

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT

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.

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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.

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Traffic Hearing Officer, Seventh Judicial Circuit 101 N Alabama Avenue DeLand, FL 32724

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).

[REDACTED]  
St Johns County

I have lived at this address for 2 years and 5 months and in Florida for 11 years.

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3. State your birthdate and place of birth.

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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.

State of Florida 2009-present; no suspensions or resignations

Federal District Court for the Middle District of Florida; 2011-present; no suspensions or resignations

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).

Cleveland State University 2006-2009  
JD received 5/15/2009 3.09 GPA Class Rank 95/205

Grace College 1999-2002  
BS in Accounting and Criminal Justice received December 2002 3.181 GPA Class Rank 185/288

Open Door Christian School 1995-1999  
High School graduated May 1999 GPA 3.86 Class Rank-top 10

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.

Grace College Track and Field 1999-2000  
SOLV VP student service organization 2000-2002  
Grace Student Leadership 2000-2001

**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.

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3/2005-5/2009	Real Estate Agent	Russell Real Estate Services 440-327-6511	36178 Center Ridge Rd North Ridgeville, OH 44039
1/2003-7/2004	Mortgage Loan Officer	Independent Financial Group No current phone number	7915 Washington Woods Drive Centerville, OH 45459

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 have represented clients in many civil areas, family and probate. I represent mostly consumers in statutory, tort and contract claims, however, I do represent a number of business clients.

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	0%	Civil	80%
Federal Trial	10%	Criminal	0%
Federal Other	0%	Family	15%
State Appellate	10%	Probate	5%
State Trial	79%	Other	0%
State Administrative	1%		
State Other	0%		
TOTAL	100 %	TOTAL	100%

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

N/A

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

Jury? 2

Arbitration? 1

Appellate? 18

Non-jury? I was attorney of record for 144. I was lead counsel on approximately 84 of them.

Administrative Bodies? 0

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.

Florida First District Court of Appeals

Robert Ethier v American Home Mortgage 1D11-1206 Oral Argument was March 14, 2012. PCA Barbara Couture represented American Home Mortgage.

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Annie J. Thomas v Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC 1D11-2212 Oral argument was March 28, 2012. Published Opinion was filed April 17, 2012. 84 So. 3D 1246.

Albert Zakarian represented Ocwen Loan Servicing.

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Kiefert v. Nationstar Mortgage, LLC; 1D13-5998 Oral Argument was September 16, 2014. Published Opinion was filed on December 16, 2014 after a motion for rehearing. Nancy Wallace represented Nationstar Mortgage, LLC. 153 So. 3D 351

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Poag v. Nationstar Mortgage, LLC; 1D15-2464 No Oral Argument, Published Opinion was filed on August 11, 2016. Nancy Wallace represented Nationstar Mortgage, LLC. 198 So. 3d 1002

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Michelle O'Neal V. HSBC Bank 1D14-2635 Oral Argument was February 11, 2015, PCA. HSBC Bank was represented by Nancy Wallace, Justin Hekkanen, and Michael Larson.

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Florida Fifth District Court of Appeals

U.S. Bank v Bartram 5D12-3823. Opinion was filed April 25, 2014. 140 So. 3d 1007  
I represented Lewis Bartram along with co-counsel Michael Wasyluk and Dineen Wasyluk. Jeffrey Sirolli and Michael Starks represented U.S. Bank National Association. T. Geoffrey Heekin represented The Plantations at Ponte Vedra, Inc.

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Patricia Cutlip v. Thomas Dorsey 5D13-4482. Oral Argument was January 26, 2015. PCA was issued on January 27, 2015. Reed Grimm and Marsa Beck represented Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey.

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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.

Pennymac Loan Services v. Jason Bonner CA 18-900 Circuit Court for St Johns County. I represented Mr. and Mrs. Bonner. Jennifer Murray represented Pennymac Loan Services.

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Tennis Village at the Ponce v Sonja Taylor CA 17-157 Circuit Court for St Johns County. I represented Ms. Taylor along with co-counsel Adam Thoresen and John Spence. Steven Zakrocki represented Tennis Village.

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Bank of New York Mellon v. James Hammond CA16-6806 Circuit Court for Duval County. I represented Mr. Hammond. Morgan Weinstein represented Bank of New York Mellon.

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U.S. Bank v. Brian Evans CA17-11000 CIDL Circuit Court Volusia County. I represented Mr. Evans.

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Frederick Canevari v Paul M. Meredith PA, 95 Riberia LLC, Avalon Carriage Services, Inc., St. John's Circuit Case CA09-1524. I represented Paul M. Meredith, PA. Robby Cook represented 95 Riberia, LLC and Avalon Carriage Services, Inc. Sean Sheppard represented Frederick Canevari.

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Nationstar Mortgage LLC v Thomas Vreeland, Volusia County Circuit Court 2015-31581-CICL. I represented Mr. Vreeland. Monica Haddad Forbes and Sara Holladay-Tobias represented Nationstar.

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Diane Mills v. Bank of America and Lender Processing Services Case 2009-CA-1975 Circuit Court in St. Johns County Florida. Roland Schwartz and F. Ryan Waters of Gray Robinson represented Bank of America. John Viggiani and Esther Erkan of Conroy Simberg represented LPS.

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Benedict Olivier v Experian and American Homes 4 Rent, Case 3:17-cv-00399-HLA-JBT Federal District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division. I represented Mr. Olivier with co-counsel Adam Thoresen. Experian was represented by Michael Maugans. S. Douglas Knox represented American Homes 4 Rent. Hunter Warfield was represented by Blake Cole and David Kaminski.

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Cherrie Luke v. OCWEN Loan servicing and Equifax Case 3:19-cv-00907-MMH-JRK Federal District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division. I represented Ms. Cherrie Luke with Co-Counsel

Adam Thoresen. OCWEN was represented by Linda Reck of Greenberg Traurig. Equifax was represented by Tony Love of King and Spalding.

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Rhonda Jones v Experian Case 3:19-543-cv-TJC Federal District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division. Adam Thoresen and I represented Ms. Rhonda Jones. Experian was represented by Erika Whyte of Jones Day.

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Oscar Villanueva v Steven Edwards, S&O Pest Control LLC and S&O Greenworks Inc. Hillsborough Circuit Case 14-CA-9501. I represented Oscar Villanueva along with co-counsel Anthony Messina and Mercedes Hale. Mr. Edwards and the S&O Entities were represented by James Wardell, Anthony Lance Reins, Amy Quezon and Michael Fuller, Jr.

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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.

I appear in court 15-20 times per month. It has been consistent except for the last six months due to the closures and limited hearings as a result of COVID.

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.

N/A

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?

N/A

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.

U.S. Bank National Association etc. v Patricia J. Bartram etc., et al. 5D12-3823 Fifth District Court of Appeals. The panel who decided the appeal consisted of Judge Sawaya, Judge Orfinger and Judge Evander. Opinion was filed April 25, 2014. I represented Lewis Bartram along with Co-Counsel Michael Wasylik and Dineen Wasylik. Jeffrey Sirolly and Michael Starks represented U.S. Bank National Association.

T. Geoffrey Heekin represented The Plantations at Ponte Vedra, Inc.

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This was the first case to address the issue of the statute of limitations in foreclosure cases after acceleration. The citation for the case is 140 So. 3D 1007. The case was further appealed to the Supreme Court Case SC14-1265. This case has significant precedential value. I was also involved in the

Supreme Court case, but additional counsel was brought in. My contribution was substantially more with the Fifth DCA case.

Annie J. Thomas v Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC 1D11-2212 First District Court of Appeal. The panel deciding the appeal consisted of Judge Makar, Judge Benton, and Judge Marstiller. Opinion was filed April 17, 2012. The citation for this appeal is 84 So. 3D 1246. I represented Ms. Annie Thomas. Albert Zakarian represented Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC.

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This is not significant for the holding of the court, but the fact that this was one of the early appellate cases involving a foreclosure case. In an effort to move the foreclosure cases forward, some of the legal standards that we all take for granted were sometimes being bypassed. This case simply stated that the Summary Judgment applied to foreclosure cases. This case had a noticeable effect on the local foreclosure process.

Tennis Village at the Ponce v Sonja Taylor CA 17-157 Circuit Court for St Johns County. I represented Ms. Taylor along with co-counsel Adam Thoresen and John Spence. Steven Zakrocki represented Tennis Village at the Ponce. The Judge was J. Michael Traynor.

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My client was sued for foreclosure by her Condo association. The association had charged her for a records request, and then used her assessment payment for that charge rather than the assessments she intended to pay for. This was significant because there was not any controlling case law on whether or not the association can effectively force someone into default by misapplying the assessment payments. We won this matter in directed verdict right before the jury was to begin deliberation.

Wells Fargo Bank N.A. V Jason and Jennifer Westbrook CA10-2659 St. John's Circuit Court. Trial was on September 12, 2012. The presiding Judge was Edward Hedstrom. Julie Anthousis represented Wells Fargo Bank N.A. at trial.

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My client was in need of a mortgage modification due to a loss of income that occurred as the result of a car accident. They followed Wells Fargo's directions to stop paying the mortgage and apply for a modification. Wells Fargo denied their modification request. At that time, my clients paid nearly \$7,000 to reinstate the loan, but Wells Fargo proceeded with a foreclosure. Wells Fargo mis-applied the reinstatement payment and was attempting to foreclose on my client's home. Defending this case required an understanding of mortgage servicing and the ability to find the mistakes in the payment history. I successfully defended this case and my clients did not lose their home.

Frederick J. Canaveri v Paul M. Meredith PA, 95 Riberia LLC and Avalon Carriage Services, Inc. CA09-1524 St. John's County Circuit Court. The Presiding Judges were Howard Maltz for the lien priority hearing (March 3, 2016) and J. Michael Traynor for the foreclosure trial (March 24, 2017). I represented Paul M. Meredith, PA. This case was significant because my client held an unrecorded lien, and the Plaintiff was claiming his recorded lien was superior. The law on this issue is very fact and case specific, making these types of matters complex. I had to try the matter twice, once at the evidentiary hearing to determine lien priority, and again at the foreclosure trial. Robby Cook represented 95 Riberia, LLC and Avalon Carriage Services, Inc. Sean Sheppard represented Frederick Canevari.

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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.

Sample 1: I had associates that also worked on this brief, but I had primary responsibility for the final product.

Sample 2: This brief was drafted in cooperation with my co-counsel.

#### 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.

I have applied twice to the Seventh Circuit JNC, both in 2018. I was not certified to the Governor.

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.

2/2015-Present. I have the pleasure to serve the Seventh Judicial Circuit in St. John's, Flagler and Putnam Counties as the Traffic Hearing Officer. The issues I hear are traffic citations.

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;

The following appear before me regularly. Whether or not traffic hearings are substantive is, I suppose, quite subjective.

J. Russell Collins 904-829-6600. 2493 US Highway 1 S. St. Augustine, FL 32086  
William Falik 352-337-0077 P.O. Box 358816 Gainesville, FL 32635  
Stephen Doty 904-416-8328. 50 N. Laura Street, Suite 2500 Jacksonville, FL 32202  
Terry Shoemaker 904-872-7463. 3000 N Ponce De Leon Blvd, Suite 1 St. Augustine, FL 32084  
Philip Moffitt 904-413-1790 3733 University Blvd W Suite 212 Jacksonville, FL 32217  
Jonathan Rowe 904-475-1002 109 N. Liberty St. Jacksonville, FL 32202

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

I handle approximately 500-600 cases per month between St. John's, Flagler, and Putnam Counties.

(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.

I hear civil traffic infractions. I do not have any particular cases that would be considered the most significant.

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.

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.

Not Applicable

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.

None

#### 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 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.

I have on multiple occasions spoken on foreclosure and consumer issues to the general public, groups of real estate agents and groups of legal aid and consumer attorneys. There are not transcripts or recordings that I am aware of and I do not have dates. Most of them were over four years ago.

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, other than the pro bono awards listed below.

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.

I have been a member of the St Johns County Bar Association since 2011. I have not held office.  
I have been a member of the Volusia County Bar Association since 2020. I have not held office.

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.

None

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.

St. John's County Legal Aid Pro Bono Award 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

I have volunteered with Legal Aid since 2011 and have contributed over 1000 hours of my time assisting their clients. I have also encouraged all of my associate attorneys to do the same.

45. Please describe any hobbies or other vocational interests.

I enjoy fishing, traveling, woodworking, and coffee roasting when I have the time. I also occasionally play golf.

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.

Not Applicable

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

I have an old Facebook page that I have not used in years. I have a twitter account but have never posted anything. My LinkedIn is <https://www.linkedin.com/in/thomas-pycraft-83b07b1a3>

#### 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.

I married Jessica L. Pycraft on December 28, 2002. She is not employed.

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.

#### 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.

St. John's County Case SP12-2084. My firm represented Anthony Arciprete. We were hired to assist the client with a defaulted mortgage. The process took longer than he would have liked, so he started contacting the lender on his own without our knowledge. He did not believe we were doing enough to resolve his situation, so he then filed suit to get some of the money back that he paid us. He never contacted my firm before he filed suit to tell us he was unhappy. I settled the matter by refunding a portion of what he paid and the matter was dismissed.

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.

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.

I have timely filed tax returns or extensions. I have paid penalties from time to time for not guessing the right amount to deposit each year. I have also had the IRS claim they have not received some filings and charge a penalty, but it is usually resolved by my accountant and the penalty abated.

#### 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.

Traffic Hearing Officer training and annual continuing education.

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.

One of the reasons I became a Traffic Hearing Officer is to have the opportunity to positively represent the legal profession to the general public. Most people that are involved in a legal proceeding want to have an opportunity to be heard and treated professionally. I do that every time I take the bench and look forward to continuing to represent the profession well if I am given the opportunity to serve my community as a judge. I have a diverse background having handled nearly every kind of case other than criminal cases, and I believe I will bring a well-rounded approach 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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#### 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 day of 15 October, 2020.

Thomas R. Pycraft, Jr.  
Printed Name

  
Signature

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