

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE EIGHTEENTH 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: Kristen Lynn Smith-Rodriguez **Social Security No.:** [REDACTED]

Florida Bar No.: 0085422 **Date Admitted to Practice in Florida:** 9/27/2010

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, General Magistrate for 18th Judicial Circuit, Brevard County, Florida
Business address: 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida 32940
Business phone: 321-637-5305

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], Brevard County, Florida [REDACTED] (residence for 9 years)
Lived in Florida for 27 years
Cell Phone – [REDACTED]
Preferred Email Address – [REDACTED]

3. State your birthdate and place of birth. **Langhorne, Pennsylvania; January 15, 1985**
4. Are you a registered voter in Florida (Y/N)? **Y**
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 – admitted September 27, 2010 to the present
Middle District of Florida – admitted September 8, 2016 to the present

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

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).

School	Attendance Dates	Degree	Graduation	Class Standing	GPA
Florida Coastal School of Law	January 2008 to May 2010	Juris Doctorate	May 2010	Not provided on transcript	2.58
University of Central Florida	August 2003 to December 2006	B.A. – Political Science	December 2006	Not provided on transcript	3.515
Winter Springs High School	August 1999 to May 2003	Diploma	May 2003	92 of 560	3.91 weighted 3.51 unweighted

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.

Phi Alpha Delta - Pre-Law International University of Central Florida Chapter - member

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.

August 2016 to February 2019	Kristen Smith-Rodriguez, PLLC	415 S. Palm Avenue Titusville, FL 32796	321-567-3477	Associate Attorney
August 2012 to August 2016	Telfer, Faherty, Anderson & Hawkins, PL	815 S. Washington Ave. Titusville, FL 32796	321-269-6833	Associate Attorney
August 2011 to August 2012	Erlenbach Law Offices, PA	2532 Garden Street Titusville, FL 32796	321-264-6000	Associate Attorney
January 2011 to April 2011	Owenby Law, PA	6136 Atlantic Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32211	904-770-3141	Associate Attorney
June 2008 to May 2010	Florida Coastal School of Law – Family Law Clinic	8787 Baypine Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32256	904-680-7700	Certified Legal Intern

May 2008 to May 2010	Florida Coastal School of Law	8787 Baypine Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32256	904-515-6715	Circulation Desk Attendant
	Description of position: Library position checking in and out books, scheduling study rooms, maintaining categorization of books, and ensuring compliance with library rules.			
January 2004 to January 2008	The Shoe Dept.	1325 Oviedo Marketplace Blvd. Oviedo, FL 32765	407-359-3413	Key Holder
	Description of position: Key Holder is an assistant manager position; managed 4 employees per shift; ordered, sold, organized merchandise; scheduled employees; account for sales and make deposits.			

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 am currently serving as a General Magistrate in the family law division. Prior to this position, I represented clients in family law matters, including but not limited to, dissolution of marriage (timesharing, equitable distribution, alimony, child support), paternity, modifications, and child support through the Department of Revenue. I represented clients at the circuit level in the following counties: Brevard, Seminole, Indian River, Volusia, Orange, Osceola, Broward, Hernando, and Pinellas.

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	<u>0</u> %		Civil	<u>1</u> %
Federal Trial	<u>0</u> %		Criminal	<u>0</u> %
Federal Other	<u>0</u> %		Family	<u>99</u> %
State Appellate	<u>0</u> %		Probate	<u>0</u> %
State Trial	<u>100</u> %		Other	<u>0</u> %
State Administrative	<u>0</u> %			
State Other	<u>0</u> %			
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:

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

Jury?	<u>0</u>	Non-jury?	<u>50 (estimate)</u>
Arbitration?	<u>0</u>	Administrative Bodies?	<u>0</u>
Appellate?	<u>0</u>		

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.*

CASE	DATE TRIED	OPPOSING COUNSEL	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
05-2015-DR-039957 Martinez v. Martinez	02/06/2019	Pro se	-	-
05-2017-DR-043895 Alberts v. Eldridge	01/23/2019	Vencil Moore, Esq.	Vencil@CocoaDivorceLawyer.com	321-735-9677
05-2018-DR-019647 Hoffman v. Hoffman	11/21/2018	Vencil Moore, Esq.	Vencil@CocoaDivorceLawyer.com	321-735-9677
05-2017-DR-039436 Lintz v. Lintz	11/13/2018	Erin Morse, Esq.	Erin@Morse-Firm.com	407-900-7451
05-2016-DR-017416 Pricher v. Pricher	11/2/2018 11/09/2018	Charles Dorfman, Esq.	Chuck@WeaverDorfmanLaw.com	321-259-0560
05-2017-DR-051734 Mitchell v. Mitchell	11/07/2018	Andrew Steele, Esq.	ASteele@AndrewSteeleLaw.com	321-269-2882

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.*

CASE	DATE SETTLED	OPPOSING COUNSEL	PHONE NUMBER
05-2018-DR-010744 Winstead v. Winstead	8/20/2018	Carl Wasileski, Esq.	321-269-4328
05-2017-DR-024676 Wilson v. Wilson	8/30/2018	Carl Wasileski, Esq.	321-269-4328
05-2009-DR-034942 Morgan v. Friedl	10/18/18 2/22/19	Michelle Studstill, Esq.	321-425-2082
05-1992-DR-007433 Hessler v. Hessler	2/19/2019	Evan Turk, Esq.	561-665-6570
05-2018-DR-010388 Mohammed v. Mohammed	2/7/2019	Stephen Brewer, Esq.	321-267-9700
05-2019-DR-018291 Black v. Black	8/1/2019	Harley Gutin, Esq.	321-633-7337

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.

No appearances at administrative hearings.

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, as questions 16, 17, and 18 applied to my practice.

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 – my practice was not greater than 50% of such practice areas.

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.

1. Michael Bonhomme v. Amy Bonhomme 05-2009-DR-035166
 - a. Client: Amy Bonhomme
 - b. Significance: Amy was a mentally impaired woman who sought timesharing with her children in a post final judgment modification. Despite Amy's significant mental impairment and lack of support at the time of her dissolution of marriage, Amy signed a Marital Settlement Agreement which was accepted by the Court. Amy worked diligently for several years, mastering basic life skills in an effort to get timesharing with her children. I received this case from Brevard County Legal Aid as a pro bono referral. This case required multiple temporary relief hearings for Amy to build her timesharing and show the Court that she was a skilled and safe parent for the children; hours interviewing Amy's aids, and giving them guidance to allow Amy more leeway (including failures) to truly show Amy what she needed to accomplish to succeed in Court. Amy's testimony was crucial at these hearings and ultimately trial; I spent hours with Amy trying to make her feel comfortable with the questions, the court setting, and the accusations that would come her way. Amy prevailed and we obtained overnight timesharing and additional time during the week. After an attorney allowed her to sign a Marital Settlement Agreement with her significant deficiencies, an uphill legal battle of two years, the commitment by this client, and the incredible patience, understanding, and morality of the Judge,

this was by far the most meaningful and significant case I had the privilege of working on.

- c. Court and Judge: 18th Judicial Circuit, Hon. Jeffrey Mahl
- d. Date tried: August 18, 2014 and October 27, 2014
- e. Attorneys: James Haggard, Esq. N/K/A Jenevieve Haggard, Esq. (jenny.haggard@savvysuit.com 321-274-9843) and Erica Wooley, Esq. (eah05e@yahoo.com 813-326-1651)

2. Vito Novia v. April Novia 05-2014-DR-040871

- a. Client: Vito Novia
- b. Significance: This case had an interesting procedural component as the Wife secretly relocated to North Florida immediately prior to the filing of the dissolution of marriage and there was not a clear indication as to whether the relocation statute of 61.13001 applied. Additionally, despite Mr. Vito's desire to have the child returned to Brevard County (and there was a great likelihood that it would occur), the Court is required to consider the best interests of the child in the moment. I needed to be mindful of the timing of the motions and hearings for temporary relief and trial so as not to disrupt the child's schooling and her relationship with the parties, as well as provide the most legal opportune moments for my client. I also had to obtain significant discovery to support a violation of the relocation statute if the Court found that it applied.
- c. Court and Judge: 18th Judicial Circuit, Hon. Tonya Rainwater, followed by General Magistrate (now Judge) Robert Segal
- d. Date tried: March 24, 2015
- e. Attorneys: Billy Thomas, Esq. (deceased) and Kelleen Duncan-Neisler, Esq. (kduncanpa@gmail.com 321-301-4159)

3. The Prudential Insurance Company of America v. Michelle K. Dinkins, et al. 5:16-CV-506-OC-30PRL

- a. Client: Brenda Michelle Rucker-Penland
- b. Significance: This case involved insurance proceeds after the death of Ms. Rucker-Penland's former husband. My client was receiving alimony and a life insurance policy was ordered to protect that payment. The former husband was shot and killed by his then current wife, the recipient of hundreds of thousands of dollars in life insurance proceeds. When my client discovered that the former husband changed beneficiaries, and after significant correspondence with the insurance company, the company filed a complaint for interpleader. I conducted significant research on the differences between Servicemembers Group Life Insurance and Veterans Group Life Insurance, their applications in federal court, and the legality of an electronic change to a beneficiary under the policies. The research concluded that the facts of this case were likely to result with my long-time client receiving nothing. I requested mediation and ultimately obtained over \$100,000.00 for the client.
- c. Court and Judge: Middle District of Florida, Hon. James S. Moody, Jr.
- d. Date tried/Disposition: An Order on Dismissal Pursuant to Settlement was entered February 8, 2017.

- e. Attorneys: Russell LaPeer, Esq. (rlapeer@aol.com 352-732-8622) and Sheena M. Murray, Esq. (sheena.murray@newlinlaw.com 407-888-8000)
4. Ruben Leon Whitworth v. Alison Marie Whitworth, FMCE 13-012079 (36/90)
- a. Client: Ruben Leon Whitworth
 - b. Significance: The significance in this case has nothing to do with the facts or the outcome. This client was by far my most challenging client. He had several types of cases, often overlapping each other. This particular client was a wealthy businessman who often controlled the course of action and outcome. The post judgment family law case was highly contentious. Not only would my client be disagreeable to all courses of action that did not result in an immediate desired outcome, but his adult son would attempt to influence the process by contacting all attorneys and courts involved in an aggressive manner. I found it challenging to maintain client control and protect the integrity of the court system from the son. I applied several techniques to calm and redirect my client and son throughout the litigation. It will likely continue to be an ongoing matter, but I left my representation on good terms with the client and son upon taking my current position as magistrate.
 - c. Court and Judge: 17th Judicial Circuit, Hon. Renee Goldenberg and General Magistrate Beilly
 - d. Date tried: Representation from 2016 - 2019
 - e. Attorneys: Jonathan Root, Esq. (jsr@rootpa.com 561-998-3232) Christopher Tiso, Esq. (chris@rootpa.com 561-998-3232)
5. [REDACTED] v. Haleigh Marie Mounger 05-2009-DR-006777
- a. Client: [REDACTED]
 - b. Significance: This case had an interesting fact pattern that continued to develop during my representation, including multiple arrests, disappearances, and a standoff with police. Much of the developments occurred due to my client's mental health. This case was my first significant exposure to the mental health component of a family law case. I spent hours researching mental illnesses, psychiatric facilities, assisting with insurance, speaking with mental health professionals, and otherwise trying to assist my client in a way that was safe for my client, the opposing party and counsel, and the minor child. My client had access to me 24/7 so I would be available in case of any emergency. He used this access once and it was the most sobering moment of my career. Since my representation I continued to learn about the mental health component in family law cases and approached certain cases a bit differently.
 - c. Court and Judge: 18th Judicial Circuit, Hon. Christina Serrano
 - d. Date tried: Representation from 2017 - 2019
 - e. Attorney: Timi Tucker, Esq. (ttucker@tuckermittnik.com 321-735-8956)
6. Timothy Griffin v. Brooke Gray 05-2014-DR-050291
- a. Client: Timothy Griffin
 - b. Significance: This case involved creative procedural and discovery battles. My client believed he was the father of twins after having intercourse with a sex worker.

However, he was the father of only one of the twins. Aside from a mother, father, and an unknown father, the mother was also still married to her estranged husband. Attorney James Haggard represented his client incredibly well throwing up as many procedural roadblocks as possible as Fla. Stat. 742.18 was still developing in its interpretation. I appreciated the procedural difficulties in this case, and it made me a better attorney as I delved into alternative and creative outcomes to reach my client's goals and the best interests of the children while the law was still emerging.

- c. Court and Judge: 18th Judicial Circuit, Hon. George Paulk
- d. Date tried/disposition: Settlement reached on August 7, 2015
- e. Attorney: James Haggard, Esq. N/K/A Jenevieve Haggard, Esq. (jenny.haggard@savvysuit.com 321-274-9843)

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.

Attached are three writing samples, all of which were personally written by me in my capacity as a General Magistrate presiding over the case.

- 1. **Report and Recommendation on Motions for Contempt and Enforcement.**
- 2. **Report and Recommendation on Motion for Summary Judgment.**
- 3. **Report and Recommendation on Supplemental Petition for Modification.**

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.

No.

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.

The 18th JNC - March 19, 2020 – I was on the certified list of nominees.

The 18th JNC - January 30, 2020

The 18th JNC - March 2016

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.

State of Florida, 18th Judicial Circuit, Brevard County	02/25/2019 to present	General Magistrate
<i>Description of issues heard:</i> I preside over hearings/trials involving litigation pursuant to Fla. Stat. Chapters 61, 88, 742, 751, 57, 39, 394, 397 (specifically: dissolution of marriage, alimony, equitable distribution, child support, contempt, enforcement, modification, parenting plans, paternity, relocation, step-parent adoption, name changes, attorney fees, UIFSA/UCCJEA, mental health, substance abuse).		

City of Titusville, Board of Adjustment and Appeals	09/9/2014 to present	Vice Chairman (9/29/2021 to present) Member (07/24/2018 - 9/28/2021) Alternate Member (9/9/2014 - 07/23/2018)
<i>Description of issues heard:</i> As a member on the Board of Adjustment and Appeals, I (along with 4 additional members) hear requests, in a quasi judicial proceeding, for variances from the City of Titusville Code and Code of Land Regulations as well as appeals from the decision of the building official.		

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;

ATTORNEY	PHONE NUMBER	ADDRESS
Heather Harris, Esq.	321-452-7055	650 S. Courtenay Parkway, Ste. 101 Merritt Island, Florida 32952
E. Ashley Bonifant, Esq.	321-312-0554	1275 South Patrick Drive, Ste. A Satellite Beach, Florida 32937
Tiffani Cole, Esq.	321-725-3425	175 E. Nasa Blvd., Ste. 300 Melbourne, Florida 32901
Hernan Castro, Esq.	321-690-3315	1535 Cogswell Street, Ste. A5 Rockledge, Florida 32955
Curtis Flajole, Esq.	321-242-9777	5430 Village Drive, Ste. 103 Viera, Florida 32955
Sandra Valentin, Esq.	321-425-2082	1361 Bedford Drive, Ste. 103 Melbourne, Florida 32940

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

Family law proceedings: 1,269

Child Support (as hearing officer) proceedings: 334

Baker Act proceedings: 210

Marchman Act proceedings: 22

(iii) the citations of any published opinions; and

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.

1. In Re: Andrew Propst v. Ashley Moore 05-2013-DR-068542

- a. Significance: This was my first trial as a General Magistrate. The case presented at trial as a paternity case with an initial establishment of timesharing. However, procedural obstacles ensued. Four years earlier, the Petitioner was granted relocation without an evidentiary hearing and on the statutory presumption of best interest for the Respondent's failure to file a timely objection, all while the paternity action was pending. Despite the relocation, the parties moved multiple times and amicably modified timesharing schedules for years. It was only after my Report and Recommendation addressed the relocation and the lack of objection at trial to proceeding on the Petition for Paternity (without regard to the previously awarded relocation, as circumstances had clearly changed) did the Petitioner make the objection and file exceptions. The exceptions were denied, and the Petitioner filed a Motion to Reopen the Evidence, which was granted, but did not result in a change of outcome. There were several procedural issues present in this case both during the trial, and through exceptions and motions post-trial. What was most significant in the end, after all of the time, money, effort, and research, is that the Petitioner voluntarily dismissed his case during the exceptions period after the final Report and Recommendation was filed, in an effort to forum shop, as he subsequently filed in Orange County.
- b. Date tried: 03/7/2019, 08/06/2019 and 08/07/2019
- c. Attorneys: Vencil Moore, Esq. and Oscar Housting, Esq.

2. In Re: Daniel Maldonado 05-2019-MH-031616 and 05-2019-MH-035423

- a. Significance: These Baker Act proceedings involved an 18 year old man. In the first case, I asked the public defender to take additional time to explain the effect of an adjudication in this proceeding so the patient could evaluate the likely effect on his college and athletic goals. The patient was actively involved in his proceeding with a significant support system and it was important for the Court to explore the option of the patient voluntarily staying in the mental health facility in order to stabilize, rather than enter an order that may have larger consequences than this young man could appreciate. In the second case (3 weeks later), the Court determined that the criteria for involuntary placement was not met. In making the decisions, the patient articulated that he "beat the system" and that he "was untouchable." The Court took the time to appeal to the patient and his awareness of his

illness in order to encourage him to comply with the doctor's suggestions, despite the statutory criteria not being met.

- b. Date tried: 06/12/2019 and 07/03/2019
 - c. Attorneys: Mike Hill, Esq., Randy Moore, Esq., Susan Barger, Esq., and MaryLu Tombleson-Harvey, Esq.
3. In Re: Adam Robertson v. Yu Liu 05-2014-DR-042686
- a. Significance: This case involved the enforcement of a final parenting plan which permitted international travel to China. The Court needed to consider whether it could restrict the movement of the child despite an agreement permitting travel. The Court reviewed case law to confirm limited exceptions within the scope of the facts presented. The Court also needed to determine creative remedies to comply with the final judgment while addressing the present risk of a parent withholding the child in a country that is not a signatory to the Hague Convention.
 - b. Date tried: 07/01/2019
 - c. Attorneys: Ashley Severance, Esq. and Kimberli Trader, Esq.
4. In Re: Charles v. Charles 05-2017-DR-035048
- a. Significance: This case involved several discovery violations resulting in a decision to issue sanctions against a party as it pertains to submitting evidence at trial. To ensure fairness to both parties, I gave multiple opportunities for compliance with discovery orders, personally informed the litigant of upcoming sanctions, requested his input on timeframes, and ultimately, when the orders were disregarded, I was required to prohibit the admission of certain evidence to ensure a fair trial.
 - b. Date tried: 6/19/2020
 - c. Attorneys: Gregory Crutchfield, Esq. and Deborah Smith, Esq.
5. In Re: Englert v. Englert 05-2019-DR-041219
- a. Significance: While this case involved a litany of family law topics, it was the attorneys that made this case significant. One of the attorneys is widely known to object to a magistrate hearing his cases; this was the attorney's first time in my court and I was surprised to learn he agreed to a magistrate. This case involved a three day temporary relief hearing with summaries, experts, several witnesses, and 60 exhibits. I describe this experience as the attorneys "trying me on for size," to see how I'd handle their case, the experts, and analyze the voluminous exhibits if it goes to trial. The hearings went smoothly, the Report and Recommendation was quite detailed, and no exceptions were filed; the parties ultimately settled their case along similar lines to my Report and Recommendation. Often times exceptions are taken as a second bite of the apple, despite a competent ruling. When particular, if not critical, attorneys accept a Report and Recommendation, it lends itself to my proficiency as a General Magistrate.
 - b. Date tried: 3/8/2021, 3/9/2021, and 3/18/2021
 - c. Attorneys: Alan Landman, Esq. and Sandra Valentin, Esq.

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.

Not applicable – Magistrate’s Recommendations are not orders.

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.

Not applicable.

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.

No.

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.

None.

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.

None.

POSSIBLE BIAS OR PREJUDICE

34. The Commission is interested in knowing if there are certain types of cases, groups of entities, or extended relationships or associations which would limit the cases for which you could sit as the

presiding judge. Please list all types or classifications of cases or litigants for which you, as a general proposition, believe it would be difficult for you to sit as the presiding judge. Indicate the reason for each situation as to why you believe you might be in conflict. If you have prior judicial experience, describe the types of cases from which you have recused yourself.

None.

I have only recused myself upon request from a prior client.

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.

“Task Force on Family Court Intake Recommendations: Universal Model for Florida Family Courts for Processing Cases from Intake through Outcome” (2021)

I was a contributing member of the Florida Chapter Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Intake Task Force and assisted in writing and editing the recommendations.

<https://flafcc.org/task-force-on-family-court-intake-recommendations/>

- 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.

“Task Force on Family Court Intake Recommendations: Universal Model for Florida Family Courts for Processing Cases from Intake through Outcome” (2021)

I was a contributing member of the Florida Chapter Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Intake Task Force and co-chair of 3 of the 4 subcommittees. Our assignment was to assess the current challenges facing self-represented litigants, develop a case triage process, improve case management processes, and identify technological opportunities in family law. The below link includes the recommendations of the subcommittees.

<https://flafcc.org/task-force-on-family-court-intake-recommendations/>

- 37.** 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.

- 1. Office of Education with Office of the State Court Administrator - Family Law Case Management Part 1 on May 12, 2021 and Family Law Case Management Part 2 on July 14, 2021. I co-presented with Judge Sandy Karlan (Ret.) to judges, magistrates, case managers, judicial assistants, and staff on the importance of case management and methods to effectively manage cases and dockets.**
- 2. Florida Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts - Family Court Intake Task Force presentation at conference - November 5, 2020. I co-presented to judges, attorneys, and mediators on the subcommittee findings and proposals regarding the processes of family law case intake, triage, and case management.**
- 3. "What to Expect When Divorcing" seminars hosted by Brevard County in-house mediation department - 2014 and 2015. I presented legal concepts and offered self-help tools and analysts to self-represented litigants.**

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.

None.

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.

Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court Team Captain Service Award - May 2021

Recognition of 5 years of devoted service on City of Titusville Board of Adjustment and Appeals - 2019

Brevard County Legal Aid Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award - 2018

Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court Team Captain Service Award - May 2017

Brevard County Legal Aid Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award - 2015

Brevard County Legal Aid Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award - 2014

Family Law Certificate from Florida Coastal School of Law - 2010

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.

Florida Bar - member since 2010

Brevard County Bar Association - member since 2011

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.

Vassar B. Carlton American Inns of Court –

Associate from Fall 2013 to May 2015

Barrister from Fall 2016 to May 2021

Master of the Bench from Fall 2021 to present

Kiwanis Club of Titusville

Member: September 2013 to present

Board Member: October 2014 to present

President Elect: October 2014 - September 2015 and October 2019 to September 2020

Kiwanis Advisor to Andrew Jackson Middle School Builder's Club: 2015-2017

President: October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021

Brevard Business Builders - Member: 2012 – 2016 and President: 2013 and 2014

Space Coast Community Law School from 2012 - 2016. This was a program by Brigitta Hawkins, Esq. whereby local attorneys and judges would speak to the community on a legal topic with the goal of educating the public. I would find speakers, assist with research and preparation of outlines, and host the monthly event.

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.

I volunteered for Brevard County Legal Aid in the Advice Clinic and Pro Se Clinic from 2014 - 2018. I accepted several pro se family law cases through Brevard County Legal Aid

from 2012-2018. All such cases were family law matters; the cases received were initial actions completed through final disposition. I also volunteered for the Veteran's Clinic and conducted intake.

45. Please describe any hobbies or other vocational interests.

I enjoy kayaking the Indian River and the occasional venture out to the ocean. I also enjoy playing billiards; I am currently on a weekly team. In the evenings and while at the beach I enjoy reading fiction.

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.

<https://www.facebook.com/kristen.smithrodriguez>

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 [REDACTED]

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.

None.

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.

Yes.

Jurisdiction: 18th Judicial Circuit, Brevard County, Florida

Case Number and Style: 05-2015-CA-010329, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-Q07 v. Miguel Angel Rodriguez AKA Miguel A. Rodriguez, et al.

Nature and Disposition: I was included as a defendant, identified as the "unknown spouse," in a foreclosure action. A Notice of Voluntary Dismissal was filed on October 19, 2015.

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?

No.

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.

While "misconduct" was not alleged, I opt to disclose the only Florida Bar inquiry received from a client:

An inquiry was filed with the Florida Bar by a former client, Ms. Sharon Sexton-Sweet on January 17, 2017. The complaint did not allege a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, but rather complained about equitable distribution and alleged I lacked control in mediation. I responded to the inquiry with documentation that mediation was conducted properly and the distribution of marital assets and liabilities was equitable. The inquiry was unfounded and the Florida Bar took no further action.

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.

I have complied with all legally required tax return filings. For tax year 2018, I paid a minimal tax penalty for failing to properly file quarterly business taxes.

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.

I have attended the following educational programs which assist me in my role as Magistrate and will assist in the role of Judge:

FLAFCC Webinar - "It's All Your Fault! Managing Personality Disorders In and Out of Family Court" – November 4, 2021

Family Law Case Law Update - June 4, 2021

Marital and Family Law Review Course - January 2021

Office of the State Courts Administrator Family Law Workshop - December 2020

Baker Act Webinar - November 2020

Phase I of Florida Judicial College - January 2020

Family Court Workshop and FLAFCC Conference September 2019

Phase II of Florida Judicial College - March 2019

Marital and Family Law Review Course - January 2019

Family Law Case Law and Statutory Update - July 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016

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.

This position requires a level-headed individual who has the ability to thoroughly listen, understand, and analyze the argument and evidence of both sides and apply the law consistently. I am that individual. I have easily made the transition from zealous advocate to impartial trier of fact by serving as a General Magistrate and working with the circuit judges of the 18th Judicial Circuit.

I frequently read case law to ensure compliance with the law and thoroughly research any issue which is unclear or may contain a nuance. As a General Magistrate, I do not have access to a staff attorney, and therefore I conduct all my own research. I am well-versed in the rules of procedure and the evidence code which ensures a fair judicial process. I am technology inclined in the courtroom and in my office which allows greater access to the courts and more efficient resolution

of cases. Having the ability to quickly search the electronic docket, case law, rules, and evidence code, ensures an immediate delivery of procedural fairness which allows the court system to run more efficiently, saving time and money for the State, Court, attorneys, and litigants.

Additionally, a large part of any court's docket is dedicated to self-represented parties. Serving as a General Magistrate, I have gained significant experience with self-represented parties. In serving the public it is important to have a judicial temperament whereby those in the courtroom are not only respected but *feel* respected and heard. I make sure that all litigants have every opportunity to present their case. Especially with self-represented parties, I take the time to inform them at a case management conference of the applicable statutes governing the pending matter, what the burden is, and I refer them to the rules of procedure. I find that this allows the litigants to reflect on the basis for their cause of action and ensures a more thoughtful and inclusive trial.

Lastly, the Florida Supreme Court has issued directives for case management (although not yet in the family division) and I am already one step ahead. I am always interested in improving the judicial process and access to courts. I recently served on 3 of 4 subcommittees for the Florida Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (FLAFCC) to improve Florida Court Intake Systems. The subcommittees (case management, triage, and self-help) provided written recommendations to the Task Force for a presentation at the 2020 FLAFCC Conference. By serving on these committees, I worked at the ground level of our court system and obtained a detailed understanding of a litigant's path to the courtroom, identifying barriers, vulnerable procedures, opportunities for technology, and the importance of teamwork from the first customer service agent at the clerk's office to the judge signing the order. This has made me a more informed General Magistrate and allows me to better serve the public by taking a more thorough approach to case management, resolving procedural issues (both in cases and in the administration of cases), and efficiently moving the cases through to final disposition.

My current position as a General Magistrate allows for a seamless transition into the role of Circuit Judge on the administrative side as well as in the courtroom (even moreso at this point as the current vacancy is in the family law division).

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.

Hon. Jennifer Taylor
Address: 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida 32940
Telephone: 321-617-7287
Email: Jennifer.Taylor@flcourts18.org

Hon. Robert Segal
Address: 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida 32940
Telephone: 321-637-5641
Email: Robert.Segal@flcourts18.org

Hon. Charles Roberts
Address: 1800 Barton Blvd., Rockledge, Florida 32955
Telephone: 321-298-1901
Email: 4Justice1@att.net

Hon. George Paulk
Address: 506 S. Palm Avenue, Titusville, Florida 32796
Telephone: 321-264-6759
Email: George.Paulk@flcourts18.org

Hon. Charles Crawford
Address: 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida 32940
Telephone: 321-617-7258
Email: Charles.Crawford@flcourts18.org

Joel Wilson, Esq.
Address: 1275 South Patrick Drive, Ste. I, Satellite Beach, Florida 32937
Telephone: 321-777-2227
Email: JWilson@WilsonFamilyLaw.net

Michelle Studstill, Esq.
Address: 1361 Bedford Drive, Ste. 103, Melbourne, Florida 32940
Telephone: 321-425-2082
Email: MStudstill@BrevardFamilyLawyers.com

Hon. Sandy Karlan (Retired)
Address: 4500 Biscayne Blvd Ste. 320, Miami, FL 33137-3227
Telephone: 305-332-7384
Email: KarlanResolutions@gmail.com

Maria Henderson, Esq.
Address: 5419 Village Drive, Rockledge, Florida 32955
Telephone: 321-806-3500
Email: Maria@HendersonLegalGroup.com

Kim Amick, Development Specialist, City of Titusville
Address: 555 S. Washington Avenue, Titusville, Florida 32796
Telephone: 321-567-3756
Email: Kim.Amick@Titusville.com

CERTIFICATE

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

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

Dated this 8th day of November 2021.

Kristen Smith-Rodriguez

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: \$75,629.00 (as of October 31, 2021)

Last Three Years: \$305,725.00 (2018) \$146,697.00 (2019) \$88,172.00 (2020)

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: \$60,782.84 (as of October 31, 2021)

Last Three Years: \$146,536.00 (2018) \$86,004.00 (2019) \$66,332.33 (2020)

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: \$0.00 (as of October 31, 2021)

**Last Three Years: \$0.00 (2018) 17,941.00 (2019) (rental income)
\$18,731.00 (2020) (total gains upon sale of building and rental income)**

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: \$0.00 (as of October 31, 2021)

**Last Three Years: \$0.00 (2018) 17,941.00 (2019) (rental income)
\$18,731.00 (2020) (total gains upon sale of building and rental income)**

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: \$0.00 (as of October 31, 2021)

**Last Three Years: \$0.00 (2018) \$-5,018.00 (2019) (rental income)
\$-613.00 (2020) (total gains upon sale of building and rental income)**

**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 11/3/2021 was \$307,355.00.

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 \$ 30,000.00

ASSETS INDIVIDUALLY VALUED AT OVER \$1,000:

DESCRIPTION OF ASSET (specific description is required – see instructions p. 3)

VALUE OF ASSET

DESCRIPTION OF ASSET (specific description is required – see instructions p. 3)	VALUE OF ASSET
Edward Jones ROTH IRA and IRA accounts	\$56,827.00
173 Reading Avenue, Titusville, Florida 32796	\$340,000.00
TD Bank Accounts (Checking and Savings)	\$54,307.00
Launch Credit Union Accounts (Checking and Savings)	\$46,187.00

PART C - LIABILITIES

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR

AMOUNT OF LIABILITY

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
Wells Fargo Mortgage (owed by Kristen Smith-Rodriguez and Miguel Rodriguez) P.O. Box 10335, Des Moines, IA 50306	\$219,966.00

JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITIES NOT REPORTED ABOVE:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR

AMOUNT OF LIABILITY

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
State of Florida	200 E. Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399	\$90,755 annually

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.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF BREVARD

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 8th day of November, 2021 by Kristen Smith-Rodriguez

Karen Flash

(Signature of Notary Public—State of Florida)

KAREN FLASH

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

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____



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SIGNATURE

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: 11/9/21

JNC Submitting To: 18th Judicial Circuit, Brevard County

Name (please print): Kristen Smith-Rodriguez

Current Occupation: General Magistrate

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Attorney No.: 0085422

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.

Kristen Smith-Rodriguez

Printed Name of Applicant

K S

Signature of Applicant

Date: 11/8/2021