

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE FIFTH DISTRICT COURT

(Please attach additional pages as needed to respond fully to questions.)

DATE: August 16, 2019 Florida Bar No.: 0776459

GENERAL: Social Security No.: _____

1. Name Patricia L. Strowbridge E-mail: _____

Date Admitted to Practice in Florida: October 27, 1988

Date Admitted to Practice in other States: N/A

2. State current employer and title, including professional position and any public or judicial office.

State of Florida, Ninth Judicial Circuit- Circuit Court Judge

3. Business address: 425 N. Orange Ave. Suite 1115

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4. Residential address: _____

City _____ County Orange State FL ZIP _____

Since Feb. 2005 Telephone _____

5. Place of birth: Fayetteville, NC

Date of birth: 08/13/60 Age: 59

6a. Length of residence in State of Florida: 31 years

6b. Are you a registered voter? Yes No

If so, in what county are you registered? Orange

7. Marital status: Widowed

If married: Spouse's name Robert C. Wattles

Date of marriage 05/28/95

Spouse's occupation Circuit Court Judge- deceased 2010

If ever divorced give for each marriage name(s) of spouse(s), current address for each former spouse, date and place of divorce, court and case number for each divorce.

Douglas G. Strowbridge, Rockaway, NJ, divorced 12/07/82, Lansing, MI, Court and Case number unknown, case was transferred to Orange County, FL on 03/30/89, Case# 1989-002431-0

8. Children

Name(s) Age(s) Occupation(s) Residential address(es)

Homemaker

Small Business Operator

Retail Manager

Student

Student

9. Military Service (including Reserves)

Service Branch Highest Rank Dates

N/A

Rank at time of discharge _____ Type of discharge _____

Awards or citations _____

HEALTH:

10. Are you currently addicted to or dependent upon the use of narcotics, drugs, or intoxicating beverages? If yes, state the details, including the date(s).

NO

11a. 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?

Yes No

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.

N/A

11b. 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 2 or 3 nights
- Experiencing periods of hyperactivity
- Spending money profusely with extremely poor judgment
- Suffered 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

Yes No

If yes, please explain.

N/A

12a. 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?

Yes No

12b. If your answer to the question above is Yes, are the limitations or impairments caused by your physical or mental health impairment reduced or ameliorated because you receive ongoing treatment (with or without medication) or participate in a monitoring or counseling program?

Yes No

Describe such problem and any treatment or program of monitoring or counseling.

N/A

13. 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, give full details as to court, date and circumstances.

NO

14. 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 law provisions.)

NO

15. 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 use of 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

16. 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

17. In the past ten years, have you suffered memory loss or impaired judgment for any reason? If so, please explain in full.

NO

EDUCATION:

18a. Secondary schools, colleges and law schools attended.

<i>Schools</i>	<i>Class Standing</i>	<i>Dates of Attendance</i>	<i>Degree</i>
County College of Morris Morris County, NJ	unsure	1979-1980	None
Lansing Community College Lansing, MI	Top 10%	1982-83	AA
Michigan State University East Lansing, MI	Top 5%	1983-85	BA
Georgetown University Law Center Washington, DC	Top 25%	1985-88	JD

18b. List and describe academic scholarships earned, honor societies or other awards.
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Fraternity and Dean's List - Lansing Community College

Dean's List and President's List - Michigan State University

Graduated Summa Cum Laude with Triple Major - Michigan State University

The Tax Lawyer (Grade based Law Review) - Georgetown University Law Center

Graduated Cum Laude- Georgetown University Law Center

NON-LEGAL EMPLOYMENT:

19. List all previous full-time non-legal jobs or positions held since 21 in chronological order and briefly describe them.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Address</i>
NONE			

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS:

20. List all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admission requirements to which you have ever been admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission, and if applicable, state whether you have been suspended or resigned.

<i>Court or Administrative Body</i>	<i>Date of Admission</i>
Florida Supreme Court (Florida Bar)	October 1988
Federal District Court (Middle District of Florida)	January 1989
Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals	July 1992

LAW PRACTICE: (If you are a sitting judge, answer questions 21 through 26 with reference to the years before you became a judge.)

21. State the names, dates and addresses for all firms with which you have been associated in practice, governmental agencies or private business organizations by which you have been employed, periods you have practiced as a sole practitioner, law clerkships and other prior employment:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name of Firm</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Law Clerk	Gimmel, Weiman and Savitz, P.A.	Gaithersburg, MD	1986-88
Summer Associate	Maguire, Voorhis and Wells, P.A.	32 S. Orange Ave. Orlando, FL 32801	1987
Associate Attorney	Alton G. Pitts, P.A.	605 E. Robinson St. Orlando, FL 32801	1988-89
Attorney/Senior Partner	Adoption, Surrogacy and Family Law Firm, P.A.	1516 E. Colonial Dr. Suite 202 Orlando, FL 32803	1989-2015
Executive Director/Legal Services Director	A Chosen Child, Inc.	1516 E. Colonial Dr. Suite 200 Orlando, FL 32803	2000-2015

22. 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.

A. Nature of my prior law practice-

Prior to my appointment to the Circuit Court Bench in March 2015, I practiced in the areas of adoption, assisted reproductive technology, juvenile dependency, termination of parental rights, constitutional rights of parents and minors, child custody (non-divorce related) and appeals. In addition, but on a lesser scale, I handled matters related to divorce, paternity, child custody (divorce related), guardianship, Social Security benefits for children and families, education and immigration.

My practice was an active trial practice, as well as a transactional/advisory practice. I represented agencies, organizations, businesses and individuals at the trial level and the appellate level, for contested matters in termination of parental rights, juvenile dependency, adoption, guardianship and divorce. I handled cases before Circuit Courts throughout the State of Florida, the Florida District Courts of Appeal and the Florida Supreme Court.

In addition, I represented surrogacy agencies, fertility clinics, gestational carriers (surrogates), intended parents and egg donors in legal matters related to assisted reproductive technology law, from drafting and reviewing contracts, to advising agencies and physicians regarding the handling of assisted reproductive technology cases.

Much of my litigation practice involved cases with complex issues of statutory interpretation, international law, immigration law and/or state or federal constitutional law.

Prior to 1999, my law practice was focused primarily on traditional family law with emphasis on child custody and parental responsibility matters. My clients were typically parents litigating with a spouse, former spouse or significant other, regarding issues related to the custody and control over their children. The practice was almost exclusively an intense trial practice with highly contested issues that were not easily resolved without litigation, however, I also regularly participated in mediation and alternative dispute resolution. I was trained and certified as a Family Law Mediator and handled several cases as a mediator.

B. Certifications-

In 1996, I became Board Certified in Marital and Family Law. I was recertified in 2001, 2006 and 2011. Due to my service on the bench, I no longer meet the requirements for continuing Board Certification in this area of law, and was not recertified in 2016.

In June 2011, I became Board Certified in Adoption Law. This was the inaugural year for this certification. I was required to recertify in 2016, and recertification was granted until 2021.

In August 2011, I was appointed by the Florida Bar Board of Governors to fill an open position on the Adoption Law Certification Committee, and became the first member of that committee to have received the certification by exam and peer review. I served on this committee for one year.

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

Court		Area of Practice	
Federal Appellate	_____ %	Civil	_____ 15 %
Federal Trial	_____ %	Criminal	_____ %
Federal Other	_____ 3 %	Family	_____ 60 %
State Appellate	_____ 10 %	Probate	_____ 5 %
State Trial	_____ 85 %	Other	_____ 20 %
State Administrative	_____ 2 %		
State Other	_____ %		
	_____ %		
TOTAL	_____ 100 %	TOTAL	_____ 100 %

24. In your lifetime, how many (number) of the cases you have tried to verdict or judgment were:

Jury? 8 Non-jury? >250
 Arbitration? <5 Administrative Bodies? 0

25. 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

26. 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 in full.

NO

(Questions 27 through 30 are optional for sitting judges who have served 5 years or more.)

- 27a. For your last 6 cases, which were tried to verdict before a jury or arbitration panel or tried to judgment before a judge, list the names and telephone numbers of trial counsel on all sides and court case numbers (include appellate cases).

I have been on the Bench since 2015, but these are cases tried prior to my appointment:

1) In the Interest of _____ r :-DP- Ninth Judicial Circuit tried before the Honorable Keith Carsten.

Patricia Strowbridge, Esq. and Maria Bates, Esq. (727-265-5438) represented the Adoption Entity/Intervenor

David Abercrombie, Esq. (407-360-9106) represented the Birth Mother

Brittany Rutan, Esq. (407-742-6658) and Christine Andriacchi, Esq. (407-742-6655) represented the Guardian ad Litem

Truleia Fuller, Esq. (407-349-3405) represented DCF

2) In the Interest of _____ DP Ninth Judicial Circuit companion case to In the Matter of the Proposed Adoption of a Minor Child, DR Ninth Judicial Circuit tried before the Honorable Alicia Lattimore. Appellate case- Fifth District Court of Appeals Opinion issued December 24, 2014.

Patricia Strowbridge, Esq. represented Paternal Grandmother/Intervenor at trial level

Bryan Gowdy, Esq. (904-350-0075) and Jessie L. Harrell, Esq. (904-379-1187) represented Paternal Grandmother/Appellant in the appeal

Mark M. O'Mara, Esq. (407-898-5151) represented the Birth Father at both the trial level and in the appeal

Nicole Jackson, Esq. (407-872-7774) represented DCF at the trial level

Kate York, Esq. (407-960-7000) represented the Guardian ad Litem at the trial level and was a represented Amicus Curiae in the appeal

Rhonda Parnell, Esq. (850-434-7122) represented the Custodian at the trial level

John R. Hamilton, Esq. (deceased), Thomas Wade Young, Esq. (407-836-0489) and

Jamie Bilotte Moses, Esq. (407-425-8500) represented the Guardian ad Litem as Amicus Curiae in the appeal

3) In the Matter of the Proposed Adoption of a Minor Child, -DR- Ninth Judicial Circuit tried before the Honorable Heather Higbee

Patricia Strowbridge, Esq. represented the Adoption Entity/Petitioner

Gregory Colvin, Esq. (407-426-7808) represented the Birth Father/Respondent

4) In the Matter of the Termination of Parental Rights for the Proposed Adoption of a Minor Child, -DR- Ninth Judicial Circuit tried before the Honorable Robert Evans

Patricia Strowbridge, Esq. represented the Adoptive Parent/Petitioner

Alice Miller, Esq. (305-993-9710) represented the Birth Father/Respondent

5) In the Matter of the Termination of Parental Rights for the Proposed Adoption of a Minor Child DOB -2-FD- Sixth Judicial Circuit, tried before the Honorable Irene Sullivan

Patricia Strowbridge, Esq. represented the Adoptive Parents/Petitioners

Mary Lou Wagstaff, Esq. (727-584-8182) represented the Adoption Entity/Petitioner

Julie Anna Rountree, Esq. (904-635-5757) represented the Birth Father/Respondent

6) In the Matter of the Termination of Parental Rights for the Proposed Adoption of a Minor Child, -DR- Ninth Judicial Circuit, tried before the Honorable Jenifer Davis

Patricia Strowbridge, Esq. represented the Adoptive Parents/Petitioners

Patricia Quarles, Esq. (407-437-2112) represented the Birth Father/Respondent

27b. For your last 6 cases, which were 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).

1) Rajan Joshi v. Madhumsmita Goswami -DR- , Eighteenth Judicial Circuit; case settled in mediation

Patricia Strowbridge, Esq. represented Rajan Joshi, Esq./Former Husband

Cheri Hobbs Esq. (407-896-1166) represented Madhumsmita Goswami/Former Wife

2) In the Interest of _____, _____ an
_____ -DP- _____ Eighteenth Judicial Circuit; case was settled through direct
communication with counsel for all parties

Patricia Strowbridge, Esq. represented the Adoption Entity and Maternal Grandmother
Camelia Coward, Esq. (407-538-2707) represented DCF

Gary Siegel, Esq. (407-878-7860) represented the Birth Father

Pauline McIntyre, Esq. (407-389-5140) represented the Birth Mother

3) In the Matter of the Termination of Parental Rights for the Proposed Adoption of a
Minor Child, _____ -DR- _____ Ninth Judicial Circuit; case was settled through direct
communication between counsel for all parties

Patricia Strowbridge, Esq. represented the Adoptive Parents

Taylor Casey, Esq. (904-354-1010) represented the Birth Mother and maternal
Grandparents

4) Holly Marie Beck v. Lance W. Beck, 2011-DR-1964-02D-W, Eighteenth Judicial
Circuit, case settled through communication between counsel during the trial

Patricia Strowbridge, Esq. represented Lance W. Beck/Former Husband

Gary Shader, Esq. (407-782-2063) represented Holly Marie Beck/Former Wife

5) In the Matter of the Termination of Parental Rights for the Proposed Adoption of a
Minor Child, _____ -DR- _____ Fourth Judicial Circuit, case was settled through direct
communication between counsel

Patricia Strowbridge, Esq. represented the Birth Mother

Mark Miller, Esq. (904-477-6677) represented the Adoptive Parents

6) In the Matter of the Termination of Parental Rights for the Proposed Adoption of a
Minor Child, 09-DR-13750, Ninth Judicial Circuit, case was settled through
communication between counsel during the trial

Patricia Strowbridge, Esq. represented the Adoption Entity

Patricia Quarles, Esq. (407-437-2112) represented the Birth Father

27c. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings?
None, (I have been on the Bench for 4 1/2 years) average times per month

- 27d. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared in Court?
Prior to 2015, 5-10 court appearances per month; Since May 2015, I am in court almost every day, and usually for the entire day. average times per month
- 27e. During the last five years, if your practice was substantially personal injury, what percentage of your work was in representation of plaintiffs? N/A % Defendants? N/A %
28. If during any prior period you have appeared in court with greater frequency than during the last five years, indicate the period during which this was so and give for such prior periods a succinct statement of the part you played in the litigation, numbers of cases and whether jury or non-jury.

I appeared in court more frequently when I was handling primarily traditional family law cases (1989-2000). After 2000, my practice transitioned to litigation of termination of parental rights cases (2000-2015). In the early part of my career, I specialized in high conflict child custody matters, and my cases were almost exclusively litigation cases. I typically represented divorced, divorcing or never married parents with child custody, visitation, shared parenting and relocation issues. A significant number of my cases involved allegations of domestic violence and/or child abuse. Most of the cases involved multiple evidentiary hearings and a final trial. These cases were all non-jury trials. I was in court virtually every business day during that time period, and regularly carried a case load of 50-60 active files, in various stages of processing.

When my practice became more focused on contested termination of parental rights, juvenile dependency and adoption, my cases were spread across the State of Florida, and I often had local counsel that handled discovery matters, or I handled those matters by telephone hearings, so my actual court appearances were much less frequent, usually averaging only 5 or 6 times per month.

In May 2015, I began serving as a Ninth Circuit Court Judge. Initially, I was assigned in the Domestic Violence Division in Orange County, and I was in the courtroom almost every day, dealing primarily with unrepresented parties. These were all non-jury proceedings.

My assignment was changed to the Juvenile Dependency/Unified Family Court in Osceola County in February 2016. I was the only Dependency Court Judge in this rapidly growing County, and my docket was quite heavy. I was in the courtroom every day, and typically all day. In that Division, I also handled Domestic Violence, Juvenile Delinquency and Domestic Relations cases with related dependency matters, as well as all of the uncontested pro se domestic relations cases. These were all non-jury proceedings.

In January 2019, I was relocated back to Orange County, and began serving in the Civil Division. I handle a docket of approximately 3000 general civil and complex business cases. I typically spend part of each day in either the courtroom, or the hearing room. Most of the trials are jury trials, and I average 1-2 jury trials per month. The hearings and some of the trials are non-jury.

29. For the cases you have tried to award in arbitration, during each of the past five years, indicate whether you were sole, associate or chief counsel. Give citations of any reported cases.

N/A

30. List and describe the six most significant cases which you personally litigated giving case style, number 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. Give the name of the court and judge, the date tried and names of other attorneys involved.

1) Heart of Adoptions, Inc. v. J.A. 963 So. 2d 189 (Fla. 2007)

I represented the Amicus Curiae (Florida Adoption Council) briefing in support of the Appellant, Heart of Adoptions, Inc., before the Florida Supreme Court. The case involved a Constitutional challenge to the Florida Putative Father Registry. The Registry was created in the 2003 Florida Adoption Reform Act, and it allowed Florida to become the 37th state to enact this type of legislation to address the rights of unmarried biological fathers in adoption cases. In 2002, I had been the primary author of the Bill that created the Registry and I spent several months travelling back and forth to Tallahassee to assist the lobbyist for the Florida Adoption Council in obtaining the support needed to pass the Bill. Because of my extensive involvement in the drafting and passage of the original legislation, I was asked to write the Amicus Brief in the Supreme Court challenge. This case was perhaps the single most significant adoption case in the last 25 years in Florida, and the opinion preserved the Florida Putative Father Registry.

The other attorneys involved in this case were -

Jeanne T. Tate, Esq. (813-258-3355) represented Heart of Adoptions, Inc./ Appellant

Rhonda Portwood, Esq. ((352-860-0043) represented J.A./ Appellee

Susan Stockham, Esq. (941-924-4949) represented Concerned United Birthparents (C.U.B.)/ Amicus Curiae

2) M.E.K., the mother v. R.L.K., the maternal grandmother, 921 So. 2d 787 (5th DCA 2006)

I represented the maternal grandmother in a case which was appealed to the 5th DCA to determine if the mother of the child (my client's daughter) was entitled to court appointed counsel in a private adoption/termination of parental rights matter if she was indigent. The decision has had substantial impact on the rights of birthparents to the assistance of counsel in these cases.

The attorney who represented the Appellant/Mother was J. Shawn Hunter, Esq. (407-246-0280)

3) K.D.M. and E.N.M.v. J.H. SC 09-781 (Fla 2009)

I represented the maternal grandparents in an adoption case wherein the Birth Father filed a challenge to the adoption of the child after the expiration of the one year statute of repose provided in Florida Statute 63.182. The trial court granted the Birth Father the right to take a "belated appeal", and, on behalf of the Maternal Grandparents/Adoptive Parents, I requested a Writ of Prohibition from the Florida Supreme Court, arguing that there is no such thing as a "belated appeal" in a private civil matter where there was no Constitutional entitlement to court appointed counsel. Although the relief was not granted by the Florida Supreme Court for procedural reasons, the issue was critically important to raise, and I consider my advocacy on behalf of this child and his adoptive parents to have been one of the most important cases of my career. Eventually, the case was remanded back to the Ninth Judicial Circuit, and in July 2013, the Honorable Heather Higbee(407-836-0598) reinstated the adoption because the statute of repose had run before the challenge was made, thereby ending the litigation over this child that had been ongoing for over eight years.

The opposing counsel in this case was Edward Jordan, Esq. (407-394-1000).

4) Jessica Meeks v. Computer Associates International, 15 F.3d 1013 (11th Circuit Court of Appeals, 1994)

I litigated this case on behalf of Jessica Meeks, and in a jury trial in the Florida Middle District, along with my co-counsel, Sharon Lee Stedman, Esq. (321-662-3186), we achieved a sizeable judgment against a major computer firm for violations of the Equal Pay Act. The case was appealed to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeal, where it was remanded for a recalculation of the damages, but the judgment was affirmed in all other respects. This case changed the way this large corporation handled compensation for women. The Judge that presided over this trial was Honorable David Baker (407-835-4290).

The attorneys who represented Computer Associates International were Christopher K. Kay, Esq. (914-523-9216) and Richard DuRose, Esq.(561-676-0205)

5) Ayyash v. Ayyash 700 So.2d 752 (5th DCA 1997)

I represented a man whose children were kidnapped by his former wife and hidden for seven years until federal investigators (FBI) recovered them in a small town in Tennessee, where they had been living under assumed names. The mother argued that she took the children because her former husband was of middle eastern descent, and although he was a U.S. citizen, she had feared he would take the children out of the country. She believed that she should receive exclusive custody of the children because the father was a total stranger to them. I argued for the father to be given temporary custody of his children so that he could commence efforts to re-establish a relationship with them, but the trial court was inclined to return them to the mother. The appellate court agreed with my argument and ordered the children into the temporary custody of the father, until a final hearing could be held to determine permanent custody. The trial court ultimately returned the children to the custody of the mother, based upon a recommendation from the Guardian ad Litem, and unfortunately, she again removed

them from the State of Florida and it was several more years before my client saw his children again. This case was important because it challenged the decision-makers to wrestle with the difficulty of addressing the rights of victimized parents and abducted children to have a realistic opportunity to repair damaged relationships, balanced against the harsh reality that it may not be possible to correct the harm done. The trial judge who presided over the case was the Honorable William C. Gridley (407-647-6765).

The attorneys who represented the mother was Joy Goff-Marcil, Esq. (407-894-7311), and the attorney who served as the Guardian ad Litem was N. Diane Holmes, Esq. (407-843-1744)

6) Mogul v. Mogul DR97-4417 Ninth Judicial Circuit

I represented paternal grandparents whose son was left severely impaired, after he was found in medical distress as a result of having ingested a large quantity of migraine medication that was prescribed for his wife. We were successful in obtaining an "assisted visitation" order from the Court to permit the paternal grandparents to exercise contact with their young granddaughter, in order for them to facilitate contact between their granddaughter and her profoundly disabled father, who was residing in a nursing home. This case was important because it highlighted the importance of a child having the best possible relationship she could have with her father, despite his disability. The trial judge that presided over the case was the Honorable Robert Evans (407-964-3323)

The attorney who represented the mother was Michael Sigman, Esq. (407-843-7333).

7) In re: Kateryna Volodymyrivna Yanchuk, Dariya Volodymyrivna Yanchuk and Tetyana Volodymyrivna Yanchuk, Minor Children, 2009-DR-13680 Ninth Judicial Circuit

I represented Frontier Horizons, Inc. an organization that brought children to the United States from the Ukraine to visit with families that might be interested in adopting them. The children had only tourist visas, and were required to return to Ukraine at the end of their summer visit. Adoption proceedings could then be initiated in Ukraine in accordance with the 1994 Hague Convention for the Protection of Children and in Respect of Intercountry Adoption. A family that had hosted three children for the summer, refused to return them to Ukraine, and attempted to obtain an exparte custody order allowing them to keep the children. This not only threatened to spark an international incident, but created a risk of impaired immigration status that could have prevented the children from later acquiring U.S. citizenship. We were able to obtain an emergency court order for their return to Ukraine, and with the assistance of law enforcement, recovered the children, who had been barricaded inside a gated residential compound in Seminole County. We facilitated their safe return to Ukraine. The case involved not only handling complex legal matters for the client, but also dealing with significant media coverage of the recovery in a manner that would not cause unnecessary concern for the U.S. and Ukrainian diplomats that were closely monitoring the unfolding events. The trial judge that presided over the case was the Hon. Robert Evans (407-964-3323).

The attorney who represented the opposing parties was Linda C. Hankins, Esq. (407-257-4014).

31. Attach at least one example of legal writing which you personally wrote. If you have not personally written any legal documents recently, you may attach writing for which you had substantial responsibility. Please describe your degree of involvement in preparing the writing you attached.

I wrote 100% of the attached Brief.

PRIOR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE OR PUBLIC OFFICE:

- 32a. Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? If so, state the court(s) involved and the dates of service or dates of candidacy.

Yes, I was a candidate for Ninth Circuit Judge Group 32 from March 2013 until August 26, 2014. The candidacy was not successful, as I received only 49% of the vote total.

In January 2015, I applied for appointment to the Ninth Circuit Court, to replace retiring Circuit Judge, Robert Evans. I was appointed to this position by Governor Rick Scott on March 25, 2015. My initial assignment was in the Domestic Violence Court in Orange County, Florida, where I received specialized training in the handling of domestic violence victims and perpetrators, as well as addressing the needs of the children exposed to domestic violence. I served in that court from May 2015 until February 2016, when I was reassigned to the Juvenile Dependency/Unified Family Court in Osceola County, Florida. I handled all juvenile dependency cases filed in Osceola County, as well as domestic violence, juvenile delinquency and domestic relations cases with related dependency cases, and all uncontested pro se domestic relations and adoption cases. In January 2019, I was reassigned to the Civil Division in Orange County, where I handle general civil and complex business litigation cases.

From January 2017 until December 2018, I served as the Associate Administrative Judge for Osceola County, and in that role, I assisted the Administrative Judge with all support issues for the eight Circuit Judges and four County Judges assigned to that courthouse. As part of my responsibilities as the Associate Administrative Judge, I coordinated the implementation of a full Unified Family Court in Osceola County.

In 2016, I was reelected to the position of Circuit Court Judge, without opposition. My current term expires in 2022.

- 32b. List any prior quasi-judicial service:

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>Position Held</i>
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N/A

Types of issues heard:

32c. Have you ever held or been a candidate for any other public office? If so, state the office, location and dates of service or candidacy.

NO

32d. If you have had prior judicial or quasi-judicial experience,

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

A.

The following attorneys regularly appeared before me in the Juvenile Dependency Court in Osceola County, Florida-

Briana Emanuel, Esq. and Cedric Tibon, Esq. Office of Regional Conflict Counsel 5th District, 3300 Greenwald Way N. Kissimmee, FL 34741 (407-846-1030 bemanuel@rc5state.com) (407-836-1030 ctibon@rc5state.com)

Samuel Lea, Esq. 200 Pasadena Place Orlando, FL 32803 (407-205-6842 attorneysamlea@gmail.com)

Tony Richardson, Esq. 2727 13th St. St. Cloud, FL 34769 (407-944-4511 tony@therichardsonlawfirm.com)

B.

The following attorneys have appeared before me on matters of substance since my reassignment to Orange County in January 2019-

Joseph Menello, Esq., Patrick Mixon, Esq. and Richards H. Ford, Esq. Wicker, Smith, O'Hara, McCoy and Ford 390 N. Orange Ave. Suite 1000 Orlando, FL 32801 (407-317-2118 jmenello@wickersmith.com) (407-317-2170 rford@wickersmith.com) (407-317-2103 pmixson@wickersmith.com)

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(ii) Describe the approximate number and nature of the cases you have handled during your judicial or quasi-judicial tenure.

From May 2015- February 2016, I handled an average of 250 distinct cases per month involving domestic violence injunctions, stalking injunctions, repeat violence, dating violence and sexual violence injunctions, both issuance and enforcement, as well as associated collateral issues, such as child visitation and support, transfer of property etc.

From February 2016- December 2018, I handled an ongoing caseload of 32 5-375 dependent children and young adults, as well as 35-45 uncontested domestic relations cases scheduled every three weeks, and approximately 20-30 domestic violence, stalking, repeat violence, dating violence and sexual violence injunction cases per month. I also handled all juvenile delinquency matters for the dependent children, and related domestic relations cases for families with dependency cases, as part of the Unified Family Court. Trials involved issues of dependency, termination of parental rights, contested adoption, contested family reunification, delinquency charges/disposition, contested paternity or time-sharing, domestic violence injunctions and issues involving children with disabilities/mental health issues.

From January 2019- present, I currently manage approximately 3000 general civil and complex business/commercial litigation cases. The variety of cases in corporate numerous distinct areas of law, including, but not limited to, personal injury, medical malpractice, mortgage/lien foreclosure, business dissolution, construction litigation, commercial/contract litigation, first party insurance claims, bad faith insurance claims, fraudulent transactions, injunctive relief, real property disputes, warranty claims, administrative agency disputes, etc.

(iii) List citations of any opinions which have been published.

N/A

(iv) List citations or styles and describe the five most significant cases you have tried or heard. Identify the parties, describe the cases and tell why you believe them to be significant. Give dates tried and names of attorneys involved.

Given the nature of the work that I've done, it is difficult to identify the "most significant" cases I have presided over, as every case is exceedingly important to the parties involved. I have, therefore, selected five cases that reflect the opportunities I had to make a genuine difference in the lives of dependent children. Dependency work is difficult, emotionally intense, and often frustrating, but it affords both judges and attorneys, real opportunities to change the trajectory of a child's life for the better.

1) In the Interest of _____ : _____ DP 1 and In the Interest of _____

This consolidated case involved a teenage girl who was a sexual abuse victim. At the age of thirteen (13), _____ gave birth to a baby girl. _____'s untreated physical and emotional trauma resulted in aggressive behavior that made it extremely difficult to keep her living situation stable, and it also resulted in a number of delinquency charges being filed against her. Her numerous placement disruptions caused frequent changes in her case managers, and in her mental health providers. This, in turn, resulted in numerous changes in _____'s

mental health diagnosis and prescribed medication. As a result of her instability and problematic behavior, a determination was made to separate [redacted] from her baby, and to thereafter severely limit her access to the baby. Several months passed with [redacted] receiving little or no mental health treatment, no sexual abuse treatment, and little or no access to her daughter. [redacted] behavior rapidly deteriorated. Not long after I came into the division, [redacted] case was brought before me on a request to place her into a secured residential psychiatric program.

I met with [redacted], before her case was called, and had an opportunity to hear her view of what was happening in her life and what was important to her for the future. I appointed an Attorney ad Litem to represent [redacted]. That attorney worked hard to get proper services for [redacted] consistency in her care providers and a better flow of information regarding [redacted] needs. This resulted in [redacted] being able to avoid a secured treatment program. She was able to gain access to the sexual abuse therapy that she needed and have her delinquency charges resolved in a manner which did not overly burden her future. She became stabilized in her placements for much longer periods of time and she was then able to have regular visits with her daughter. It also allowed her to develop a close relationship with her daughter's foster parents, and ultimately she was given the opportunity to reunify with her daughter, but she decided to consent to the foster parents adopting [redacted], in an open arrangement with ongoing visits.

The attorneys involved in this case-

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2) In the Interest of [redacted] I-DP-

I first met [redacted] when it was brought to my attention that he had become involved in significant delinquent behavior, and that, as a result of those decisions, his permanent guardianship with a paternal aunt was in danger of disrupting. Efforts were made to stabilize this placement in which [redacted] had been residing for over twelve (12) years, but [redacted] was angry, defiant and had begun periodically running away from his aunt's residence. A review of the file revealed that each time he ran away, he had gone to his mother's residence, and each time she had called the Case Manager to advise that [redacted] had shown up at her home. The file also revealed that [redacted]'s mother had been present at every hearing involving [redacted] had consistently exercised contact with [redacted] and

had tried to help the aunt with [redacted] behavior. At my request, the Department investigated whether or not [redacted] s mother could be a suitable placement for him. A determination was made that [redacted] s mother had resolved her substance abuse problems several years earlier, and she could, in fact, provide a safe and appropriate home for him. In meeting with [redacted] I was able to extract an agreement from him that he would be permitted to reside with his mother, if he would follow her rules, attend school regularly and not get into any more trouble with law enforcement. [redacted] made this "deal" with me, and I reunified him with his mother. He has kept his end of the bargain, and as a result of his good behavior, his delinquency cases resolved with only probation. His mother reported relatively few problems with his attitude or behavior and he began playing football. He hoped to get his grades up so that he could play with his high school football team after completing his alternative school. He was doing well in most aspects of his life, and his mother was partnering with her Dependency team, to keep him on a good path. I firmly believe this child would have wound up in prison eventually, but for the intensive work that his mother, the Court, DCF case management, the GAL and the school provided.

The attorneys in this case-

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3) In the Interest of [redacted] DP

[redacted] is a special needs young adult. He lived in an extended foster care home, and continued under the jurisdiction of the dependency court until he reached the age of twenty-two (22). A few months before I transferred to the Dependency Court, [redacted] had an unfortunate encounter with some teenage boys in the neighborhood near his foster home. They wanted [redacted] to shoplift some items from Walgreens, but he refused to participate. The boys took [redacted] bicycle and gave him a bicycle they had stolen from another teen. They then informed that individual that [redacted] was the one who had stolen the bicycle. The owner of the bicycle, and several of his friends, confronted [redacted] They beat him, took his backpack from him and set the backpack on fire. Inside the backpack was [redacted] s two most prized possessions...his martial arts belt (white with a yellow stripe that he had earned) and an aviation flight suit that was given to him by then Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings when he had participated in a Sheriff's "ride along". [redacted] was particularly devastated by this loss. When I learned of how distraught [redacted] was about his aviation jump suit, and what a big fan he was of Sheriff Demings, I contacted the Sheriff to see if the jumpsuit could be replaced.

Sheriff Demings was so touched by [redacted] s story, that he immediately made arrangements for a replacement flight suit. And to make it even more special, Sheriff Demings invited [redacted] Case Manager to bring him out to the Sheriff's helicopter hangar for a surprise ceremony, where he awarded [redacted] a lapel star,

making him an honorary deputy, for making the "right" choices. He got to tour the hangar, sit in the helicopter and watch the helicopter pilots respond to an incoming call for service. It was a very special day for [REDACTED], and I was thrilled to be a part of it.

The attorneys in this case-

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4) In the Interest of

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[REDACTED] mother was in prison and her father was battling Stage 4 cancer. [REDACTED] was originally placed in foster care, but her behavior was difficult for the foster families to deal with, and she had to be moved several times. Prior to the start of the 2015-2016 school year, arrangements were made for [REDACTED] to go to Maryland to live with her father for her Senior year of high school. This decision was approved by the Interstate Compact Office in Maryland, but they expressed reservations about whether [REDACTED] father could handle the responsibility, with his deteriorated health.

Overall, [REDACTED] did fairly well for most of the school year, but in the late Spring, [REDACTED] became distraught when her boyfriend broke up with her, and she decided to ingest a handful of ibuprofen. This resulted in her being involuntarily committed to a mental health facility for observation. The case management report filed with the Maryland Interstate Compact following this incident, resulted in a demand that [REDACTED] be immediately removed from the State of Maryland and taken back to Florida. Inasmuch as [REDACTED] final exams, Senior prom and graduation were all upcoming within the next few weeks, multiple phone calls were made, at my instruction, to try to get the Interstate Compact Office to stay its decision long enough for [REDACTED] to attend these important life events. The Interstate Compact Office flatly refused to allow [REDACTED] to continue residing in the State of Maryland, even for that short time period, and insisted that she be removed immediately. Compliance with this directive would have resulted in [REDACTED] failing her classes, missing her prom and not graduating with her class.

I am quite familiar with the provisions of the Interstate Compact, and also familiar with the geography in the Washington DC area, so when I noted that [REDACTED]'s uncle resided in northern Virginia, I was able to quickly direct the Case Manager to make arrangements for [REDACTED] to have an extended ICPC visit with her uncle in the state of Virginia. The uncle lives less than an hour's drive from [REDACTED]'s high school, and he was willing to drive [REDACTED] every day to her school to take her final exams, attend her Prom, and to walk for her graduation. [REDACTED] was deeply appreciative of everything that was done to make this possible for her. She brought prom pictures to her next hearing, and a copy of her college acceptance to [REDACTED] where she planned to enroll in January 2017, after she turned eighteen (18) and could legally return to the State of Maryland. The efforts of the attorneys and the case management team on behalf of this child, was impressive.

The attorneys in this case-

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5) In the Interest of

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The mother of the seven children in this case, had fairly severe intellectual deficits, which rendered her unable to provide care for children without the assistance of another responsible adult. The father was required to work to provide for the family, and could not be constantly present to assist the mother with the care of the children. The case presented unique challenges for integrating the Florida dependency statutes (which require that steps be taken to protect the children and provide them with permanency within a reasonable period of time), with the Americans with Disabilities Act, (which require that reasonable accommodations be made to assist this mother with her disability). Since her fundamental constitutional rights were involved, the decisions needed to carefully consider both the best interests and safety of the children, and the State of Florida's obligation to use the least restrictive means to accomplish the protection of the children. The case management team was able to identify assistance services to cover the times when the children were not in school or daycare, and the family was eventually able to reunify. It was a wonderful opportunity to see the lawyers, Guardian ad Litem and case managers work to find an appropriate balance, and "think outside the box" to find solutions to a different kind of problem.

The attorneys in this case-

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(v) Has a complaint about you ever been made to the Judicial Qualifications Commission? If so, give date, describe complaint, whether or not there was a finding of probable cause, whether or not you have appeared before the Commission, and its resolution.

Not that I know of

- (vi) Have you ever held an attorney in contempt? If so, for each instance state name of attorney, approximate date and circumstances.

NO

- (vii) If you are a quasi-judicial officer (ALJ, Magistrate, General Master), have you ever been disciplined or reprimanded by a sitting judge? If so, describe.

N/A

BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT:

- 33a. 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.

N/A

- 33b. Since being admitted to the Bar, have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law? If so, give details, including dates.

Yes

1) I served as the Executive Director (1999-2014), the Legal Services Director (2014-2015), and Director at Large (2015-February 2017) of A Chosen Child, Inc., a licensed non-profit child placing agency.

My duties previously included providing legal representation to the agency, as well as numerous non-legal functions, such as personnel management, case management, administrative and licensing compliance, marketing, community outreach, education, mentoring, and provision of social services and community resources to women in crisis pregnancy. I also worked closely with other private community service agencies and State and Federal governmental agencies such as Social Security, Medicaid, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Florida Department of Children and Families, Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children, U.S. Department of State, Florida Department of Health, and the Vital Statistics Offices throughout the United States and overseas. From 2015-2017, my involvement was extremely limited.

2) I also taught Upper Division Law Students as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Barry Law School in Orlando, FL from June, 2004 until May 2016. I would typically teach at least two semesters per year, and many years taught all three semesters (year round). In addition to lecture and administration of a three hour exam for the students enrolled in the class, I have mentored many of the students who showed a strong interest in practicing in this area of law.

I discontinued teaching after I was transferred to Osceola County, making travel to the campus for a 6 pm. class too difficult. Now that I have returned to Orange County, I have agreed to return to teaching as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Barry Law School in January 2020.

- 33c. State whether during the past five years you have received any fees or compensation of any kind, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization, or association of any kind. If so, identify the source of such compensation, the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization or association involved and the dates such compensation was paid and the amounts.

I was compensated by Barry Law School for teaching as an Adjunct Professor of Law since I began teaching in 2004. I received compensation at the rate of \$4500 per semester (\$13,500 per year when three semesters were taught, \$9000 per year when two semesters were taught). This continued until May 2016. I will begin receiving compensation again at the same rate commencing in January 2020.

A Chosen Child, Inc. did not differentiate between legal management services and non-legal management services. Since 2015, I have not received a salary or any compensation from A Chosen Child, Inc., but the agency previously paid a flat fee of \$130,000 per year to my law firm, Adoption, Surrogacy and Family Law Firm, P.A., for services not directly related to specific cases. Services for specific cases were billed separately and paid to Adoption, Surrogacy and Family Law Firm, P.A. and those fees varied significantly depending upon the nature of the services provided, but they were all paid to the law firm, and not to me directly. All sums received from A Chosen Child Inc. were reported on the corporate income tax returns of the law firm and/ or on my personal tax returns, as appropriate.

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.

There are no types of cases that would limit my ability to serve. The cases from which I have had to recuse myself, have been cases in which I had previously represented a party appearing before the Court, and cases in which my former law partner appeared as counsel of record. My former law partner is now a County Court Judge in Osceola County, so she no longer appears as an attorney in court. Recently, a family member of mine filed a lawsuit against an insurance company that regularly has cases assigned to

my division. I have disclosed that circumstance in every case involving this insurance company, and some of those cases requested that I recuse. I have recused in those cases. Once that case is resolved, this will no longer be an issue, as I have no personal knowledge of the accident, and no involvement in the case. I believe there have been approximately ten recusals since I was appointed Circuit Judge.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 35a. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a first degree misdemeanor?
Yes _____ No If "Yes" what charges? _____
Where convicted? _____ Date of Conviction: _____
- 35b. Have you pled nolo contendere or pled guilty to a crime which is a felony or a first degree misdemeanor?
Yes _____ No If "Yes" what charges? _____
Where convicted? _____ Date of Conviction: _____
- 35c. Have you ever had the adjudication of guilt withheld for a crime which is a felony or a first degree misdemeanor?
Yes _____ No If "Yes" what charges? _____
Where convicted? _____ Date of Conviction: _____
- 36a. Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, give particulars including name of client, date suit filed, court, case number and disposition.
NO
- 36b. Has any lawsuit to your knowledge been filed alleging malpractice as a result of action or inaction on your part?
NO
- 36c. Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? If so, give particulars, including the amounts involved.
NO
- 37a. Have you ever filed a personal petition in bankruptcy or has a petition in bankruptcy been filed against you?
NO

- 37b. Have you ever owned more than 25% of the issued and outstanding shares or acted as an officer or director of any corporation by which or against which a petition in bankruptcy has been filed? If so, give name of corporation, your relationship to it and date and caption of petition.

NO

38. Have you ever been a party to a lawsuit either as a plaintiff or as a defendant? If so, please supply the jurisdiction/county in which the lawsuit was filed, style, case number, nature of the lawsuit, whether you were Plaintiff or Defendant and its disposition.

Yes, I was listed as a Defendant in a lawsuit filed in July 2008 by the unmarried biological father of a child who was placed for adoption with his maternal grandparents (my clients), by the birth mother (my clients' daughter). After many years of litigation in the adoption case (which included several appeals to the Fifth District Court of Appeals and one to the Florida Supreme Court) the biological father filed a civil action against the birth mother, the maternal grandparents, my law firm, me personally, the agency where I served as Executive Director, A Chosen Child, Inc. (which was not involved in this adoption proceeding), the process server and the process server's corporation. The claims against two of the Defendants (John Dippenworth and J.D. Process Service, LLC) were dismissed with prejudice early on, and the Plaintiff settled a 57.105 fee claim with those Defendants by paying an agreed upon sum toward their fees. Summary Judgment was granted in favor of my law firm, and me personally, in July, 2013. That ruling was appealed by the Plaintiff, but the ruling was affirmed by the Fifth District Court of Appeal. All other Defendants were released from the case by the Plaintiff, who filed voluntary notices of dismissal subsequent to the Summary Judgment ruling that had released me personally, and my law firm. Although claims under Fla. Stat. 57.105 were filed on behalf of me personally, my law firm, the birth mother, and my clients, these claims were not pursued after the voluntary dismissal. The underlying adoption case was ultimately decided in favor of my clients.

The case was filed in Orange County, but was heard in Brevard County by an appointed Circuit Court Judge, Honorable Charles Roberts (because when the case was originally filed, and I was listed as a defendant, I was the wife of a current sitting Circuit Court Judge in the Ninth Circuit). The case number was 08-CA-16329 and the style of the case was Jeffrey Joseph Hayden v. Patricia L. Strowbridge, Esq., Patricia L. Strowbridge, P.A., A Chosen Child, Inc., Tristan Shea Buck, Eddie Nelson Montalvo, Karen Denise Montalvo, John Dippenworth and J.D. Process Service, LLC.

39. 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, give the particulars.

1) Approximately 25 years ago, I was involved in a contested child custody case representing the father of a young child. Tanya Plaut, Esq. represented the mother of the child. A few months prior to this case, the Florida Bar had issued an ethics opinion, advising attorneys on the proper handling of misdirected facsimiles, but I was not aware of the Florida Bar opinion. Ms. Plaut's office misdirected a brief fax letter to my office, which arrived late on the last business day before Christmas. The recently issued ethics opinion required that I notify Ms. Plaut "immediately" of the receipt of the misdirected fax, which I did not do because of the late hour of receipt, and the closure of my office for the holiday. Instead, the document was placed into filing and thereafter, forgotten about until an issue came up during a hearing several weeks later. At that hearing, I advised Ms. Plaut and the Court that I had received the misdirected fax. Ms. Plaut then filed a Florida Bar grievance citing the new ethics opinion. I acknowledged that the fax had not been immediately returned to Ms. Plaut, but denied any intentional mishandling of the fax.

A determination was made that, even if successfully proven, the allegations would not have established more than minor misconduct, so the case was recommended for a Diversion program. I successfully completed the requirements for the Diversion program, the case was dismissed. Thereafter, I made sure that I carefully reviewed each issue of the Florida Bar News for new ethics opinions.

2) Approximately 17 years ago, a complaint was filed against me by a birthmother who had placed her child for adoption through my law firm. The birth mother, C. [redacted] experienced significant grief after placing her baby with the family that she had personally interviewed and selected. Several weeks after the baby was placed, C. [redacted] requested a much higher level of "openness" (post adoption visitation and contact) than had been originally agreed upon between her and her selected family. When the family would not agree to modify the level of openness, C. [redacted] became distraught and angry. She filed a Florida Bar complaint against me, suggesting that I should have "advised" her to request a more open adoption. C. [redacted] had previously been told several times, both verbally and in writing, that I was acting only as the intermediary for the adoption, and did not represent her as an attorney. She was told verbally, and in writing that she had the right to be represented by an attorney, but she did not request legal representation. Despite the signed documents being provided to the Bar investigator, the complaint was referred to a Committee for investigation. The Committee expressed concerns about whether or not C. [redacted] had fully understood my role as an intermediary for the adoption, and whether I should have taken some additional steps to insure that she fully understood.

Upon review of the case, Bar Counsel acknowledged that the case did not appear to establish any identifiable ethics violation and, even if the allegation (that insufficient information was provided to C. [redacted], to enable her to fully understand my role) were proven, it would not constitute more than minor misconduct, so a recommendation was

made for a referral to a Diversion program ethics course, for which it was specifically agreed, I would receive regular CLE credit (not typically given for Bar ethics courses), as a resolution of the case. I was not opposed to having the case resolved, but I insisted upon a specific stipulation from Bar Counsel, that there was to be an agreed upon finding of "no admission of improper conduct", which was accepted by Bar Counsel, and incorporated into the settlement agreement. With that stipulation, I agreed to the Diversion, and upon completion of the course and registration of the ethics credits, the case was dismissed. From that point forward, I ceased participating in any direct contact with the birthmothers, to insure that my role was completely clear to them. The only communication I typically had with birthmothers after this experience, was to be present with witnesses and a court reporter, for the final execution of the consent documents necessary to complete the adoption plan.

40. To your knowledge within the last ten years, have any of your current or former co-workers, subordinates, supervisors, customers or clients ever filed a formal complaint or formal accusation of misconduct against you with any regulatory or investigatory agency, or with your employer? If so, please state the date(s) of such formal complaint or formal accusation(s), the specific formal complaint or formal accusation(s) made, and the background and resolution of such action(s). (Any complaint filed with JQC, refer to 32d(v).

In late 2009, clients whom I had represented, filed a complaint with the Florida Bar alleging that they did not wish to pay the balance of fees due to my firm, for copies of their adopted child's medical records. Florida statutes required me to deliver these medical records to the clients, and this "cost" was their obligation under their representation agreement with my office. I believe that the clients were upset that they were unable to speak with me personally about their frustration, and had to communicate with my Paralegal, as I was out of the office, due to the the impending death of my husband, when the issue arose. The complaint was dismissed with a finding of no probable cause, and the clients subsequently agreed to pay for the copies of their child's medical records.

41. 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

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

NO

- 43a. Have you filed all past tax returns as required by federal, state, local and other government authorities?

Yes No If no, please explain. _____

- 43b. Have you ever paid a tax penalty?

Yes No If yes, please explain what and why. _____

43c. Has a tax lien ever been filed against you? If so, by whom, when, where and why?

NO

HONORS AND PUBLICATIONS:

44. If you have published any books or articles, list them, giving citations and dates.

I have not published any books or articles, but I was the primary author of the 2003 Florida Adoption Reform Act, and wrote the supporting memoranda to the Bill sponsors to assist in the passage of the comprehensive reform being proposed. The Bill was signed into law by Governor Jeb Bush on May 30, 2003 with only minor changes from the original.

I was also the primary author of the 2012 Florida Adoption Act, which was a substantial 66 page Bill, processed through multiple House and Senate committees. This Bill was signed into law by Governor Rick Scott on April 6, 2012. Again, I served as the topical expert for the Bill sponsor, Rep. Janet Adkins, and prepared numerous memoranda in support of the legislation. I participated in committee hearings, and meetings with lobbyists, Representatives, Senators, and interested constituents regarding the proposed legislation.

45. List any honors, prizes or awards you have received. Give dates.

1993 Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Assoc. Award of Excellence for work on behalf of children in divorce and dependency proceedings

1996 Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Assoc. Award of Excellence for work on behalf of children in divorce and dependency proceedings

1993, 1995, and 1996 Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Assoc. Certificates of Appreciation for work on behalf of children in divorce and dependency proceedings

2003 Florida Adoption Council, President's Award for work on behalf of the Adoption Community

2005 recipient of the Orlando Sentinel and Magic 107.7 "Woman of Magic" Award for exceptional service and leadership in the community in the area of adoption and foster care

2010 Central Florida Family Law Inns of Court, "Master" designation

2012 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida Adoption Council

2012 Listed as one of Orlando's "Top Women Lawyers" by Orlando Home and Leisure Magazine

2018 Award of Excellence from the Osceola School Board for commitment to the students of Osceola County in the management and success of the Osceola Truancy Court

46. List and describe any speeches or lectures you have given.

In addition to teaching at Barry Law School, where I would typically lecture twice a week during each semester in which the course was offered, I would also typically speak every year at the Florida Adoption Council Annual Conference on various different topics, including case law updates, constitutional issues in termination of parental rights and basic juvenile dependency law for adoption and family law practitioners. When I was in private practice, I would provide monthly seminars for prospective adoptive families, where I would speak for 3 - 4 hours on various aspects of the adoption law and procedure, as well as assisted reproductive technology law.

In addition I have regularly spoken on topics such as Safe Haven laws, Adoption, Foster Care, Infertility Options, Gestational Carrier Arrangements, Dependency Issues, Immigration issues of minor children, etc. at local hospitals, counseling centers, crisis pregnancy centers, judicial functions, medical organizations and voluntary Bar organizations.

I have spoken to the Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges, Florida Hospital Statewide Case Management Team, Winter Park Hospital Labor and Delivery Nurses and Case Managers, Orange County Bar Family Law Section, Osceola County Family Law Judicial and Court Personnel Training Seminar, Seminole Community College, Waterford Hospital, Accept Crisis Pregnancy Center, Discovery Counseling Services, South Seminole Hospital, Ormond Hospital, Fish Memorial Hospital, Florida Hospital Deland, First Baptist Church of Orlando Foster Parent Training, First Life Crisis Pregnancy Center; Halifax Medical Center; Heart of Florida Hospital, Mosaic Church Orphan Ministry, Serve the City Conference, etc.

On October 4, 2013, I spoke at a symposium sponsored by the Child and Family Law Journal at Barry Law School, entitled "From Baby Lenore to Baby Veronica: The Unintended Consequences of Adoption Law".

Earlier in 2013, I spoke to the Florida Association of Ob/Gyn Medical Professionals in Clearwater, FL on the topic of speaking knowledgeably with patients about adoption as an option for growing their family or for dealing with an unexpected pregnancy.

In February 2016, I spoke at Inside the Court, a program run by the Ninth Circuit judges to provide free information to citizens about how our court system operates.

On March 16, 2018, I spoke at a symposium sponsored by the Child and Family Law Journal at Barry Law School on the subject of "Unified Family Court"

47. Do you have a Martindale-Hubbell rating? Yes If so, what is it? ___ No

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PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- 48a. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any office which you may have held in such groups and committees to which you belonged.

Florida Bar, Member 1988-present

Florida Bar Family Law Section, Former Member

Orange County Bar Association, Member 1988-present

Orange County Bar Association, Family Law Committee, Former Member

Osceola County Bar Association, Member 2013-present

Osceola Community Alliance, Former Member and statutory Board member

American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Fellow since 2003, Judicial Member since 2015

American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys, Fellow since 2013, Judicial Member since 2015

Florida Adoption Council, Member, President 2002-2004, Executive Vice President 2004-2006, Secretary 2006-2009, Director at Large 2009 to 2015, Chair of the Amicus Curiae Committee and of the Legislative Committee, 2011-2015.

Central Florida Family Law Inns of Court, Master for approximately 8 years, Bencher since 2015, Chair of a Pupilage Group 2012-2013.

George C. Young American Inns of Court, Bencher 2015-present

Florida Bar Board of Governors, Board of Legal Specialization and Education, appointed to the Adoption Law Certification Committee in August 2011, served until May 2012.

Federalist Society, Orlando Chapter, Member 2012-present

Tiger Bay Club of Central Florida, Member 2013-present

Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Member 2012-present

Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida, Member 2013-present

Christian Legal Society, Member 2013-present

- 48b. List, in a fully identifiable fashion, all organizations, other than those identified in response to question No. 48(a), of which you have been a member since graduating from law school, including the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in each such organization.

First Baptist Church of Orlando, Active Member

Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips, Rotarian/ Active Member

Rotary District 6980 Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Youth Protection Officer 2017-present

University of Florida Orange and Blue Boosters, Former Member

West Orange Chamber of Commerce, Former Member
Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, Former Member
St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce, Former Member
Apopka Chamber of Commerce, Former Member
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Former Member
Christian Chamber of Commerce, Former Member
British Chamber of Commerce, Former Member
League of Women Voters of Central Florida, Former Member
Orlando Metro Gymnastics Booster Club, Former Member
Orange County Sportsmen Club, Former Member
Citrus Club, Former Member
Choose Life Tag, Lead Agency for distribution of charitable proceeds from the sale of
Choose Life License Tags to non-profit adoption agencies and crisis pregnancy centers
in Orange County, Florida 2008-2012
St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Former Member, Board of Trustees 1992 to 1995
Westwind Homeowners Association. Former Member. Board of Directors- 1999 to 2001
American Trial Lawyers Association, Former Member
American Bar Association, Former Member
Mitt Romney Presidential Campaign, Florida Family Policy Advisor 2011 to 2012

48c. List your hobbies or other vocational interests.

I participate in local and international mission work through my church, First Baptist Church of Orlando, and in charitable work/community service with the Dr. Phillips Rotary Club. I have travelled to Brazil (twice), Spain and Israel on mission trips with my church, to meet the needs of others. I especially enjoy the numerous friendships I have made through serving with these exemplary organizations.

I enjoy travelling to new places, and meeting interesting people. I serve as the District 6980 Rotary Youth Protection Officer, dealing with incoming and outbound high school exchange students. Our students come from, and go to, many different countries, and I enjoy learning from these students.

I enjoy listening to knowledgeable speakers debate timely topics, so I often attend luncheons and other events, sponsored by the Tiger Bay Club of Orlando, Rotary International, Orlando Chapter of the Federalist Society, Orlando Chapter of the Christian Legal Society, Inns of Court and Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers.

48d. Do you now or have you ever belonged to any 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, national origin or sex? If so, detail 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

48e. Describe any pro bono legal work you have done. Give dates.

I served as Guardian ad Litem for many children beginning in 1989 and continuing until about twelve years ago. I have provided free legal services to dozens of families for the adoption of medically fragile and special needs children, and I provided those services regularly and consistently for at least fifteen years until I accepted the position as a Ninth Circuit judge. I often worked for free, or very reduced rates, for needy families that were facing tough legal issues related to children who were in their custody as a result of abandonment or death of a parent, or when there were difficult immigration issues involving children. I have taken pro bono appeals on a number of occasions, both independently, and through the Florida Adoption Council, as Amicus Curiae, in cases that presented issues of importance in adoption law and/or juvenile dependency law.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

49a. Have you attended any continuing legal education programs during the past five years? If so, in what substantive areas?

Yes, multiple courses/programs in Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency, Family Law, Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights, Assisted Reproductive Technology Law, Domestic Violence, Immigration and International Issues in Adoption and Surrogacy.

I attended the Florida Judicial College Phase 1 and Phase 2, which provided two weeks of intense training in Evidence, Rules of Procedure, Constitutional issues, Courtroom Management, Handling Unrepresented Parties and Stress Management.

I have attended Advanced Judicial Studies and the annual Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges, where I have taken courses in Advanced Evidence, Criminal Law, Civil Law, Diversity and Fairness, Domestic Violence, Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency, Probate and Guardianship Law.

I have attended and completed the Florida Judicial College Faculty Training.

- 49b. Have you taught any courses on law or lectured at bar association conferences, law school forums, or continuing legal education programs? If so, in what substantive areas?

Yes, Adoption Law, Family Law, Assisted Reproductive Technology/Surrogacy Law, International Adoption/International Surrogacy, Safe Haven, Indian Child Welfare Act Compliance and the Effect of Recent Court Decisions, Constitutional Issues in Juvenile Dependency Cases, Statutory and Constitutional Issues in Termination of Parental Rights. I spoke at the Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges with Judge David Gooding on Adoption Law in 2015, at Inside the Courts in 2016 on Hot Topics in the law today, and Community Based Care Training in 2018 on the recent Florida Supreme Court case of Simmonds v. Perkins, and how it affects unmarried biological father's rights in Florida.

50. Describe any additional education or other experience you have which could assist you in holding judicial office.

Prior to my service on the Ninth Circuit Court, I founded and ran two successful companies, with a combined staff of over 20 employees and contractors. Almost all of my full-time core staff were employed by me for more than a decade, and many of them continued with me up to the day I resigned to assume my position on the bench.

In January 2017, less than two years after joining the Ninth Circuit Court, I was asked to serve as the Associate Administrative Judge for Osceola County, and I continued in that role until I was transferred back to Orange County in January 2019. In that position, I advocated for the needs of the Ninth Circuit judges assigned to Osceola County, and provided assistance to them as needed.

I spent several years working on legislative issues in Tallahassee which allowed me to have a deeper understanding of how that process works, and ultimately the importance of our constitutional system of checks and balances. Participating in this process helped to firmly shape my judicial philosophy, and my understanding of, and commitment to, federalism and separation of powers.

51. Explain the particular potential contribution you believe your selection would bring to this position.

The Fifth District Court of Appeal is frequently called upon to interpret issues that shape the lives of our citizens, and to do so with an understanding of the proper role of the judiciary in our governmental structure. My experiences in working with the Florida Legislature for passage of comprehensive statutory provisions, has allowed me to develop an understanding of how the various stakeholders impact the final product, and why it is important for courts to refrain from improperly or capriciously rewriting those laws.

It is also critically important that this Court be comprised of judges with a diversity of professional experience. I have a unique background and extensive experience in areas of law dealing with individual rights, and the rights of children and families. These cases often present complex mixed issues of statutory interpretation and constitutional law. It is critically important that these matters be addressed with clarity and purpose. A failure to properly do so, would be damaging to our state, and to our individual citizens. I believe I could contribute a sophisticated insight in correctly interpreting legal issues in those areas.

I have also been assigned to general civil and complex business litigation cases, in which I have been called upon to interpret case law, contracts and statutes. I have managed juries and the conduct of lengthy trials. These skills are of practical importance for appellate cases, and provide a deeper understanding of the issues that trial judges face on a day to day basis.

My background and experience with both trial and appellate litigation, teaching law, interpretation of the law, as well as the drafting of laws and the legislative process, has provided me with a grounded understanding of constitutional law, federalism and separation of powers.

Finally, I raised five children, including a DCF foster child, and I was a single parent for many years, due to the death of my husband. Because of this background, I have the kind of discernment, work ethic, patience and balanced temperament that one acquires only from life lessons learned along a path that wasn't always easy.

52. If you have previously submitted a questionnaire or application to this or any other judicial nominating commission, please give the name of the commission and the approximate date of submission.

Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, February, 2012.

Fifth District Judicial Nominating Commission, Spring, 2012

Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, November, 2012

Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, June, 2013

Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, October 2013

Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, December 2013

Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, January 2015

Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission, November 2016

Fifth District Judicial Nominating Commission February 2017

Fifth District Judicial Nominating Commission May 2018

Fifth District Judicial Nominating Commission December 2018

53. Give any other information you feel would be helpful to the Commission in evaluating your application.

I have relentlessly pursued excellence throughout my legal career, as well as, in my personal life. I have a strong work ethic and I am well prepared to meet the challenges of this position. I believe my background and experience would be beneficial to the appellate court, and I stand ready to serve the citizens of Florida in that role.

REFERENCES:

54. List the names, addresses and telephone numbers of ten persons who are in a position to comment on your qualifications for judicial position and of whom inquiry may be made by the Commission.

Judicial Officers:

Hon. Renee Roche, Administrative Judge Civil Division
425 N. Orange Ave. Orlando, FL 32801 ()

Hon. Leticia Marques, Administrative Judge Criminal Division
425 N. Orange Ave. Orlando, FL 32801 ()

Hon. Luis Calderon, Civil Division Orange County
425 N. Orange Ave. Orlando, FL 32801 ()

Hon. Margaret Schreiber, Civil Division Osceola County
2 Courthouse Sq. Kissimmee, FL 34741 ()

Hon. Tesha Ballou, Circuit Judge-18th Circuit
506 S. Palm Ave. Titusville, FL 32796 ()

Hon. Brian Welke, Circuit Judge-5th Circuit
550 W. Main St. Tavares, FL 32778 ()

Hon. Chad Alvaro Civil Division Orange County
425 N. Orange Ave. Orlando, FL 32801 ()

Personal References:

David Uth, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Orlando, 3000 S. John Young Parkway, Orlando, FL 32805 (407) 833-1111

Joshua Grosshans, Esq. 111 N. Magnolia Ave. Ste 1400, Orlando, FL 32801 (407) 833-1111

Steve Price, Esq. President of the Florida Adoption Council, 1411 Edgewater Dr. Ste.200, Orlando, FL 32804 (407) 833-1111

Ron Janssen, Rotary District Governor, 8254 Granada Blvd. Orlando, FL 32836, (407) 833-1111

Robison Harrell, Esq. Past President of the Florida Adoption Council, 3 Clifford Dr. Shalimar, FL 32579 (904) 833-1111

Fred Jones, Esq. Rotary District Youth Services Chair, P.O. Box 1776 Winter Park, FL 32790 (407) 833-1111

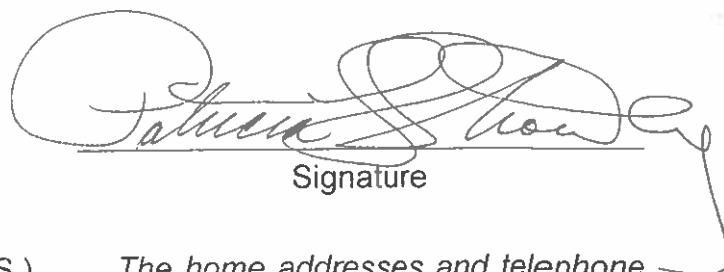
CERTIFICATE

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 16th day of August, 2019

PATRICIA STROWBIDGE
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.

	\$93,735 (YTD)		
Current year to date	Judicial Salary		
	2018-	2017-	2016-
	\$155,307	\$149,732	\$146,080
	(Judicial salary)	(Judicial salary)	(Judicial Salary)
List Last 3 years	_____	_____	_____

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.

	\$62,225 (YTD)		
Current year to date	Judicial Salary		
	2018-	2017-	2016-
	\$110,195	\$99,654	\$97,662
List Last 3 years	(Judicial salary)	(Judicial salary)	(Judicial Salary)
	_____	_____	_____

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.

	\$15,628		
Current year to date	(FERS)		
	2018-	2017-	2016-
			\$2,250 (Barry Law)
	\$92,419(FERS)	\$89,757 (FERS)	\$87,173 (FERS)
List Last 3 years	\$ 382(Int/Div)	\$-2181 (Int/Div)	\$8314 (Int/Div))
	_____	_____	_____

4. 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.

	\$12,631 (FERS)		
Current year to date	_____		
	2018-	2017-	2016-
			\$2078 (Barry Law)
	\$74,608(FERS)	\$70,005 (FERS)	\$68,022 (FERS)
List Last 3 years	\$382 (Int/Div)	\$-2181 (Int/Div)	\$8314 (Int/Div)
	_____	_____	_____

FORM 6

**FULL AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS**

2018

Please print or type your name, mailing address, agency name, and position below:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

LAST NAME — FIRST NAME — MIDDLE NAME:

Stowbridge-Patricia-Lynn

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 2510

CITY:

Windermere

ZIP:

34786

COUNTY:

Orange

NAME OF AGENCY:

State of Florida Ninth Judicial Circuit

NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION HELD OR SOUGHT:

Circuit Court Judge

CHECK IF THIS IS A FILING BY A CANDIDATE

PART A – NET WORTH

Please enter the value of your net worth as of December 31, 2018 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 December 31, 20 18 was \$ 1,804,244

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, whether owned or leased.

The aggregate value of my household goods and personal effects (described above) is \$ 50,000

ASSETS INDIVIDUALLY VALUED AT OVER \$1,000:

DESCRIPTION OF ASSET (specific description is required - see instructions p.4)	VALUE OF ASSET

PART C – LIABILITIES

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
Real Estate-Primary Residence-Orange County, FL	\$ 800,000
Note Receivable-Sale of Stock-Adoption, Surrogacy and Family Law Firm, P.A.	\$ 50,989
Investment Portfolio and College Accounts	\$1,243,799
Other Assets	\$ 123,186
JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITIES NOT REPORTED ABOVE:	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, P.O. Box 105647 Atlanta, GA 30348	\$ 396,497
Acura Financial Services, P.O. Box 165378 Irving, TX 75016	\$ 29,656
Chase Card Services P.O. Box 1423 Charlotte, NC 28201	\$ 37,577

PART D -- INCOME

Identify each separate source and amount of income which exceeded \$1,000 during the year, including secondary sources of income. Or attach a complete copy of your 2018 federal income tax return, including all W2s, schedules, and attachments. Please redact any social security or account numbers before attaching your returns, as the law requires these documents be posted to the Commission's website.

I elect to file a copy of my 2018 federal income tax return and all W2's, schedules, and attachments.
 (If you check this box and attach a copy of your 2018 tax return, you need not complete the remainder of Part D.)

PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME (See instructions on page 5):

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME EXCEEDING \$1,000	ADDRESS OF SOURCE OF INCOME	AMOUNT
State of Florida-Judicial Salary	Tallahassee, FL	\$160,688
State of FL-FRS Surviving Spouse Ben.	Tallahassee, FL	\$ 92,419

SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME (Major customers, clients, etc., of businesses owned by reporting person—see instructions on page 5):

NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS' INCOME	ADDRESS OF SOURCE	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE

PART E -- INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES [Instructions on page 6]

	BUSINESS ENTITY # 1	BUSINESS ENTITY # 2	BUSINESS ENTITY # 3
NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY			
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY			
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY			
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY			
I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS			
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST			

PART F - TRAINING

For officers required to complete annual ethics training pursuant to section 112.3142, F.S.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING.

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 Orange

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 19th day of

June, 2019 by Patricia Strawbridge

(Signature of Notary Public—State of Florida)

Jill Gay
 (Print, Type, or Stamp Commission # GG 020826
 Expires September 4, 2020
 Bonded Thru Troy Fain Insurance 800-365-7019
 OR Produced Identification

Personally Known
 Type of Identification Produced _____

Patricia Strawbridge
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICIAL OR CANDIDATE

If a certified public accountant licensed under Chapter 473, or attorney in good standing with the Florida Bar prepared this form for you, he or she must complete the following statement:

I, _____, prepared the CE Form 6 in accordance with Art. II, Sec. 8, Florida Constitution, Section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, and the instructions to the form. Upon my reasonable knowledge and belief, the disclosure herein is true and correct.

Signature _____

Date _____

Preparation of this form by a CPA or attorney does not relieve the filer of the responsibility to sign the form under oath.

IF ANY OF PARTS A THROUGH E ARE CONTINUED ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE CHECK HERE

December 31, 2018 Financial Disclosure

Part B—Assets (Attachment)

Investment Portfolio:

LPL Financial LLC.....	\$ 889,125
Pacific Life EIUL.....	\$ 240,397
Fidelity IRA.....	\$ 44,970
Fidelity Roth.....	\$ 9,268
CollegeBound 529.....	\$ 7,551
Franklin Templeton 529.....	\$ 7,417
Fidelity/John Hancock College Accts.....	\$ 45,071
TOTAL.....	\$1,243,799

Other Assets:

2015 Hyundai Elantra.....	\$ 9,000
Discovery Beach Timeshares.....	\$ 8,000
Woodlawn Cemetery Plots.....	\$ 10,000
Fifth Third Checking and Savings.....	\$ 84,186
Florida Prepaid College Accts (approx.).....	\$ 12,000
TOTAL.....	\$ 123,186

**Form 6A. Disclosure of Gifts, Expense Reimbursements or Payments, and Waivers
of Fees and Charges**

All judicial officers must file with the Florida Commission on Ethics a list of all reportable gifts accepted, and reimbursements or direct payments of expenses, and waivers of fees or charges accepted from sources other than the state or a judicial branch entity as defined in Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420(b)(2), during the preceding calendar year as provided in Canons 5D(5)(a) and 5D(5)(h), Canon 6A(3), and Canon 6B(2) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, by date received, description (including dates, location, and purpose of event or activity for which expenses, fees, or charges were reimbursed, paid, or waived), source's name, and amount for gifts only.

Name: Patricia Strawbridge Work Telephone: 407-836-2481

Work Address: 425 N. Orange Ave. Judicial Office Held: Circuit Judge
Orlando, FL 32801

1. Please identify all reportable gifts, bequests, favors, or loans you received during the preceding calendar year, as required by Canons 5D(5)(a), 5D(5)(h), and 6B(2) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	SOURCE	AMOUNT
	<u>None</u>		\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

Check here if continued on separate sheet

2. Please identify all reportable reimbursements or direct payments of expenses, and waivers of fees or charges you received during the preceding calendar year, as required by Canons 6A(3) and 6B(2) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

DATE	DESCRIPTION (Include dates, location, and purpose of event or activity for which expenses, fees, or charges were reimbursed, paid or waived)	SOURCE
	<u>None</u>	

Check here if continued on separate sheet

CONTINUE TO PAGE 2 FOR OATH

OATH

State of Florida

County of Orange

I, Patricia Stowberg the public official filing this disclosure statement, being first duly sworn, do depose on oath and say that the facts set forth in the above statement are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Patricia Stowberg
(Signature of Reporting Official)

Jill Gay
(Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths)

My Commission expires _____



Sworn to and subscribed before me this

19th day of June, 2019

Form 6B. Report of Business Interests

Instructions: List the names of any corporations or business entities, not otherwise identified on Form 6, in which you had a financial interest as of December 31 of the preceding year. If no business interests, or the interests are already identified on Form 6, then indicate "None," or "N/A." Attach additional pages as necessary. This form is filed only with the JQC.

Name of Judge: PATRICIA Strawbridge Telephone: 407-836-2481

Address: 425 N. Orange Ave Position: Circuit Judge
Orlando, FL 32801

Name of Business Entity

Address of Business Entity

NONE

I certify that the foregoing information is complete, true, and correct.

Patricia Strawbridge
JUDGE'S SIGNATURE

OATH

State of Florida,

County of Orange.

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me, this 19th day of June.

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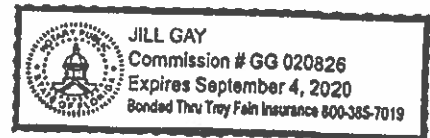
(NOTARY SEAL)

by PATRICIA Strawbridge (Name of Judge).

Personally Known , or Produced Identification _____.

Identification Produced: _____.

Jill Gay
(Signature of Notary or official authorized to administer oaths)



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.

Printed Name of
Applicant:

Patricia L. Strowbridge

Signature of Applicant:



Date: 08/16/19

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: 08/16/19

JNC Submitting To: Fifth District Court of Appeals

Name (please print): Patricia L. Strowbridge

Current Occupation: Circuit Court Judge

Telephone Number: 407-920-8999 Attorney No.: 0776459

Gender (check one): Male Female

Ethnic Origin (check one): White, non Hispanic
 Hispanic
 Black
 American Indian/Alaskan Native
 Asian/Pacific Islander

County of Residence: Orange

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Applicant:

Patricia L. Strowbridge

Signature of Applicant:



Date: 08/16/19