

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

**APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION
TO THE COUNTY COURT OF PUTNAM**

ANNE MARIE GENNUSA (Lindsey)

(redacted version)



Anne Marie Gennusa

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

Full Name: Anne Marie Gennusa (Lindsey) **Social Security No.:** [REDACTED]

Florida Bar No.: 0189596 **Date Admitted to Practice in Florida:** December 15, 1999

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.

Gennusa Law, PA
309 Kingsley Lake Drive, Ste. 903 Saint Augustine, FL 32092
(904) 827-0775

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

[REDACTED] since March 15, 2006
I have resided in Florida since January 1, 1999
(904) 669-6210, Gennusalawmail@gmail.com

3. State your birthdate and place of birth

[REDACTED], Mount Vernon, New York

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

New York State Bar 2nd Judicial Dept. Admitted: November 29, 1995
Florida Supreme Court (Florida Bar) Admitted: December 15, 1999
United States Supreme Court Admitted: April 17, 2017
Middle District of Florida: 2020 to present

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

Yes, my maiden name is Anne Marie Argentieri -June 3, 1967 to November 9, 1994

Anne Marie Medora Argentieri. While I was never known as Medora. I added my grandmother's last name to my law school diploma in May 1994 to honor her. She passed away in January 1994.

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).

Villanova University (online)

Attended 2012

Master level certificate in Human Resource Management

Averaged an A in all of my classes

Class rank: N/A

Villanova University (online)

Attended 2011

Master level certificate in Government Contracting

Averaged an A in all of my classes

Class rank: N/A

Temple University School of Law

Juris Doctorate Degree with concentration on Trial Advocacy

Attended from August 1991 to May 1994

GPA: 2.8

Class Rank: Requested from school

Mercy College

Bachelor of Science Degree in Paralegal Studies, Certificate in Pet Assisted Therapy

Attended September 1986 to May 1990

GPA: 2.8

Class Rank: Not given by institution

Kings College

Attended from August 1985-August 1986

Major: English- No degree received (attended 1 year)

Class Rank: Not given by institution

Harrison High School

Attended from August 1982-January 1985

Classes completed 6 months early (3.5 years total)

Class Rank: Not given by institution

Good Counsel Academy

Attended from September 1981- June 1982

Class Rank: Unknown, school no longer in existence

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.

Temple Law, 3L Class President: (1993-1994)

American Bar Association/Law Student Division- Circuit Governor: (1993-1994)

Temple Law, Pi Alpha Delta: President (1993-1994) and member all 3 years

Temple Law, Tau Epsilon Rho Law Society: President (1993-1994) and member 3 years

American Bar Association/Law Student Division- School Representative: (1992-1993)

Temple Law, 2L Class Vice-President: (1992-1993)

Temple Law, 1L Section President: (1991-1992)

Temple Law, Big Brother/Big Sisters: (1992-1994)

Harrison High School Softball team- (1982-1984)

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.

Gennusa Law, PA

Owner/Attorney, December 15, 1999 to Present

309 Kingsley Lake Drive, Ste. 903 St. Augustine, FL 32092

Gennusa, Tan & White, PA

Owner/Managing Partner- December 2006 to December 2008

309 Kingsley Lake Dr. Ste. 903 St. Augustine, FL 32092

Office of the State Attorney, 7th Circuit

Assistant State Attorney, January 2001 to June 2001
4010 Lewis Speedway, #252
St. Augustine, FL 32084

The Legal Aid Society- Criminal Defense Division

Staff Attorney- August 1994 to October 1998
1020 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451

Temple University School of Law (Beasley School of Law)

Trial Advocacy Assistant (2 sections)- August 1993 to May 1994
1719 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122

Defender Association of Philadelphia

Summer Intern- May 1993 to August 1993
1441 Sansom Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Temple University School of Law (Beasley School of Law)

Greek Summer Abroad Research Assistant- May 1992 to December 1992
1719 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122

Chase Manhattan Bank, NA

Bank Teller- January 1991 to August 1991
134 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10604
914-421-1180

Anne Marie Argentieri

Freelance Paralegal, June 1988 to 1991
258 E. Columbus Avenue, White Plains, NY 10604
904-669-6210

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.

Gennusa Law, PA is a small boutique law firm that represents clients on all matters related to family law and criminal defense. I assist clients navigate cases involving one or more of the following: divorce, adoption, paternity, and injunctions for protection against domestic violence. I represent individuals charged with felony and misdemeanor crimes as well as civil traffic offenses.

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

	Court		Area of Practice
Federal Appellate	<u>0</u> %	Civil	<u>0</u> %
Federal Trial	<u>0</u> %	Criminal	<u>10</u> %
Federal Other	<u>0</u> %	Family	<u>85</u> %
State Appellate	<u>1</u> %	Probate	<u>0</u> %
State Trial	<u>98</u> %	Other	<u>5</u> %
State Administrative	<u>1</u> %		
State Other	<u>0</u> %		
TOTAL	<u>100</u> %	TOTAL	<u>100</u> %

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

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

Jury?	<u>100</u>	Non-jury?	<u>3000</u>
Arbitration?	<u>0</u>	Administrative Bodies?	<u>30</u>
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. **None.**

14. Within the last ten years, have you ever been formally reprimanded, sanctioned, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended, or terminated by an employer or tribunal before which you have appeared? If so, please state the circumstances under which such action was taken, the date(s) such action was taken, the name(s) of any persons who took such action, and the background and resolution of such action. **No.**
15. In the last ten years, have you failed to meet any deadline imposed by court order or received notice that you have not complied with substantive requirements of any business or contractual arrangement? If so, please explain full. **No.**
16. For your last six cases, which were tried to verdict or handled on appeal, either before a jury, judge, appellate panel, arbitration panel or any other administrative hearing officer, list the names, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of the trial/appellate counsel on all sides and court case numbers (include appellate cases). *This question is optional for sitting judges who have served five years or more.*

McCauley v. Hunter (Caban) Attorney's fees- St. Johns County 2020 DR-0807

**Philip J. Bonamo, Esquire (Attorney for Hunter (Caban) Pbonamo@Ricelawflorida.com
386-257-1222**

Williams V. Lomeli, Paternity, Putnam County 2021-1191-FD

**Susanna S. Quesenberry, Esquire (Attorney for Lomeli) office@harborcitylaw.com
904-515-4373**

Emerson v. Emerson, Supplemental Petition, St. Johns County, DR14-0855

Robert H. Fishback, Jr. (Attorney for Former Husband) Robertfishbacklaw@comcast.net

Branham v. Branham, Supplemental Petition, Putnam County, DR00-1187

Michael P. Hines, Esquire (Attorney for Former Husband), Michael@hineslaw.com

Lange v. Lange- Supplemental Petition/Motion for Contempt and Immediate sale,

**St. Johns County, DR12-0971, William J. Bosch, (Attorney for Former Husband)
wbosch@cblpa.com**

In The Matter of Anna R. Nims-Petition for Temporary Custody, Duval County,

**2022-DR-005179, Attorney for Custodians, Anne Marie and Robert Whitlock
Parents, Ashley W. Nims and Patrick G. Nims (Pro Se)**

17. For your last six cases, which were either settled in mediation or settled without mediation or trial, list the names and telephone numbers of trial counsel on all sides and court case numbers (include appellate cases). *This question is optional for sitting judges who have served five years or more.*

Fowler v. Fowler, Jennifer Williams, Esquire, DR21-2026, 904-396-3900

Gruny v. Gruny, Thomas Walker, Esquire, DR22-1150, 904-471-3434

Lykam v. Lykam, John E. Westfield, Esquire, (Wife) DR22-0273, 904-849-2266

Neville v. McMahon, Rachael Green, Esquire, (Petitioner/Father) DR22-0831, 904-495-0400

Palmese v. Croce, Brad Waldrop, Esquire, DR22-1387, 904-204-6499

Pennington v. Pennington, DR22-2035, Pro se (Husband, Matthew Pennington)

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.

Prior to the COVID pandemic, I would appear in the courtroom on average 10 to 12 times per month. While my practice has become busier post-COVID, I now appear in the courtroom and by Zoom appearance on average 8 to 10 times per month.

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.

Jones v. Jones, DR14-0325-Circuit Court, St. Johns County, Judge Christopher J. Ferébee, Motion to Dissolve Final Judgment Injunction, April 27, 2022, Co-Counsel with Tania Schmidt-Alpers, Esquire 904-808-8544, tschmidtalpers@aol.com, Zachary M. Alfant, Esquire, Zach@mccunealfant.com, (904) 808-0426.

This case involved an attempt of the Respondent to modify or dissolve a permanent injunction for protection that has been in effect since 2014. What makes this case so unique is that the Respondent, though he had failed to complete the Court ordered sanctions that he was required to

do, has filed at least six motions since the entry of the final injunction to modify or dissolve it. Since its inception, the case has been heard by 4 different judges and each time the motion to modify or dissolve was denied. Co-Counsel Ms. Schmidt-Alpers has been representing the Petitioner since the final judgment was issued and there is an established relationship and trust between her and the Petitioner, she is intimately familiar with all of the facts of the case and has been her counsel during all of the prior hearings.

In March of 2022 Ms. Schmidt-Alpers was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer (from which she has since recovered) and was unable to attend the final hearing. To add to the challenge, the Petitioner lives out of state and Zoom would be the only way for any preparation to occur. Less than 2 weeks before the case was to be heard, I assumed the lead counsel role from Ms. Schmidt-Alpers with the consent of Ms. Jones. The file was voluminous and each of the trial transcripts had to be compared to the previous ones to show the inconsistencies in the Respondent's testimony. The issue for the Court to decide was whether the Respondent met his burden of proof to dissolve, that the injunction served no valid purpose, and that the Petitioner had a continuing fear of him. The Court denied the Motion to Dissolve.

State v. Stanley A Boatwright, 2009-CF-2199-Circuit Court, Putnam County, Judge Terry LaRue, Driving While License Revoked (Habitual), May 14, 2010, ASA Brad Waldrop, Brad@bradwaldroplaw.com, (904) 814-8585

Mr. Boatwright was charged with felony driving with license revoked (habitual) which was punishable by up to five years in prison. At that time, Mr. Boatwright had other pending felony charges that were in the process of being resolved. The arrest was a result of a driver license checkpoint. During the stop, it was determined that Mr. Boatwright did not possess a valid driver's license. The Assistant State Attorney was requesting the maximum sentence of five years. The issues were whether the driver license checkpoint was constitutional and did the Florida Highway Patrol follow their policy manual. Through my investigation, it was revealed that they did not comply with the procedure for having a valid check point. Ultimately, the state reduced the felony charge to a misdemeanor. This resulted in Mr. Boatwright taking a plea and was sentenced to 364 days in the county jail instead of prison.

**In Re: The Matter of Sunny L. Lightsey and Zane F. Lightsey, DP08-38, St. Johns County, Judge Clyde E. Wolfe, Private Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption, Michael P. Hines, Attorney for Dustin and Heather Lightsey, Michael@hineslaw.com, (904) 794-7898
Brandon D. Beardsley, Attorney for Glenn and Vivian Lightsey, (904) 877-3663
BBeardsley@brandonbeardsleylaw.com,**

The above case was a private termination of parental rights and adoption case filed on behalf of the maternal grandmother, Melinda Bryan. Ms. Bryan's daughter was brutally murdered by her husband while involved in a domestic dispute that occurred while they attended a wedding. The termination component never went to final trial since Mr. Lightsey consented to said termination. The issue remaining was which family member would be able to adopt the children. After it was

established that the victim's husband was the individual that murdered her, his parents hired an attorney and went to the jail while he was being held and had him sign a legal document giving them custody over his children. It later was revealed that the paternal grandfather had been with the defendant after the murder and may have had some knowledge of what had occurred.

Prior to my representation, the maternal grandmother had reached out to at least ten attorneys with the hopes of getting representation. However, the paternal grandfather was a well know individual who had been hired as an investigator by many attorneys, so they were unable to assist her. The case culminated in three competing adoption petitions. What was significant about this case was that it had many different facets of law (criminal, dependency, civil, adoption and family) being tried simultaneously. There were equitable civil defenses raised such as "unclean hands and reference to the "slayer" statute that made the case even more complex than any other I have handled in my career. Ultimately, we prevailed, and the children were adopted by my client and her husband.

Douglas O. Sheffield o/b/o A.D.S., A.R.S., and A.M.S, Petitioner and Tessa Sheffield, Respondent, DR16-0618, St. Johns County, Judge John Alexander, Brandon D. Beardsley, Attorney for Petitioner, (904) 877-3663 BBeardsley@brandonbeardsleylaw.com

This case was an injunction case that I was not the attorney of record for until the date of the final hearing on May 18, 2016. On this case, I was in court on an unrelated matter and sitting at the counsel table waiting for my case to be called. Ms. Sheffield was unrepresented and was very upset after the Court denied her request for a continuance to obtain a lawyer. There had been some confusion by the Court because there had already been one continuance, but it had been requested by the Petitioner, not Ms. Sheffield. Over the objection of Ms. Sheffield, the case proceeded to final hearing. As a result of the temporary injunction being in place, my client was removed from her home and had access to her children restricted. She was also cut off from any marital monies and accounts. Counsel for the Petitioner was on his case in chief and was presenting damning evidence against the Respondent. It is interesting to note that the Petitioner weighed more than 300 pounds and was over 6 foot tall while my client was 5'2 and weighted less than 100 pounds. There also were no photographs entered into evidence that showed any physical evidence of abuse.

There came a point during the direct examination of Respondent, that the Attorney for the Petitioner was going to elicit child hearsay testimony. At that point I had heard enough and decided to assist her as best I could. I objected to any more hearsay testimony coming in and entered as her attorney of record to assist her with the remainder of the case. I was able to finish the case after requesting the file to review so I could memorize it. After hearing all admissible evidence, the Court denied the injunction and my client, who was the primary caretaker since she was a stay-at-home mom was able to be back with her children.

State v. Dennis Markley Bryan, CFMA10-2563, Judge William A. Parsons, St. Johns County, Maureen Christine, Esquire (deceased) Thomas R. Mott, Esquire Co-Counsel, 386-257-2400, thomasrmott@bellsouth.net

Mr. Bryan was charged with first degree murder, punishable by the death penalty. Along with his co-defendant Mr. Bauman, it was alleged that they had engaged on a crime spree from Ohio to Florida resulting in multiple homicides. This was the first death penalty case that I was appointed co-counsel. My responsibilities were to act as lead counsel for the guilt/innocence phase of the trial with Mr. Mott handling the penalty phase.

There were many out of state witnesses that needed to have their depositions taken and without Zoom technology, it was challenging. The forensic and science components of the case were interesting and novel for the time. There was a shoe tread expert that was offered by the State to prove our client was guilty. However, the science behind the expert's testimony was shown not to be supported. Additionally, the Court indulged my request to object to the admissibility of the gun that was used in the commission of the crime and allowed me to "Frye test" it. That case taught me about the importance of science in criminal cases. Although the jury came back with a guilty verdict, they did not impose the death penalty.

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**

Memorandum of Law (unclean hands/"slayer statute")- Lightsey DP08-38. I was counsel for the Petitioner/Maternal Grandmother and was solely responsible for drafting the memorandum.

Petition For Writ of Prohibition- Kelly W. Anderson, III 10-0498-CF. I was counsel for the Petitioner and was solely responsible for drafting the Writ.

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.

Yes, I ran for St. Johns County Court Judge in 2008. I was not elected to the position.

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. **N/A.**

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. **N/A.**

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. **N/A.**

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. **N/A.**

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. **N/A.**

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. **N/A.**

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. **N/A.**

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.

Candidate-7th Judicial Circuit Public Defender, August 2021 (not elected)

Candidate- St. Johns County School Board, August 2001 (not elected)

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.

Gennusa Law, PA, President/Owner- Law Office-Yes, I will resign

All About Adventure Travel, Inc. Travel Agency- Owner-not currently doing business, I will resign, if appointed

RAML Enterprises, Inc.- Owner-an Amazon store which is still in the process of being set up- I will resign if appointed

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.

Yes, I owned a small market/café from 2015 to 2017. I had employees that worked full-time. I would fill in for my employees as needed and work some nights/weekends. Since it was a start-up and I was the owner, I did not receive any monetary compensation. I have owned a sugar scrub company (Simply Italia) and t-shirt (Eco-Pink) that were started for the benefit of my children to teach them business skills. I never received any compensation for those businesses.

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.

I have been a practicing attorney for over twenty-seven years. Since 2005, I have represented many individuals in Putnam County with the majority of my cases being in Circuit Court. Therefore, if I am appointed to the county court bench, I don't foresee there being many conflicts with any individuals that would come before me.

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. **See Attached**

Ponte Vedra Recorder, Sandcastles, October 27, 2022, Cortona, Italy: *More than just under the Tuscan sun.*

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.

While on the Florida Bar Traffic Rules Committee, the committee made recommendations and edited the current traffic rules for submission to the Florida Supreme Court.

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 had the honor and privilege to be asked to speak on behalf of Judge Wendy W. Berger at her investiture to the 5th District Court of Appeal on November 9, 2012, in St. Augustine, Florida. I do not have copy of my remarks.

I made remarks and presented the Bible, on behalf of of the St. Johns Chapter of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers, to County Judge Lauren P. Blocker on January 21, 2022, at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. I do not have a copy of my remarks.

I made remarks and presented the Bible, as President of the St. Johns County Bar Association to Circuit Judge Terry LaRue in January of 2003 at The Ravine Gardens Park in Palatka, Florida. I do not have a copy of my remarks.

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.

I taught/created a CLE for the St. Johns County Bar Association. "The Wonderful World of Evidence". The course was a primer/refresher on the rules of evidence including a role play component of specific scenarios to make objections and discuss what rule of evidence applied. I do not have the syllabus or remember what year I taught it.

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.

St. Johns Lega Aid Society- Pro Bono Award-2013, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022
JALA- The Kathy Para Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award- September 18, 2019
The Florida Bar- Voluntary Service Award- 2014
The Florida Bar-Meritorious Public Service Award- October 31, 2014
The Florida Bar- Meritorious Public Service Award- March 31, 2007
American Bar Association/Law Student Division-Silver Key Award-1993-1994
Temple University School of Law-Wapner, Newman Wigrizer Award-Trial Advocacy-1994
Temple University School of Law-Captain Robert Miller Knox Award-1994

40. Do you have a Martindale-Hubbell rating? If so, what is it and when was it earned?

Yes, I have been rated AV preeminent since 2013.

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.

New York State Bar Association -1995 to 1999
Florida Bar Association 1999 to present
Florida Bar 7th Circuit Pro-Bono Committee, Member 2021 to present
Florida Bar Traffic Rules Committee, Member, Chair (2018 to 2019)
Vice-Chair (2017 to 2018)
Florida Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, Chair 2007
Florida Bar Grievance Committee-Member, 2012 to 2014, Chair, 2014
Florida Bar Grievance Committee-Member, 2022
FACDL- 2000 to Present
Founding Member of FACDL St. Augustine Chapter- Secretary-2001
St. Augustine Inn of Court Founding Member, Secretary current President 2021 to 2023
St Johns County Bar Association Member since 2000, Secretary, 2001 Vice-President, 2002, President, 2003
Putnam County Bar Association, 2012 to 2022
Jacksonville Bar Association- 2000, 2021 and some other years in between
Orange County Bar Association- 2022
Volusia County Bar Association 2019 to 2021
Florida Justice Teaching- 2007-2020

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.

The Federalist Society-2020 to Present

Florida Association of Women Lawyers 2019 to Present

Fraternal Order of Police (Flagler County) 2020 to 2022

Bartram Trail High School ROTC Chili Cook Off Chair-2017 to 2018

Creekside High School Athletic Booster Club-President-2013 to 2015

PACT Prevention Coalition of St. Johns County, Member, 2011-2013

Creekside High School Running of the Knight fundraising committee-2011 to 2013

Creekside High School Booster Club Fundraising Chair-2011 to 2012

CAA Flag Football Coach- 2007 to 2008

Our Lady Star of The Sea CCD teacher- 2001

Ponte Vedra Beach Chamber of Commerce Vice-President-2000

Our Lady Star of the Sea Fall Festival Committee-1999

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.

While I have donated my time to various organizations throughout my legal career, during the last 10 years of my career, I have donated at least 100 hours a year of my time through legal aid organizations and through my law firm for individuals who were unable to afford a lawyer. I have been recognized and received multiple pro bono awards for my efforts.

45. Please describe any hobbies or other vocational interests.

I enjoy traveling, cooking and spending time with my family. I consider myself an expert on the subject of Italian travel. I have helped many friends and family members plan their vacations to one of the most beautiful countries in Europe.

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.

I have not served in the military.

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

<https://instagram.com/amgennusa?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

<https://www.facebook.com/amlindsey>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100019052373520>

<https://www.facebook.com/gennusalaw>

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwjEIPb1wYf8AhWGk2oFHAI2AmeQFnoECAsQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.linkedin.com%2Fin%2Fanne-marie-gennusa-73789811&usg=AOvVaw0uPZiy5nK6bDvmqfsNJgNm>

<https://www.tiktok.com/@thegoat631967>

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 am currently married to Robert F. Lindsey on September 2, 2001. Bob is a retired Sergeant from the St. John's County Sheriff's Office.

**Joseph Gennusa-Self-Employed
150 San Pablo Road- North
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32225
St. Johns County Circuit Court- CA99-2042- January 19, 2000
(904) 891-6336**

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.

**[REDACTED] 26- Sales manager [REDACTED]
(904) 891-2289**

**[REDACTED] 24-Admin Asst. [REDACTED]
(904) 607-3956**

**[REDACTED] 19- Student/Busser, [REDACTED]
(904) 318-2606**

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.

Gennusa v. Canova, Plaintiff/Appellee/Cross Appellant-United States Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit 748 F. 3d 1103 (2014) Affirmed

Gennusa v. Shoar, et al., Plaintiff- United States District Court, Middle District of Florida 879 F. Supp.2d. 1337 (2012) Granted in Part/ Denied in Part

Anne M. Gennusa Lindsey v Tyrone Bell-Johnson – Petitioner-DR22-0244 Stalking Injunction granted 7th Circuit-St. Johns County

Gennusa, Tan & White, PA v. John Oliver-Plaintiff-CA08-0867-Attorney's Fees Awarded Final Judgment- St. Johns County Circuit Court (2011)

Anne Marie Gennusa obo AG, a minor-Petitioner-CA02-2668- Domestic Violence Injunction-Dismissed (2002)

Barry v. Law Office of Anne Marie Gennusa, PA-Defendant- Small Claims/Malpractice CA15-0403-Case transferred to County Court case CC15-007 Dismissed with Prejudice (2015)

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

Yes, there was an allegation of malpractice made by a former client. The case was dismissed by the court with prejudice. The client was attempting to extort money from me and when I refused to pay him, he filed a lawsuit.

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 always complied with filing both my personal and business returns. I do, however, usually ask for an extension for both my personal and business taxes.**

HEALTH

62. Are you currently addicted to or dependent upon the use of narcotics, drugs, or alcohol? **No.**
63. During the last ten years have you been hospitalized or have you consulted a professional or have you received treatment or a diagnosis from a professional for any of the following: Kleptomania,

Pathological or Compulsive Gambling, Pedophilia, Exhibitionism or Voyeurism? If your answer is yes, please direct each such professional, hospital and other facility to furnish the Chairperson of the Commission any information the Commission may request with respect to any such hospitalization, consultation, treatment or diagnosis. ["Professional" includes a Physician, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Psychotherapist or Mental Health Counselor.] Please describe such treatment or diagnosis. **No.**

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

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

Since receiving my juris doctorate from Temple University almost 30 years ago, I have continued to further my legal education in multiple manners. Specifically, I have (1) earned two master-level certifications, one in human resource management and the other in government contracting; (2) attained certifications as a Florida Supreme Court family law and dependency mediator; (3) become a qualified arbitrator; and (4) obtained a parenting coordinator certification. Working toward and earning these accreditations have benefitted my law practice, my clients, and my growth as an attorney which, in turn, will contribute to serving as a knowledgeable and effective jurist. Similarly, my personal experiences, no doubt, will support successes that I believe I will carry out as a judge—if I am fortunate to serve on the bench.

Justice. Patience. Thoughtfulness. Fairness. Decisiveness. I believe these qualities are integral for an individual to flourish while holding judicial office. Given that I look for these characteristics in every judge who I have ever appeared before, I demand the same of myself. Not only professional, but also personal, experiences, over the years, have helped me shape and hone each of these assets. In other words, while justice, patience, thoughtfulness, fairness, and decisiveness are inherent to me as a human being, I have certainly grown in each of these traits over the years. In large part, I am thankful for family and friends in my evolution. Of course, raising five children in a blended family, has been a major component of my development. One is nothing if he/she is not just, patient, decisive, fair, and thoughtful with his/her children.

I knew, from a very young age, that I wanted to be an attorney. While, at times throughout my life, this goal seemed out of reach, I persevered through any challenges that I faced, ultimately becoming the first lawyer in my family. Seeking justice, simply, was my core driving factor. One personal experience, particularly, has been critical in the totality of my legal growth; it's an experience that will forever stay with me and, thereby, will continue to be essential in the event of my service as a judge. Two weeks before my 16th birthday – May 21, 1983 – my life changed.

While driving in a vehicle with my mother to purchase a dress for my “sweet 16 party”, our vehicle was struck by an individual who ran a stop sign. As a result, I suffered paralysis in my right arm, losing all function in it, including the ability to write! To say that this was devastating, is an understatement. As a teenager, my dream of becoming an attorney seemed very bleak, given my prognosis encompassed that I may not be able to regain enough strength to use my arm in the future. “Seeking justice” kept pushing me, however. In being so severely injured myself, it propelled me to think, more than ever, about those who had been wronged (many in worse ways than me) by others. I was determined to overcome this serious debilitation to both attain justice for myself – and others.

Accordingly, with grit – and lot of patience, thoughtfulness, and decisiveness – as well as extensive physical therapy, I did indeed regain the full use of my arm. As difficult as it was, I was able to teach myself how to write again. If appointed to the bench, I will not only bring this same tenacity and hard-work ethic to the position, but also that never-ending desire to seek (and then-dispense) justice. And I will do so with the greatest of thoughtful, decisive, and fair judgments

- 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.**

As detailed in my response above, my youthful – and never-ending – desire to seek justice is at the core of what I would (and every judge should) bring to my service on the bench. That said, in being a businesswoman for over 20 years via running my own law firm, wherein I have litigated voluminous criminal law, family law, civil law, and small claims matters, I am definitively qualified to serve as a judicial officer. My experiences afford a broad perspective in law and life, and if appointed, I will dispense justice under the umbrella of these important dealings.

While most of my trial and litigation work has been in the State of Florida, I have also handled numerous cases in New York and Pennsylvania. In total, I have represented thousands of individuals in 12 of Florida's 67 counties. Naturally, during the two-plus decades of my work as an attorney, I have had the opportunity to observe many judges. With a critical, but fair, eye, I have watched how they maintain their courtrooms and, most importantly, what judicial philosophy they follow when issuing their rulings. These interactions – coupled with my personal and professional experiences have greatly helped to shape my very salient and particular judicial philosophy. To be an effective jurist, one must dispense justice with the utmost fairness, decisiveness, patience, and thoughtfulness. Additionally, the best jurists rule in accordance with the law, and they do not legislate from the bench. They are even-tempered and rule with sound, legally supported conclusions, even where the result is unpopular. These best-of-the-best judges demonstrate courage to the communities that they serve, as well as to the profession of law.

Nothing is more rewarding to a lawyer than accomplishing a positive result for his/her clients. Although I have been fortunate to obtain favorable rulings in many of my cases over the years, like all attorneys, not every decision has gone my way. When discouraged by one of those disenchanting rulings, I recall seeking the advice of an older colleague. His words, in citing one of America's greatest jurists, has forever since stuck with me: "One need only hold the belief that judges have no authority to pursue those broader purposes or write those new laws." While, at that moment, it did not make the sting of the decision any

less, it did, however, put things in perspective. That eloquent quote helped shape how I approach cases—whether I am representing a plaintiff, defendant, petitioner, respondent, husband, or wife. It means, to me, that a judge, in being fair and just, must not overstep his/her authority and, simply, rule in concert with the law (and not act to legislate law). Understanding the text and context of that quote became important in my litigation strategy and, if I am chosen to be a Putnam County Court Judge, it would be the centerpiece of my judicial philosophy.

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.

The Honorable Wendy W. Berger, 401 W. Central Blvd. Orlando, FL 32801
407-835-4250, Wendy_Berger@flmd.uscourts.org

Daniel K. Bean, 100 N. Laura Street, Suite 501 Jacksonville, FL 32202
904-944-4100, Dbean@abelbealaw.com

Virginia S. Morgan, Esquire, 2801 N. 3rd Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084
904-810-1027, ginny@coquinalawgroup.com

The Honorable Lauren P. Blocker, 401 Lewis Speedway, Ste. 244 St. Augustine, FL 32084
904-827-5652, Lblocker@circuit7.org

Patrick J. Kilbane, 1540 The Greens Way, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
904-280-3700, pkilbane@ullmannwealthpartners.com

The Honorable Christopher J. Ferebee, 401 Lewis Speedway, Ste. 344 St. Augustine, FL 32084
904-827-5647, Cferebee@circuit7.org

Senator Travis Hutson, 4857 Palm Coast Pkwy., NW, Suite 5, Palm Coast, FL 32137
386-446-7610, Hutson.travis.web@flsenate.gov

Brandon J. Patty, 4010 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, FL 32084
904-819-3600, Clerk@stjohnsclerk.com

Rory J. Diamond, Esquire, 100 Southpark Blvd. Suite 41, St. Augustine, FL 32086
904-671-8395, Roryjdiamond@yahoo.com

Charles T. Douglas, Jr., Esquire, 117 N. 2nd Street, Palatka, FL 32177
386-530-2955, Charlie@dhclawyers.com

CERTIFICATE

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

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

Dated this 21st day of December 2022.

Anne Marie Gennusa Lindsey

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: \$363,949.23

Last Three Years: 2021-\$274,998 2020-\$186,675.79 2019-\$165,700

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: \$323,082.43

Last Three Years: 2021-\$242,320.90 2020-\$163,204.92 2019-\$147,337.27

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: None

Last Three Years: 2021-None 2020-None 2019-None

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: None

Last Three Years: 2021-None. 2020-None. 2019-None

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

Current Year-To-Date: None

Last Three Years: 2021-None 2020-None 2019-None

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

PART A – NET WORTH

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

My net worth as of 12/21, 2022 was \$ 1,790,030.76.

PART B - ASSETS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

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

The aggregate value of my household goods and personal effects (described above) is \$ 250,000

ASSETS INDIVIDUALLY VALUED AT OVER \$1,000:

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

VALUE OF ASSET

	\$1,050,000.00
Casa Sparse 27, Teverina, Cortona, Italy	\$300,000.00
12700 Bartram Park Blvd. Unit 1932, Jacksonville, FL 32259 (owned self-directed IRA) Lindsey Investment Group	\$195,000.00
Lindsey Investment Group (self directed IRA)	\$35,000.00
2022 Jeep Wrangler	\$35,000.00
2022 Lincoln Aviator	\$60,000.00
2019 Ford F-150	\$33,000.00
309 Kingsley Lake Drive, Ste. 903 St. Augustine, FL 32092	\$375,000.00
108 Live Oak Drive, Melrose, FL 32666 (Vacant lot-2.3 acres0	\$30,000.00
Truist Savings Accounts	\$124,000.00
Truist Checking Account	\$7,000.00
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance (cash value/surplus)	\$18,801.78
Maverick Resort Time Share- Ormond Beach	\$1,000.00
Orange Lakes Time Share-Kissimmee	\$10,000.00
Gennusa Law, PA (S-Corp) *liquidated value	\$150,000.00
Legal Aid Society 403b	\$5,342.26

PART C - LIABILITIES

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR

AMOUNT OF LIABILITY

Vystar Credit Union P.O. Box 45085, Jacksonville, FL 32232	\$491,142.50
Bank of America (2022 Lincoln) 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28255	\$34,320.08

Truist Bank-LOC 214 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202	\$60,177.92
JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITIES NOT REPORTED ABOVE:	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	
Vystar Credit Union (309 Kingsley Lake Drive) P.O. Box 45085, Jacksonville, FL 32232	\$170,000.00
Regions Bank, NA (Business loc) P.O. Box 1984 Birmingham, AL 35201	\$80,000.00

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
Gennusa Law, PA	309 Kingsley Lake Drive, Ste. 903 Saint Augustine, FL 32092	\$363,940.23

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	Gennusa Law, PA	All About Adventure Travel, Inc.	RAML Enterprises, Inc.
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY	309 Kingsley Lake Dr. Ste. 903 St. Augustine, FL 32092	309 Kingsley Lake Dr. Ste. 903 St. Augustine, FL 32092	██████████
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY	Law Office	Travel Agency	Amazon Store
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY	Officer/Owner	Owner	Owner
I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS	Yes	Yes	Yes
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST	100%	100%	100%

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 22nd day of December, 2022 by Anne Marie Gennusa Lindsey

(Signature of Notary Public—State of Florida)

Shannon P. Gange

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

Personally Known X OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

an lindsey

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: December 21, 2022

JNC Submitting To: 7th Circuit-Putnam County

Name: Anne Marie Gennusa Lindsey

Current Occupation: Attorney

Telephone Number: 904-669-6210

Attorney No.: 0189596

Gender (check one): Male Female

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

Hispanic

Black

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian/Pacific Islander

County of Residence: St. Johns

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO THE
FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT (FCRA)

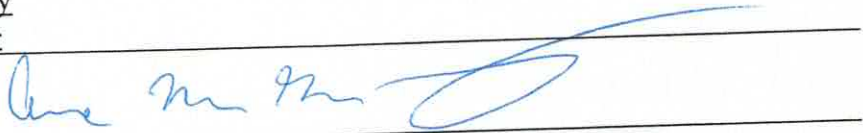
The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) may obtain one or more consumer reports, including but not limited to credit reports, about you, for employment purposes as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, including for determinations related to initial employment, reassignment, promotion, or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

Anne Marie Gennusa Lindsey
Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant



Date:

12/21/2022

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Current Occupation: Attorney

Telephone Number: 904-669-6210

Attorney No.: 0189596

Gender (check one): Male Female

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

Hispanic

Black

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian/Pacific Islander

County of Residence: St. Johns

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: DP08-38
Division: 58

IN RE THE INTEREST OF:

Sunny Lynn Lightsey DOB: October 18, 2005
Zane Fisher Lightsey DOB: March 7, 2007

MEMORANDUM OF LAW
STATEMENT OF FACTS

The mother of the above captioned minor children, Melissa Lightsey (hereinafter called "Mother"), was reported missing at 6:00am on November 9th, 2008. Her body was then found at 3:00 pm November 9th, 2008. A Power of Attorney was executed by Benjamin C. Lightsey (hereinafter called "Father") appointing his father Glenn F. Lightsey (hereinafter called "Paternal Grandfather") the power to act on his behalf regarding matters concerning the minor children.

On November 11th, 2008 authorities announced that they had found enough information to deem the mother's death suspicious and the death was ruled as a homicide.

On November 18th, 2008 Father turned himself in to the St. Johns County Sheriffs Department on an arrest warrant for 1st degree murder of the Mother. Later that day, Father executed a Declaration Naming Preneed Guarding for Minor naming his mother Vivian Lightsey (hereinafter called "Paternal Grandmother" as the plenary Guardian of the minor children unbeknownst to Melinda Bryan (hereinafter called "Maternal Grandmother."))

Also on November 18th, 2008 Maternal Grandmother filed a Shelter Petition and Emergency Motion for Temporary Custody and other Relief Pending order on Shelter Petition.

A Hearing was held before this Honorable Court on November 19th, 2008 at 8:45am on Maternal Grandmother's pleadings.

WRITING SAMPLE

ARGUMENT

I. The Declaration Naming Preened Guardian for Minor and Power of Attorney should be set aside due to "unclean hands."

Florida Law has long established that a party who enters into an agreement with "unclean hands" cannot request the help of the court in enforcing that agreement if anything unethical was done in relation to the subject of that agreement. Individuals who seek a remedy in equity with "unclean hands," which does not require the commission of a crime but only acts "condemned by honest and reasonable" persons, will be denied relief. Roberts v. Roberts, 84 So. 2d 717, 720 (Fla. 1956).

In the present case, Father's hands are arguably unclean. The Power of Attorney was executed coincidentally on the same day that the body of Mother was found. The Declaration Naming Preened Guardian for Minor was executed after he turned himself in on a warrant for 1st degree murder of Mother, possibly after he received Maternal Grandmother's Petition for Shelter and Emergency Motion to Establish Temporary Custody.

Additionally, the argument that Father has not *yet* been found guilty of murder is immaterial to the present question of law. In the Florida Supreme Court Case, Carter v. Carter the petitioner-widow was arrested and charged with the death of her husband. She contended that her acquittal in the criminal proceeding precluded any assault on her right to receive the proceeds of the insurance policy as the designated beneficiary and further that Section 222.13, Florida Statutes, F.S.A., controls distribution of the proceeds of an insurance policy to the exclusion of other considerations. Carter v. Carter, 88 So. 2d 153, 156 (Fla.1956).

However, the trial judge decreed that the issues in that cause would be decided by a "preponderance of the evidence". The petitioner insisted that the verdict of acquittal in her trial on the charge of second degree murder is admissible in this civil action to preclude any consideration of her guilt in the homicide of her husband. Yet, the Trial court was committed to the rule that the verdict and judgment in a criminal proceeding are not admissible in a civil proceeding as evidence of the guilt or innocence of a party to the civil cause. Carter v. Carter, 88 So. 2d 153, 158 (Fla.1956).

As it has been Father's actions that lead to the necessity of the temporary custody of the minor children and the timing of Father's execution of the documents render Father with unclean hands.

Therefore, the Declaration Naming Preneed Guardian for Minor and Power of Attorney should be declared void and unenforceable by the Court.

II. The Declaration Naming Preneed Guardian for Minor and Power of Attorney should be set aside in equity.

It is well established that "one who comes into equity must come with clean hands." Roberts v. Roberts, 84 So.2d 717 (Fla. 1956). However, the doctrine of clean hands is not a "judicial straight jacket" and it is not essential that those who invoke equity lead blameless lives. Equity also regards substance over form and seeks justice rather than technicality. Coleman v. Coleman, 191 So.2d 460 (Fla. 1st DCA 1966) Pennington v. Pennington, 390 So. 2d 809, 810 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 5th Dist. 1980).

It would be difficult at this point to argue with the assertion that Maternal Grandmother is far less ensconced in the criminal proceedings surrounding Mother's death than the Paternal Grandmother. Additionally, the Paternal Grandmother and Paternal Grandfather have not fostered any relationship or facilitated visitation with the minor children and the Maternal Grandmother except twice since the death of Mother. Maternal Grandmother is more likely to foster a relationship and visitation between the minor children and the Paternal Grandparents.

It is also believed that both Paternal Grandparents have intimate facts regarding the time period before the body was discovered by law enforcement and could even be critical witnesses in the criminal case. On the other hand, Maternal Grandmother has no information regarding the events that took place on November 8th, 2008.

Finally, due to the alleged wrong doing of the Father, the Mother of the minor children will not have the opportunity to express in legal documentation or in person her desire regarding the care of her children. It would be inequitable for the court to take into account solely the wishes of Father, who is currently charged with the murder of Mother.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Declaration Naming Preneed Guardian for Minor and Power of Attorney should be set aside due to "unclean hands". Father's actions leading to the necessity of the temporary custody of the minor children and the timing of Father's execution of the documents render Father with unclean hands.

Futhermore, the Declaration Naming Preneed Guardian for Minor and Power of Attorney should be set aside in equity. Mother was unable to execute her wishes regarding the care of her children in the event of her death and it would be inequitable for the court to only take into account the desires of the Father regarding the care of the minor children.

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STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION

The Petitioner, Kelly W. Anderson, III invokes this Honorable Court's jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 9.030 (b) (3) and Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, and Article V, Section 4 (b) (3) of the Florida Constitution.

Petitioner seeks to prevent the lower tribunal from exceeding its jurisdiction or usurping jurisdiction with which it is not vested, in the Respondent intends to try the petitioner in violation of the provisions of Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.191(a) ("the Speedy Trial Rule without Demand").

Prohibition has been determined to be an appropriate remedy for seeking an order to prevent an unauthorized and needless trial. *Lowe v. Price*, 437 So. 2d 142 (Fla. 1983); *C.C. v. Ferguson*, 427 So. 2d 782 (Fla. 3d DCA 1982); *State ex rel. Neville v. Goodman*, 254 So. 2d 55 (Fla. 3d DCA 1971), *cert. denied*, 261 So. 2d 839 (Fla. 1972). As stated by the Fourth District:

Prohibition is an appropriate remedy to prohibit trial court proceedings where an accused has been denied his request to a speedy trial and his motion to discharge has been denied.

Sherrod v. Franza, 427 So. 2d 161, 163 (Fla. 4th DCA 1983)

A writ of Prohibition is the appropriate avenue for relief to challenge the denial of a motion for discharge based speedy trial pursuant to Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.191(a).

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Petitioner, Kelly W. Anderson, III was arrested on or about March 11, 2010. He was subsequently charged by indictment on August 6th 2010 with the charge of First Degree Murder of Brian Christopher Seymour contrary to Florida statutes 782.04 (1) (a) and 775.087 (1) and (2) which is said to have occurred March 2, 2010. The defendant has been in custody continuously since March 11, 2010.

NATURE OF RELIEF SOUGHT

Petitioner, Kelly W. Anderson, III seeks a Writ of Prohibition prohibiting Circuit Judge Carlos E. Mendoza from sitting as the trial judge in Case number 2010-0498-CF due to violations of Defendant's Right to a Speedy Trial guaranteed to him under the Florida and United States Constitutions and pursuant to Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure Rule 3.191 when the above Court denied his Motion for Discharge on April 26, 2012 from a violation that occurred from March 11, 2010 through September 13, 2010.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

The denial of a “right to a speedy trial” is a question of law subject to de novo review.” See State v. Nelson (26 So. 3d 571 (Fla. 2010) Sai Motor Freight Line Inc. v. Reid, 930 So.2d 598,599 (Fla. 2006)

FACTS

Pursuant to Fla. R. App. P. 9.030, the Petitioner has prepared an Appendix. The Appendix is attached, and all references to it will be prefaced by the letter “A.”

On March 11, 2010, the Petitioner was arrested in connection with the death of Bryan C. Seymore and charged by Grand Jury Indictment on August 6, 2010 with 1st degree Murder (A. 1). The speedy trial period under Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.191 commenced on March 11, 2010.

Petitioner attended court on June 2nd, July 8th, August 19th, and September 7th, 2010. During these appearances the court made numerous inquiries as to whether or not Mr. Anderson would be waiving his right to a speedy trial but never conducted a hearing although the time had expired. During the before mentioned appearance, Mr. Anderson refused to waive it. The record is clear. However, on September 13, 2010 (both in the morning and afternoon) Petitioner waived his right to a speedy trial during his appearance at the morning sounding of September 13th, 2010.

ARGUMENT

Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.191(a) provides that “every person charged with a crime *shall* (emphasis added) be brought to trial within 175 days of arrest if the crime if the crime charged with is a felony.” Petitioner has been in continuous custody since his arrest on March 11, 2010. Petitioner should have been brought to trial within 175 days of his arrest. This period expired on September 2, 2011. The Petitioner never executed a waiver of his right under Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.191 (a) before the expiration of the 175 days as articulated by statute. Therefore, as a result of the before mentioned, the Petitioner Kelly W. Anderson is entitled to relief including but not limited to dismissal the charge and release from detention. The Court erred in denying the Petitioners’ request during its’ order of April 26, 2012.

(A.2)

According to the docket Summary (A. 3) and court notes Petitioner was arraigned on April 15, 2010 and plead not guilty. The Court’s hearing notes prepared by the Deputy Clerk reflect that from March 11, 2010 including September 2, 2010 Petitioner never waived his right to a speedy trial (A.4)

According to the 2010 calendar September 2, 2010 was the 175th day.

It is undisputed that during this time Petitioner never waived his right to a

“Speedy Trial” which is guaranteed to him under 3.1.91 (a). In fact the pre-trial minutes dated July 8, 2010 the clerk reflect that both the State and the Petitioner answered ready for trial and a trial date was set for September 13, 2010 which was 186 days after the Petitioner was taken into custody. (A.4) The record is devoid that at any time prior to the expiration of the 175 days did the State ever request the court extended the period to conduct the trial against Mr. Anderson prior to the expiration pursuant to Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure 3.191 (j) which provides:

“If the trial of the accused does not commence within the periods of time established by this rule, a pending motion for discharge *shall* be granted by the court unless it is shown that:

- (1) A time extension has been ordered under subdivision (i) and that extension has not expired;
- (2) The failure to hold trial is attributable to the accused, a codefendant in the same trial, or their counsel;
- (3) The accused as unavailable for trial under subdivision (k); or
- (4) The demand referred to in subdivision (g) is invalid.

If the court finds that discharge is not appropriate for reasons under subdivision (j)(2), (3), or (4), the pending motion for discharge shall be denied, provided, however, that the trial shall be scheduled and commence within 90 days of a written or recorded order of denial.”

The court on September 13, 2010 was under the mis-impression that the Petitioner had filed a demand for speedy trial and was proceeding with his inquiry under Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.191 (b) which is entitled Speedy Trial Upon Demand The Court's assumption was incorrect.

(A.5)

“THE COURT: well, it's my understanding that you demanded a speedy trial. And, by law, when you request a speedy trial that tells the Court you're immediately ready to go to trial. And since you have requested a speedy trial, then we can't extend the time or grant you any continuances.....

THE DEFENDANT: Well, your Honor, with all due respect, first of all I never demanded for a speedy trial. The Speedy trial that was...that was pending was the original 180 days.

THE COURT: Well, I beg to differ. I believe you have filed a request for speedy trial.

THE DEFENDANT: No, I never filed a demand for Speedy Trial.

In addition to the court's mistake, the State also acknowledged that they were “now outside of speedy trial” without further explanation. (A.5). Here, it is clear the Court at that point should have made an inquiry into the circumstances as to why the case was not tried within applicable time standards, set the case for trial and possibly discharged the Petitioner from custody.

On September 13, Petitioner's was in custody 186 days. During this

period, there is nothing in the record to reflect that the state had requested an extension or offered any explanation as to why Petitioner's case had not been tried. According to the Court's Notes both the defense and prosecution announced ready for trial and the case was set for trial back on July 1, 2010 .

It is also interesting to note that although the State answered ready for trial in July 2010, it became clear on the record during the September 7, 2010 proceedings that the state had not turned over to the Petitioner all of the discovery materials that would be required to try Petitioner's case since they were not yet in their possession. (A.6)

Although cases in Florida's Courts have been interpreted that the Speedy Trial rule is "Not self-executing" See *State of Florida v. Jimenez* (5D09-1089) (Fla. App., 2010) There is no language in 3.191(a) or 3.191 (p) that requires the Petitioner to file any pleading to be the recipient of its' relief. The language of 3.191 (p) (2) is unambiguous and states under Remedy for Failure to Try Defendant within the specific time...

"(2) At any time after expiration of the prescribed time period, the defendant *may* (*emphasis added*) file a separate pleading entitled "Notice of Expiration of Speedy Trial Time," and serve a copy on the prosecuting authority."

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, 11th Edition, the definition of “may” is to “have permission” whereas “shall” means “will have to, used in laws, regulations or directives to express what is mandatory”

Moreover, there is no compulsory/mandatory language in the current statute that would require the Petitioner to take any action. In fact the statute under 3.191 (p) requires the court to make an inquiry which was not done back before September 13, 2012.

Petitioner filed a Notice of Expiration of Speedy Trial and Memorandum in support of the Notice. (A.7) A hearing before the Honorable Carlos E. Mendoza was held on April 19, 2012 regarding the past violations. The order denying Petitioner’s claim for relief was issued on or about April 26, 2012. (A.2)

Although there are numerous cases that deal with the legal issue of a individual’s right to a speedy trial, counsel for the Petitioner could find no case on point for Petitioner’s specific scenario that would have precluded the lower court from granting his Notice of discharge

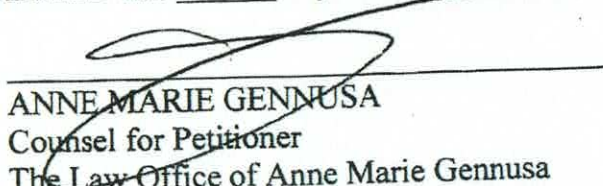
RELIEF SOUGHT

Petitioner seeks a ruling that the trial court erred in denying his motion for discharge on April 26, 2012; that the same should be granted and that the Petitioner should be forever discharged; and that the trial court be prohibited from exercising any jurisdiction in the lower case number 2010-0498-CF.

CONCLUSION

It is clear that the trial court committed error when it denied the Petitioner's Motion for Discharge on Speedy Trial Grounds on April 26, 2012. Petitioner respectfully requests a ruling that the trial court erred in denying the motion for discharge on April 26, 2012; that the same should be granted; that the Petitioner should be forever discharged; and the trial court be prohibited from exercising any jurisdiction in the lower case number 2010-0498-CF.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 3rd day of December, 2012,


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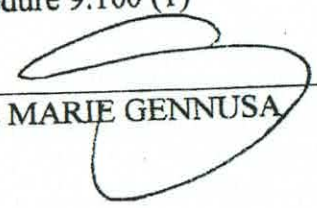
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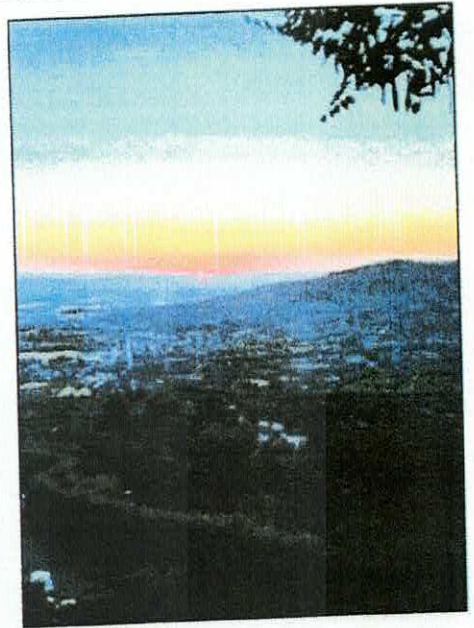
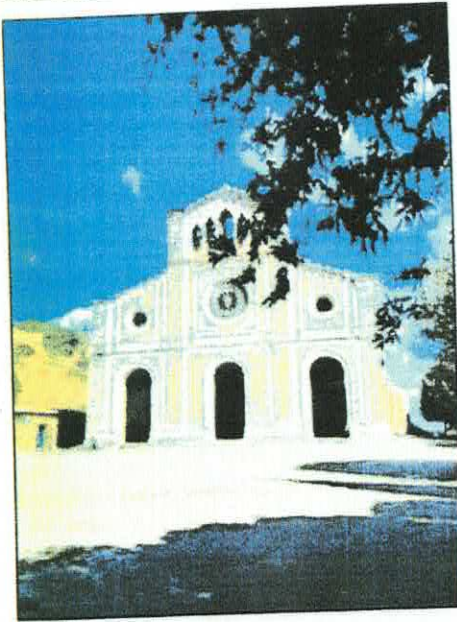
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Cortona, Italy: More than just under the Tuscan sun

By Anne Marie Gennusa

When one thinks of Cortona, Italy, one can't help but think of Diane Lane, Frances Mayes and the bestselling novel and movie "Under the Tuscan Sun." However, upon deeper look, Cortona is much more.

Cortona is a picturesque hilltop, walled city with a rich Etruscan (8 C) past. Located in the Arezzo province of Tuscany, Cortona is easily accessible from Rome (126 miles) or Florence (65 miles). Day trips to Pienza, Montepulciano and Siena make Cortona a wonderful location to base for any Italian adventure.

Cortona is a melting pot of culture. It has a documented history from as far back as the 7th and 8th centuries B.C. when the Etruscans built the walls that surround the city. Cortona (Corito) has been a Roman colony and Ghibellin city state (13th century). All of this history contributes to the sights and sounds, which one finds are ever-present while strolling the streets or visiting the shops.

While many travel to Cortona to see the famous "Casa Bramasole," a visit to Cortona is not complete without an excursion to St. Francis' Celle (Hermitage, "Le Celle"). Located a few kilometers from the walled city located off Case Sparse 73, Torrone, Cortona (Strada dei Cappuccini), the views and scenic nature of the valley below are worth the drive.

If you are an art connoisseur, make sure to visit "Galleria il Pozzo," located at Via Nazionale 10/12. This is one of the nicest gift shops in Cortona. In il Pozzo you will find handmade paper, hand-bound books, beautiful art pieces from local artists, as well as hand-crafted frames for those art finds. Ivan, the owner, is a wealth of information regarding Cortona and is proud to show off his Etruscan well "ad ampulla" that has goldfish swimming in it, unaware of the history of where they have made their home.

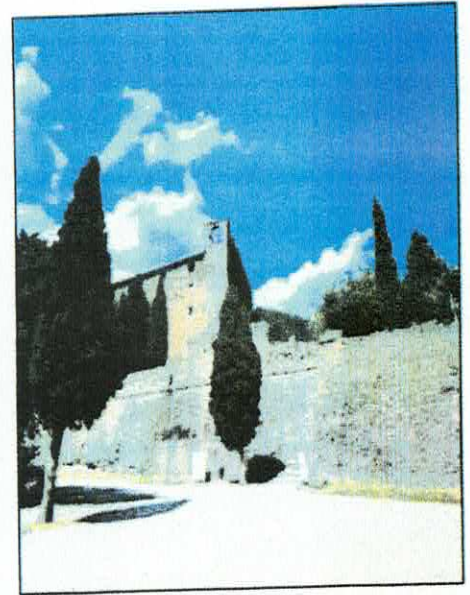
While in the walls of the city, stop by the Accademia Etrusca (MAEC) in the Piazza Luca Signorelli, 9 next to the visitor center. Here visitors find a very large collection of Etruscan artifacts, including the "Tabula Cortonenis," the third longest Etruscan text, thought to be dated in the 2nd or 3rd century B.C. Plan on spending two to three hours minimum to explore the treasure trove of Etruscan history. You will not be disappointed.



If you are a wine sommelier, "Enoteca Molesini" (Piazza della Repubblica, 22) is one of the finest places to purchase drinkable memories of your trip. With hundreds of bottles to choose from, you will be able to sample some of the finest wines from vineyards all over Italy, including Cortona, Montepulciano and Siena.

Finally, within a few kilometers' drive of Cortona is the Basilica di Santa Margherita (Via S. Margherita, 1) and the Fortezza del Girifalco. Both can be toured during the same visit. St. Margaret is the patron saint of Cortona, and this Neo-Gothic church is dedicated to her. It opened in 1304 and Saint Margherita is entombed within.

After touring the Basilica be sure to walk around the side of it toward the back where the convent is. Be prepared to see one of the most stunning views of Cortona and the valley below. On a clear day you can see for miles with a view of Lake Trasimeno in the distance.



Above the Basilica looms the Fortezza del Girifalco, which is believed to have been built sometime in the 5th or 6th century B.C., although historical records date it at 1258 A.D. Make sure you take the elevator to the top of the fortress and walk around the perimeter to have a bird's-eye view of Cortona and the lush Tuscan valley. Seasonally, there is a cafe on premises that serves sandwiches, cheese meat boards along with wine or beer. A unique experience, well worth a visit.

While there are many who might say Cortona is only worth a day visit, it would be an injustice not to give it the time it rightly deserves. Cortona, truly is a hidden gem with layer upon layer of history, culture and, of course, wine!

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