

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE 18 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: KATHRYN CRONENBERG JACOBUS **Social Security No.:** [REDACTED]

Florida Bar No.: 027648 **Date Admitted to Practice in Florida:** 9/1/2006

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.

State of Florida
Brevard County Court Judge
Eighteenth Judicial Circuit
Criminal Division
2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, Florida
32940
(321) 617-7268

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.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

7 months at current resident
Lifelong resident of Florida (45 years)

[REDACTED]
Katie.jacobus@flcourts18.org

3. State your birthdate and place of birth.

May 13, 1976
Tampa, Florida

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.

Admitted to the Florida Bar 2006.

6. Have you ever been known by any aliases? If so, please indicate and when you were known by such alias.

Kathryn Anne Cronenberg
(maiden name 1976-2009)

Nickname:
Katie

EDUCATION:

7. 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).

Florida Coastal School of Law
1999-2001

Juris Doctorate
May 2001

University of South Florida
1994-1998

Bachelor of Science, Criminology
May 1998
Bachelor of Science, Psychology
May 1998

Brevard Community College
1993-1994

Dual enrollment with Satellite High School

Satellite High School
1991-1994
High School Diploma
1994

8. 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.

Suicide Crisis Hotline
Volunteer
1996-1997
University of South Florida

Psychology Association
Treasurer
1997-1998
University of South Florida

Phi Delta Phi
Legal Fraternity
Member 1999-2001
President 2000-2001
Florida Coastal School of Law

EMPLOYMENT:

9. 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.

Jacobus Law
325 Fifth Avenue
Indialantic, Florida 32903
Partner
2017-2019

Office of the State Attorney
Eighteenth Judicial Circuit
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, Florida 32490
Assistant State Attorney
2013-2017

Jacobus Law Firm
325 Fifth Avenue
Indialantic, Florida 32903
Sole Practitioner
2011-2013

Platt Jacobus Hopwood
707 West Eau Gallie Boulevard
Melbourne, Florida 32935
Partner
2011

Platt Jacobus Fielding and Ville, LLC
707 West Eau Gallie Boulevard
Melbourne, Florida 32935
Associate Attorney
2006-2011

Office of the State Attorney
Eighteenth Judicial Circuit
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, Florida 32490
Certified Legal Intern
2001-2003

Department of Juvenile Justice
2224 Sarno Road
Suite 101
Melbourne, Florida 32935
Juvenile Probation Officer
1998-1999

- 10.** 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 was elected to serve as a Brevard County Judge on August 28, 2018. I preside on the County Criminal Bench. In 2020, I was appointed the Administrative County Court Judge and continue to serve in that capacity.

Prior to serving as a Judge, I practiced criminal law as both a prosecutor and defense attorney. I represented clients in circuit and county courts throughout the State of Florida. I conducted pretrial issues including bond hearings, depositions, and pretrial motions. I also tried

cases to verdict and participated in post-trial issues including appeals, sentencings and violation of probations.

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

	Court		Area of Practice
Federal Appellate	_____ %	Civil	<u>1</u> %
Federal Trial	_____ %	Criminal	<u>99</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> %

If your appearance in court the last five years is substantially different from your prior practice, please provide a brief explanation: Not applicable to applicant.

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

Jury?	<u>5</u>	Non-jury?	<u>16</u>
Arbitration?	_____	Administrative Bodies?	_____
Appellate?	_____		

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.*

State of Florida v. C.B.

05-2013-CJ-4356-AXXX-XX

Representing the State of Florida, Kathryn Jacobus

Representing the Defendant, Steve Henderson

Honorable Steve Henderson was elected to the Circuit Criminal Court for the 18th Judicial Circuit in 2019.

State of Florida v. B.B.

05-2013-CJ-4783-AXXX-XX

Representing the State of Florida, Kathryn Jacobus

Representing the Defendant, Thomas Thompson

(321) 617-7373 (Office of the Public Defender)

Mr. Thompson was an assistant public defender. Mr. Thompson is no longer with the Office of the Public Defender. Applicant is unable to provide an email contact.

State of Florida v. L.H.

05-2014-CJ-1185-AXXX-XX

Representing the State of Florida, Kathryn Jacobus Thomas Thompson, Attorney for the

Representing the Defendant, Thomas Thompson

(321) 617-7373 (Office of the Public Defender)

Mr. Thompson was an assistant public defender. Mr. Thompson is no longer with the Office of the Public Defender. Applicant is unable to provide an email contact.

State of Florida v. D.C.

05-2014-CJ-2295-AXXX-XX

Representing the State of Florida, Kathryn Jacobus

Representing the Defendant, Thomas Thompson

(321) 617-7373 (Office of the Public Defender)

Mr. Thompson was an assistant public defender. Mr. Thompson is no longer with the Office of the Public Defender. Applicant is unable to provide an email contact.

State of Florida v. D.B.

05-2015-CJ-00988-AXXX-XX

Representing the State of Florida, Kathryn Jacobus

Representing the Defendant, Shara Kernan

skernan@pd18.net

(321) 617-7373

William Bennett v. Kevin Smith

05-2017-CA-15344-AXXX-XX

Representing the Plaintiff, Kathryn Jacobus (co-counsel)

Representing the Plaintiff, Kathryn Jacobus (co-counsel)

(Curt Jacobus was elected as a Circuit Judge for the 18th Judicial Circuit in August 2019.)

Representing the Defendant, Lisa Hogreve,

lisahogreve@gmail.com

(321) 633-3205

17. 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.*

State of Florida v. Gavin Rammacca

05-2017-CF-38944-AXXX-XX

Kerri Fowler, Assistant State Attorney for Plaintiff, (321) 617-7510

Kathryn Jacobus, Attorney for the Defendant

State of Florida v. Giuseppe Puglisi

05-2016-CF-43061-AXXX-XX

Justin Keen, Assistant State Attorney for Plaintiff, (321) 617-7510

Kathryn Jacobus, Attorney for the Defendant

State of Florida v. V.G.
05-2016-CJ-00547-AXXX-XX
Kathryn Jacobus, Assistant State Attorney for Plaintiff
Shara Kernan, Attorney for the Defendant, (321) 617-7373

State of Florida v. C.B.
05-2016-CJ-00666-AXXX-XX
Kathryn Jacobus, Assistant State Attorney for Plaintiff
Ashley Ferrell, Attorney for the Defendant, (321) 243-4877

State of Florida v. E.G.
05-2016-CJ-00676-AXXX-XX
Kathryn Jacobus, Assistant State Attorney for Plaintiff
Shara Kernan, Attorney for the Defendant, (321) 617-7373

State of Florida v. L.J.
05-2016-CJ-02957-AXXX-XX
Kathryn Jacobus, Assistant State Attorney for Plaintiff
David Feinswog, Attorney for the Defendant, (321) 504-9936

- 18.** 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.

Approximately fifteen times per month while practicing law.

- 19.** 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.

Not applicable.

- 20.** 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?

Not applicable.

- 21.** 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.

State of Florida v. B.B.
05-2013-CJ-3210-AXXX-XX.

Defendant was a documented gang member. Over the period of two years, the defendant was charged with several felonies including Burglary, Grand theft, Battery of Law Enforcement, Forgery and Stalking. With his authority within the gang, he recruited individuals to commit the crimes and limited our ability to prove his participation. After working closely with Titusville Police Department for almost a year, we were able to successfully prosecute him and he was committed to a residential facility.

Brevard County Circuit Court
Honorable Robert Burger
Representing the State of Florida, Kathryn Jacobus;
Representing Defendant, Office of the Public Defender.

State of Florida v. D. J.
05-2013-CJ-4358-AXXX-XX

Juvenile defendant charged with sexual battery on younger sister. Both the victim and the defendant had the same mother. The State had to find a resolution that prosecuted the defendant for his crime but also addressed treatment of the victim to, hopefully, prevent recidivism and reunify the family. Defendant was placed in residential sex offender program and released on supervision, successfully completed his program and has been reunified with his family,

Brevard County Circuit Court
Honorable Robert Burger
Representing the State of Florida, Kathryn Jacobus;
Representing Defendant, Amanda Hechenberger.
ahechenberger@pd18.net
(321) 617-7373

State of Florida v. Grant George
05-2010-CT-064459-AXXX-XX

Defendant was charged with driving under the influence. Trial court granted state's motion to allow video testimony of witness by Skype in DUI Trial. Witness did not qualify as unavailable as the sole basis of unavailability was that he lived out of state and no evidence presented that he could not be compelled to appear. Witness testified and identified defendant as the driver of the

vehicle. Jury convicted. Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court reversed finding that the witness was not unavailable and State could not testify as to the witness's unavailability

Brevard County Court

Honorable Rhonda Babb

Attorneys involved: Representing Defendant, Jack Platt and Kathryn Jacobus (second chair);

Representing the State of Florida, Andrew Pickett

andrewpickett@pickettlaw.com

(321)341-5084

State of Florida v. Joseph Conover

05-2006-MM-043552-AXXX-XX

Defendant charged with resisting without violence, failure to obey lawful commands and open carrying of a weapon. Defense filed motion to dismiss. Motion to dismiss was based on the fact that the Defendant was in uniform as security guard and on duty pursuant to the agency policy. He stopped to assist an injured woman at the scene of a motor vehicle. Pursuant to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Division, the defendant was required to openly carry the firearm while he was on duty. Defendant's employment commenced upon leaving his home and therefore he was on duty. The trial court granted defense motion to dismiss as to Counts I and III. State dismissed remaining charge.

Brevard County Court

Honorable Benjamin Garagozlo

Attorneys involved: Representing Defendant, Jack Platt and Kathryn Jacobus (drafted motion);

Representing the State of Florida, Jacob Speicher.

Jay.speicher@gmail.com

(321) 637-9937

State of Florida v. Benjamin Gentile

05-2009-CT-72892-AXXX-XX

Defendant charged with driving under the influence. Defendant was found asleep in a private parking lot with the key in ignition and vehicle running. Officer approached the vehicle and woke defendant. Defendant was arrested for driving under the influence. Defense counsel filed motion to suppress arguing that the officer did not have reasonable suspicion that any crime had been or was about to be committed. Court denied motion to suppress finding that the officer had reasonable suspicion based on need of medical assistance even though defendant's vehicle was in park, he was in a private parking lot and he displayed no action that would warrant medical attention prior to the encounter. Jury trial conducted on December 10, 2010. Court granted defense's motion for judgment of acquittal finding that the State of Florida did not disprove the driver did not have intent to operate the motor vehicle. Brevard County Court, Honorable John Murphy.

Attorneys involved: Representing Defendant, Jack Platt and Katie Jacobus (argued motion to suppress and second chair); Representing the State of Florida, Tyler Chasez (321) 617-7510.

22. 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. ATTACHMENT INCLUDED.

PRIOR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE OR PUBLIC OFFICE

23. 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.

Court:

Brevard County Court Judge, 18th Judicial Circuit.

Date of Service:

January 4, 2019, to present

Election results (Three candidate race):

August 2018:

Succeeded in primary.

I received 59.2% of the votes

Opponent 1 received 28.4% of the votes

Opponent 2 received 11.4% of the votes.

24. 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.

I applied to a Brevard County Judicial Seat, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission in September 2016. My name was certified to the Governor's Office for consideration.

25. 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.

26. If you have prior judicial or quasi-judicial experience, please list the following information:

- (i) the names, phone numbers and addresses of six attorneys who appeared before you on matters of substance;

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2323 South Babcock Street
Melbourne, Florida

32901
(321)725-3700
Steve@surferlaw.com

Steve Wolverton
5190 US 1
Cocoa, Florida 32927
(321)633-7337
wolverton@riverlaw.net

Kurt Russell
175 East Nasa Boulevard Suite 300
Melbourne, Florida 32901
kurt@plattlawoffices.com

Michael Hill
Office of the State Attorney
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building D
Viera, Florida 32940
(321) 617-7510
mhill@sa18.org

Brynn Brito
525 East Strawbridge Avenue
Melbourne, Florida 32901
(321) 725-1542
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Jennifer Mostert
3270 Suntree Boulevard
Suite 109
Melbourne, Florida 32940
(321) 223-8448
jmostertlaw@gmail.com

- (ii) the approximate number and nature of the cases you handled during your tenure;

I have handled approximately 11,000 cases as a County Court Judge in the criminal division. Those matters included crimes of general misdemeanor, DUI, criminal traffic, and domestic violence battery.

- (iii) the citations of any published opinions;

None.

- (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.

The five following cases are the most significant cases I have heard because each case, although not legally significant, have impacted me as a lawyer, a judge, and a person.

1. State of Florida v. Philipp McComb
2018-MM-39184-AXXX-XX
Office of the State Attorney
Ruth Singer, Attorney for the Defendant
January 28, 2019

This matter came before the court shortly after I had taken the bench. The Defendant filed a Motion to Dismiss pursuant to 3.190 (c)(4), the purpose of which is to allow a pretrial determination of the law of the case when the material facts are not in dispute. The State of Florida is required only to show a prima facie case. After hearing the testimony of witness and argument from counsels, I ruled in favor of the State of Florida and against the Defendant.

As I returned to chambers, I had second thoughts about my ruling. I consulted with a few judicial colleagues. All agreed that I was probably correct, and my ruling would be upheld on appeal; however, it was a case that could go either way. My ruling still did not sit well. Upon further consideration and research, my ruling was wrong and would have been considered error. I set aside my prior ruling against the defendant. I explained to the attorneys that after further research I had committed an error. At that point, I learned that although a judge needs to be decisive; a judge also needs correct themselves if they are wrong.

2. State of Florida v. John Allen
2017-CT-02296-AXXX-XX
Office of the State Attorney
Dayna Rivera, Attorney for the Defendant

Defendant was charged with Driving under the Influence. The matter proceed to jury trial. The jury instructions were read to the jury, but they were not sent back with the jury. Defendant moved for a new trial on the basis that he was denied a fair and just trial.

I granted the defendant's motion for new trial. The State of Florida appealed my ruling arguing the law only requires the instructions be read to the jury. In my ruling, I relied upon both parties specifically addressing the jury instructions throughout closing arguments. Each party tailored their case with the belief that the jurors would have the physical instructions as an aide to their deliberations. The appellate court per curium affirmed my ruling.

3. Unknown Case Name
Unknown Case Number
Office of the State Attorney
Office of Public Defender
Year 2019

Early in my judicial career, an in-custody defendant was brought before the Court. The defendant was disrespectful, aggressive, and erratic. Upon first impression, he presented as an individual with no respect for the Court, his attorney or himself. The assistant public defender requested a continuance because the defendant suffered from an undiagnosed mental illness. The continuance was granted and the defendant was allowed to obtain in-custody medical treatment.

Upon the rehearing, I did not recognize the defendant. He was polite, appreciative, and fully aware of his position. The defendant was working with his attorney and medical doctor to establish a treatment plan. It was discovered that the defendant suffered from schizophrenia. Mental health and substance abuse issues are often matters that need to be recognized and addressed in the criminal courts.

4. State of Florida v. Richard Petroff
2018-MM-29704-AXXX-XX
Office of the State Attorney
Pro se/Multiple Attorneys

Mr. Petroff was charged with the offenses of driving while license suspended and resisting arrest without violence. When the Defendant initially appeared in Court, he was homeless, easily aggravated and had noticeable mental health issues. It was discovered that Mr. Petroff was a war veteran that served our Country in Afghanistan. During his tour overseas, he became wounded and disabled. Mr. Petroff severely suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Mr. Petroff had very little trust for the government and the judicial system. Although respectful, he rejected Veteran's court and the advice of multiple court appointed attorneys as well as private counsel.

After several court appearances, he began to trust in the court, the deputy, and the court staff. A judge must maintain order in the courtroom, at times, adjust their approach and remain patient to achieve it.

27. 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.

28. 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.

29. 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.

None.

30. 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.

31. 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

32. 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.

I am not engaged in the management of any business enterprise.

33. 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.

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.

No.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

35. 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.

36. 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.

37. List any speeches or tells 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.

Keynote Speaker

“The impact of harassment in the workplace”

American Business Women’s Association, Space Coast Chapter

February 27, 2018

Lunch Speaker
Impact Brevard
June 24, 2021
Gastro Pub

Multiple candidate interviews for Judicial Campaign
2018

- 38.** 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.

No.

- 39.** 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.

None.

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

- 41.** 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
Member
2006-2012

Young Lawyers Division
Brevard County Bar Association
2009-2010 President
2008-2009 President Elect
2006-2008 Member

Florida Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys
Member
2006-2012

Vassar B. Carlton Inns of Court
2007-2009 Pupil

2019 Barrister

Federalist Society
Member
2021

42. 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.

National Veterans' Homeless Support
Board Member
2012-2020

South Brevard Sharing Center
Board Member
2009-2010

Friends of Sally's House
Member
2018

March of Dimes
Committee Chair
2014

Justice Teaching
Volunteer
2008-2011

Prosecution Alternative Youth Program
Volunteer
2006-2009

43. 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.

No.

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

None.

45. Please describe any hobbies or other vocational interests.

I like to stay involved in my community. I am an avid runner and enjoy boating with my husband and children.

46. Please state whether you have served or currently serve in the military, including your dates of service, branch, highest rank, and type of discharge.

No.

47. Please provide links to all social media and blog accounts you currently maintain, including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

No current social media and/or blog accounts.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

48. 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.

Married, November 7, 2009.

Curt Jacobus, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Judge.

49. 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.

Jackson Jacobus, 11 years.

Charley Jacobus, 9 years.

CRIMINAL AND MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS

50. 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.

No.

51. 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.

No.

52. 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.

No.

53. 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.

Steven Sean Jackson, DC#282193 v. Judge Kathryn Jacobus

05-2021-CA-49065

Brevard County Circuit Court

I was the assigned judge for initial appearance hearings. Mr. Jackson seeks a declaratory judgment as to whether a due process violation occurred. A motion to dismiss is currently pending.

Kathryn Jacobus v. United Services Automobile Association

05-2019-CA-24595

Brevard County Circuit

Contract, Settled

Kathryn Jacobus v. United Services Automobile Association

05-2014-CA-018267

Brevard County, Circuit Court

Personal Injury, Settled

Kathryn Jacobus v. Tiffanie Zangwill

05-2013-CA-026053

Brevard County, Circuit Court

Personal Injury, Settled

Asset Acceptance v. Kathryn Cronenberg

05-2007-SC-016327

Brevard County, Small Claims

Settled, Paid in Full

Capital One v. Kathryn Cronenberg
05-2003-SC-046031
Brevard County, Small Claims,
Dismissed, Paid in Full

- 54.** To your knowledge, has there ever been a complaint made or filed alleging malpractice as a result of action or inaction on your part?

A Florida Bar Complaint was filed when I was an associate attorney with Platt Jacobus Fielding and Ville. No probable cause found.

- 55.** 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.

- 56.** 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.

- 57.** 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.

- 58.** 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.

- 59.** 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.

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

No.

61. 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.

Yes, I have complied with all legally required tax return filings.

HEALTH

62. Are you currently addicted to or dependent upon the use of narcotics, drugs, or alcohol?

No.

63. 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.

No.

64. 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.

65. 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.

66. 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.

67. 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.

68. 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.

69. 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.

70. 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

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

My reputation of efficient and expeditious case management has effectively reduced a high volume docket. County Court is the people's court. The attorneys are often new to the practice of law and defendants at times are unrepresented, waiving their right to representation by an attorney. The attorneys and defendants in my courtroom are afforded the ability to litigate and resolve their cases while maintaining the rules of court and evidence.

During the pandemic and the resulting court closures, my role included the duties of County Court Administrative judge. We successfully addressed and resolved cases expeditiously while maintaining public safety. My courtroom was one of the first courtrooms in Brevard County to hold a jury trial upon the return of jurors. Through the toll of speedy trial and the pause of jury trials, my docket proceeded and as a result my division is manageable and is prepared to handle the result of the delay in the docket from the closure.

72. 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.

I love the law and especially the fact that no matter one's level of experience or depth of knowledge, there is always something else to learn and something new to see. I pride myself not only on my knowledge of the law but also on my desire to constantly learn, analyze and apply legal principles on a daily basis.

In my career in the field of Criminal Law, I have been very fortunate to sit on all sides of the courtroom. I began my career with the Office of the State Attorney and currently enjoy the honor of representing the State of Florida. In the interim, I was fortunate to gain a wealth of experience as a private criminal defense attorney, which provided me the opportunity to represent defendants in courtrooms throughout the State of Florida. In my travels, I was able to observe and learn from many jurists, each with a different style and manner.

As a result, I have learned what I believe makes a great judge: preparedness, knowledge, common sense and the ability to listen, analyze and then decide. Combined with my passion for the law and my experience as a trial attorney and county court Judge, these are the attributes I bring to the bench.

REFERENCES

73. 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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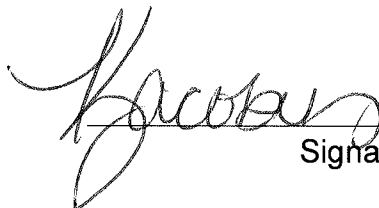
I have read the foregoing questions carefully and have answered them truthfully, fully and completely. I hereby waive notice by and authorize The Florida Bar or any of its committees, educational and other institutions, the Judicial Qualifications Commission, the Florida Board of Bar Examiners or any 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 15TH day of November 2021.

KATHRYN CRONENBERG JACOBUS

Printed Name



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: \$143,345.36

Last Three Years: \$149,071.56 (2019) \$152,960.73 (2020) \$143,345.36 (2021)

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.

3.

Current Year-To-Date: \$143,345.36

Last Three Years: \$149,071.56 (2019) \$152,960.73 (2020) \$143,345.36 (2021)

4. 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: \$0.00

Last Three Years: \$0.00

5. 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: \$0.00

Last Three Years: \$0.00

6. 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: \$0.00

Last Three Years: \$0.00