# Application for Nomination to the Circuit Court 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

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### APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT

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

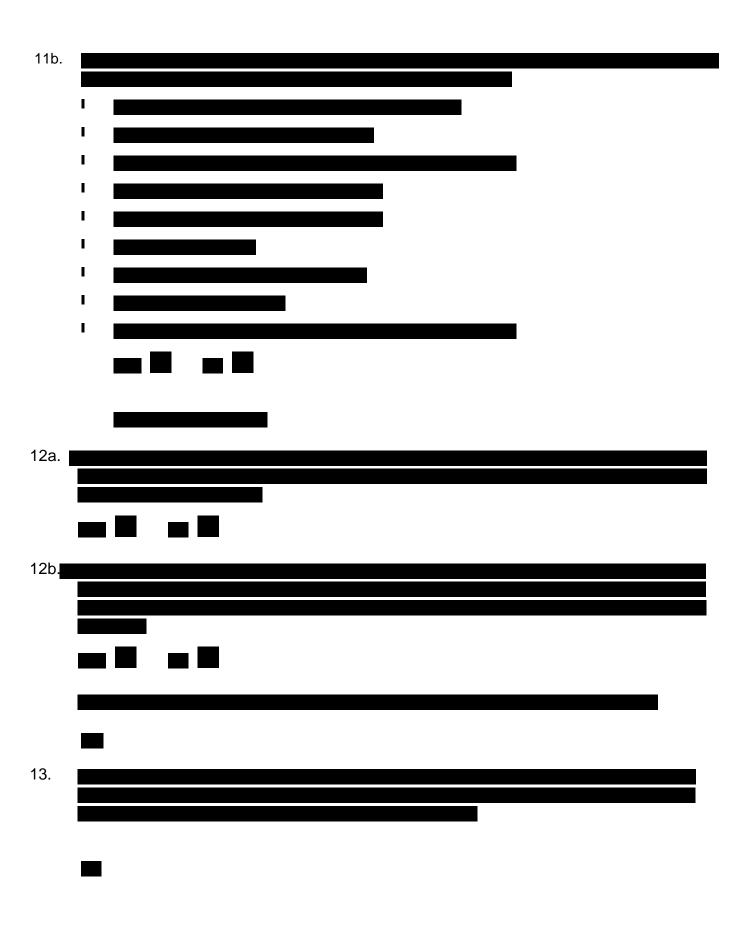
DATE	04/04/2019			Florida Bar No.	: 0021	855	
GENE	RAL:			Social Security	No.: _	,	
1.	Name Kathryn	M. Speicher			_ E-mail: <u>k</u>	<u>speiche</u>	r@sa18.org
	Date Admitted	to Practice in Florid	da: _	04/27/2006			
	Date Admitted	to Practice in other	States:	n/a			
2.	State current e judicial office.	employer and title, in	ncluding	professional po	sition and a	ıny publ	ic or
		rcuit State Attorney nes and Elder Servi		Assistant State	Attorney, D	ivision (	Chief of the
3.	Business addre	ess: <u>2725 Judge</u>	Fran Jam	nieson Way, Bui	lding D		
	City Viera	Cc	ounty Bre	evard	State_	FL	ZIP <u>32940</u>
		21) 617-7510	-	FAX <u>(3</u>	321) 637-54	72	
4.	Residential add	dress: _					
	Since December	er 2018 Te	elephone				
5.	Place of birth:	Leesburg, FL					
	Date of birth:		Age:	41			
6a.	Length of reside	ence in State of Flo	rida: <u>41</u>	years			
6b.	Are you a regis	stered voter? ⊠ Ye	s 🗆 No				
	If so, in what co	ounty are you regis	tered? <u>Bı</u>	revard			
7.	Marital status:	Married					
	If married:	Spouse's name					
		Date of marriage					
		Spouse's occupat	ion				

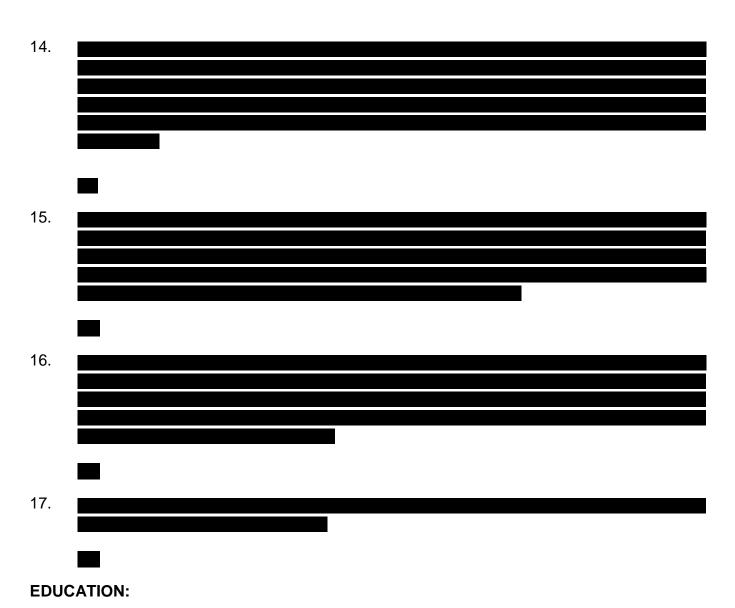
If ever divorced give for each marriage name(s) of spouse(s), current address for each former spouse, date and place of divorce, court and case number for each divorce.

• I have never been previously married or divorced.

8.	Children Name(s)	Age(s)	Occupation(s)	Residential	address(es)
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9.	Military Service (inc	luding Reserves)			
	Service	Branch	Highest Rank		Dates
	None				
	Rank at time of disc	_		discharge _	
	Awards or citations				
	Service	Branch	Highest Rank		Dates
	Rank at time of disc			f discharge _	
	Awards or citations		_		
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18a. Secondary schools, colleges and law schools attended.

Schools	Class Standing	Dates of Attendance	Degree
Umatilla High School,	3 <sup>rd</sup>	08/1992 – 05/1996	High School Diploma
Umatilla, FL			
University of Florida,	Unknown	08/1996 – 12/1999	Food and Resource
Gainesville, FL			Economics (BS)
University of Florida,	Unknown	01/2000 - 08/2001	Master of Agri-
Gainesville, FL			Business (MAB)
Stetson University	Top 60%	01/2003 – 12/2005	Juris Doctor (JD)
College of Law,			
Gulfport, FL			
Stetson University,	Unknown	06/2004 – 12/2005	Master of Business
Deland, FL			Administration (MBA)

18b. List and describe academic scholarships earned, honor societies or other awards.

### Academic scholarships

- Saving the Earth's Environment through Knowledge (SEEK) Garden Club scholarship (chosen as a High School junior for a week-long program at the University of Florida)
- Bright Futures Scholarship, Academic Scholar (100% of tuition paid for undergraduate degree)
- Robert C. Byrd Leadership Scholarship (additional stipend over \$1,000 each semester, above tuition during undergraduate degree)
- Teaching Assistantship (paid for ¾ of my tuition during my Master of Agri-Business program, as well as paying for 10 hours of work per week as a Teaching Assistant)
- Post-graduate scholarship from the University of Florida College of Agriculture and Life Sciences regarding a semester-long internship at the Florida State Capitol (Fall 2001).

### Honor Societies

- National Honor Society, Vice President (High School)
- o Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Honor Society (University of Florida)

### Other awards

- Girl Scouts Silver Award (presented at the Florida Capitol, 2<sup>nd</sup> highest achievement in Girl Scouts)
- Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar (as High School sophomore, only 1 student is chosen per school to attend)
- President's Award Stetson University College of Law (for service as Student Government Treasurer for 1.5 years)

### NON-LEGAL EMPLOYMENT:

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

Date	Position	Employer	Address
05/2000 –	Agriculture Marketing Specialist (paid	United States	1400 Independence
08/2000	internship where I edited the National	Department of	Avenue SW, Room
	Directory of Farmers Markets, updated the	Agriculture	4509-S, Stop 0269,
	USDA direct marketing web page, and		Washington, DC
	assisted with two local Farmers Markets)		20250
06/2001 –	Cashier at the University of Florida	TempSource	4740 NW 39 <sup>th</sup> Place,
08/2001	Dental School (took payments from		Suite A, Gainesville, FL
	patients of dental students)		32606
09/2001 –	Intern for the Florida House of	University of	McCarty Hall D, Room
12/2001	Representatives Committee on	Florida College	2020, Gainesville, FL,
	Agriculture (assisted with Bill Analysis and	of Agriculture	32603
	preparation for committee meetings)	and Life	
	- 1	Sciences	
		Scholarship	

Date	Position	Employer	Address
01/2002 –	Cutco salesperson / Assistant Branch	Vector	1116 E State Street,
08/2002	Manager (sold Cutco knives directly to	Marketing	Olean, NY 14760
	consumers, managed and trained new	(Independent	
	salespersons)	consultant)	
08/2002 –	Receptionist at "WRUF" radio station -	TempSource	4740 NW 39 <sup>th</sup> Place,
12/2002	UF College of Journalism (answered		Suite A, Gainesville, FL
	phones, kept prize spreadsheet and		32606
	assisted main accountant)		

### 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.

Court or administrative body Date of admission

The Florida Bar April 27, 2006

**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:

Position	Name of Firm	Address	Dates
Legal Intern	Hillsborough County	4100 George J. Bean	05/2004 – 07/2004
	Aviation Authority (Tampa	Parkway	
	International Airport)	Tampa, FL 33607	
Law Clerk	Jabil Circuit, Inc (JBL)	10560 Dr. Martin Luther	07/2004 – approx.
		King, Jr. Street North	07/2006
		St. Petersburg, FL 33716	
Certified Legal Intern	State Attorney's Office,	14250 49 <sup>th</sup> St. North	01/2005 - 05/2005
	6 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit	Clearwater, FL 33762	
Assistant State	State Attorney's Office,	2725 Judge Fran	06/2006 - present
Attorney	18 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit	Jamieson Way, Bldg D	
		Viera, FL 32940	

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.

I am currently the Division Chief of the Economic Crimes and Elder Services Unit of the State Attorney's Office, prosecuting complex financial crimes, such as RICO and Aggravated White Collar Crime, as well as crimes against our elderly, including homicide. Previously I worked in two (2) special units addressing sex crimes and child abuse (6 years), as well as career criminals and firearms (1 year). Currently I am doing vertical prosecution, meaning I have cases from the very beginning up through trial and sentencing. For the past six and a half years I have worked with our county's most vulnerable victims  $\rightarrow$  children and the elderly. I also work closely with law enforcement as they are building their cases, by reviewing both search warrants and arrest warrants and am available should legal questions arise. I am Board Certified in Criminal Trial Law, currently the only Assistant State Attorney in the Brevard Office who holds that distinction.

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

Cour	t			Area of	Practice	
Federal Appellate		%	Civil			_ %
Federal Trial		%	Criminal		100	_ %
Federal Other		%	Family			_ %
State Appellate		%	Probate			_ %
State Trial	100	%	Other			_ %
State Administrative		%				
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? _	at least 75	Non-jury?	22
_		• •	
Arbitration?		Administrative Bodies?	

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).
  - 1. State of Florida v. Amanda Chandler, case no. 052015CF037146AXXXXX
    - a. Defense Counsel Jessica Hicks (1<sup>st</sup> chair) (321-617-7373) and Jeremy Cleckner (2<sup>nd</sup> chair) (321-617-7373)
    - b. State Counsel Applicant (1st chair) and Michael Doyle (2nd chair) (321-617-7510)
    - c. Appellate case no. pending (sentencing 5/8/2019)
  - 2. State of Florida v. Joevonte Petit-Homme, case no. 052016CF039485AXXXXX
    - a. Defense Counsel Rebecca Morgan (321-775-3694)
    - b. State Counsel Applicant
    - c. Appellate case no. 5D19-108
  - 3. State of Florida v. Joseph Jackson, case no. 052017CF033327AXXXXX
    - a. Defense Counsel Brynn Brito (321-725-1542)
    - b. State Counsel Applicant (1st chair) and Laura Moody (2nd chair) (321-617-7510)
    - c. Appellate case no. 5D18-33327
  - 4. State of Florida v. Sulayman Njie, case no. 052017CF030961AXXXXX
    - a. Defense Counsel Jennifer Kerwin (1st chair) (321-617-7373) and Jeremy Cleckner (2nd chair) (321-617-7373)
    - State Counsel Applicant (1<sup>st</sup> chair) and George Gaspard (2<sup>nd</sup> chair) (321-617-7510)
    - c. Appellate case no. 5D18-1722
  - 5. State of Florida v. Joseph Pallante, case no. 052014CF015443AXXXXX
    - a. Defense Counsel Greg Eisenmenger (1<sup>st</sup> chair) (321-504-0321) and Scott Robinson (2<sup>nd</sup> chair) (321-504-0321)
    - b. State Counsel Applicant (1st chair) and Justin Keen (2nd chair) (850-942-8430)
    - c. Appellate case no. 5D17-3543
  - 6. State of Florida v. David Isom, case no. 052017CF021896AXXXXX
    - a. Defense Counsel Jennifer Kerwin (1<sup>st</sup> chair) (321-617-7373) and Ray Hornstein (2<sup>nd</sup> chair) (321-617-7373)
    - b. State Counsel Applicant
    - c. Appellate case no. 5D18-2584

- 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. State of Florida v. Timothy Kerstetter, case no. 052018CF038046AXXXXX
    - a. Defense Counsel David Feinswog (321-752-3115)
    - b. State Counsel Applicant
  - 2. State of Florida v. Elise Bianco, case no. 052018CF038046BXXXXX
    - a. Defense Counsel Samuel Edwards (321-617-7373)
    - b. State Counsel Applicant
  - 3. State of Florida v. Tara Boyko (VOP), case no. 052017CF043490AXXXXX
    - a. Defense Counsel Michael Dwyer (321-617-7373)
    - b. State Counsel Applicant
  - 4. State of Florida v. Apraiz Mathis, case no. 052018CF015487AXXXXX
    - a. Defense Counsel Alton Edmund (321-285-9505)
    - b. State Counsel Applicant
  - 5. State of Florida v. Brandon Suarez, case no. 052016CF048968AXXXXX
    - a. Defense Counsel Bryan Savy (321-728-4911)
    - b. State Counsel Applicant
  - 6. State of Florida v. Elizabeth Harris, case no. 052014CF043428AXXXXX
    - a. Defense Counsel Alan Diamond, Keith Szachacz, Kepler Funk (321-953-0104)
    - b. State Counsel Applicant
- 27c. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings?0 average times per month
- During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared in Court?

  10-15 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? <a href="mailto:n/a">n/a</a> %

  Defendants?

  na %
- 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.

As an assistant state attorney, from June 2006 until October 2018 I was assigned to the misdemeanor division, regular felony cases, the career criminal / firearm unit and most recently the sex crimes and child abuse unit for the past six (6) years. While in those positions, I was in court on an almost daily basis handling jury trials, substantive motions, as well as routine court hearings. Since becoming Division Chief of the Economic Crimes and Elder Services Unit, I have taken on a vertical prosecution role, which involves following a case from the beginning to the end. In my current role I advise law enforcement from the inception of the case, to intake / filing decisions through case

resolution; whether by plea or jury trial. I have fewer, but much more complex cases such as RICO, Aggravated White Collar Crime and Aggravated Manslaughter of an Elderly Person. I am not in court as often for routine matters, however I am still in court quite frequently, mostly for substantive motions and case resolutions.

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.

State of Florida v. Joseph Pallante, III			
Case No.	052014CF015443AXXXXX		
Judge	David Dugan		
State Counsel	Applicant, Justin Keen (850-942-8430)		
Defense Counsel Greg Eisenmenger (321-504-0321)			
	Scott Robinson (321-504-0321)		
Trial dates September 18, 2017 to October 10, 2017			
5 <sup>th</sup> DCA case No. 5D17-3543			

This case was significant to me as it was my longest, most complex jury trial involving sexual crimes. The State presented to the jury approximately 55 counts consisting of Capital Sexual Battery, Lewd & Lascivious Molestation and Possession of Child Pornography, among other charges. For the three years prior to trial, many significant legal issues were dealt with including Child Victim Hearsay, a Motion to Sever the child pornography counts from the sexual contact offenses, a Motion to Dismiss the Information, a Motion for Statement of Particulars and Williams Rule evidence. The main defense counsel for the case was very experienced, a Board Certified attorney in Criminal Trial Law and constantly pursued every available legal avenue for the case. I also dealt with three (3) separate judges that were assigned to the case prior to trial. During the trial, the State was able to present to the jury many different kinds of evidence, including video evidence, a significant amount of digital forensic evidence and powerful witness testimony. After the trial, the defense filed several motions for new trial and motions regarding juror interviews. The trial itself lasted almost one (1) month. The jury returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty as charged to almost all of the charges. The defendant was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences followed by an additional 30 years prison followed by lifetime sex offender probation and was labeled a Sexual Predator. See Tab 30 for an article related to this case.

State of Florida v. Amanda Chandler			
Case No. 052015CF037146AXXXXX			
Judge	dge Nancy Maloney		
State Counsel Applicant (1st chair), Michael Doyle (321-617-7510)			
Defense Counsel Jessica Hicks (321-617-7373)			
	Jeremy Cleckner (321-617-7373)		
Trial dates December 4 - 14, 2018			
5 <sup>th</sup> DCA case No.	Pending (sentencing set 5/8/2019)		

This case was significant to me as it was my last trial while I was in the Sex Crimes & Child Abuse Unit of the State Attorney's Office, and I was simultaneously handling the caseload for my new position as Economic Crimes and Elder Service Division Chief. The case involved serious charges including Capital Sexual Battery and Lewd & Lascivious Molestation. Numerous pre-trial motions were filed on either side, including two (2) separate motions to suppress, child victim hearsay and a motion by the defense to use a lengthy juror questionnaire. The case involved both forensic evidence obtained from the victim's digital devices, along with business records and other traditional evidence and testimony. The Defendant was found guilty of two (2) lesser included offenses of Lewd & Lascivious Conduct and not guilty of Capital Sexual Battery. Sentencing is set for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 where the defendant faces a maximum of 30 years in prison. See Tab 30 for an article related to this case.

State of Florida v. Miratel Capitaine			
Case No.	052017CF010078AXXXXX		
Judge	Jeffrey Mahl		
State Counsel	Applicant (1st chair), Michael Doyle (321-617-7510)		
Defense Counsel	Pro Se		
Trial dates	April 17 – 21, 2017		
5 <sup>th</sup> DCA case No., citation	5D17-2038		
	Miratel Capitaine v. State, 257 So.3d 460 (Fla. 5 <sup>th</sup> DCA 2018) →		
	Per Curiam – Affirmed		

This case was significant to me because this was the first Human Trafficking jury trial and conviction in Brevard County, ever. The Defendant represented himself *pro se*, without standby counsel. This case involved the Defendant filing a Demand for Speedy Trial and finding difficult to reach victims, as is often the case with Human Trafficking victims. The State was able to present both victims to the jury, as well as forensic digital evidence from numerous cell phones, along with other testimony. This case was a textbook example of how the court should handle a *pro se* defendant, especially one who is misbehaving. I learned quite a bit from watching how the patient trial court reacted to and handled each of the issues that arose from the defendant, such as a malingering medical issue, juror accusations and numerous outbursts from the defendant. The Defendant was found guilty of numerous charges, including Human Trafficking, and sentenced as a Habitual Felony Offender to 18 years in prison followed by 17 years sex offender probation. See Tab 30 for an article related to this case.

State of Florida v. George Fields			
Case No.	052010CF028919AXXX		
Judge	Robert Wohn		
State Counsel	Susan Stewart (1st chair, 321-617-7510)		
	Applicant (2 <sup>nd</sup> chair)		
Defense Counsel	Geoff Golub (321-757-6848)		
	Erica Feinswog (321-241-6628)		
Trial dates	January 13 – 21, 2014		
5 <sup>th</sup> DCA case No.	5D14-1170		
	Fields v. State, 181 So.3d 505 (Fla. 5 <sup>th</sup> DCA 2015) → Per Curiam -		
	Affirmed		

This case was significant to me because this was the first time I tried a homicide case. The charge was First Degree Murder, however the death penalty was not sought. I joined the case approximately three (3) weeks prior to trial and handled approximately half of the trial as co-counsel, including opening statements. I had to quickly get up to speed in a case that had been pending several years, and I did. I also handled the Motion for 3.850 evidentiary hearing several years after the jury trial, which was denied after counsel for both sides filed written closing arguments. The original case involved a shooting in Palm Bay that the defendant claimed was self-defense. However, the jury rejected that defense and found the defendant guilty of Second Degree Murder. The defendant was sentenced to life in prison. See Tab 30 for an article related to this case.

	State of Florida v. Angel Martinez
Case No.	052014CF013471AXXXXX
Judge	James Earp
State Counsel	Kellen Simmons (1st chair, 407-665-6000), Applicant (2nd chair)
Defense Counsel	Carl Morgan (239-533-2911)
Trial dates	April 7 – 12, 2016
5 <sup>th</sup> DCA case No.	5D16-1438
	Martinez v. State, 231 So.3d 460 (Fla. 5 <sup>th</sup> DCA 2017) → Per
	Curiam - Affirmed

This case was significant to me because of the serious nature of this case and related cases, as well as the short amount of time I had to prepare for trial. This was a Capital Sexual Battery and Computer Solicitation of a Minor case, which was related to a larger set of cases involving Michael Glascock. Other defendants in this case, including Michael Glascock, were sentenced to a term of life in state or federal prison or 30 years in federal prison. I joined this case just two (2) days prior to trial to assist a newer attorney to the sex crimes unit. I handled half of the case, including jury selection, motions, final closing statement and direct examination of related defendant Glascock. This case presented a unique legal issue involving the principal theory as the defendant committed the offense by directing the related defendant Glascock to commit the terrible acts while they were communicating over video chat. The jury found this defendant guilty as charged and he was sentenced to life in prison. See Tab 30 for an article relating to this group of cases.

	State of Florida v. Casey Carr
Case No.	052008CF054296BXXXXX
Judge	Robert Burger
State Counsel	Applicant
Defense Counsel	Kevin Reynolds (321-848-4925)
Trial dates	March 23 – 25, 2011
5 <sup>th</sup> DCA case No.	5D11-1871
	Carr v. State, 86 So.3d 1257 (Fla. 5 <sup>th</sup> DCA 2012) → Per Curiam –
	Affirmed with Citation

This case was significant to me because it was the first firearm jury trial I handled, prior to being promoted to the career criminal / firearm division. The defendant was charged with several Burglary of a Conveyance charges, including Armed Burglary of a Conveyance. The case involved the defendant and co-defendant "car hopping" in Merritt Island, looking for items in unlocked vehicles. This case exposed me to the significant harm that one defendant could cause against a number of our friends and neighbors. I had multiple victims testify as to the events, including the victim that lost the firearm, which had later been sold for drugs. I had to piece together the crime for the jury from the evidence found, including fingerprints and items found in two different counties. The defendant was found guilty as charged and sentenced to 49 months in prison followed by community control and probation, which he later violated. See Tab 30 for the citation opinion for this case.

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.

See Tab 31 for three recent writing samples. I was the sole author for all of the writing samples.

### 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.

No

32b. List any prior quasi-judicial service:

Dates Name of Agency Position Held

None

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.

n/a

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

n/a

(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.

n/a

(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.

n/a

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

n/a

(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, I taught both Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure at Eastern Florida State College from 2009 to 2018. On average, I would teach one class each Fall and Spring semester.
- 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.

During the past five years I have received a stipend of approximately \$1,800 per semester for each class I taught at Eastern Florida State College, as referred to in question 33b.

### POSSIBLE BIAS OR PREJUDICE:

34. The Commission is interested in knowing if there are certain types of cases, groups of entities, or extended relationships or associations which would limit the cases for which you could sit as the presiding judge. Please list all types or classifications of cases or litigants for which you as a general proposition believe it would be difficult for you to sit as the presiding judge. Indicate the reason for each situation as to why you believe you might be in conflict. If you have prior judicial experience, describe the types of cases from which you have recused yourself.

I could not preside over any cases where my spouse or father-in-law were counsel in the case. My spouse currently and my father-in-law does not appear frequently in State court, so I do not anticipate any issues. Additionally, if placed in the criminal division, I could not preside over cases in which I had been the assigned prosecutor. I currently have a limited number of cases spread throughout six (6) criminal divisions, so I do not anticipate I would have to recuse myself from a large number of cases. For example, if placed in the criminal division that Judge Davidson currently presides over, I only have six (6) Economic Crime and Elder Services cases, and none of my prior sexual crimes or child abuse cases are assigned to that division.

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

35a.	Have you ever be	en convi	icted of a felony or a first degree misdemeanor?
	YesNo	X	If "Yes" what charges?
	Where convicted	?	Date of Conviction:
35b.	Have you pled no misdemeanor?	lo conten	ndere or pled guilty to a crime which is a felony or a first degree
	YesNo	Χ	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?
	YesNoXIf "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.
	No
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.
	No

40. To your knowledge within the last ten years, have any of your current or former coworkers, 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).

On March 20, 2012 I received notice from the Florida Bar of an informal inquiry. A former defendant complained to the Florida Bar about how multiple assistant state attorneys handled his cases. The complainant was a defendant in four (4) separate criminal cases, including two (2) violation of probation cases. The complainant had violated his probation by committing nine (9) separate crimes. I prosecuted the defendant's violation of probation cases. The complainant also had a case where he was the victim in a serious shooting case (prior to his numerous violations of probation which came after the shooting). The complainant took issue with an email that had a sarcastic tone, written by the Assistant State Attorney handling the case where the complainant was a victim (not written by me). In the email the other Assistant State Attorney rebuked the defense attorney's request for a lenient sentence in exchange for his cooperation in the case where the complainant was a victim. I had previously revoked any plea offers after the complainant stated "he didn't want to go to prison" during a prior plea colloquy. A lengthy violation of probation hearing was held and the complainant was sentenced by the court to 5 years in prison followed by 3 years of probation, which was later affirmed by the 5<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeal. I responded to the Florida Bar timely and on June 14, 2012 the Florida Bar responded that there was insufficient evidence I had violated any of the rules governing attorney discipline and that continued disciplinary proceedings in the matter were inappropriate.

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.	•	iled all past tant authorities?	ax returns as required by federal, state, local and other	
	Yes ⊠	No 🗆	If no, please explain.	
43b.	Have you	ever paid a ta	x penalty?	

No  $\boxtimes$  If yes, please explain what and why.

Yes 🗌

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

### HONORS AND PUBLICATIONS:

- 44. If you have published any books or articles, list them, giving citations and dates.
  - "Observations about the Value of a Legislative Internship," NACTA Journal, Vol. 49, No.2 (June 2005), pp. 23-26, as one of the co-authors.
  - "Improving and Facilitating a Farmers Market in a Low-Income Urban Neighborhood: A Washington, DC Case Study," a USDA 2001 publication, as a lesser co-author and marketing data collector.
- 45. List any honors, prizes or awards you have received. Give dates.
  - Special recognition by the Brevard County Association of Chiefs of Police for State Attorney Trial Attorney of the Year – March 28, 2018
  - State Attorney's Office Trial Attorney of the Year December 2017
  - State Attorney's Office Employee of the Month February 2009, September 2016, April 2017, December 2018
  - Inns of Court "Hammy" Award (awarded to the Inns of Court member who "hams it up" the most during group presentations – I played the role of a poorly prepped witness)
- 46. List and describe any speeches or lectures you have given.

When I taught Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure at Eastern Florida State College, I taught using a lecture format, frequently incorporating the latest changes in the law including areas such as search and seizure, criminal definitions, and burdens of proof.

47. Do you have a Martindale-Hubbell ratio	ing? Yes $\square$ If so, what is it? $\square$ No $ abla$
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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.
  - Brevard County Bar Association, member
- 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.
  - Secret Service Electronic Crimes Task Force
  - Brevard TRIAD for Seniors (Brevard County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement, State Attorney's Office)
  - SALT Council (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)

48c. List your hobbies or other vocational interests.

My hobbies include traveling, watching movies, singing and spending time with my family.

- 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.
  - From elementary school through high school I was a member of the Girl Scouts, eventually
    earning a Silver award. At the time of my membership, Girl Scouts of the United States of
    America restricted membership on the basis of sex. I am no longer a member and would
    not be a member if selected to serve on the bench.

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

- Teen Court, Pinellas County I participated as a judge in two separate sessions of teen court, assisting the student lawyers, student jurors as they presented their cases and reached their determinations concerning juvenile offenders (Spring 2005 while I interned with the State Attorney's Office in Pinellas County).
- Legal Aid of Pinellas County assisting with intake for clients concerning family law and landlord/tenant issues (2005 during my last year of law school at Stetson University College of Law).

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

- 49a. Have you attended any continuing legal education programs during the past five years? If so, in what substantive areas?
- United States Secret Service National Computer Forensics Institute week-long course "Digital Evidence for Prosecutors" in Hoover, Alabama, focusing on digital forensic evidence both hands-on (removing hard drives, using forensic software & cross-examining experts) and legal issues (such as search warrants pre-Carpenter and other search/seizure issues)
- Firearms (both law updates & hands-on use)
- Death Penalty
- Exploitation of children (including sexual offenders from their perspective; presented by the Children's Advocacy Center)
- Discovery, Brady and Giglio obligations
- First Appearances
- Domestic Violence
- Westlaw research
- Criminal Law yearly reviews

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?

As previously discussed, I taught both Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure at Eastern Florida State College from 2009 until 2018.

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

As an Assistant State Attorney I have tried at least 75 criminal jury trials to verdict, while simultaneously teaching Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, including teaching portions of the Evidence Code, specifically Child Victim Hearsay and Judicial Notice, among others. I presided over a mock jury trial, using current Florida law, each semester I taught Criminal Procedure, using a realistic time-line during the semester and realistic factual basis, taking a case from arrest to conviction (or acquittal). I also have two master's degrees including a Master of Business Administration. This will assist me in civil cases by providing a broad-based background from which to pull knowledge.

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

I have a particular knack for mastering an area of law in a short amount of time, whether it be a factual scenario (such as a new criminal case), or an entirely new area of the law (such as economic crimes, or even Federal sentencing which I studied well enough to pass my Board Certification test). I have a firm understanding of the evidence code and the proper procedures to be followed pre-trial, during trial and post-trial. I am known for my ability to quickly research case law, frequently being asked the current state of the law by both prosecutors and defense attorneys. My husband has practiced civil law, namely family law, probate and other general civil law cases in state court, appearing in front of multiple judges at multiple court houses. As the Economic Crimes Division Chief, I also now practice in front of several judges, namely each of the six (6) criminal divisions in Brevard County. As a result, I have seen first-hand and appreciate the schedules of public and private attorneys who need to be in multiple courtrooms on the same morning while balancing the needs of their practice & family and would be sensitive to the needs of any attorney practicing in my court. I would work hard to respect the time and schedules of citizens who appear before me, whether a client, witness, juror or anyone else.

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.

I previously submitted an application to this nominating commission on or about August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 after Judge John Harris' elevation to the 5<sup>th</sup> DCA bench.

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

As a general rule, in court I have a very calm demeanor. During court proceedings, it is very difficult to rattle me. My commitments to professionalism and honesty urge me to strive to ensure the rule of law is followed, even if it is contrary to my position. As an attorney, all I can ask of a judge is 1) to follow the law and 2) make sure that everyone is heard. As a Circuit judge, I would work hard to ensure that happens every day. I would be as prepared as possible for the issues that come before me and listen intently to the litigants. I am inspired by Judge Rainwater, the first woman county court judge at the young age of 30, and hope that, if appointed, I can have such a lengthy career in the judiciary.

### **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.

Name	Address	Telephone Number
Hon. Jeffrey Mahl,		
Circuit Judge		
Hon. Nancy Maloney,		
Circuit Judge		
Phil Archer, State Attorney		
Bill Respess, Chief Trial Attorney		
Michael Pirolo, Chief Assistant Public Defender		
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Agt. Michael Spadafora, Brevard		
County Sheriff's Office		
Sgt. Jacqueline Hearon, Brevard		
County Sheriff's Office Economic Crimes Unit		
Justin Keen, Assistant United		
States Attorney for the Northern		
District of Florida		
Alan Diamond, Esq.		
Douglas Beam, Esq.		

### 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(I), 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 3rd day of April , 20 19.

Kathryn M. Speicher Met M. Speicher Signature

Printed Name Signature

(Pursuant to Section 119.071(4)(d)(1), F.S.), . . . The home addresses and telephone numbers of justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges; the home addresses, telephone numbers, and places of employment of the spouses and children of justices and judges; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of justices and judges are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1), dealing with public records.

### FINANCIAL HISTORY

1. State the amount of gross income you have earned, or losses you have incurred (before deducting expenses and taxes) from the practice of law for the preceding three-year period. This income figure should be stated on a year to year basis and include year to date information, and salary, if the nature of your employment is in a legal field.

Current year to date \$12,000 (2019)

List Last 3 years \$65,833.32 (2018) \$62,250.03 (2017) \$57,113.93 (2016)

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

Current year to date \$12,000 (2019)

List Last 3 years \$65,833.32 (2018) \$62,250.03 (2017) \$57,113.93 (2016)

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

Current year to date \$0 (2019)

List Last 3 years \$3,616.15 (2018) \$3,819.06 (2017) \$3,819.06 (2016)

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.

Current year to date \$0 (2019)

List Last 3 years \$3,616.15 (2018) \$3,819.06 (2017) \$3,819.06 (2016)

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

### PART A - NET WORTH

Please enter the value of your net worth as of December 31 or a more current date. [Note: Net worth is not calculated by subtracting your reported liabilities from your reported assets, so please see the instructions on page 3.1

My net worth as of March 21st, 2019 was \$ 93,823.50 .

### PART B - ASSETS

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

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

The aggregate value of my household goods and personal effects (described above) is \$ 20,000

2007 Honda Accord 2008 Honda CR-V

Florida Prepaid College Plans (2)

ASSETS INDIVIDUALLY VALUED AT OVER \$1,000:

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

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3,600	
6,000	
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**VALUE OF ASSET** 

Flor	rida Retirement Services – Investment Plan	\$91,979.23
Ηοι	use at	\$290,000

\$7,790.26 Bank Accounts

### **PART C - LIABILITIES**

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

AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
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House Mortgage,	\$178,627.65
Nelnet Student Loan, P.O. Box 82561, Lincoln, NE 68501-2561	\$76,776.49
Navient Student Loan, P.O. Box 9533, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18773-9533	\$83,144.97

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### JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITIES NOT REPORTED ABOVE: NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR

**AMOUNT OF LIABILITY** 

None

PART D - INCOME						
attachments, OR (2) file a swe	orn statement identifyir	ng each	leral income tax return, <i>includ</i> n separate source and amount ing the remainder of Part D, b	of in		
	•		turn and all W2's, schedules, a			
(if you check this box and attach a copy of your latest tax return, you need <u>not</u> complete the remainder of Part D.]						
PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOM	E (See instructions on	page 5)				
NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOM			DRESS OF SOURCE OF INCOM		AMOUNT	
		2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Bldg D, Viera, Fl 32940		lg D,	\$72,000	
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SECONDARY SOURCES OF IN	COME [Major customers, c	lients, et	c., of businesses owned by reporting	person	-see instructions on page 6]	
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None						
PART F	- INTERESTS IN SPI	FCIFIC	BUSINESS [Instructions on	nage	71	
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ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY						
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY						
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### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM 6:**

**PUBLIC RECORD:** The disclosure form and everything attached to it is a public record. **Your Social Security Number is not required and you should redact it from any documents you file.** If you are an active or former officer or employee listed in Section 119.071(4)(d), F.S., whose home address is exempt from disclosure, the Commission is required to maintain the confidentiality of your home address **if you submit a written request for confidentiality.** 

### PART A - NET WORTH

Report your net worth as of December 31 or a more current date, and list that date. This should be the same date used to value your assets and liabilities. In order to determine your net worth, you will need to total the value of <u>all</u> your assets and subtract the amount of <u>all</u> of your liabilities. <u>Simply subtracting the liabilities reported in Part C from the assets reported in Part B will not result in an accurate net worth figure in most cases.</u>

To total the value of your assets, add:

- (1) The aggregate value of household goods and personal effects, as reported in Part B of this form:
  - (2) The value of all assets worth over \$1,000, as reported in Part B; and
  - (3) The total value of any assets worth less than \$1,000 that were not reported or included in the category of "household goods and personal effects."

To total the amount of your liabilities, add:

- (1) The total amount of each liability you reported in Part C of this form, <u>except for</u> any amounts listed in the "joint and several liabilities not reported above" portion; and,
- (2) The total amount of unreported liabilities (including those under \$1,000, credit card and retail installment accounts, and taxes owed).

### PART B - ASSETS WORTH MORE THAN \$1,000

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

The value of your household goods and personal effects may be aggregated and reported as a lump sum, if their aggregate value exceeds \$1,000. The types of assets that can be reported in this manner are described on the form.

### **ASSETS INDIVIDUALLY VALUED AT MORE THAN \$1,000:**

Provide a description of each asset you had on the reporting date chosen for your net worth (Part A), that was worth more than \$1,000 and that is not included as household goods and personal effects, and list its value. Assets include: interests in real property; tangible and intangible personal property, such as cash, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, interests in partnerships, beneficial interest in a trust, promissory notes owed to you, accounts received by you, bank accounts, assets held in IRAs, Deferred Retirement Option Accounts, and Florida Prepaid College Plan accounts. You are not required to disclose assets owned solely by your spouse.

### **How to Identify or Describe the Asset:**

- Real property: Identify by providing the street address of the property. If the property has no street address, identify by describing the property's location in a manner sufficient to enable a member of the public to ascertain its location without resorting to any other source of information.
- Intangible property: Identify the type of property and the business entity or person to which or to whom it relates. **Do not list simply "stocks and bonds" or "bank accounts."** For example, list "Stock (Williams Construction Co.)," "Bonds (Southern Water and Gas)," "Bank accounts (First

National Bank)," "Smith family trust," Promissory note and mortgage (owed by John and Jane Doe)."

### **How to Value Assets:**

- Value each asset by its fair market value on the date used in Part A for your networth.
- Jointly held assets: If you hold real or personal property jointly with another person, your interest equals your legal percentage of ownership in the property. <u>However</u>, assets that are held as tenants by the entirety or jointly with right of survivorship must be reported at 100% of their value.
- Partnerships: You are deemed to own an interest in a partnership which corresponds to your interest in the equity of that partnership.
- Trusts: You are deemed to own an interest in a trust which corresponds to your percentage interest in the trust corpus.
- Real property may be valued at its market value for tax purposes, unless a more accurate appraisal of its fair market value is available.
- Marketable securities which are widely traded and whose prices are generally available should be valued based upon the closing price on the valuation date.
- Accounts, notes, and loans receivable: Value at fair market value, which generally is the amount you reasonably expect to collect.
- Closely-held businesses: Use any method of valuation which in your judgment most closely approximates fair market value, such as book value, reproduction value, liquidation value, capitalized earnings value, capitalized cash flow value, or value established by "buy-out" agreements. It is suggested that the method of valuation chosen be indicated in a footnote on the form.
- Life insurance: Use cash surrender value less loans against the policy, plus accumulated dividends.

### PART C—LIABILITIES

### **LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF \$1,000:**

List the name and address of each creditor to whom you were indebted on the reporting date chosen for your net worth (Part A) in an amount that exceeded \$1,000 and list the amount of the liability. Liabilities include: accounts payable; notes payable; interest payable; debts or obligations to governmental entities other than taxes (except when the taxes have been reduced to a judgment); and judgments against you. You are not required to disclose liabilities owned *solely* by your spouse.

You do not have to list on the form any of the following: credit card and retail installment accounts, taxes owed unless the taxes have been reduced to a judgment), indebtedness on a life insurance policy owned to the company of issuance, or contingent liabilities. A "contingent liability" is one that will become an actual liability only when one or more future events occur or fail to occur, such as where you are liable only as a partner (without personal liability) for partnership debts, or where you are liable only as a guarantor, surety, or endorser on a promissory note. If you are a "co-maker" on a note and have signed as being jointly liable or jointly and severally liable, then this is not a contingent liability.

### How to Determine the Amount of a Liability:

- Generally, the amount of the liability is the face amount of the debt.
- If you are the only person obligated to satisfy a liability, 100% of the liability should be listed.

- If you are jointly and severally liable with another person or entity, which often is the case where more than one person is liable on a promissory note, you should report here only the portion of the liability that corresponds to your percentage of liability. *However*, if you are jointly and severally liable for a debt relating to property you own with one or more others as tenants by the entirely or jointly, with right of survivorship, report 100% of the total amount owed.
- If you are only jointly (not jointly and severally) liable with another person or entity, your share of the liability should be determined in the same way as you determined your share of jointly held assets.

### Examples:

- You owe \$10,000 to a bank for student loans, \$5,000 for credit card debts, and \$60,000 with your spouse to a saving and loan for the mortgage on the home you own with your spouse. You must report the name and address of the bank (\$10,000 being the amount of that liability) and the name and address of the savings and loan (\$60,000 being the amount of this liability). The credit cards debts need not be reported.
- You and your 50% business partner have a \$100,000 business loan from a bank and you both are jointly and severally liable. Report the name and address of the bank and \$50,000 as the amount of the liability. If your liability for the loan is only as a partner, without personal liability, then the loan would be a contingent liability.

### JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITIES NOT REPORTED ABOVE:

List in this part of the form the amount of each debt, for which you were jointly and severally liable, that is not reported in the "Liabilities in Excess of \$1,000" part of the form. Example: You and your 50% business partner have a \$100,000 business loan from a bank and you both are jointly and severally liable. Report the name and address of the bank and \$50,000 as the amount of the liability, as you reported the other 50% of the debt earlier.

### PART D - INCOME

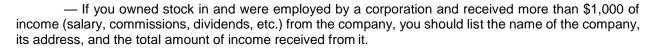
As noted on the form, you have the option of either filing a copy of your latest federal income tax return, <u>including all schedules, W2's and attachments</u>, with Form 6, or completing Part D of the form. If you do not attach your tax return, you must complete Part D.

### PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME:

List the name of each source of income that provided you with more than \$1,000 of income during the year, the address of that source, and the amount of income received from that source. The income of your spouse need not be disclosed; however, if there is a joint income to you and your spouse from property you own jointly (such as interest or dividends from a bank account or stocks), you should include all of that income.

"Income" means the same as "gross income" for federal income tax purposes, even if the income is not actually taxable, such as interest on tax-free bonds. Examples of income include: compensation for services, gross income from business, gains from property dealings, interest, rents, dividends, pensions, IRA distributions, distributive share of partnership gross income, and alimony, but not child support. Where income is derived from a business activity you should report that income to <u>you</u>, as calculated for income tax purposes, rather than the income to the business.

### Examples:



- If you were a partner in a law firm and your distributive share of partnership gross income exceeded \$1,000, you should list the name of the firm, its address, and the amount of your distributive share.
- If you received dividend or interest income from investments in stocks and bonds, list only each individual company from which you received more than \$1,000. Do not aggregate income from all of these investments.
- If more than \$1,000 of income was gained from the sale of property, then you should list as a source of income the name of the purchaser, the purchaser's address, and the amount of gain from the sale. If the purchaser's identity is unknown, such as where securities listed on an exchange are sold through a brokerage firm, the source of income should be listed simply as "sale of (name of company) stock," for example.
- If more than \$1,000 of your income was in the form of interest from one particular financial institution (aggregating interest from all CD's, accounts, etc., at that institution), list the name of the institution, its address, and the amount of income from that institution.

### SECONDARY SOURCE OF INCOME:

This part is intended to require the disclosure of major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses in which you own an interest. It is not for reporting income from second jobs. That kind of income should be reported as a "Primary Source of Income." You will **not** have anything to report **unless**:

- (1) You owned (either directly or indirectly in the form of an equitable or beneficial interest) during the disclosure period, more than 5% of the total assets or capital stock of a business entity (a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, LLC, proprietorship, joint venture, trust, firm, etc., doing business in Florida); and
- (2) You received more than \$1,000 in gross income from that business entity during the period.

If your ownership and gross income exceeded the two thresholds listed above, then for that business entity you must list every source of income to the business entity which exceeded 10% of the business entity's gross income (computed on the basis of the business entity's more recently completed fiscal year), the source's address, the source's principal business activity, and the name of the business entity in which you owned an interest. You do not have to list the amount of income the business derived from that major source of income.

### Examples:

- You are the sole proprietor of a dry cleaning business, from which you received more than \$1,000 in gross income last year. If only one customer, a uniform rental company, provided more than 10% of your dry cleaning business, you must list the name of your business, the name of the uniform rental company, its address, and its principal business activity (uniform rentals).
- You are a 20% partner in a partnership that owns a shopping mall and your gross partnership income exceeded \$1,000. You should list the name of the partnership, the name of each tenant of the mall that provided more than 10% of the partnership's gross income, the tenant's address and principal business activity.

### PART E - INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESS

The types of businesses covered in this section include: state and federally chartered banks; state and federal savings and loan associations; cemetery companies; insurance companies; mortgage companies, credit unions; small loan companies; alcoholic beverage licensees; pari-mutuel wagering companies; utility companies; and entities controlled by the Public Service Commission; and entities granted a franchise to operate by either a city or a county government.

You are required to make this disclosure if you own or owned (either directly or indirectly in the form of an equitable or beneficial interest) at any time during the disclosure period, more than 5% of the total assets or capital stock of one of the types of business entities listed above. You also must complete this part of the form for each of these types of business for which you are, or were at any time during the year an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or agent (other than a resident agent solely for service of process).

If you have or held such a position or ownership interest in one of these types of businesses, list: the name of the business, its address and principal business activity, and the position held with the business (if any). Also, if you own(ed) more than a 5% interest in the business, as described above, you must indicate that fact and describe the nature of your interest.

### 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).

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Date: <u>04/04/2019</u>	
JNC Submitting To: 18 <sup>th</sup> Ju	udicial Circuit
Name (please print): <u>Kathr</u>	yn M. Speicher
Current Occupation: Attorr	ney
Telephone Number: (321)	617-7510 Attorney No.: 0021855
Gender (check one):	☐ Male
Ethnic Origin (check one):	⊠ White, non Hispanic
	☐ Hispanic
	□ Black
	☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native
	☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
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County of Residence: Brev	/arg

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### 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:	Kathryn M. Speicher,
Signature of Applicant:	Max M. Aguile
Date: 04/04/2019	