last five years of practice (include the dates) was in:

Court		Area of Practice	
Federal Appellate	_____ %	Civil	_____ %
Federal Trial	_____ %	Criminal	_____ 100 %
Federal Other	_____ %	Family	_____ %
State Appellate	_____ %	Probate	_____ %
State Trial	_____ 100 %	Other	_____ %
State Administrative	_____ %		
State Other	_____ %		
	_____ %		
TOTAL	_____ 100 %	TOTAL	_____ 100 %

24. In your lifetime, how many (number) of the cases you have tried to verdict or judgment were:

Jury? 79 Non-jury? 3
 Arbitration? _____ Administrative Bodies? _____

25. Within the last ten years, have you ever been formally reprimanded, sanctioned, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended or terminated by an employer or tribunal before which you have appeared? If so, please 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.

No.

26. In the last ten years, have you failed to meet any deadline imposed by court order or received notice that you have not complied with substantive requirements of any business or contractual arrangement? If so, please explain in full.

No.

(Questions 27 through 30 are optional for sitting judges who have served 5 years or more.)

27a. For your last 6 cases, which were tried to verdict before a jury or arbitration panel or tried to judgment before a judge, list the names and telephone numbers of trial counsel on all sides and court case numbers (include appellate cases).

State of FL v. Solomon Harrell Jr, 2016-CFA-37245: Jason Andersen, co-ASA (321) 617-7510; Charles Nervine and John Gray, Regional Conflict Counsel, defense counsel (321) 752-3180.

State of FL v. Matthew Allen Hill, 16-CFA-32195: Jackie Starbuck, co-ASA (321) 617-7510; Carl Morgan, defense counsel (321) 308-1470.

State of FL v. Curtis Wayne Hooks, 17-CFA-48192: Greg Hansen, co-ASA (321) 617-7510; Kathleen Rallo and Danya Rivera, defense counsel (321) 617-7373.

State of FL v. Dennis Aviles, 14-CFA-40451: Donald Loughran, ASA (321) 617-7510; Sam Edwards and Ray Hornstein, defense counsel (321) 617-7373.

State of FL v. Joseph Milman, 14-CFA-46788: Susan Garrett, ASA (321) 617-7510; Michael Pirrolo and Sam Edwards, defense counsel (321) 617-7373.

State of FL v. Jennifer Rose Trent, 15-CFA-18643: Susan Garrett, ASA (321) 617-7510; Michael Pirrolo and Jessica Hicks, defense counsel, (321) 617-7373.

27b. For your last 6 cases, which were settled in mediation or settled without mediation or trial, list the names and telephone numbers of trial counsel on all sides and court case numbers (include appellate cases).

State of FL v. Shayne Skubak, 15-CFA-52554: Margaret Wagner , defense counsel (321) 604-5362.

State of FL v. Tyrel Keenan, Kepler Funk, defense counsel (321) 953-0104.

State of FL v. Gerald Smith, 17-CFA-40028, 17-CFA-40051 and 17-CFA-40060, Brynn Brito, defense counsel (321) 725-1542.

State of FL v. Andrew Huggins, 17-CFA-33101, Brook O'Sullivan, defense counsel, (321) 617-7373.

27c. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings?
0 average times per month

27d. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared in Court?
15 average times per month

27e. During the last five years, if your practice was substantially personal injury, what percentage of your work was in representation of plaintiffs? n/a% Defendants?
n/a%

28. If during any prior period you have appeared in court with greater frequency than during the last five years, indicate the period during which this was so and give for such prior periods a succinct statement of the part you played in the litigation, numbers of cases and whether jury or non-jury.

none

29. For the cases you have tried to award in arbitration, during each of the past five years, indicate whether you were sole, associate or chief counsel. Give citations of any reported cases.

none

30. List and describe the six most significant cases which you personally litigated giving case style, number and citation to reported decisions, if any. Identify your client and describe the nature of your participation in the case and the reason you believe it to be significant. Give the name of the court and judge, the date tried and names of other attorneys involved.

State of FL v. Jennifer Rose Trent, 15-CFA-18643, 5th DCA case #5D17-1222, appeal pending. ASA Susan Garret and I prosecuted this case together. The case was tried in the Circuit Court for the 18th Judicial Circuit. Judge Morgan Reinman presided over the trial. Micahel Pirrolo and Jessica Hicks were defense counsel. The defendant was charged with First Degree Premeditated Murder, Criminal Use of Personal Identification Information and Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. After the jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged, the defendant was sentenced to three consecutive life sentences. The defendant befriended an elderly lady, Doris Johnson, in Barefoot Bay and moved into her home in late 2014. Over the next several months the defendant began to take advantage of the victim by using her credit cards without the victim's knowledge. On 1/10/2015, when the victim returned home from visiting family out of state, she suddenly went missing. The last person to see her was the defendant, Jennifer Trent. Ms. Johnston's friends and family became concerned when they could not get into contact with her. The defendant, who was still living at the victim's house, told them all that the victim had left again to go on another trip out of state and that she saw her leaving. Several days later, law enforcement located the victim's body in a shed on her property. During the course of the three and a half week trial (3/20/17 through 4/12/17), we introduced over 500 pieces of evidence. The case was significant because it was two trials combined into one: a fraud trial within the homicide trial. Along with the normal evidence of the crime scene, medical examiner, DNA and finger print experts and homicide detectives, I introduced bank records, credit card records, cell phone records, and evidence recovered from forensic examinations of computers that were seized. In addition, there were dozens of surveillance videos of the defendant using the victim's credit card at a multitude of local businesses; each of which had to be authenticated properly before being introduced.

State of FL v. Christopher Eddy, 09-CFA-44160 and 09-CFA-43631 consolidated for trial. 5th DCA case # 5D 12-0306, convictions per curiam affirmed. I was the lead trial prosecutor. The defendant was charged with Attempted 1st Degree Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer, Aggravated Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer While Discharging a Firearm Causing Great Bodily Harm, Resisting an Officer with Violence, Armed Burglary of a Conveyance and Aggravated Assault with a Firearm. James McMaster was my co-counsel and Michael Chauvin was defense counsel. The case was tried in Circuit Court for the 18th Judicial Circuit and Judge Morgan Reinman presided over the trial, which began on 9/26/2011 and ended with the jury finding the defendant guilty as charged on 10/14/2011. Judge Reinman sentenced the defendant to six consecutive life sentences. This case was significant to the community because the

defendant shot a FL Fish and Wildlife Officer, Vann Streety, multiple times during what was a simple traffic stop in a remote, rural area of Brevard County off State Road 520. The defendant fled the scene and was located two days later hiding in another citizen's van at the beach. He then assaulted that individual with the firearm as well. Police also located bomb making materials in the defendant's garage and he admitted in an interview that he had been practicing detonating explosives in the rural area where he had been stopped by Officer Streety. The case was significant in a legal respect in that the defendant filed a Stand Your Ground pre-trial motion, alleging he was defending himself against Officer Streety. At that hearing, the burden was on the defendant to establish that he should be immune from criminal prosecution pursuant to Florida Statute Section 776.032. He was unable to do so for two reasons: 1) The statute itself creates an exception for force used against law enforcement, whereby the defendant cannot get the presumption that his fear of imminent death or great bodily harm is reasonable and 2) The facts and evidence did not support his claim. After initially shooting the officer in the hand, the defendant continued to shoot Officer Streety in the back while the officer was running away and also reloaded his firearm and fired additional rounds into the woods where the officer was hiding.

State of FL v. Sheila Graham Trott, 10-CFA-23904, 5th DCA case # 5D 14-3648, conviction per curiam affirmed. ASA James McMaster and I prosecuted this case together. Michael Pirrolo, Mark Laning and Tamara Meister were the defense counsel. The defendant was charged with First Degree Premeditated Murder for beating to death Kelly Brennan with a hammer on 2/15/2010. The case was tried in Circuit Court for the 18th Judicial Circuit. Judge James Earp presided over the trial which began on 8/25/2014 and concluded on 9/16/2014 with the jury returning a verdict of guilty as charged. Judge Earp sentenced the defendant to life in prison. The case got significant publicity due the fact that the defendant's ex-husband, who was at the time dating the victim, was formerly the Mayor of Indialantic, FL. That, coupled with the idea that the killing was so horrifically brutal and carried out by a female, attracted both local and national media attention. 48 hours produced an episode based on the case. The case was significant to me because but for the defendant's own guilty conscious, she may have gotten away with murder. There was no physical evidence placing the defendant at the crime scene. Her conviction was based on the statements she made after the crime was completed. After ambushing the victim in her front yard and beating her to death, the defendant transported the victim's body to Mark's Landing at the beach. Later that night, the defendant's sons called 911 on three separate occasions because the defendant was acting strange and saying she thought she killed Kelly. The defendant drove with her sons to where she had left the body and also to where she had disposed of the victim's driver's license and other evidence. Both the defendant's sons testified against her at trial. I conducted the direct examinations of both, which was very difficult for them. I had to handle them delicately as witnesses because they recognized that their testimony would likely convict their mother of murder. The other significant aspect of the case legally, was that the first day of trial, despite being well past the court's deadline for pre-trial motions, defense counsel filed eleven pre-trial motions that were complex in nature and required evidentiary hearings with expert testimony. One such motion was the defense's Daubert challenge to the scientific reliability of Blue Star; a chemical agent used by law enforcement to detect the possible presence of blood. I had to locate and secure the testimony of the manufacturer of the product via Skype to

establish that the presumptive blood test was scientifically reliable. All of the defense pre-trial motions were ultimately denied by the court after hearings and we were able to proceed as scheduled with the trial.

State of FL v. Raydel Alvarez, 08-CFC-10573, 5th DCA case # 5D 150667, conviction per curiam affirmed. ASA James McMaster and I tried this case, as well as the case of the co-defendant, Alejandro Valdes, 08-CFB-10573, 5th DCA case #5D 15-1564, conviction per curiam affirmed. The defendants were charged with First Degree Premeditated Murder, Armed Burglary of a Dwelling While Inflicting Death, 3 counts of False Imprisonment and Aggravated Assault with a Firearm. Both cases were tried in Circuit Court for the 18th Judicial Circuit. Judge Morgan Reinman presided over the Alvarez trial, which began 8/6/2012 and concluded on 8/29/2012 with the jury returning verdicts of guilty as charged. Randy Moore and George McCarthy were defense counsel. Judge James Earp presided over the Valdes trial, which began on 2/2/2015 and concluded on 2/20/2015 with the jury returning verdicts of guilty as charged. Dan and Melinda Ciener were defense counsel. Both defendants were sentenced to life in prison. The defendants in this case, wearing masks and armed with firearms, entered the home of the victim, Jose Corcho, while he and his teenage daughter were home. They zip tied Mr. Corcho and beat him in the kitchen while his daughter was zip tied and held in her parents' bedroom. Mr. Corchos's wife arrived home and she was placed in the room with her daughter. Defendant Alvarez went into that bedroom and took one bullet from his revolver and told Ms. Hernandez that if she didn't tell them where the money was, he was going to use that bullet to kill her husband. When she said she didn't know, defendant Alvarez put the bullet back into the revolver, returned to the kitchen and shot Mr. Corcho in the head. This case was significant due to the nature of the charges and also because much of the testimony was in Spanish. The third co-defendant, Nelson Pinero had entered into an agreement with the State to testify against both Mr. Alvarez and Mr. Valdes. He spoke only Spanish. I was in charge of preparing him as witness and presenting his testimony to the jury. Also, the victim's wife spoke only Spanish and I prepared her and presented her testimony at trial as well. Further, during the trial, there were two interpreters present. One was for the witness to the jury and the other was responsible for translating everything that was happening in trial for the defendant. I was able to make objections to the translation of the testimony when it was incorrect. After addressing the errors or inconsistencies at bench conferences and getting clarification, I was able to assure that the jury got the accurate information from the witnesses.

State of FL. v. Terence Merriel, 08-CFA-10867, 5th DCA case #5D15-3598, conviction per curiam affirmed. The defendant was charged with Sexual Battery by Use or Threat of Deadly Weapon, Burglary of a Dwelling with an Assault or Battery and Lewd or Lascivious Exhibition. The case was tried in Circuit Court for the 18th Judicial Circuit from 1/26/2009 through 1/30/2009. Judge Jack Griesbaum presided over the trial. Todd Deratany was defense counsel. The defendant was sentenced to life in prison after the jury returned verdicts of guilty as charged on all counts. The defendant in this case, broke into the victim's residence while she and her 10 year old daughter were sleeping in her bed. The defendant sexually battered the victim while threatening to shoot her in the presence of her daughter. Police began requesting voluntary DNA swabs from any

males associated with the family. The defendant was acquainted with the victim's older son and he was asked to provide a sample. The defendant's reference sample came back as a DNA match to the foreign DNA recovered from inside the victim's vagina during the sexual assault examination, as well as DNA from another crime scene. At trial, both the mother and child testified recounting the events they had suffered. Neither could identify the defendant because he wore something covering his head during the attack. The defendant testified and claimed that he had consensual sex with the victim. The case was significant to me because it was the first time I had to present the testimony of a child and get her qualified as a witness and also the first time I introduced DNA evidence. The expert witness from FDLE was able to explain the scientific process of the DNA analysis and comparison of samples, as well as the statistical significance of the results. The DNA results of 1 in 130 quadrillion and the credible testimony of the victims convinced the jury of the defendant's guilt as charged.

State of FL v. K.J. Britt, 09-CFA-27179, 5th DCA case #5D13-3112, conviction per curiam affirmed. The defendant was charged with Attempted First Degree Felony Murder, Kidnapping and Intentional Alteration of Electronic Monitoring Device. The case was tried in Circuit Court for the 18th Judicial Circuit. Judge John Harris presided over the trial and heard the evidence for the defendant's violation of probation at the same time. The trial began on 12/13/2010 and concluded on 12/16/2010. Matthew Deprim was defense counsel and Laura Moody was my co-counsel. The jury returned verdicts of guilty as charged and the Court sentenced the defendant to life in prison as a Prison Releasee Reoffender and Habitual Violent Felony Offender. The defendant, who was on sex offender probation at the time of this offense, picked up his girlfriend from her residence and drove to a rural area of Cocoa where he knocked her unconscious and placed her in the trunk of his car. He then proceeded to a uninhabited, wooded area in Port St. John where he removed her from the trunk, slit her throat with a butcher knife, tied a plastic bag over her head and eventually left her for dead in the woods covered with a blanket. He went back to Cocoa, cut off his GPS monitor and fled. The victim, who spent the night dying alone in the woods, was able to follow the noise coming from a nearby factory at daybreak where she was discovered by factory workers. This case was significant to me in two respects. First, due to the sheer will to live and strength exhibited by the victim in order for her to survive. Secondly, from a legal perspective, I was able to present nearly every type of evidence to the jury. There was the victim's testimony, the evidence recovered at the crime scene including the knife and blanket, DNA evidence in the form of the victim's blood on the defendant's clothing, and the actual GPS coordinates of the defendant's movements as he was committing the crime.

31. Attach at least one example of legal writing which you personally wrote. If you have not personally written any legal documents recently, you may attach writing for which you had substantial responsibility. Please describe your degree of involvement in preparing the writing you attached.

Attached please find four samples of my legal writing, all of which were authored solely by me. 1) State's Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss in 09-CFA-39392, State of FL v. Gorkis Busby. 2) State's Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Statement of Particulars from 06-CFA-14949, State of FL v. Tyrone Biggs. 3) State's Response to Defendant's Motion for Post-Conviction Relief from 12-CFA-35424, State of FL v. Jocephus Lafleur and 4) State's Response to Ground 3 of Defendant's Motion for Post-Conviction Relief from 13-CFA-60445, State of FL v. Akie Black

PRIOR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE OR PUBLIC OFFICE:

- 32a. Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? If so, state the court(s) involved and the dates of service or dates of candidacy.

No.

- 32b. List any prior quasi-judicial service:

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>Position Held</i>
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None

Types of issues heard:

- 32c. Have you ever held or been a candidate for any other public office? If so, state the office, location and dates of service or candidacy.

No.

- 32d. If you have had prior judicial or quasi-judicial experience,

- (i) List the names, phone numbers and addresses of six attorneys who appeared before you on matters of substance.
- (ii) Describe the approximate number and nature of the cases you have handled during your judicial or quasi-judicial tenure.

- (iii) List citations of any opinions which have been published.
- (iv) List citations or styles and describe the five most significant cases you have tried or heard. Identify the parties, describe the cases and tell why you believe them to be significant. Give dates tried and names of attorneys involved.
- (v) Has a complaint about you ever been made to the Judicial Qualifications Commission? If so, give date, describe complaint, whether or not there was a finding of probable cause, whether or not you have appeared before the Commission, and its resolution.
- (vi) Have you ever held an attorney in contempt? If so, for each instance state name of attorney, approximate date and circumstances.
- (vii) If you are a quasi-judicial officer (ALJ, Magistrate, General Master), have you ever been disciplined or reprimanded by a sitting judge? If so, describe.

BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT:

33a. If you are now an officer, director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise, state the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, the nature of your duties, and whether you intend to resign such position immediately upon your appointment or election to judicial office.

None.

33b. Since being admitted to the Bar, have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law? If so, give details, including dates.

No.

33c. State whether during the past five years you have received any fees or compensation of any kind, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization, or association of any kind. If so, identify the source of such compensation, the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization or association involved and the dates such compensation was paid and the amounts.

No.

POSSIBLE BIAS OR PREJUDICE:

34. The Commission is interested in knowing if there are certain types of cases, groups of entities, or extended relationships or associations which would limit the cases for which you could sit as the presiding judge. Please list all types or classifications of cases or litigants for which you as a general proposition believe it would be difficult for you to sit as the presiding judge. Indicate the reason for each situation as to why you believe you might be in conflict. If you have prior judicial experience, describe the types of cases from which you have recused yourself.

None.

MISCELLANEOUS:

35a. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a first degree misdemeanor?

Yes _____ No If "Yes" what charges? _____

Where convicted? _____ Date of Conviction: _____

35b. Have you pled nolo contendere or pled guilty to a crime which is a felony or a first degree misdemeanor?

Yes _____ No If "Yes" what charges? _____

Where convicted? _____ Date of Conviction: _____

35c. Have you ever had the adjudication of guilt withheld for a crime which is a felony or a first degree misdemeanor?

Yes _____ No If "Yes" what charges? _____

Where convicted? _____ Date of Conviction: _____

36a. Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, give particulars including name of client, date suit filed, court, case number and disposition.

No.

36b. Has any lawsuit to your knowledge been filed alleging malpractice as a result of action or inaction on your part?

No.

36c. Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? If so, give particulars, including the amounts involved.

No.

37a. Have you ever filed a personal petition in bankruptcy or has a petition in bankruptcy been filed against you?

No.

37b. Have you ever owned more than 25% of the issued and outstanding shares or acted as an officer or director of any corporation by which or against which a petition in bankruptcy has been filed? If so, give name of corporation, your relationship to it and date and caption of petition.

No.

38. Have you ever been a party to a lawsuit either as a plaintiff or as a defendant? If so, please supply the jurisdiction/county in which the lawsuit was filed, style, case number, nature of the lawsuit, whether you were Plaintiff or Defendant and its disposition.

Yes. Plaintiff in 11-DR-56490, Brevard County, Samantha Barrett v. M. Doyle, Paternity/ Child support action.

39. Has there ever been a finding of probable cause or other citation issued against you or are you presently under investigation for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group. If so, give the particulars.

No.

40. To your knowledge within the last ten years, have any of your current or former co-workers, subordinates, supervisors, customers or clients ever filed a formal complaint or formal accusation of misconduct against you with any regulatory or investigatory agency, or with your employer? If so, please state the date(s) of such formal complaint or formal accusation(s), the specific formal complaint or formal accusation(s) made, and the background and resolution of such action(s). (Any complaint filed with JQC, refer to 32d(v).

No.

41. Are you currently the subject of an investigation which could result in civil, administrative or criminal action against you? If yes, please state the nature of the investigation, the agency conducting the investigation and the expected completion date of the investigation.

No.

42. In the past ten years, have you been subject to or threatened with eviction proceedings? If yes, please explain.

No.

43a. Have you filed all past tax returns as required by federal, state, local and other government authorities?

Yes No If no, please explain. _____

43b. Have you ever paid a tax penalty?

Yes No If yes, please explain what and why. _____

43c. Has a tax lien ever been filed against you? If so, by whom, when, where and why?

No.

HONORS AND PUBLICATIONS:

44. If you have published any books or articles, list them, giving citations and dates.
Master of Arts Thesis, English translation of "Lejos del Paraiso" by Miguel Sierra, 8/94, published in the Florida State University Library.
45. List any honors, prizes or awards you have received. Give dates.
Invited member of Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court, 2006; Employee of the month 2/05; Outstanding Florida Prosecuting Attorney 2005 award from MADD; Certificate of Appreciation from Brevard Teen Court for service as a presiding judge 2006; Certificate from Earth Languages for participating in translation courses 2006. Other academic achievements listed above in section 18b.
46. List and describe any speeches or lectures you have given.
I instructed seminars for the Florida Prosecuting Attorney's Association in St. Petersburg and Orlando, Florida on DUI law. I was the class speaker at my law school graduation commencement ceremony. Also, I have taught college level Spanish course at Florida State University, Jacksonville University and Florida Community College.
47. Do you have a Martindale-Hubbell rating? Yes If so, what is it? ___ No

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- 48a. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any office which you may have held in such groups and committees to which you belonged.
Member in good standing with the Florida Bar Association.
- 48b. List, in a fully identifiable fashion, all organizations, other than those identified in response to question No. 48(a), of which you have been a member since graduating from law school, including the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in each such organization.
None.
- 48c. List your hobbies or other vocational interests.
I am a single parent with three small children, ages 11, 8, and 6. When not at work, I spend my time with them doing family activities. We enjoy spending time together at the beach, pool, zoo or parks, as well as participating in after school activities such as cheerleading, Christ on Campus, soccer, basketball and karate camp. Between being a prosecuting attorney and raising three children, I don't really have much time for other hobbies.
- 48d. Do you now or have you ever belonged to any club or organization that in practice or policy restricts (or restricted during the time of your membership) its membership on the basis of race, religion, national origin or sex? If so, detail the name and nature of the club(s) or organization(s), relevant policies and practices and whether you intend to continue as a member if you are selected to serve on the bench.
No.

48e. Describe any pro bono legal work you have done. Give dates.

None. I am prohibited by statute from doing any pro bono legal work as I am a full time government employee.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

49a. Have you attended any continuing legal education programs during the past five years? If so, in what substantive areas?

Yes. Criminal law: In 2016--Winter Education Training for Prosecutors, in 2015--Brady and Giglio obligations, Summer Education Training for Prosecutors, Domestic Violence, Winter Education Program for Prosecutors, Code of Ethics for Public Officers, in 2013--Access to records, data, electronic signals and communications.

49b. Have you taught any courses on law or lectured at bar association conferences, law school forums, or continuing legal education programs? If so, in what substantive areas?

Yes, Florida Prosecuting Attorney's Association, DUI Seminars.

50. Describe any additional education or other experience you have which could assist you in holding judicial office.

Over the past 16 years, I have tried over 70 criminal felony trials in Circuit Court with a 95% conviction rate, as well as dozens of misdemeanor trials in County Court. As a prosecutor, I have much more trial experience than most attorneys who are in private practice. As a result, I am very comfortable in the courtroom and have an intimate understanding of the evidence code and trial procedure. In addition, I have experience litigating countless motions and I spend roughly 75 % of my time on any given week in court litigating issues. Also, my prior teaching experience, as well as my fluency in Spanish would be assets. I have experience in dependency court as I was a foster parent and care giver to two young girls from 2009 through 2012 and ultimately adopted both of them. As a result, I attended many judicial review hearings and other court proceedings in dependency court during that time frame and now have a good understanding of how that court system works.

51. Explain the particular potential contribution you believe your selection would bring to this position.

With my extensive experience practicing criminal law and my experience in dependency court as an adoptive foster parent, I believe that I would bring a wealth of knowledge and understanding of how to successfully manage a court docket. I understand that the role of the judge as the neutral magistrate requires patience, fairness, a willingness to keep an open mind and hear from all parties, as well as a thorough comprehension of the law. I possess those qualities and would strive to conduct the courtroom in a judicious and pleasant manner, giving all involved an opportunity to be heard and pronouncing fair rulings in an articulate and professional manner.

52. If you have previously submitted a questionnaire or application to this or any other judicial nominating commission, please give the name of the commission and the approximate date of submission.

None.

53. Give any other information you feel would be helpful to the Commission in evaluating your application.

I consider myself a fair and trustworthy person. I have demonstrated those qualities throughout my legal career. In my experience as a prosecutor, I have realized that there are times that call for asking for the maximum sentence and there are other times where fairness and justice require mercy and giving someone a chance at rehabilitation. I have not forgotten that the defendants involved are real people as well as the victims and I make a concerted effort each day to do what I believe is right and what justice requires. From the simplest misdemeanor in county court to a first degree murder charge, each case is important to someone involved and often has a profound effect on the lives of those touched by the case. This is true in civil practice as well, where the custody of children and the livelihood of citizens is decided. I believe it is important to recognize the human impact of the decisions made from the bench and have compassion when necessary while also upholding an obligation to keep the community safe.

REFERENCES:

54. List the names, addresses and telephone numbers of ten persons who are in a position to comment on your qualifications for judicial position and of whom inquiry may be made by the Commission.

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CERTIFICATE

I have read the foregoing questions carefully and have answered them truthfully, fully and completely. I hereby waive notice by and authorize The Florida Bar or any of its committees, educational and other institutions, the Judicial Qualifications Commission, the Florida Board of Bar Examiners or any judicial or professional disciplinary or supervisory body or commission, any references furnished by me, employers, business and professional associates, all governmental agencies and instrumentalities and all consumer and credit reporting agencies to release to the respective Judicial Nominating Commission and Office of the Governor any information, files, records or credit reports requested by the commission in connection with any consideration of me as possible nominee for appointment to judicial office. Information relating to any Florida Bar disciplinary proceedings is to be made available in accordance with Rule 3-7.1(l), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. I recognize and agree that, pursuant to the Florida Constitution and the Uniform Rules of this commission, the contents of this questionnaire and other information received from or concerning me, and all interviews and proceedings of the commission, except for deliberations by the commission, shall be open to the public.

Further, I stipulate I have read, and understand the requirements of the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct.

Dated this 12th day of September, 2018.

Samantha Barrett
Printed Name


Signature

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