

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT

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

DATE: 08/27/2018 Florida Bar No.: 0021855

GENERAL: Social Security No.: _____

1. Name Kathryn M. Speicher E-mail: kspeicher@sa18.org

Date Admitted to Practice in Florida: 04/27/2006

Date Admitted to Practice in other States: n/a

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

18th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office - Assistant State Attorney

3. Business address: 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building D

City Viera County Brevard State FL ZIP 32940

Telephone (321) 617-7510 FAX (321) 617-7529

4. Residential address: _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Since March 2008 Telephone _____

5. Place of birth: Leesburg, FL

Date of birth: 02/01/1978 Age: 40

6a. Length of residence in State of Florida: 40 years

6b. Are you a registered voter? Yes No

If so, in what county are you registered? Brevard

7. Marital status: Married

If married: Spouse's name _____

Date of marriage _____

Spouse's occupation _____

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.

n/a

8. Children
Name(s) *Age(s)* *Occupation(s)* *Residential address(es)*

9. Military Service (including Reserves)

Service *Branch* *Highest Rank* *Dates*
 n/a

Rank at time of discharge _____ Type of discharge _____

Awards or citations _____

Service *Branch* *Highest Rank* *Dates*

Rank at time of discharge _____ Type of discharge _____

Awards or citations _____

HEALTH:

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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>
University of Florida	Unknown	August 1996 to December 1999	B.S. Agriculture (Food and Resource Economics)
University of Florida	Unknown	January 2000 to August 2001	Master of Agri- Business
Stetson University College of Law	Top 60%	January 2003 to December 2005	Juris Doctor
Stetson University	Unknown	Approx January 2004 to December 2005	Master of Business Administration (MBA)

- 18b. List and describe academic scholarships earned, honor societies or other awards. At the University of Florida, I earned both a Bright Futures Scholarship (Florida Academic Scholar), and the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship which paid for all of my undergraduate tuition as well as a portion of my living expenses. During undergraduate I was a member of Gamma Sigma Delta, an Agriculture Honor Society. While earning my master's degree I was awarded a teaching assistant position that paid for my tuition and provided me with a stipend. I also helped lead the Master of Agri-Business Organization as its Vice President.
- After graduation from the University of Florida, I earned a post-graduate scholarship to intern at the Florida State Capitol.
- At Stetson University College of Law, I served on the Student Government Association as the Treasurer for approximately one and a half years. I received the Student Government "President's Award" in 2005.

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>
May 2000 to August 2000	Agriculture Marketing Specialist	United States Department of Agriculture	1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4509-S, Stop 0269 Washington, DC 20250
June 2001 to August 2001	Cashier at the University of Florida College of Dentistry	TempSource	4740 NW 39th Place, Suite A Gainesville, FL 32606
September 2001 to December 2001	Intern - Florida House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture	University of Florida Scholarship	McCarthy Hall D, Room #2020 Gainesville, FL 32603
January 2002 to August 2002	Cutco salesperson / assistant manager for Ocala Branch office	Vector Marketing (independent consultant)	1116 E State St, Olean, NY 14760
August 2002 to December 2002	Receptionist at WRUF ("Rock 104") radio station at the University of Florida Collegé of Journalism	TempSource	4740 NW 39th Place, Suite A Gainesville, FL 32606

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.

The Florida Bar, date of admission 4/27/2006

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>
Certified Legal Intern	6 th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office	14250 49th St. N. Clearwater, FL 33762	January 2005 to May 2005
Legal Intern	Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (Tampa International Airport)	4100 George J Bean Pkwy, Tampa, FL 33607	May 2004 to July 2004
Law Clerk	Jabil Circuit, Inc.	10560 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33716	July 2004 to approx June 2006
Assistant State Attorney	18 th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office - Brevard	2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building D Viera, FL 32940	June 12, 2006 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.

My practice is 100% criminal prosecution. I am Board Certified in Criminal Trial Law. For the past twelve (12) years at the State Attorney's Office, on behalf of the citizens of Florida, I have prosecuted misdemeanors, basic felonies, sex offenses, child abuse, firearm offenses, career criminals, DUI manslaughter up to First Degree Premeditated murder. I conduct jury trials and participate in substantial motion practice.

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	<u>100</u> %
Federal Other	_____ %	Family	_____ %
State Appellate	_____ %	Probate	_____ %
State Trial	<u>100</u> %	Other	_____ %
State Administrative	_____ %		
State Other	_____ %		
	_____ %		
TOTAL	<u>100</u> %	TOTAL	<u>100</u> %

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

Jury? At least 73 Non-jury? 22
 Arbitration? 0 Administrative Bodies? 0

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).

1) State v. Joseph Jackson, 05-2017-CF-033327-AXXX-XX, a jury trial tried in front of Judge Nancy Maloney against Brynn Brito (321-725-1542), along with my co-counsel Assistant State Attorney Laura Moody (321-617-7510).

2) State v. Sulayman Njie, 05-2017-CF-030961-AXXXXX, a jury trial tried in front of Judge A.B. Majeed against Assistant Public Defenders Jennifer Kerwin & Jeremy Cleckner (321-617-7373), along with my co-counsel Assistant State Attorney George Gaspard (321-617-7510). The appellate case number is 5D18-1722.

3) State v. Joseph Pallante, 05-2014-CF-015443-AXXX-XX, a jury trial tried in front of Judge David Dugan against Gregory Eisenmenger & Scott Robinson (321-504-0321), along with my co-counsel Assistant State Attorney Justin Keen. The appellate case number is 5D17-3543

4) State v. David Isom, 05-2017-CF-021896-AXXX-XX, a jury trial tried in front of Judge Nancy Maloney against Assistant Public Defender Jennifer Kerwin (321-617-7510). The appellate case number is 5D18-2584.

5) State v. Miratel Capitaine, 05-2017-CF-010078-AXXX-XX, a jury trial tried in front of Judge Jeffrey Mahl against the pro se defendant, Mr. Capitaine (currently in DOC), along with my co-counsel Assistant State Attorney Michael Doyle (321-617-7510). The appellate case number is 5D17-2038.

6) State v. Christopher Rankine, 05-2016-CF-026893-AXXX-XX, a jury trial tried in front of Judge Jeffrey Mahl against Carlus Haynes (407-246-0077). Lead counsel was Assistant State Attorney Julia Lynch (321-617-7510).

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).

1) State v. Kaitlyne Council, 05-2017-CF-043878-AXXX-XX, Melissa Peat (321-775-3694) represented the Defendant.

2) State v. Larina Washington, 05-2017-CF-043878-BXXX-XX, John Gray (321-752-3115) represented the Defendant.

3) State v. Kurtis Jacobs, 05-2018-CF-023419-AXXX-XX (NLV), Assistant Public Defender Jennifer Kerwin (321-617-7373) represented the Defendant.

4) State v. Julie Newberry, 05-2017-CF-010040-AXXX-XX, Rod Kernan (321-821-7675) represented the Defendant.

5) State v. Samuel Newton, 05-2017-CF-013287-AXXX-XX, John Gray (321-752-3115) represented the Defendant.

6) State v. Norman Perry, 05-2018-CF-026794-AXXX-XX, Assistant Public Defender Calvin Gittens (321-617-7373) represented the Defendant.

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?
20 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.

n/a

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.

n/a

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.

1) State v. Joseph Pallante, 05-2014-CF-015443-AXXX-XX, on behalf of the State of Florida, tried in front of Judge David Dugan in Viera, FL. The trial began September 18, 2017 and ended October 10, 2017. My co-counsel was Assistant State Attorney Justin Keen. The defense was represented by Greg Eisenmenger & Scott Robinson. This was a Capital Sexual Battery and Child Pornography case with 55 counts presented to a jury during trial. Several issues were dealt with during the three-year pendency of the case, including Child Victim Hearsay, a Motion to Sever Counts, a Motion to Dismiss, a Motion for a Statement of Particulars, a Williams Rule notice, digital forensics and Juror Interviews. The Defendant was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences followed by a total 30 years DOC followed by lifetime sex offender probation. I was lead counsel and handled all of the pre-trial motions and conducted 70% of the jury trial.

2) State v. Miratel Capitaine, 05-2017-CF-010078-AXXX-XX, on behalf of the State of Florida, tried in front of Judge Jeffrey Mahl in Viera, FL. The trial began 04/17/2017 and ended 04/21/2017. My co-counsel was Assistant State Attorney Michael Doyle. The Defendant represented himself pro se, without standby counsel. This was the first Human Trafficking Jury Trial & conviction in Brevard County. The Defendant was sentenced as a Habitual Felony Offender to 18 years DOC followed by 17 years sex offender probation. This case presented significant research as to the appropriate handling of pro se defendants. I was lead counsel and conducted 75% of the trial.

3) State v. George Fields, 05-2010-CF-028919-AXXX-XX, on behalf of the State of Florida, tried in front of Judge Robert Wohn in Viera, FL. The trial began 01/13/2014 and ended 01/21/2014. Lead counsel was Assistant State Attorney Susan Stewart. The Defendant was represented by Geoff Golub & Erica Feinswog. This was a First Degree Murder case where the death penalty was not sought. I joined the case approximately three (3) weeks prior to trial and conducted approximately 50% of the trial as co-counsel, including opening statements. I also handled the Motion for 3.850 evidentiary hearing, which was recently denied. The Defendant was sentenced to life in prison. Fields v. State, 181 So.3d 505 (Fla. 5th DCA 2015).

4) State v. Angel Martinez, 05-2014-CF-013471-AXXX-XX, on behalf of the State of Florida, tried in front of Judge James Earp in Viera, FL. The trial began 04/07/2016 and ended 04/12/2016. The lead attorney was Assistant State Attorney Kellen Simmons. The Defendant was represented by Carl Morgan. This was a Capital Sexual Battery and Computer Solicitation of a Minor case, which was related to a larger set of cases, involving Michael Glascock, where other Defendants were sentenced to a term of life or 30 years in Federal prison. The Defendant in this case received life in State prison. I joined the case two days prior to trial and handled 50% of the case, including motions, jury selection and the second closing statement.
Martinez v. State, 231 So.3d 460 (Fla. 5th DCA 2017).

5) State v. Robert Dillingham, 05-2012-CF-055004-AXXX-XX, on behalf of the State of Florida, tried in front of Judge Lawrence Johnston in Viera, FL. The trial began 12/10/2012 and ended 12/12/2012. The Defendant was represented by Assistant Public Defender Fred Leone. This was a Burglary of a Dwelling case involving the priests' residence at the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. The Defendant was sentenced as a Habitual Violent Felony Offender to 10 years in the Department of Corrections. I was lead counsel and conducted 100% of the jury trial.
Dillingham v. State, 145 So.3d 115 (Fla. 5th DCA 2013).

6) State v. Casey Carr, 05-2008-CF-054296-BXXX-XX, on behalf of the State of Florida, tried in front of Judge Robert Burger in Viera, FL. The trial began 3/23/2011 and ended 3/25/2011. The Defendant was represented by Kevin Reynolds. This was an Armed Burglary of a Conveyance case. This case holds personal significance as it was my first firearm case, which I tried prior to being assigned to the firearm / career criminal division. Additionally the case involved multiple victims, as the Defendant and Co-Defendant had "car hopped" through a Merritt Island neighborhood. I had to piece together the crime for the jury from the evidence found, including fingerprints, and items found in two counties. The Defendant was sentenced to 49 months in the Department of Corrections followed by community control and probation. I was lead counsel and conducted 100% of the jury trial. Carr v. State, 86 So.3d 1257 (Fla. 5th DCA 2012).

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.

1) In State v. Hung Nguyen, 05-1999-CF-054721-AXXX-XX, I wrote 100% of the attached State's Memorandum of Law Regarding Retroactive Application of County Ordinance.

2) In State v. George Fields, 05-2010-CF-28919-AXXX-XX, I wrote 100% of the attached State's Written Closing Arguments Relating to Ground Three of the Defendant's Motions for Post-Conviction Relief.

3) In State v. John Palmer, 05-2015-CF-41011-AXXX-XX, I wrote 100% of the attached State's Written Closing Arguments Relating to the Defendant's Motions to Suppress Evidence.

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>
n/a		

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.

n/a

(ii) Describe the approximate number and nature of the cases you have handled during your judicial or quasi-judicial tenure.

n/a

(iii) List citations of any opinions which have been published.

n/a

(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.

n/a

(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.

n/a

(vi) Have you ever held an attorney in contempt? If so, for each instance state name of attorney, approximate date and circumstances.

n/a

- (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.

n/a

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.

n/a

- 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.

Yes, I have been an adjunct instructor at Eastern Florida State College since 2009, teaching Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure during alternating semesters. I am teaching Criminal Law in Fall 2018.

- 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.

During the past 5 years I have received a stipend of approximately \$1,800 for each class I taught at Eastern Florida State College. On average I taught one class in each Fall Semester and one class each Spring Semester.

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.

No

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.
- "Observations about the Value of a Legislative Internship," NACTA Journal, Vol. 49, No.2 (June 2005), pp. 23-26, as one of the co-authors.
- "Improving and Facilitating a Farmers Market in a Low-Income Urban Neighborhood: A Washington, DC Case Study," a USDA 2001 publication, as a lesser co-author and marketing data collector.
45. List any honors, prizes or awards you have received. Give dates.
- *Special Recognition by the Brevard County Association of Chiefs of Police for State Attorney Trial Attorney of the Year - 2017
- *State Attorney's Office Trial Attorney of the Year - 2017
- *State Attorney's Office Employee of the Month February 2009, September 2017 & April 2017
- *Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court "Hammy" Award 2008 - 2009
46. List and describe any speeches or lectures you have given.
- n/a
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.
- *Brevard County Bar Association, current member
- *Vassar B. Carlton Inn of Court, Pupil, 2007 - 2010
- 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.
- Secret Service Electronic Crimes Task Force (Orlando)
- 48c. List your hobbies or other vocational interests.
- My hobbies include traveling, watching movies, singing, and spending time with my family.

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, because I have been prohibited as a government lawyer.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

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

Yes. I have attended continuing legal education programs in the following areas: Firearms, Death Penalty, Discovery & Brady obligations, First Appearances, Domestic Violence, Westlaw research, Criminal Law review, and Forensic / Digital Evidence.

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, I have taught both Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure at Eastern Florida State College.

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

As an Assistant State Attorney, through various criminal cases, I have had exposure to certain civil law areas. As a misdemeanor attorney, I routinely handled Baker Acts. Throughout my career I have viewed numerous injunction hearings, later prosecuting violations of those injunctions. Occasionally my criminal cases would involve an in-depth review of a divorce case, or even a mechanic's lien. Handling child abuse and sex cases for the past five years, I have been aware of many dependency court actions, and the process, as those cases frequently overlap. My husband has practiced civil law, namely family law, probate and other general civil law cases. As a result, I have seen first hand and appreciate the schedules of private attorneys who need to be in multiple courtrooms on the same morning while balancing the needs of their practice.

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

As a trial attorney, who is in court almost every day, I have a firm understanding of the evidence code and the proper procedures to be followed pre-trial, during trial and post-trial. I am known for my ability to quickly research case law, and am very good at learning new areas of the law. During court proceedings it is very difficult to rattle me. I tend to stay calm even when other attorneys are disrespectful, or out of line. My commitments to professionalism and honesty urge me to strive to ensure the rule of law is followed, even if it is contrary to my position.

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.

n/a

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

As a judge, my biggest priorities would be to 1) follow the law and 2) make sure that everyone is heard. Those are the qualities I hope for and expect any time I practice in front of a different judge, and I would strive to do that every day. Even though I have never practiced as a civil attorney, I would work hard to get up to speed on each area of the law prior to court hearings, constantly researching and relying on the attorneys who have practiced in those areas. My hope is that, if appointed, I would go on to a long career in the judiciary.

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.

1) Det. Valerie Balloue, Satellite Beach Police Department, 311

2) Agt. Francis Dufresne, Brevard County Sheriff's Office, 2000
Tel: 32055 (321) 322-2100

3) Judge Jeffrey Mahl, Moore Justice Center, 2020 Judge

4) Judge Thomas Brown, Moore Justice Center,

5) Senior Judge Robert Wohn,

6) Geoffrey Golub, Geoffrey Golub, P.A.

7) ASA Michael Hunt, State Attorney's Office, 2000

8) ASA Susan Stewart, State Attorney's Office.

9) ASA Laura Moody, State Attorney's Office,

10) Joe Mitchell, III, Mitchell Law Firm,

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 27th day of August, 2018.

Kathryn M. Speicher
Printed Name

Katy M. Apicche
Signature

(Pursuant to Section 119.071(4)(d)(1), F.S.), . . . The home addresses and telephone numbers of justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges; the home addresses, telephone numbers, and places of employment of the spouses and children of justices and judges; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of justices and judges are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1), dealing with public records.