

# APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE 18<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

*Instructions: Respond fully to the questions asked below. Please make all efforts to include your full answer to each question in this document. You may attach additional pages, as necessary, however it is discouraged. In addition to the application, you must provide a recent color photograph to help identify yourself.*

**Full Name:** Valeta Cameron

**Social Security No.:** [REDACTED]

**Florida Bar No.:** 103252

**Date Admitted to Practice in Florida:** 4/30/2013

1. Please state your current employer and title, including any professional position and any public or judicial office you hold, your business address and telephone number.

**Brevard County Legal Aid, Inc.** (Full-time current employer)  
Staff Attorney  
1038 Harvin Way, Suite 100  
Rockledge, FL 32955  
321-631-2500

**Eastern Florida State College** (Part-time current employer)  
Adjunct Instructor  
1519 Clearlake Rd.  
Cocoa, FL 32922  
321-632-1111

**Brevard County Bar Association**  
Board Secretary  
5430 Village Drive, Suite 101  
Rockledge, FL 32955  
321-254-8801

**Brevard County Domestic Violence Task Force**  
Vice Chair

**Brevard County Professionalism Panel**  
Member

2. Please state your current residential address, including city, county, and zip code. Indicate how long you have resided at this location and how long you have lived in Florida. Additionally, please provide a telephone number where you can be reached (preferably a cell phone number), and your preferred email address.

**Current Address:**

244 Barton Blvd. #A417,  
Rockledge, FL, Brevard County, 32955  
(4 months at this location, lived in Florida over 30 years)  
Cell: 321-626-1580  
Email: [vcameron@brevardlegalaid.org](mailto:vcameron@brevardlegalaid.org)

3. State your birthdate and place of birth. **2/11/1984, Melbourne, FL**
4. Are you a registered voter in Florida (Y/N)? **Yes.**
5. Please list all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admissions requirements to which you have ever been admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission, and if applicable, state whether you have ever been suspended or resigned. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.

**Florida Bar- 2013**

**United States District Court Middle District of Florida - 2014**

**United States District Court Southern District of Florida- 2018**

6. Have you ever been known by any aliases? If so, please indicate and when you were known by such alias. **No.**

**EDUCATION:**

List in reverse chronological order each secondary school, college, university, law school or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, the date the degree was received, class standing, and graduating GPA (if your class standing or graduating GPA is unknown, please request the same from such school).

**New England College - Henniker, New Hampshire**

Degree Received: Master of Arts (MA)

Law & Public Policy, 2013 – GPA: 3.93

**New England College - Henniker, New Hampshire**

Degree Received: Master of Science (MS)

Management - Non-Profit Leadership, 2011 – GPA: 3.94

**Florida A&M College of Law - Orlando, Florida**

Degree Received: Juris Doctor (JD)

Law, 2009- GPA: 2.27

**Flagler College - St. Augustine, Florida**

Degree Received: Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Public Relations, 2006- GPA: 3.20

**Palm Bay High School – Melbourne, Florida**

Diploma – 2002 – GPA: 3.00

7. List and describe any organizations, clubs, fraternities or sororities, and extracurricular activities you engaged in during your higher education. For each, list any positions or titles you held and the dates of participation.

**Florida A&M College of Law Activities:**

**1L 2006 –2007**

Black Law Students Association- Community Relations Member  
Christian Legal Society - General Member

**2L 2007 – 2008**

Black Law Students Association- Community Relations Member  
The Florida Bar Mock Trial Team - The Chester Bedell Competition  
Christian Legal Society  
Women’s Law Caucus - General Member

**3L 2008 – 2009**

Black Law Students Association - Community Relations Chair  
Women’s Law Caucus - Community Service Chair  
Caribbean Law Students Association - Public Relations Coordinator  
Student Bar Association – Member  
FAMU Chapter of the Florida Public Service Network (FPSN)

**Flagler College Activities:**

**Freshman 2002 –2003**

Intersity Christian Fellowship  
Public Relations Club  
Student Government Association  
Women’s Basketball Team Manager

**Sophomore 2003 – 2004**

Campus Crusade for Christ  
Flagler College Gargoyle Newspaper Staff - Writer  
Intersity Christian Fellowship  
Resident Advisor  
Student Government Association – Student Concerns Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Chairman  
Women’s Basketball Player

**Junior 2004 – 2005**

Dow Advantage Public Relations Group – Account Coordinator  
Flagler College Gargoyle Newspaper Staff – Writer  
Resident Advisor  
Student Government Association – Student Concerns Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Chairman  
WFCF 88.5 Flagler College Radio – Host of College Sports Show, “The RED ZONE”  
Women’s Basketball Player

**Senior 2005 – 2006**

Dow Advantage Public Relations Group – Assistant Account Executive  
Head Resident Advisor  
Media Management - Senior Writer Advisor – Gargoyle Newspaper Staff  
Student Government Association – Student Concerns Chairman  
WFCF 88.5 - Flagler College Radio – Host of College Sports Show, “RED ZONE”

**EMPLOYMENT:**

8. List in reverse chronological order all full-time jobs or employment (including internships and clerkships) you have held since the age of 21. Include the name and address of the employer, job title(s) and dates of employment. For non-legal employment, please briefly describe the position and provide a business address and telephone number.

**Eastern Florida State College** – Melbourne/Cocoa (both campuses)  
1519 Clearlake Rd.  
Cocoa, FL 32922  
321-632-1111  
Adjunct Instructor  
August 2017 – Present

**Brevard County Legal Aid, Inc.**  
1038 Harvin Way, Suite 100  
Rockledge, FL 32955  
321-631-2500  
Staff Attorney  
February 2016 – Present

**InterActive Legal**  
930 S. Harbor City Blvd., Suite 505  
Melbourne, FL 32901  
Attorney/Legal Content Support Representative  
February 2015 – January 2016

**The Zenith Education Group - Everest University**  
(No address/ College is defunct)  
Adjunct Instructor – February 2015 – January 2017

**The Bostick Law Firm, P.A.,**  
221 Ruby Ave. Ste. A  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407-483-1140  
Attorney – November 2014 – January 2015

**Rhodes Law P.A.**  
1751 Sarno Rd. Ste. 2  
Melbourne, FL 32935  
321-610-4542  
Associate Attorney – January 2014 – September 2014

**Law Offices of Valeta V. Cameron, P.A.**  
2111 Dairy Road  
West Melbourne, FL 32904

321-626-1580

General Practice – July 2013 – January 2014

**Corinthian Colleges Institute - Everest University**

(No address/ College is defunct)

Adjunct Instructor – April 2013 – February 2015

**Florida Institute of Technology**

150 W. University Blvd.

Melbourne, FL 32901

321-674-8000

Dining Services Staff

December 2010 – April 2012

**Florida A&M College of Law**

201 Beggs Avenue

Orlando, Florida 32801

407-254-3268

Certified Legal Intern – Spring 2009

**FreshPoint Central Florida**

8801 Exchange Drive

Orlando, FL 32809

407-857-3930

Account coordinator

2006-2008

**Flagler College (Flagler's Legacy & Aramark Services)**

74 King Street

St. Augustine, FL 32084

904-819-6220

Cashier/Catering Staff

2004-2006

9. 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 currently working as a Staff Attorney for Brevard County Legal Aid, Inc., where I provide legal representation to victims/survivors of domestic violence, and I also represent children with disabilities who are in foster care that have been abused abandoned or neglected by their parents or caregivers.**

10. What percentage of your appearance in court in the last five years or in the last five years of practice (include the dates) was: (From: 2013 - 2021)

Court		Area of Practice	
Federal Appellate	_____ %	Civil	_____ %
Federal Trial	_____ %	Criminal	_____ %
Federal Other	_____ %	Family	<u>50</u> %
State Appellate	_____ %	Probate	_____ %
State Trial	<u>100</u> %	Dependency	<u>50</u> %
State Administrative	_____ %		
State Other	_____ %		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>100</u> %	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>100</u> %

If your appearance in court the last five years is substantially different from your prior practice, please provide a brief explanation: N/A

11. In your lifetime, how many (number) of the cases that you tried to verdict, judgment, or final decision were:

Jury?	_____	Non-jury?	<u>Between 100-120</u>
Arbitration?	_____	Administrative Bodies?	_____
Appellate?	_____		

12. Please list every case that you have argued (or substantially participated) in front of the United States Supreme Court, a United States Circuit Court, the Florida Supreme Court, or a Florida District Court of Appeal, providing the case name, jurisdiction, case number, date of argument, and the name(s), e-mail address(es), and telephone number(s) for opposing appellate counsel. If there is a published opinion, please also include that citation. **None.**

13. 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.**

14. 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 full. **No.**

15. For your last six cases, which were tried to verdict or handled on appeal, either before a jury, judge, appellate panel, arbitration panel or any other administrative hearing officer, list the names, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of the trial/appellate counsel on all sides and court case numbers (include appellate cases). *This question is optional for sitting judges who have served five years or more.*

05-2021-DR-034183-XXXX-XX – OPPOSING PARTY SELF-REPRESENTED

05-2021-DR-030390-XXXX-XX – OPPOSING PARTY SELF-REPRESENTED

05-2021-DR-013715-XXXX-XX – OPPOSING PARTY SELF-REPRESENTED

05-2021-DR-010605-XXXX-XX – OPPOSING PARTY SELF-REPRESENTED

05-2020-DR-055453-XXXX-XX – OPPOSING PARTY SELF-REPRESENTED

05-2020-DR-052729-XXXX-XX – OPPOSING COUNSEL PATRICK LANDY, ESQ.,

[plandy@brosslawoffice.com](mailto:plandy@brosslawoffice.com), 321-728-4911(OFFICE)

16. For your last six cases, which were either 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). *This question is optional for sitting judges who have served five years or more.* **None.**

17. During the last five years, on average, how many times per month have you appeared in Court or at administrative hearings? If during any period you have appeared in court with greater frequency than during the last five years, indicate the period during which you appeared with greater frequency and succinctly explain. **None.**

18. If Questions 16, 17, and 18 do not apply to your practice, please list your last six major transactions or other legal matters that were resolved, listing the names, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of the other party counsel. **None.**

19. During the last five years, if your practice was greater than 50% personal injury, workers' compensation or professional malpractice, what percentage of your work was in representation of plaintiffs or defendants? **N/A**

20. List and describe the five most significant cases which you personally litigated giving the case style, number, court and judge, the date of the case, the names, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of the other attorneys involved, 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.

**05-2017-DR-016682-XXXX-XX**

Brevard County Circuit Court, The Honorable Judge Kelly McKibben – April 7, 2017: In this case I represented the petitioner who was the victim of extreme domestic violence. My client had been physically abused and held against her will by her husband. It was a significant case because of the extent of the abuse and the advocacy needed for the victim. I helped the client obtain a permanent injunction for protection against domestic violence.

**05-2016-DP-002250-XXXX-XX**

Brevard County Circuit Court, The Honorable Judge Kelly McKibben- June 17, 2021: In this case I represented a child with severe disabilities/special needs who was in foster care. I was the child's attorney ad litem. I advocated for my client to be able to have a relationship with her father who had disabilities also. This was a termination of parental rights trial. It was a significant case because of the challenges of balancing the child's needs and desires compared to what was in the child's best interest for her long-term care. The attorneys involved in this case were: Erin Ramos, Esq. with Children's Legal Services, Beth Cutshall Esq., attorney for the father, and Anette Boughner, Esq., attorney for the Guardian ad litem program.

Beth Cutshall, Esq.  
7165 Murrell Rd Ste 101  
Melbourne, FL 32940-8261  
Office: 321-752-3115

Erin Ramos, Esq.  
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Bldg. D  
Viera, FL 32940-6605  
Office: 321-617-7510

Anette Boughner, Esq.  
190 Eslinger Way  
Sanford, FL 32773-6706  
Cell: 772-245-9323

**05-2017-DR-036552-XXXX-XX**

Brevard County Circuit Court, The Honorable Judge David Silverman – July 19, 2017: In this case I represented a mother (on behalf of her minor child) who had been sexually abused by her biological father. I was able to help the mother obtain a permanent injunction for protection against domestic violence against the child's father. This case was significant because this was child victim and due the severity of the abuse. The opposing party's attorney was Eduardo Mejias.

Eduardo Mejias, Esq.  
AAA Family Law  
283 Cranes Roost Blvd Ste 111  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-3437  
Office: 407-260-6001



**05-2008-DR-015676-XXXX-XX**

Brevard County Circuit Court, The Honorable Judge Jennifer Taylor – May 14, 2018: In this case I represented a wife/mother in a dissolution of marriage proceeding involving a petition for the mother's relocation with the parties' minor child outside the state of Florida. The court granted the mother's petition to relocate. This case was significant because I expended a lot of research, time, and zealous advocacy to obtain such result. The opposing party's attorney on this case was Shari Wilson, Esq.

Shari Wilson, Esq.  
5575 US Highway 1  
Rockledge, FL 32955-5624  
Office: 321-639-5900

**05-2019-DR-014518-XXXX-XX**

Brevard County Circuit Court, The Honorable Judge Robert Segal – May 10, 2019: In this case I represented a male victim of domestic violence. The victim had been brutally beaten by a hammer by his girlfriend and sustained major injuries. I was able to help the victim obtain a permanent injunction for protection against domestic violence. This case was significant because of the severity of the abuse and nature of the case. The opposing party's attorney on this case was Alena Baker.

Alena Baker, Esq.  
1906 E Robinson St  
Orlando, FL 32803-5936  
Office: 407-545-4408

21. Attach at least two, but no more than three, examples of legal writing which you personally wrote. If you have not personally written any legal documents recently, you may attach a writing sample for which you had substantial responsibility. Please describe your degree of involvement in preparing the writing you attached. (See attached)

**PRIOR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE OR PUBLIC OFFICE**

22. Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? If so, state the court(s) involved, the dates of service or dates of candidacy, and any election results. **No.**
23. If you have previously submitted a questionnaire or application to this or any other judicial nominating commission, please give the name(s) of the commission, the approximate date(s) of each submission, and indicate if your name was certified to the Governor's Office for consideration. **No.**
24. List any prior quasi-judicial service, including the agency or entity, dates of service, position(s) held, and a brief description of the issues you heard. **None.**

25. If you have prior judicial or quasi-judicial experience, please list the following information: N/A

- (i) the names, phone numbers and addresses of six attorneys who appeared before you on matters of substance;
- (ii) the approximate number and nature of the cases you handled during your tenure;
- (iii) the citations of any published opinions; and
- (iv) descriptions of the five most significant cases you have tried or heard, identifying the citation or style, attorneys involved, dates of the case, and the reason you believe these cases to be significant.

26. Provide citations and a brief summary of all of your orders or opinions where your decision was reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, attach copies of the opinions. **None.**

27. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, attach copies of the opinions. **None.**

28. Has a complaint about you ever been made to the Judicial Qualifications Commission? If so, give the date, describe the complaint, whether or not there was a finding of probable cause, whether or not you have appeared before the Commission, and its resolution. **No.**

29. Have you ever held an attorney in contempt? If so, for each instance state the name of the attorney, case style for the matter in question, approximate date and describe the circumstances. **No.**

30. Have you ever held or been a candidate for any other public office? If so, state the office, location, dates of service or candidacy, and any election results. **No.**

#### **NON-LEGAL BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT**

31. 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.

**Brevard County Bar Association**, Board Secretary – will resign upon appointment

**Brevard County Domestic Violence Task Force**, Vice Chair– will resign upon appointment

**Brevard County Professionalism Panel**, Member– will resign upon appointment

**Club Esteem, Inc.**, Community Board Member– will resign upon appointment

**Little Growers Inc., Board of Director--** will resign upon appointment

**Evans Center, Inc., Board of Director –** will resign upon appointment

**Flagler College Alumni Association, Board of Director –** will resign upon appointment if necessary.

32. Since being admitted to the Bar, have you ever engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law? If so, explain and provide dates. If you received any compensation of any kind outside the practice of law during this time, please list the amount of compensation received.

**Eastern Florida State College (Part-time current employer)**  
Adjunct Instructor  
1519 Clearlake Rd.  
Cocoa, FL 32922  
321-632-1111

**Explanation:** I am currently employed part-time with Eastern Florida State College. My salary varies. Current salary is \$2,006.13 per course.

#### **POSSIBLE BIAS OR PREJUDICE**

33. 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. **N/A**

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

34. List the titles, publishers, and dates of any books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published materials you have written or edited, including materials published only on the Internet. Attach a copy of each listed or provide a URL at which a copy can be accessed. **None.**
35. List any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed to the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. Provide the name of the entity, the date published, and a summary of the document. To the extent you have the document, please attach a copy or provide a URL at which a copy can be accessed. **None.**
36. List any speeches or talks you have delivered, including commencement speeches, remarks, interviews, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place they were delivered, the sponsor of the presentation, and a

summary of the presentation. If there are any readily available press reports, a transcript or recording, please attach a copy or provide a URL at which a copy can be accessed.

**Speaking Engagements:**

- Guest Speaker for BCAWL’s Domestic Violence Injunction Hearing Training CLE on February 24, 2017: “Brevard County Association of Women Lawyers (BCAWL) has teamed up with others in the community to help train attorneys, so they feel comfortable taking on these cases and helping victims get the protection they need.”
- Brevard County Domestic Violence Task Force, State Attorney’s Office – Thursday, March 1, 2018: Viera, Florida. Guest Speaker – Topic – Domestic Violence law and procedure.
- CareerSource Brevard - Brevard County Legal Aid, Inc. - Free Legal Advice Clinic Speaker on Family Law and Landlord tenant matters. Co-sponsored with Career Source Brevard. Palm Bay, Florida. September 13-14, 2018.
- Brevard County Sexual Assault Victims Services – State Attorney’s Office – Viera, Florida – Guest Speaker on Thursday, August 15, 2019- Topic: “Representation for Victims of Domestic Violence”
- Space Coast Foster and Adoptive Families Alliance (SCFAFA) – Moore Justice Center – Viera, Florida. Guest Speaker. Topic: “An Overview of Dependency Case Management” Foster Parent Training on Thursday, October 17, 2019.
- Family Law Network – Moore Justice Center – Viera, Florida on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Guest Speaker on CLE Topic: “How to Establish a Guardian Advocacy for Young Adults with Special Needs.”
- Giving Voices Project- Expressions of Hope: Telling Survivor Stories Guest Panelist on Saturday, April 25, 2020. Panel discussion of how stories about survivors of abuse are told and perceived through the arts and multimedia.
- Space Coast League of Women Voters of Florida Social Justice Committee: Guest Panelist on Saturday, January 16, 2021. Panel discussion on racial disparities in the legal system.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Melbourne-Palm Bay Alumnae Chapter) & Salvation Army Domestic Violence Program (Cocoa, FL), Women’s Center (Brevard County) Guest Speaker. Topic: Domestic Violence (providing the community with education, awareness and resources pertaining to domestic violence) on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

37. Have you ever taught a course at an institution of higher education or a bar association? If so, provide the course title, a description of the course subject matter, the institution at which you taught, and the dates of teaching. If you have a syllabus for each course, please provide.

**Eastern Florida State College – Adjunct Instructor**

- Introduction to the Paralegal Field - August 14, 2017 - December 8, 2017
- Wills & Trusts - August 14, 2017 - December 8, 2017
- Wills & Trusts - August 13, 2018 - December 7, 2018

- Family Law – May 13, 2019 – August 2, 2019
- Legal, Ethical, and Social Aspects of Business – August 12, 2019 – December 6, 2019
- Business Law II – January 13, 2020 – May 8, 2020
- Legal, Ethical, and Social Aspects of Business – January 13, 2020 – May 8, 2020
- Legal Writing – August 17, 2020 – December 18, 2020
- Legal, Ethical, and Social Aspects of Business – August 17, 2020 – December 18, 2020
- Wills & Trusts - January 11, 2021 – May 7, 2021
- Legal Writing – January 11, 2021 – May 7, 2021
- Legal, Ethical, and Social Aspects of Business - May 17, 2021 – August 6, 2021
- Legal, Ethical, and Social Aspects of Business - August 16, 2021 – October 8, 2021
- Business Law I – August 16, 2021 – November 5, 2021

**Everest University- Adjunct Instructor**

- Business Organizations - April 15 – July 6, 2013
- Introduction to Paralegal – April 15 – July 6, 2013
- Legal Forms Workshop – April 15 – July 6, 2013
- Contract Law – July 15, 2013 – October 4, 2013
- Applied Business Law – July 15, 2013 – October 4, 2013
- Legal Forms Workshop - July 15, 2013 – October 4, 2013
- Applied Business Law – October 14, 2013– January 11, 2014
- Legal Research & Writing III – October 14, 2013 – January 11, 2014
- Family Law – January 13, 2014 – April 5, 2014
- Law Office Management – January 13, 2014 – April 5, 2014
- Legal Research & Writing IV– January 13, 2014 – April 5, 2014
- Criminal Procedure and the Constitution – January 13, 2014 – April 5, 2014
- Rules of Evidence – April 14, 2014 – July 5, 2014
- Applied Business Law – July 17, 2014 – October 2, 2014
- Introduction to Human Resources – October 13, 2014 – January 11, 2015
- Contemporary Management – October 13, 2014 – January 11, 2015
- Criminal Evidence – October 13, 2014 – January 11, 2015
- Principles of Management – January 12, 2015 – April 5, 2015
- Administrative Law – January 12, 2015 – April 5, 2015
- Applied Business Law - January 12, 2015 – April 5, 2015
- Legal Research I- April 13, 2015 – July 3, 2015
- Civil Procedure – April 13, 2015 – July 3, 2015
- Small Business Management – April 13, 2015 – July 3, 2015
- Business Ethics - July 13, 2015 – October 4, 2015
- Applied Business Law – October 12, 2015 – January 10, 2015
- Senior Capstone – October 12, 2015 – January 10, 2015
- Contemporary Management – January 11, 2016 – April 1, 2016
- Principles of Supervision– April 11, 2016 – July 3, 2016
- Small Business Management – October 10, 2016 – January 8, 2017

38. List any fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement. Include the date received and the presenting entity or organization.

- Brevard County Legal Aid, Inc. Pro Bono Honor Roll – 2013
- Brevard County Legal Aid, Inc. Pro Bono Honor Roll – 2014
- Brevard County Legal Aid, Inc. Pro Bono Honor Roll – 2015
- Flagler College “50 Alumni of Distinction” – 2018 (50 Alumni chosen for this honor achieved a life or career marked by distinction or excellence, made a positive impact on their peers and community, and embodied the mission of Flagler College.)
- Brevard County 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit – Children’s Champion Award – November 16, 2018 – Presented by Judge Charles Grooms Crawford. “For Steadfastly advocating for successful outcomes for each and every child in her care.”
- LEAD Brevard 4 under 40 Recipient – February 2019
- Excellence in Advocacy Award for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (Florida Guardian ad Litem Program) – May 2019
- Brevard County Bar Association Recognition – Board Member – 2019-2020
- National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 - August 2019, August 2020
- Leadership Brevard – (Class of 2021) – September 2020-May 2021
- 2021 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award - Eastern Florida State College – May 2021
- Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Community Board Member Recognition (6 years of service) – May 2021
- Brevard County Bar Association Recognition – Board Member –2020-2021
- Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding and Dedicated Service to the Community –Domestic Violence - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (Melbourne-Palm Bay Alumnae Chapter) – October 2021

39. Do you have a Martindale-Hubbell rating? If so, what is it and when was it earned? **No.**

40. List all bar associations, legal, and judicial-related committees of which you are or have been a member. For each, please provide dates of membership or participation. Also, for each indicate any office you have held and the dates of office.

- **Brevard County Bar Association - 2013- Present**
  - Board of Director – 2018-2019
  - Board of Director – 2019-2020
  - Board of Director – 2020-2021
  - Board Secretary – 2021- Present
- **Brevard County Professionalism Panel- 2019 – Present**
- **Public Interest Law Section of the Florida Bar – May 2017 – Present**

41. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in the previous question to which you belong, or to which you have belonged since graduating law school. For each, please provide dates of membership or participation and indicate any office you have held and the dates of office.

- Brevard County Young Lawyers Division – 2013 – 2018
- State of Florida Notary Public 2013 - Present
- The Education Network, Inc., Executive Director 2012 - 2021
- Brevard C.A.R.E.S. – Board of Director, 2015 – 2021
- Premier Innovations Career and Technical Education Center – Board of Director 2015 – 2019
- I AM PROOF, Inc., Board of Director – October 2018 – December 2019
- Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC)- Board of Director (*Ex-Officio*)– 2019
- Giving Voices Project – Advisory Board Member – 2020 – Present
- Ministry Admin Solutions, Inc. – Board of Director/Secretary – 2020 – Present

42. Do you now or have you ever belonged to a 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 (other than a church, synagogue, mosque or other religious institution), national origin, or sex (other than an educational institution, fraternity or sorority)? If so, state 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.

43. Please describe any significant pro bono legal work you have done in the past 10 years, giving dates of service.

**Volunteered to handle domestic violence cases for Brevard County Legal Aid, Inc. (prior to employment) from 2013 to 2015:**

- June 11, 2013 – Domestic Violence Injunction Hearing
- August 1, 2013 – Domestic Violence Injunction Hearing
- September 19, 2013 – Domestic Violence Injunction Hearing
- November 20, 2013 – Domestic Violence Injunction Hearing
- June 23, 2014 – Domestic Violence Injunction Hearing
- July 27, 2015 – Domestic Violence Injunction Hearing
- August 19, 2015 – Domestic Violence Injunction Hearing

**Pro bono cases representing children with special needs:**

- December 1, 2016 – Dependency
- January 23, 2017 – Dependency
- January 27, 2017 – Dependency

44. Please describe any hobbies or other vocational interests. **Playing basketball, board games, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.**
45. Please state whether you have served or currently serve in the military, including your dates of service, branch, highest rank, and type of discharge. **N/A**
46. Please provide links to all social media and blog accounts you currently maintain, including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

**Facebook:** Valeta Cameron

**LinkedIn:** Valeta Cameron

**Instagram:** vcam2cool/esquire4life

### **FAMILY BACKGROUND**

47. Please state your current marital status. If you are currently married, please list your spouse's name, current occupation, including employer, and the date of the marriage. If you have ever been divorced, please state for each former spouse their name, current address, current telephone number, the date and place of the divorce and court and case number information. **Single.**
48. If you have children, please list their names and ages. If your children are over 18 years of age, please list their current occupation, residential address, and a current telephone number. **N/A**

### **CRIMINAL AND MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS**

49. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, including adjudications of guilt withheld? If so, please list and provide the charges, case style, date of conviction, and terms of any sentence imposed, including whether you have completed those terms. **None.**
50. Have you ever pled nolo contendere or guilty to a crime which is a felony or misdemeanor, including adjudications of guilt withheld? If so, please list and provide the charges, case style, date of conviction, and terms of any sentence imposed, including whether you have completed those terms. **None.**
51. Have you ever been arrested, regardless of whether charges were filed? If so, please list and provide sufficient details surrounding the arrest, the approximate date and jurisdiction. **N/A**
52. Have you ever been a party to a lawsuit, either as the plaintiff, defendant, petitioner, or respondent? If so, please supply the case style, jurisdiction/county in which the lawsuit was filed, case number, your status in the case, and describe the nature and disposition of the matter. **None.**
53. To your knowledge, has there ever been a complaint made or filed alleging malpractice as a result of action or inaction on your part? **No.**



54. To the extent you are aware, have you or your professional liability carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? If so, give particulars, including the name of the client(s), approximate dates, nature of the claims, the disposition and any amounts involved. **No.**
55. 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, provide the particulars of each finding or investigation. **No.**
56. To your knowledge, within the last ten years, have any of your current or former co-workers, subordinates, supervisors, customers, clients, or the like, ever filed a formal complaint or accusation of misconduct including, but not limited to, any allegations involving sexual harassment, creating a hostile work environment or conditions, or discriminatory behavior against you with any regulatory or investigatory agency or with your employer? If so, please state the date of complaint or accusation, specifics surrounding the complaint or accusation, and the resolution or disposition. **No.**
57. 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.**
58. Have you ever filed a personal petition in bankruptcy or has a petition in bankruptcy been filed against you, this includes any corporation or business entity that you were involved with? If so, please provide the case style, case number, approximate date of disposition, and any relevant details surrounding the bankruptcy. **No.**
59. In the past ten years, have you been subject to or threatened with eviction proceedings? If yes, please explain. **No.**
60. Please explain whether you have complied with all legally required tax return filings. To the extent you have ever had to pay a tax penalty or a tax lien was filed against you, please explain giving the date, the amounts, disposition, and current status. **In compliance.**

## **HEALTH**

61. Are you currently addicted to or dependent upon the use of narcotics, drugs, or alcohol? **No.**
62. During the last ten years have you been hospitalized or have you consulted a professional or have you received treatment or a diagnosis from a professional for any of the following: Kleptomania, Pathological or Compulsive Gambling, Pedophilia, Exhibitionism or Voyeurism? If your answer is yes, please direct each such professional, hospital and other facility to furnish the Chairperson of the Commission any information the Commission may request with respect to any such hospitalization, consultation, treatment or diagnosis. ["Professional" includes a Physician,

Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Psychotherapist or Mental Health Counselor.] Please describe such treatment or diagnosis. **None.**

63. In the past ten years have any of the following occurred to you which would interfere with your ability to work in a competent and professional manner: experiencing periods of no sleep for two or three nights, experiencing periods of hyperactivity, spending money profusely with extremely poor judgment, suffering from extreme loss of appetite, issuing checks without sufficient funds, defaulting on a loan, experiencing frequent mood swings, uncontrollable tiredness, falling asleep without warning in the middle of an activity. If yes, please explain. **No.**
64. Do you currently have a physical or mental impairment which in any way limits your ability or fitness to properly exercise your duties as a member of the Judiciary in a competent and professional manner? If yes please explain the limitation or impairment and any treatment, program or counseling sought or prescribed. **No.**
65. During the last ten years, have you ever been declared legally incompetent or have you or your property been placed under any guardianship, conservatorship or committee? If yes, provide full details as to court, date, and circumstances. **No.**
66. During the last ten years, have you unlawfully used controlled substances, narcotic drugs, or dangerous drugs as defined by Federal or State laws? If your answer is "Yes," explain in detail. (Unlawful use includes the use of one or more drugs and/or the unlawful possession or distribution of drugs. It does not include the use of drugs taken under supervision of a licensed health care professional or other uses authorized by Federal or State law provisions.) **No.**
67. In the past ten years, have you ever been reprimanded, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended, cautioned, or terminated by an employer as result of your alleged consumption of alcohol, prescription drugs, or illegal drugs? If so, please state the circumstances under which such action was taken, the name(s) of any persons who took such action, and the background and resolution of such action. **No.**
68. Have you ever refused to submit to a test to determine whether you had consumed and/or were under the influence of alcohol or drugs? If so, please state the date you were requested to submit to such a test, the type of test required, the name of the entity requesting that you submit to the test, the outcome of your refusal, and the reason why you refused to submit to such a test. **No.**
69. In the past ten years, have you suffered memory loss or impaired judgment for any reason? If so, please explain in full. **No.**

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

70. Describe any additional education or experiences you have which could assist you in holding judicial office.

71. Explain the particular contribution you believe your selection would bring to this position and provide any additional information you feel would be helpful to the Commission and Governor in evaluating your application.

**Continued Public Service:**

Brevard County has been my home for over 30 years. When I graduated from law school, I made it my mission to come back to Brevard and give back to the community that I call home. It would be an honor to continue to serve the people of this county in the capacity as a Brevard County Judge. I have been involved in this community since I was a youth, first serving as an ambassador for the Palm Bay Youth Advisory Council, and now 20 years later, I am a Staff Attorney for Brevard County Legal Aid, where we provide free legal services for the underprivileged.

I am compassionate about people and my community. Since returning home from law school in 2009, I started my own nonprofit organization for youth in tutoring for ACT and SAT testing, I served as a Board member for several nonprofit organizations, including Brevard C.A.R.E.S., Club Esteem, Evan's Center, and Little Grower's Inc. to name a few, and provided free college preparation seminars for 8 years through the partnerships of my church and local colleges. Community matters are very important to me and believe that I will bring my compassion, work ethic, and desire to serve others in the courtroom.

**REFERENCES**

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

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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(1), 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 20 21.

Valetta Cameron

Printed Name

Valetta Cam

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.*

## FINANCIAL HISTORY

1. State the amount of **gross income** you have earned, or losses you have incurred (before deducting expenses and taxes) from the practice of law for the preceding three-year period. This income figure should be stated on a year to year basis and include year to date information, and salary, if the nature of your employment is in a legal field.

**Current Year-To-Date:** \$52,938.51

**Last Three Years:**

(2020) \$61,961.49

(2019) \$56,618.02

(2018) \$53,816.00

2. State the amount of **net income** you have earned, or losses you have incurred (after deducting expenses but not taxes) from the practice of law for the preceding three-year period. This income figure should be stated on a year to year basis and include year to date information, and salary, if the nature of your employment is in a legal field.

**Current Year-To-Date:** \$42,367.21

(2020) \$54,557.49

(2019) \$50,070.02

(2018) \$47,649.00

3. State the **gross amount** of income or losses incurred (before deducting expenses or taxes) you have earned in the preceding three years on a year by year basis from all sources other than the practice of law, and generally describe the source of such income or losses.

**Current Year-To-Date:** \$9,855.34

(2020) \$6,329.60 (Income from Eastern Florida State College)

(2019) \$3,603.21 (Income from Eastern Florida State College)

(2018) \$1,576.40 (Income from Eastern Florida State College)

4. State the amount you have earned in the preceding three years on a year by year basis from all sources other than the practice of law, and generally describe the source of such income or losses.

**Current Year-To-Date:** \$9,855.34

(2020) \$6,329.60 (Income from Eastern Florida State College)

(2019) \$3,603.21 (Income from Eastern Florida State College)

(2018) \$1,576.40 (Income from Eastern Florida State College)

5. State the amount of **net income** you have earned or losses incurred (after deducting expenses) from all sources other than the practice of law for the preceding three-year period on a year by year basis, and generally describe the sources of such income or losses.

**Current Year-To-Date:** \$8,710.24

(2020) \$5,646.78 (Income from Eastern Florida State College)

(2019) \$3,546.74 (Income from Eastern Florida State College)

(2018) \$1,551.68 (Income from Eastern Florida State College)

**FORM 6  
FULL AND PUBLIC  
DISCLOSURE OF  
FINANCIAL INTEREST**

**PART A – NET WORTH**

Please enter the value of your net worth as of December 31 or a more current date. [Note: Net worth is not calculated by subtracting your *reported* liabilities from your *reported* assets, so please see the instructions on page 3.]

My net worth as of December 31, 2020 was \$ 0.00.

**PART B - ASSETS**

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:**

Household goods and personal effects may be reported in a lump sum if their aggregate value exceeds \$1,000. This category includes any of the following, if not held for investment purposes; jewelry; collections of stamps, guns, and numismatic items; art objects; household equipment and furnishings; clothing; other household items; and vehicles for personal use.

The aggregate value of my household goods and personal effects (described above) is \$ 1,000.00

**ASSETS INDIVIDUALLY VALUED AT OVER \$1,000:**

DESCRIPTION OF ASSET (specific description is required – see instructions p. 3)	VALUE OF ASSET
PNC Bank Checking	\$12,700.11
PNC Bank Reserve	\$10,000.33
PNC Bank Growth	\$10,001.66
Chase Checking	\$1,584.98

**PART C - LIABILITIES**

**LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF \$1,000 (See instructions on page 4):**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
Federal Loan Servicing (Federal Student Loans)	\$405,214.30
Navient (Private Student Loans)	\$29,958.17

**JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITIES NOT REPORTED ABOVE:**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY



**PART D - INCOME**

You may ***EITHER*** (1) file a complete copy of your latest federal income tax return, *including all W2's, schedules, and attachments*, ***OR*** (2) file a sworn statement identifying each separate source and amount of income which exceeds \$1,000 including secondary sources of income, by completing the remainder of Part D, below.

I elect to file a copy of my latest federal income tax return and all W2's, schedules, and attachments.  
 (if you check this box and attach a copy of your latest tax return, you need not complete the remainder of Part D.)

**PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME (See instructions on page 5):**

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME EXCEEDING \$1,000	ADDRESS OF SOURCE OF INCOME	AMOUNT

**SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME** [Major customers, clients, etc., of businesses owned by reporting person—see instructions on page 6]

NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS' INCOME	ADDRESS OF SOURCE	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE

**PART E – INTERESTS IN SPECIFIC BUSINESS [Instructions on page 7]**

	BUSINESS ENTITY #1	BUSINESS ENTITY #2	BUSINESS ENTITY #3
NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY			
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY			
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY			
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY			
I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS			
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST			

**IF ANY OF PARTS A THROUGH E ARE CONTINUED ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE CHECK HERE**

**OATH**

I, the person whose name appears at the beginning of this form, do depose on oath or affirmation and say that the information disclosed on this form and any attachments hereto is true, accurate, and complete.

*Valetta Cameron*

SIGNATURE

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**COUNTY OF** Brevard

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 15 day of Nov, 2021 by Valetta Cameron

*Sherri MacFarlane*

(Signature of Notary Public—State of Florida)

Sherri MacFarlane

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## JUDICIAL APPLICATION DATA RECORD

The judicial application shall include a separate page asking applicants to identify their race, ethnicity and gender. Completion of this page shall be optional, and the page shall include an explanation that the information is requested for data collection purposes in order to assess and promote diversity in the judiciary. The chair of the Commission shall forward all such completed pages, along with the names of the nominees to the JNC Coordinator in the Governor's Office (pursuant to JNC Uniform Rule of Procedure).

(Please Type or Print)

Date: 11/15/2021

JNC Submitting To:

18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Nominating Commission

Name (please print):

Valeta Cameron

Current Occupation:

Staff Attorney

Telephone Number:

321-626-1580

Attorney No.:

103252

Gender (check one):

Male

Female

Ethnic Origin (check one):

White, non-Hispanic

Hispanic

Black

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian/Pacific Islander

County of Residence:

Brevard

*FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT*

DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO THE  
FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT (FCRA)

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) may obtain one or more consumer reports, including but not limited to credit reports, about you, for employment purposes as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, including for determinations related to initial employment, reassignment, promotion, or other employment-related actions.

CONSUMER'S AUTHORIZATION FOR  
FDLE TO OBTAIN CONSUMER REPORT(S)

I have read and understand the above Disclosure. I authorize the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to obtain one or more consumer reports on me, for employment purposes, as described in the above Disclosure.

*Valetta Cameron*

Printed Name of Applicant

*Valetta Cameron*

Signature of Applicant

Date: 11-15-21