

# APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE SEVENTH 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.



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**Florida Bar No.:** 119296      **Date Admitted to Practice in Florida:** 8/1/1997

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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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], I have lived at that residence since 2003, in St. Johns County since 2001 and in Florida since 1997.

Cell Phone: (904) 704-6782

3. State your birthdate and place of birth. 7 April 1970 in Toledo, Ohio.
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.

- The Florida Bar (#119296) admitted 1997
- Ohio State Bar Association (Member #M36962, all state courts) admitted 1996; inactive since 1998 due to relocation to Florida
- Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation (Attorney #16048-90; inactive since 1998)
  - The Florida Bar (Member #119296, all state courts) admitted 1997
- Florida Guardian ad Litem Program (1998-2000; inactive due to employment restrictions)
- Thirty-Eighth Circuit Court of Michigan (admitted as certified intern, 1994)

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).

University of Michigan Law School (August 1992-May 1995)  
 Hutchins Hall, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
 -Juris Doctor (1995), 3.1 GPA, (151/310)

University of Toledo (September, 1988-June, 1992)  
 2801 W. Bancroft Toledo, Ohio.  
 -Graduated: June, 1992 (Magna Cum Laude, 3.8)  
 -Degrees: B.A. Political Science (with Honors)  
           B.A. Philosophy (with Honors)  
 -College Honors (Arts and Sciences)

Monroe Catholic Central H.S. (1984-1988) (now St. Mary Catholic Central)  
 108 W Elm Ave, Monroe, MI 48162  
 -National Merit Scholar (3.98 GPA, #3)

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.

Legal Services of Southeastern Michigan (Student Intern 1994-95)

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(313) 665-6181

-provision of legal services to indigent area residents.

Family Law Project (Student Attorney 1993-1994)

Hutchins Hall

Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

(313) 763-6591

- representation of victims of domestic abuse in civil injunction proceedings

National Lawyer's Guild (1992-1994)

Prisoner Legal Advocacy Project (1993-1994)

-representation and writing of brief for incarcerated convicted individuals

Blue Key and Gold Key National Honor Societies (1989-1992)

Intramural Sports (flag football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and referee) (1988-1995)

University of Toledo Marching Band (squad leader, section leader) (1988-1992)

9. **EMPLOYMENT:** 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.

**Attorney General, Office of Statewide Prosecution** (January 2017-present)

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**Ohio Ninth District Court of Appeals** (Law Clerk, July 31, 1995 - May 27, 1997)

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Hon. William R. Baird  
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**Thirty-Eighth Circuit Court of Michigan** (Law Clerk, 1994-1995)

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Hon. William F. LaVoy  
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**Monroe County Prosecutor's Office** (Summer Intern, 1994)

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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.

Criminal Investigation / Litigation (prosecution).

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

Court		Area of Practice	
Federal Appellate	_____ %	Civil	<u>5</u> %
Federal Trial	_____ %	Criminal	<u>95</u> %
Federal Other	_____ %	Family	_____ %
State Appellate	_____ %	Probate	_____ %
State Trial	<u>95</u> %	Other	_____ %
State Administrative	_____ %		
State Other	<u>5</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>100+</u>	Non-jury?	<u>5</u>
Arbitration?	_____	Administrative Bodies?	_____
Appellate?	<u>10</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.

Not Applicable.

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.*

Defendant	Case Number	Co-counsel	Opposing Counsel
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Candia Williams	16-2015-CF-005057-AXXX-MA	-	Nah-Deh Simmons 904-545-9044 newsi2179@gmail.com

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Mark McCleese	16-2017-CF-010989-AXXX-MA	-	Morgan Orender 904-476-4040 <a href="mailto:morgan@orenderlaw.com">morgan@orenderlaw.com</a>

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).

Defendant	Case Number	Opposing Counsel	Contact Number
Corey Coutee	55-2021-000282-CF-MA	Timothy Pribisco	904-872-7463
Noe Cruz	042020CF000805CFAXMX	Stephen B. Fisher	904-966-6273
Troy Harris / Demetrius Martin	042019CF000788CFAXMX 042019CF000785CFAXMX	Charles D. Sikes Delinda Jan Smith	904-964-2020 352-377-0567
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Richard Scott/ Christian Rankins	16-2020-CF-7866-AXXX-MA 16-2020-CF-8583-AXXX-MA	D. Scott Monroe Kenneth Boston	904-355-7777 904-355-6777
Antoun Arbaji/ Deedra Berry/ Dantavia Berry/ Jennifer Upton/ LaToya Shurman/ Brian Harris/ Natasha Soukseunchay/ Chiquita Moorehead	16-2018-CF-004411-(A-H) XXX-MA	Mitchell Stone Nathan Carter Julie Schlax Refik Eler Sissy Adams-Jones Phillip Bavington Robert Bowers Michael Bossen	904-396-3335 904-255-4673 904-674-0717 904-236-4300 904-633-9949 904-225-2730 904-303-0853 904-396-3242

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 have appeared in court 2-3 days per week, 15 or more times per month (often multiple different courts in a single day). Prior to 2014 I was in court nearly every day, but as my caseload grew in complexity it declined in numbers.

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.

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

Not Applicable.

21. List and describe the five most significant cases which you personally litigated giving the case style, number, court and judge, the date of the case, the names, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of the other attorneys involved, and citation to reported decisions, if any. Identify your client and describe the nature of your participation in the case and the reason you believe it to be significant.

My client in each of the following cases was the People of the State of Florida:

\*I was on the trial team for State v. George Zimmerman, 592012CF001083A (18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seminole County) (Hon. Debra Nelson, July, 2013). It seems as though everyone knows about the case involving the tragic death of Trayvon Martin (or thinks they do). While I am of course prepared to discuss the case, I was not the lead nor even second-chair attorney and was not assigned to it initially. While certainly a noteworthy case, my litigation involvement was not as extensive as others, so I have not counted it as one of the five required.



State v. Robert Runcie 062021CF003634A88810

State v. Barbara Myrick 062021CF003633A88810

Hon. Martin Fein, 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court (Broward County, FL)

These pending cases stem from indictments issued by the 20th Statewide Grand Jury. That body was empaneled by the Supreme Court at the request of Governor DeSantis and concluded its service earlier this year. It was charged with investigating matters arising from the tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school, including examination of school district activities statewide.

The cases charge the (now former) Superintendent and General Counsel for the Broward County School system with perjury and leaking of grand jury testimony, respectively. Both defendants resigned their positions as a result. After participating in the Grand Jury Investigation as a legal advisor, I was asked to prosecute the cases and am lead counsel for the State though the cases are venued in Broward County.

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State v. William Ruben Ebron Jr. 16-2015-CF-006602-AXXX-MA  
State v. Lonna Barton 16-2015-CF-007314-AXXX-MA  
Hon. Mark Borello, 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court (Jacksonville, FL), (February 2016)

Prosecuted mother of toddler Lonzie Barton and her boyfriend in cases surrounding his death. The report of Lonzie's disappearance sparked a massive search for the child and widespread community involvement, lasting several weeks. The two had concocted a false kidnapping claim to cover up the fact that the child died in their care, and Ebron hid the child's body in a remote location.

Lonzie's body was found after Ebron led police to his resting place on the literal eve of trial. I also suffered a stroke less than a month before trial was set to take place—which did not slow us down in the least. The case is significant to me in part due to the massive scale of public support for finding this child and the law enforcement efforts it generated throughout the community. It reminded me in many ways of the galvanizing nature of the Joshua Phillips / Maddie Clifton case I was involved in as a law clerk years earlier. It also showed on a large scale the tragic reality of the difficult environments many children face.

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State v. Robert Earl Peterson, 16-2005-CF-011551-AXXX-MA  
Hon. L.P. Haddock, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (Jacksonville) (December, 2009)

This was my first lead capital prosecution, and involved the defendant killing his stepfather, a retired police officer who after a 30-year career had become a counselor to heroin addicts in his retirement. The victim was a beloved character in both his former profession and his new one; his former colleagues called to testify included the undersheriff at the time as well as addicts he had helped.

Defendant's mother (victim's wife) bankrolled his lifestyle (abusing cocaine and eschewing employment) and continued to support him throughout the trial despite a chilling tape of the defendant bragging about how he murdered his stepfather, while their son and other family members testified against him. The case showed me how tragedy and criminal cases can completely fracture even close families.

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Appellate decisions:

Peterson v. State, 94 So.3d 514 (Fla. 2012 ).  
Peterson v. State, 221 So.3d 571 (Fla. 2017).

State v. Marc Garza, 16-2010-CF-001308-AXXX-MA  
Hon. Thomas Beverly, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (Jacksonville) (January, 2011)

This case involved prosecution of a police sergeant who committed unlawful entry to a home while searching for a wanted suspect, then falsified documents and ordered subordinates to do the same in order to conceal the crime. It involved police officers testifying against other police officers and was additionally difficult because the defendant had been the first officer I ever rode with on patrol as a new prosecutor.

This case illustrated to me the notion that even “good people” can do really awful things. It also served as a gut-check; if you honor the oath you take to do justice, it has to be applied evenly, whether that is a distasteful experience or not. The community we all serve deserves honest service.

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State v. Lavario Ray, 16-2005-CF-005567-AXXX-MA  
State v. Damontrio Glee, 16-2005-CF-005567-BXXX-MA  
Hon. Donald R. Moran, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (Jacksonville) (September, 2009)

These complicated cases involved a gang RICO charge, a wiretap, and drug trafficking combined with multiple first-degree murder charges. Defendants were cousins, drug dealers and killers responsible for much of the criminal activity in the Pickettville area of Jacksonville. The murders (of competing drug sellers) were witnessed only by fellow gang members, and the bodies were discovered outdoors during a hurricane (there were four separate crime scenes). The sheer scope of the case was daunting, and juggling hundreds of witnesses and thousands of exhibits required a focus on details.

During trial, a brother of one defendant was arrested for blatantly threatening a witness in the hallway of the courthouse, and another was forcibly removed from the courtroom following screaming during trial. Defendants were tried at the same time but to two juries using two

courtrooms. From this case, however, came a period of relative peace for this area of the city (violent crime in that zone dropped by a third). As a postscript, the brother who was arrested went to prison, served his sentence, and later came to work as an informant.

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Appellate Decisions:

Ray v. State, 60 So. 3d 392 (Fla. 1st DCA 2011)  
Glee v. State, 103 So. 3d 147 (Fla. 1st DCA 2012)

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. See Attached (all personally and solely authored).

**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. Applied to Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, August, 2021 (St. Johns County Court). Not certified.

**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.

Certified County Court Mediator, 1999-2000 (nuisance / property disputes). When I became an Assistant State Attorney, this was no longer permitted.

**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;

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

(iii) the citations of any published opinions; and

(iv) descriptions of the five most significant cases you have tried or heard, identifying the citation or style, attorneys involved, dates of the case, and the reason you believe these cases to be significant.

Cases involved pro-se litigants, not attorneys. I handled only three mediations (for one of which a party failed to appear).

**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.

**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.

Not Applicable.

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.  
Not Applicable.

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.  
Not Applicable.

#### **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.  
Not Applicable.

#### **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.  
Not Applicable.

#### **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.

-January 15, 2011 Letter to Editor, *Florida Bar News* (attached)

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.

-June 2019, Subcommittee Action Report (attached) re: Proposed Rule 3.720

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 been interviewed about cases multiple times by multiple media outlets. The only transcript I can find is attached (Nancy Grace).

Links to some others:

[https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/local/state-prosecutor-talks-about-local-gangs\\_nk529/43441914/](https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/local/state-prosecutor-talks-about-local-gangs_nk529/43441914/)

<https://www.augustachronicle.com/latest-news/2010-12-03/fla-clerk-fired-after-chasing-bandit>

<https://www.news4jax.com/news/2015/01/29/prosecutors-alexander-fired-in-anger/>

[http://trendmag2.trendoffset.com/publication/?i=296836&article\\_id=2449891&view=articleBrowser&ver=html5](http://trendmag2.trendoffset.com/publication/?i=296836&article_id=2449891&view=articleBrowser&ver=html5)

<https://www.news4jax.com/health/2015/12/18/prosecutor-returns-from-stroke-more-energized/>

<https://www.jacksonville.com/news/crime/2014-02-05/story/court-official-prosecutors-can-wait-release-dunns-jail-phone-calls>

[http://www.floridacapitalcases.state.fl.us/Documents/Enewsletter/2009\\_Articles\\_December/Killer%20of%20Former%20Jacksonville%20Cop%20Gets%20Death%20Penalty.pdf](http://www.floridacapitalcases.state.fl.us/Documents/Enewsletter/2009_Articles_December/Killer%20of%20Former%20Jacksonville%20Cop%20Gets%20Death%20Penalty.pdf)

<http://www.criminallawyerinjax.com/2013/04/jacksonville-attorney-arrested-for-grand-theft-and-exploiting-elderly/>

<https://www.jacksonville.com/article/20111118/NEWS/801240926>

<https://www.jacksonville.com/article/20140228/NEWS/801257741>

<https://www.sheppardwhite.com/blog/2012/09/william-sheppard-protects-veterans/>



I have conducted numerous in-house training sessions for prosecutors (both local and statewide) within the office, as well as law enforcement officers. A small representative list is below:

Agency	Title	Date	Summary
State Attorney's Office, Fourth Circuit	County Court Boot Camp	September 2006, 2007, 2008	15-module two-day event designed to train on filing, managing, and trying cases effectively
	Integrated DUI training	2007-2009 annually	Cradle-to grave DUI-specific training from ride-along to Intox room to trial, including a live dosing and DRE seminar
	Motion Training/ Commandments	2008, 2012, 2014	Basics to filing, and responding to, motions <i>in limine</i> as well as suppression, dismissal, and "Williams Rule" motions.
	Bump-ups or Transfers	2006-2009 annually	Determining if a case should be sent from misdemeanor to felony court, or vice-versa
	Eyewitness ID and Tactical Considerations	9/7/2012	Evaluating and defending witness identifications.
	Pen registers, Trap & Trace and electronic surveillance	2014, 2015, 2016	Requirements for obtaining and using electronic evidence
	Self-Defense Law and Evolution	2015	Updating Florida's self-defense statutes and jury instructions
	Canine witnesses	2009, 2015	Use of drug/tracking/cadaver dogs and presentation of evidence
	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Amendment issues	2014-2016	Police interviews and what may be presented in court; dealing with suppression issues
Office of Statewide Prosecution	Frye/Daubert and why the sky isn't falling	July 2019	Change in Florida's Evidence Code and how it affects litigation
	Supreme Court Update	December 2020	Caselaw developments with implications for criminal law

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.

1988-1992 National Merit Scholarship (University of Toledo)

2002, 2007, 2009 "Heart of MADD" / Outstanding Prosecutor, Mothers Against Drunk Driving

2002 Outstanding Young Prosecutor, 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit State Attorney's Office

January 2010 Meritorious Service Citation (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office / Hon. John Rutherford)

2016 Distinguished Service Award, 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit State Attorney's Office

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.

-The Florida Bar (1997- present)  
Criminal Law Section (2008-present)  
Code and Rules of Evidence Committee (2010-2016);  
Criminal Procedure Rules Committee (2004-2010, 2016-present)

-Volusia County Bar Association (September 2021- present)

-Jacksonville Bar Association (2011-2016)  
Professionalism Committee (2013-2016)  
Government Lawyers Committee (2012-2013)

- Florida Trial Court Staff Attorneys' Association (1999-2001)  
- Certified Florida County Court Mediator (1999- 2000)  
- Florida Guardian ad Litem Program (1998-2000)

- Florida Criminal Justice Training Council (Region V) (2017-present)  
-non-voting office representative
- Ohio State Bar Association (Member #M36962, inactive)
- Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation (Attorney #16048-90)
- Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers (1995-1998)
- American Bar Association (Former Member #62069727, 1998-2010)
  - Criminal Justice Section
  - Litigation Section
  - Government and Public Affairs Section
  - Dispute Resolution Section

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.

- Justice Coalition (2010-2016)
- Florida Amateur Athletic Union (Taekwondo Sparring Coach) (2013-2019)
- KICK International/SportKarate USA (Taekwondo Sparring Coach) (2016-2018)
- St. Augustine High School Track & Field Booster Club (2020- present)
- St. Augustine Ballet sponsor/volunteer (and sometimes cast member) (2008-2019)
- Vilano Oaks Homeowner's Association (2001-present)
- Travis Manion Foundation (2019- present)
- Operation Underground Railroad (2020- present)

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. Not Applicable, State employment does not permit this directly. I have supported similar-minded organizations (Justice Coalition, Hubbard House, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid) but not by actually practicing law.

45. Please describe any hobbies or other vocational interests.

I enjoy fitness activities, including the martial arts (Muay Thai). I am a member of a Crossfit gym where I work out daily (sometimes with my daughter). I also enjoy Obstacle Course race training, Rucking, beach activities, and old-school video games (think Tecmo Bowl and Double Dragon). I attend a lot of ballet and dance performances, cross country matches, and track meets.

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.

Instagram @rmyofl; Twitter @r5602995; Facebook @RiMa

## **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 since June 14, 1997 to Dr. Kelly Carrothers Mantei. She works as a dentist at Jax Beaches Family Dentistry, 802 3rd St, Neptune Beach, FL 32266, and Brauneck Family Dentistry, 120 S. State Rd. 19, Palatka, FL 32177 .

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.

Devin Riley Carrothers Mantei, age 19, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dillon Rhys Carrothers Mantei, age 16.

## 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. In June 1987 as a juvenile in Toledo, Ohio, I pled no contest to a misdemeanor accusation of Disturbing the Peace. I was not convicted, the record was sealed and destroyed thus now unavailable, and I do not have the case style.
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. Case #3:08-cv-486-J-34TEM, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida (Jacksonville). Along with others, I was sued for fifteen million dollars by a criminal defendant who had pled guilty to domestic battery. Order summarily dismissing the action is attached.
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 complied with all requirements without penalty.

## 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.

A) I began my career clerking for judges— both individuals and whole courts-- for about seven years in total, handling all types and manner of cases. As a direct result, I am keenly aware that “the law” is a vast collection of words being amended by lawmakers seemingly on a daily basis. Even the best lawyers and judges can’t hope to have a command of every topic—but they can learn how to research and locate it effectively. Time and again in my litigation career I have been extremely grateful for the research and writing skills I had to develop early on.

I am also grateful for the opportunity to learn from great men and women what judging really requires, and I think learning from the “inside out” provides a unique perspective now that I myself am a candidate. “Full circle” might be a bit cliché, but I feel there is considerable advantage in having been in chambers before at both trial and appellate levels. There is a great deal of “non-glamorous” effort and struggle put into sifting through a record to find the meaningful facts, and a whole lot of angst and second-guessing when considering decisions which will dramatically affect lives and livelihoods. Getting to a fair and correct resolution, especially when it isn’t also the popular one, requires the humility to recognize that one may not know all the answers, as well as the

courage and willingness to put in the effort to get as close as possible. Statutes are human creations, often as complex as those who create them—and *someone* is going to be unhappy with most of a judge's decisions.

B) I have held a number of titles and job descriptions during my career:

Director, Cold Case Homicide

-including Capital Litigation

Director, Special Prosecution and Organized Crime

Homicide (including "Cold Cases" and Capital litigation, pre- and post-conviction)

Gang / RICO

Organized Fraud / Economic Crimes

Public Corruption / Crimes Against Public Officials / Extortion

Intelligence / Integrity Cases

Public Records, Civil Forfeiture, Baker Act proceedings

Narcotics / Title III / Cellular Communications / Tracking

Crime Analytics / Technology / Research Resources

Director, Homicide / Major Crimes

Director, Repeat Offender Court

Division Chief, County Court

Senior / Repeat Offender Prosecutor, Special Assault / Sex Crimes

(including Civil Commitment under the Jimmy Ryce Act)

Felony and Misdemeanor prosecutor

Law Clerk

Grand Jury Legal Adviser

These sorts of cases often bring with them ancillary disputes about child custody, divorce and injunctions, restitution, civil liability, mental health, privileged information and public records laws. Among the most instructional experiences was my nearly four-year stint as Division Chief of a rapidly-revolving cast of twenty or so new attorneys in County Court—combining the administrative challenges of working with seventeen judges with the responsibility for creating a schedule to staff each courtroom, as well as hiring, training, and teaching new lawyers how to handle work, life, and legal developments, maintain camaraderie and morale, and serve the public faithfully. I supervised attorneys at the felony level as well—for nearly a decade. As a judge, this particular phenomenon



will be at least somewhat familiar turf. I have always considered organization to be imperative to successful practice of law, and the burgeoning dockets in our courts certainly provide challenges on that front.

A significant number of lawyers I have supervised over the years are now leaders— even judges— themselves, and catching up with their careers and developments provides valuable insight from my point of view. And having now worked on a statewide basis for several years (both on Committees and in practice), I have seen that there are always innovative ways to approach problem-solving, and that jurisdictions can certainly model what works elsewhere.

**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.

A courtroom belongs not to the judge, but to the people of the community. Today's litigant may be tomorrow's potential juror. Those people place their disputes and the power to resolve them into the hands of a fellow mere mortal. That power exists only because those people are willing to respect the process and the outcome. I believe a judge owes it to them to faithfully interpret the law as written, explain a decision when necessary, and apply the laws fairly to ensure this willingness remains. These philosophies have driven my work with the Bar and are the sort of contributions I would hope to make on the bench.

Being involved for years in cases and arguments across a wide spectrum of issues has given me a sense of perspective I admittedly lacked when I was a newly-minted lawyer. I have taken part in high-profile international media and political cases, complicated financial cases involving hundreds of millions of dollars, heated disputes over public records, violent and bloody murder and kidnapping cases, disturbing rape, abuse and molestation cases, cases involving cutting-edge science and technology, controversies regarding mental health issues, and public corruption cases involving government officials, law enforcement officers and even other lawyers. I have met and cross-examined experts in many fields, tried cases against some of the best defense attorneys in the country as well as "sovereign citizens" and pro-se defendants, stood before legislators and grand jurors, been in a small room for a chat with gangbangers and serial killers, prosecuted NFL and NBA players, politicians and police officers, commiserated with investigators, grieved with families, and debated with committees — in short, I have been blessed to have been exposed to a massive variety of unpleasant situations in which humans might find themselves.

Having been exposed to them helps me to remember two things I think are important for a judge: the knowledge that you are often seeing people on or in connection with their worst day ever, and the understanding that even if a case doesn't seem "big," it is often the only case in the world that matters from the perspective of the parties involved. Big or small, well-connected or virtually anonymous, individuals and their cases come to the same court-- expecting, and deserving, to be fairly considered.

**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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>email</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<b>Hon. Gary Flower</b>	<b>501 W Adams St. Rm. 7113 Jacksonville, FL 32202</b>	<b>gflower@coj.net</b>	<b>(904) 255-1354</b>
<b>Hon. R. Lee Smith</b>	<b>Richard O. Watson Judicial Center  4010 Lewis Speedway  St Augustine, FL 32084-8637</b>	<b>rlsmith@circuit7.org</b>	<b>(904) 827-5606</b>
<b>Hon. Howard Maltz</b>	<b>Richard O. Watson Judicial Center  4010 Lewis Speedway  St Augustine, FL 32084-8637</b>	<b><u>smiller@circuit7.org</u></b>	<b>(904) 827-5600</b>
<b>Nicholas Cox, Statewide Prosecutor</b>	<b>3507 E Frontage Rd. Ste. 325 Tampa, FL 33607</b>	<b>nick.cox@myfloridalegal.com</b>	<b>(813) 526-1330</b>
<b>Rear Adm. Matthew O’Keefe</b>	<b>311 W. Monroe St  Jacksonville, FL 32202</b>	<b>mokeefe@coj.net</b>	<b>(904) 255-2988</b>
<b>Pres. Steven A. Zona</b>	<b>Fraternal Order of Police, 5530 Beach Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32207</b>	<b>sazona@fop530.com</b>	<b>(904) 759-7416</b>

<b>Det. Eileen Simpson</b>	<b>501 E. Bay Street Jacksonville, FL 32202</b>	<b>Eileen.simpson@jaxsheriff.org</b>	<b>(904) 476-9867</b>
<b>Angela Corey</b>	<b>340 E. Adams St. Jacksonville, FL 32202-2817</b>	<b>acorey@bellsouth.net</b>	<b>(904) 401-0554</b>
<b>Dr. Ronald Hucke</b>	<b>2306 Windjammer Lane St. Augustine, FL 32084</b>	<b><u>rhucke@aftco.net</u></b>	<b>(904) 860-3422</b>
<b>Barbara Pfeffer</b>	<b>1044 Oxford St. St. Augustine, FL 32084</b>	<b><u>superbah8@gmail.com</u></b>	<b>(904) 806-9852</b>
<b>Melanie Simpkins</b>	<b>1124 Buckbean Branch Ln. E. Saint Johns, FL 32259</b>	<b>melaniedsimpkins@gmail.com</b>	<b>(904) 463-2383</b>
<b>Special Agent Adam Graff</b>	<b>Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement 14101 NW US 441, Suite 600 Alachua, Florida 32615</b>	<b>AdamGraff@fdle.state.fl.us</b>	<b>(386) 462-9975</b>

## CERTIFICATE

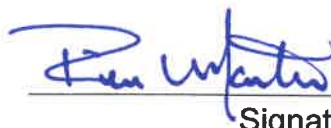
I have read the foregoing questions carefully and have answered them truthfully, fully and completely. I hereby waive notice by and authorize The Florida Bar or any of its committees, educational and other institutions, the Judicial Qualifications Commission, the Florida Board of Bar Examiners or any 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 04 day of October, 2021.

Richard W. Mantei

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: \$44,923.90**

**Last Three Years: 2020: \$84,326.00**

**2019: \$76, 986.00**

**2018: \$75, 640.00**

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

**Current Year-To-Date: \$44,563.90**

**Last Three Years: 2020: \$83,966.00**

**2019: \$76, 626.00**

**2018:\$75,280.00**

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

**Current Year-To-Date: \$0.00**

**Last Three Years: 2020: \$0.00 2019: \$0.00 2018: \$0.00**

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**

**Last Three Years: 2020: \$0.00 2019: \$0.00 2018: \$0.00**

State the amount of net income you have earned or losses incurred (after deducting expenses) from all sources other than the practice of law for the preceding three-year period

on a year by year basis, and generally describe the sources of such income or losses.

**Current Year-To-Date: \$0.00**

**Last Three Years: 2020: \$0.00 2019: \$0.00 2018: \$0.00**



**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 St. Tallahassee, FL 32399	\$84,326.00

**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			
DO I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS			
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST			<input type="checkbox"/>

**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 St. Johns**

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 7 day of Oct., 2021 by Richard W. Mantei

*Jacqueline M. Williams*

(Signature of Notary Public—State of Florida)

*Jacqueline M. Williams*

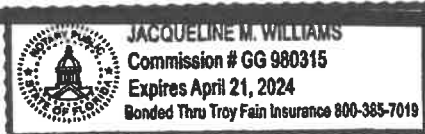
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Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced Not Not

*Richard W. Mantei*

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: 14 October 2021

JNC Submitting To: Seventh Circuit

Name: Richard Mantei

Current Occupation:

Assistant Statewide Prosecutor

Attorney No.: 119296

Telephone Number: (904) 704-6782

Gender (check one):  Male  Female

Ethnic Origin (check one):  White, non-Hispanic

Hispanic

Black

American Indian/Not Applicable/Alaskan Native

Asian/Pacific Islander

County of Residence: St. Johns

*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.



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Richard W. Mantei

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Date: 14 October 2021