
***APPLICATION
FOR
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TO THE
EIGHTEENTH
JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT COURT***

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APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE 18th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

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

Full Name: Laura Michelle Moody

Social Security No.: [REDACTED]

Florida Bar No.: 0041676

Date Admitted to Practice in Florida: 9/28/2007

1. Please state your current employer and title, including any professional position and any public or judicial office you hold, your business address and telephone number.

a. **Brevard County Sheriff's Office, Chief Legal Counsel**

340 Gus Hipp Boulevard
Rockledge, Florida 32955
Cell: 321.298.4710 Office: 321.633.8402

b. **Eastern Florida State College Board of Trustees, Trustee**

3865 Wickham Road
Melbourne, Florida 32935
Office: 321.632.1111

c. **Office of the State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit,**

Designated as an Assistant State Attorney in:

*Brevard Case Numbers 05-2018-CF-26921-AXXX-XX and
05-2018-CF-26921-JXXX-XX, and
Seminole Case Number 2014-CF-00097-AXXX
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Bldg. D
Viera, Florida 32940
Office: 321.617.7510*

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

[REDACTED]
I have resided at this location since December 2017 (6.5 years)

I have resided in Florida since August 1995 (29 years)

My cell phone numbers are [REDACTED] and **321.298.4710 (work)**

My preferred email address is laura@moodylegal.com

3. State your birthdate and place of birth. [REDACTED] - **Ogden, Utah**
4. Are you a registered voter in Florida (Y/N)? **Yes**
5. Please list all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admissions requirements to which you have ever been admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission, and if applicable, state whether you have ever been suspended or resigned. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.
- a. **Florida Bar** - Admitted September 28, 2007
 - b. **United States District Court - Middle District of Florida** - Admitted December 3, 2008
 - c. I have never been suspended, resigned or allowed a membership to lapse.
6. Have you ever been known by any aliases? If so, please indicate and when you were known by such alias.
- My maiden name was **Laura Michelle Sawdy** and I was known by that name from [REDACTED], until my marriage on January 23, 2001.

EDUCATION:

7. List in reverse chronological order each secondary school, college, university, law school or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, the date the degree was received, class standing, and graduating GPA (if your class standing or graduating GPA is unknown, please request the same from such school).

School	Degree Received	Dates of Attendance	Date Degree Received	Class Standing	GPA
Florida A&M University College of Law Orlando, Florida	Juris Doctorate <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	August 16, 2004 - April 27, 2007	April 27, 2007	Valedictorian	3.637
University of Central Florida Orlando, Florida	Master of Public Administration	August 23, 2000 - May 2, 2003	May 2, 2003	Per Registrar, they do not rank Master's Program students	3.911
Flagler College St. Augustine, Florida	Bachelor of Arts	August 1995- April 24, 1999	April 24, 1999	Per Registrar, they do not participate in class ranking	3.400
Fairborn High School Fairborn, Ohio	High School Diploma	1991-1995	May 1995	29/375	4.005

8. List and describe any organizations, clubs, fraternities or sororities, and extracurricular activities you engaged in during your higher education. For each, list any positions or titles you held and the dates of participation.

- a. **Florida A&M University College of Law – Law Review** – 2005-2007
 - i. (Elected Notes & Comments Editor – 2006-2007)
- b. **Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International** – 2005-2007
- c. **Women’s Law Caucus** – 2005-2007
- d. **Pi Alpha Alpha** – National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration – 2003
- e. **Society for Intergovernmental Agency Management** - 2003
- f. **Flagler College – Cheer Team** – 1995-1997

EMPLOYMENT:

9. List in reverse chronological order all full-time jobs or employment (including internships and clerkships) you have held since the age of 21. Include the name and address of the employer, job title(s) and dates of employment. For non-legal employment, please briefly describe the position and provide a business address and telephone number.

Employer Name	Address	Job Title	Dates of Employment
Brevard County Sheriff’s Office	700 S. Park Avenue Titusville, FL 32780 321.264.5201	Chief Legal Counsel	July 22, 2019- Present
Office of the State Attorney, 18 th Judicial Circuit	2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Bldg. D Viera, FL 32940 321.617.7510	Assistant State Attorney: -Felony Trial Division Chief -Elder & Economic Crimes Division Chief -Felony Trial Attorney -Domestic Violence “Strikeback” Attorney -Misdemeanor Attorney	August 13, 2007 - July 19, 2019
Executive Office for Immigration Review, Orlando Immigration Court U.S. DOJ	500 N. Orange Ave. Suite 1100 Orlando, FL 33801 407.244.8900	Summer Judicial Law Intern	June 2006 – August 2006
Office of the State Attorney, 18 th Judicial Circuit	2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Bldg. D Viera, FL 32940 321.617.7510	-Felony Division Victim Advocate working with survivors of homicide and victims of crime -Juvenile Division Diversion Specialist responsible for training juvenile defendants in work ethics and employability skills and placing them in employment to pay restitution owed to victims	April 10, 2000- August 13, 2004
Florida Department of Children & Families	2880 S. Washington Ave. Titusville, FL 32780 (Office has relocated) 321.604.4273 (Rockledge)	Child Protective Investigator investigating allegations of abuse, neglect, abandonment and removing and placing children pursuant to Fla. Stat. Ch. 39 (“Proceedings Relating to Children”)	June 2, 1999 - August 25, 1999

10. Describe the general nature of your current practice including any certifications which you possess; additionally, if your practice is substantially different from your prior practice or if you are not now practicing law, give details of prior practice. Describe your typical clients or former clients and the problems for which they sought your services.
- a. I was **board certified in Criminal Trial Law** for the period of August 1, 2019, through July 31, 2024, and currently practice as the **Chief Legal Counsel** for Sheriff Wayne Ivey and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. As Chief Legal Counsel, my role is that of a general counselor and I manage the day-to-day legal operations and issues that confront the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and its approximately 1,700 employees tasked with providing law enforcement services to Brevard County. The Legal Services Unit, which I supervise, litigates matters such as Civil Asset Forfeitures, Risk Protection Orders, Small Claims matters, Public Records Disputes, Constitutional challenges, Discovery matters, and acts as a liaison with retained outside counsel regarding areas such as Professional Liability, Auto Liability, Workers Compensation, Employment Law, and Civil Process. I negotiate, review, draft, and approve contracts, memoranda of understanding, interlocal agreements, and agency policies and procedures. When requested, I review agency internal affairs cases to render opinions as to whether agency employees have committed policy, statutory law, or constitutional violations. I review search and arrest warrants and affidavits for sufficiency of evidence and draft documents required by agency staff. I conduct a variety of training and prepare legal bulletins to ensure adherence to legislative changes and constitutional policing practices by deputies and agency employees. As the Chief Legal Counsel for the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, there is no "typical" client or problem, as we function in criminal justice; we operate the Brevard County Jail Complex; we run Animal Services for the County; act as the Court's Judicial Process unit; and are a large employer of Brevard County citizens.
 - b. My current position is significantly different and more diverse in practice areas that touch on every topic from sufficiency of evidence for criminal arrests to employment law to model jail standards to professional liability, than the twelve (12) years I spent as an **Assistant State Attorney**. During those twelve years, I was assigned to nearly every division within the Office of the State Attorney and prosecuted misdemeanor crimes, repeat domestic violence offenders, felony crimes, elder & economic crimes, and became a supervisor of a four-attorney and four-support staff division as a **Felony Trial Division Chief** from 2016-2019. As a Felony Division Chief, I was tasked with prosecution of homicides, complex economic and drug trafficking cases, training of new felony attorneys, and day-to-day oversight of the division. With that variety of exposure, including in leadership within the Office of the State Attorney, I still was primarily focused on the prosecution of criminal cases whereas my current role at the Sheriff's Office is much more intertwined with the administration of the Sheriff's Office in addition to all legal matters.

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

Court		Area of Practice	
Federal Appellate	_____ %	Civil	<u>70</u> %
Federal Trial	_____ %	Criminal	<u>2</u> %
Federal Other	_____ %	Family	_____ %
State Appellate	_____ %	Probate	_____ %
State Trial	<u>100</u> %	Other (Mental Health)	<u>28</u> %
State Administrative	_____ %		
State Other	_____ %		
TOTAL	<u>100</u> %	TOTAL	<u>100</u> %

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

From 2007-2019, I exclusively practiced Criminal Trial law as an Assistant State Attorney appointed as a Felony Trial Division Chief, Elder & Economic Crimes Division Chief, Domestic Violence “Strikeback” Attorney, and Misdemeanor Attorney. In July 2019, upon becoming the Chief Legal Counsel for the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office, my practice shifted to nearly exclusively the practice of Civil law - handling Civil Asset Forfeitures, Risk Protection Orders, Public Records, Small Claims, and Professional Liability matters amongst other varied issues as the Sheriff’s Office general counsel. However, between 2019 and present, I have maintained a presence in the criminal trial courts, as State Attorney Phil Archer has designated me as an Assistant State Attorney on a complex case I previously tried to verdict and on a complex RICO/Drug Trafficking prosecution involving multiple defendants and hundreds of counts as noted in 1.c. above. I also appear in criminal matters periodically as a non-party and on behalf of Sheriff Ivey and the Sheriff’s Office to address Motions to Compel Discovery, Motions to Quash, and other criminal case-adjacent matters.

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

Jury?	<u>38+</u>	Non-jury?	<u>26+</u>
Arbitration?	<u>0</u>	Administrative Bodies?	<u>0</u>
Appellate?	<u>1</u>		





13. Please list every case that you have argued (or substantially participated) in front of the United States Supreme Court, a United States Circuit Court, the Florida Supreme Court, or a Florida District Court of Appeal, providing the case name, jurisdiction, case number, date of argument, and the name(s), e-mail address(es), and telephone number(s) for opposing appellate counsel. If there is a published opinion, please also include that citation.

N/A

14. Within the last ten years, have you ever been formally reprimanded, sanctioned, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended, or terminated by an employer or tribunal before which you have appeared? If so, please state the circumstances under which such action was taken, the date(s) such action was taken, the name(s) of any persons who took such action, and the background and resolution of such action. **NO**

15. In the last ten years, have you failed to meet any deadline imposed by court order or received notice that you have not complied with substantive requirements of any business or contractual arrangement? If so, please explain full. **NO**

16. For your last six cases, which were tried to verdict or handled on appeal, either before a jury, judge, appellate panel, arbitration panel or any other administrative hearing officer, list the names, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of the trial/appellate counsel on all sides and court case numbers (include appellate cases). *This question is optional for sitting judges who have served five years or more.*

Counsel Name	Email Address	Telephone Number	¹ Court Case Number
Co-Counsel: Bill Respass (Retired Chief ASA) Defense: Jose Baez	 office@baezlawfirm.com	 407.705.2626	State v. Rose Harr Seminole Case 2014-CF-00097-CXXX Appellate case number: <i>Harr v. State</i> , Case No. 5D18-3946 (Fla. 5 th DCA 2020) (per curiam) aff'd.
Co-Counsel: Kerri Fowler Defense: Michael Pirolo	kfowler@sa18.org mpirolo@pd18.net	321.617.7510 321.617.7373	State v. Shawn J. Jones Brevard Case 2015-CF-30116-AXXX
Co-Counsel: Bill Respass (Retired Chief ASA) Defense: Warren Lindsey	 warren@warrenlindseylaw.com	 407.782.9849	State v. Mitchell Needelman Seminole Case 2014-CF-00097-AXXX <i>State v. Needelman</i> , 276 So. 3d 444 (Fla. 5 th DCA 2019).

¹ Cases in which I was the lead trial attorney or handled more than 50% of the trial are listed. Cases in which I conducted 50% or less of the trial as co-counsel, but that fell within this list chronologically have been omitted but are available upon request.

Co-Counsel: Mike Doyle Defense: Darrell Sedgwick	mdoyle@sa18.org darrellsedgwick@yahoo.com	321.617.7510 321.604.6632	State v. Carlos Cancel Brevard Case 2016-CF-33331-AXXX <i>Cancel v. State</i> , 264 So. 3d 172 (Fla. 5 th DCA 2019) (per curiam) aff'd.
Co-Counsel: Kerri Fowler Defense: Michael Sanders-Randall	kfowler@sa18.org mike@sanders-randalllaw.com	321.617.7510 321.216.3050	State v. Jimmy Castanos Brevard Case 2016-CF-26545-AXXX <i>Castanos v. State</i> , 329 So. 3d 143 (Fla. 5 th DCA 2021) (per curiam) aff'd.
Defense: Ronnie Sanders-Randall	ronnie@sanders-randalllaw.com	321.216.3050	State v. Frank Lyons Brevard Case 2015-CF-18408-AXXX <i>Lyons v. State</i> , 189 So. 3d 796 (Fla. 5 th DCA 2016) (per curiam) aff'd.

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

² Counsel Name	Telephone Number	Court Case Number
Counsel for Claimant: Katie Rallo & Jay Thakkar	860.371.6343 (Katie Rallo) 407.733.1601 (Jay Thakkar)	<i>In re: Forfeiture of: \$30,575 et. Al.</i> BCSO case number 24-194972 settled Pre-Suit
Co-Counsel: William Scheiner Defense: Bryan Savy	321.617.7510 321.728.4911	<i>State v. Laricco Smith</i> 05-2018-CF-26921-AXXX-XX
Co-Counsel: William Scheiner Defense: Ronald Ecker II	321.617.7510 321.752.4092	<i>State v. Ryan Philipoff</i> 05-2018-CF-26921-JXXX-XX
Counsel for Claimant: Hongwei Shang	305.670.5266	<i>In re: Forfeiture of: Cryptocurrencies within Binance Wallet ending 5005</i> 05-2022-CA-55384-XXXX-XX
Co-Counsel: Jackie Russo Defense: Jonathan Mills	321.617.7510 407.720.7676	<i>State v. Stephan Maurice Dixon</i> 05-2018-CF-26921-RXXX-XX
Counsel for Petitioner: Lori Wurtzel	513.284.2628	<i>Gary J. Jones v. Brevard County Sheriff's Office, Brevard County Board of County Commissioners</i> 05-2020-CA-038673-XXXX-XX

² Pro Se Settlements and Mediations omitted but reached in 24-MH-35344, 23-SC-47913, 23-SC-43555, 23-SC-52845 which would fall chronologically in this list.

18. During the last five years, on average, how many times per month have you appeared in Court or at administrative hearings? If during any period you have appeared in court with greater frequency than during the last five years, indicate the period during which you appeared with greater frequency and succinctly explain.

During the last five (5) years, on average, I have appeared approximately two (2) to four (4) times per month in Court. That is significantly different than during my employment as an Assistant State Attorney from August 2007-July 2019. During those twelve (12) years, I was in court nearly daily, except for Court and Judicial holidays.

19. If Questions 16, 17, and 18 do not apply to your practice, please list your last six major transactions or other legal matters that were resolved, listing the names, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of the other party counsel. **See answers to Questions 16-18.**

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

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

STATE V. HENRY LEE JONES 05-2009-CF-031876-AXXX-XX	
<i>Court and Judge</i>	18 th Judicial Circuit in and for Brevard County Judge John "Jack" M. Griesbaum (Retired)
<i>Date of Case</i>	Indictment 10/18/11 – Mandate Affirmed 3/23/17
<i>Co-Counsel for State of Florida</i>	Russell Bausch (Retired), [REDACTED]
<i>Defense Counsel</i>	<i>Pro se</i> Defendant Henry Lee Jones
<i>Citation to Reported Decision</i>	<i>Jones v. State</i>, 212 So. 3d 321 (Fla. 2017)
<p>I represented the <i>State of Florida</i> in this prosecution of a defendant accused of murdering a nineteen-year-old in Melbourne, Florida on or about August 26, 2003. At the time of our prosecution, the defendant had been convicted of murdering two elderly individuals in Tennessee on August 22, 2003, and is the only viable, but unindicted, suspect in a 2002 murder in Ft. Lauderdale. The defendant was linked to the Melbourne murder after using the Tennessee victim's credit card in Brevard County, and the prosecution of this case required significant coordination to secure evidence from multiple jurisdictions including Tennessee and Ft. Lauderdale.</p> <p>The affirmation of the verdict and death sentence in this case was significant because while it was tried in 2013, before the revisions to death penalty procedure in Florida, the Florida Supreme Court issued the opinion in the instant case in 2017, after the <i>Hurst v. Florida</i> remand from the United States Supreme Court and its decision in <i>Hurst v. State</i>, 202 So. 3d 40 (Fla. 2016) requiring that a jury unanimously and expressly find all the aggravating factors be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. In this case, the Supreme Court found the <i>Hurst</i> error harmless</p>	

having been “convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that no rational jury would have failed to unanimously find that all three aggravating circumstances were proven beyond a reasonable doubt.” *Jones*, 212 So. 3d. at 344. Equally significant and important for practitioners is the Supreme Court’s thorough discussion of the admissibility of collateral crime evidence to prove identity. The analysis provided, comparisons noted between the murders, and faithful adherence to the rules of evidence and precedent on this topic produced an excellent primer on the appropriate introduction of such evidence. My co-counsel and I diligently focused on the limited and precise introduction of just the amount of information necessary to prove identity in strict adherence to precedent in this area of law and knew that in seeking a death sentence, our evidence would receive the strictest scrutiny, and the Supreme Court’s recognition of the precision for that very limited purpose was very rewarding.

Lastly, this case was significant because Brevard County State Attorney Norm Wolfinger could have elected not to extradite the Defendant for prosecution as he was already convicted and on death row in Tennessee. But he believed the family deserved justice and knew convictions are subject to reversal, so he pursued the prosecution in Brevard County as well.

[Click here for Appendix A](#) containing articles related to this case and Florida Supreme Court Opinion.

STATE V. MITCHELL NEEDELMAN

59-2014-CF-00097-AXXX-XX

<i>Court and Judge</i>	18 th Judicial Circuit in and for Seminole County Judge Marlene Alva (Retired)
<i>Date of Case</i>	Information filed 9/13/13 – Jury Verdict 10/31/2017
<i>Co-Counsel for State of Florida</i>	Bill Respass (Retired), [REDACTED]
<i>Defense Counsel</i>	Warren Lindsey, warren@warrenlindseylaw.com , 407.782.9849
<i>Citation to Reported Decision</i>	<i>State v. Needelman</i>, 276 So. 3d 444 (Fla. 5th DCA 2019)

I represented the State of Florida in this heavily contested matter involving the defeated Clerk of Court and his conspiracy to commit bribery and bid tampering with a Michigan-based company that had agreed to funnel “kick-back” payments from several awarded contracts for the Defendant to fund his campaign against the prevailing Clerk of Court in the 2012 election.

This case was significant in my career for several reasons: 1) The investigating entity was the Florida Department of Law Enforcement’s Office of Executive Investigations. Mark Mitchell and Dan Augustiniak were the case agents and I have had the pleasure of watching both agents advance in their careers with FDLE during the eleven years this case has remained active, with Mark Mitchell now the Chief of Investigations for the very unit that investigated this case. 2) At the time this case went to trial, it presented the most complicated legal issues I had yet experienced regarding elected officials, county officers’ contracting powers, bid tampering, bribery, campaign financing, lobbyists, and the evidence was voluminous and pre-trial litigation, extensive.

To avoid the appearance of impropriety, all Brevard County judges recused themselves and the trial occurred in Seminole County requiring extensive coordination of all out-of-county and out-of-state witnesses. 3) The case was incredibly educational to me as it necessarily required me to learn the political landscape of Brevard County and many of the administrative and technological policies, rules, and practices of our Clerk of Court. The relationships I built throughout that case, including with the current Clerk of Court, Rachel Sadoff, have been the foundation of many discussions, ideas, and projects I have worked on since then.

[Click here for Appendix A](#) to see news articles related to this case.

STATE V. ROSE MARY HARR**59-2014-CF-00097-CXXX-XX**

<i>Court and Judge</i>	18 th Judicial Circuit in and for Seminole County Judge Marlene Alva (Retired)
<i>Date of Case</i>	Information filed 9/13/13- Mandate Affirmed 7/20/20
<i>Co-Counsel for State of Florida</i>	Bill Respass (Retired), [REDACTED]
<i>Defense Counsel</i>	Jose Baez, office@baezlawfirm.com , 407.705.2626.
<i>Citation to Appellate Case</i>	Harr v. State, Case No. 5D18-3946 (Fla. 5th DCA 2020) (per curiam) aff'd.

I represented the State of Florida in this matter which is a co-defendant case tried separately from Mitch Needelman as described above. This defendant and her out-of-state company were the beneficiaries of millions of taxpayer and corporately-loaned dollars for a project for which she and her company were not qualified but had agreed to return Clerk funds through an intermediary to the Needelman campaign. This case was educational regarding economic development and proper vetting of qualified businesses that serve to enhance the quality of life and services for Floridians rather than those looking to exploit financial arrangements.

This case was significant for all the reasons stated above, but additionally because the opposing counsel for this case was a well-known adversary with excellent demonstrative aids, staffing, and resources that the State of Florida did not have. Ultimately, the State prevailed as to the Principal to Commit Bid Tampering and Conspiracy to Commit Bribery counts and succeeded in our efforts to have \$1,241,902.00 in restitution awarded to the Brevard Clerk of Courts Office for all of the taxpayer losses.

[Click Here for Appendix A](#) to see news articles related to this case.

STATE V. ANGEL GILES**05-2010-CF-061847-AXXX-XX**

<i>Court and Judge</i>	18 th Judicial Circuit in and for Brevard County Judge David Dugan (Retired)
<i>Date of Case</i>	Information filed 12/20/10 – Mandate Affirmed 5/23/14
<i>Co-Counsel for State of Florida</i>	Greg Konieczka, gkonieczka@sa18.org , 321.617.7510
<i>Defense Counsel</i>	Paul Wight, pwight@highstacklaw.com , 321.725.7575
<i>Citation to Appellate Case</i>	Giles v. State, Case No. 5D13-1864 (Fla. 5th DCA 2014) (per curiam) aff'd.

I represented the State of Florida in this matter. This case was significant as it was the first murder trial I participated in as co-counsel and resulted in the conviction and life sentence for a defendant accused of beating and kicking to death his partner just two months after committing a Battery Domestic Violence in which the same victim had dropped charges. Having previously served as a Victim Advocate and the Domestic Violence “Strikeback” Attorney, this was a case in which the Court saw fit to sentence the defendant to the maximum penalty allowed by law. This case was significant as I learned several excellent techniques for direct and cross examination in a case in which the defendant claimed he acted in self-defense. Understanding “Stand Your Ground” laws and the prosecution of cases in which self-defense is raised is crucial for prosecutors as it is commonly presented when defendants are charged with violent crimes.

STATE V. RYAN DAYTON
05-2009-CF-035943-AXXX-XX

<i>Court and Judge</i>	18 th Judicial Circuit in and for Brevard County Judge John “Jack” M. Griesbaum (Retired)
<i>Date of Case</i>	Information filed 9/17/09-Mandate Affirmed 11/26/12
<i>Co-Counsel for State of Florida</i>	Jason Andersen, jandersen@sa18.org , 321.617.7510
<i>Defense Counsel</i>	Michael Bross, michaelbross@brosslawoffice.com , 321.728.4911
<i>Citation to Appellate Case</i>	Dayton v. State, Case No. 5D11-4067 (Fla. 5th DCA 2012) (per curiam) aff’d.

I represented the State of Florida in this matter involving five counts including DUI with Serious Bodily Injury, DUI with Property Damage, DUI Second Offense and Violation of a DL restriction. This case is significant as it was my first felony trial involving significant injuries to passengers, introduction of blood evidence and testing, and a Defendant claiming not to be the driver.

An Assistant Statewide Prosecutor was in the courtroom for the conclusion and verdict in the case and mentioned I should apply for an open Assistant Statewide Prosecutor position in Orlando. I did so, was offered the job by Statewide Prosecutor Nick Cox, and to prevent my departure from the Office of the State Attorney, the late State Attorney Norm Wolfinger gave me the opportunity to start the Elder & Economic Crimes Unit.

The establishment of the Elder & Economic Crimes Unit is truly the platform that allowed me to learn from and to form connections with people such as Senator Passidomo, elder law and elder service practitioners throughout the state, Rotarians, guardians, and so many others serving Florida’s aging population. Perhaps most significantly, it was through my work with the Economic Crimes Task Force that I established a professional relationship with Sheriff Wayne Ivey leading to his recruitment of me as his Chief Legal Counsel when he established a Legal Services Unit within the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office.

- 22.** Attach at least two, but no more than three, examples of legal writing which you personally wrote. If you have not personally written any legal documents recently, you may attach a writing sample for which you had substantial responsibility. Please describe your degree of involvement in preparing the writing you attached.

I wrote the legal writing exemplars in their entirety and asked a fellow attorney to review my work for comprehension, typographical errors, and any recommendations, but I personally researched and wrote them. [Click here for Appendix B](#)

PRIOR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE OR PUBLIC OFFICE

- 23.** Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? If so, state the court(s) involved, the dates of service or dates of candidacy, and any election results. **NO**
- 24.** If you have previously submitted a questionnaire or application to this or any other judicial nominating commission, please give the name(s) of the commission, the approximate date(s) of each submission, and indicate if your name was certified to the Governor’s Office for consideration. **NO**

25. List any prior quasi-judicial service, including the agency or entity, dates of service, position(s) held, and a brief description of the issues you heard. **N/A**
26. If you have prior judicial or quasi-judicial experience, please list the following information:
- (i) the names, phone numbers and addresses of six attorneys who appeared before you on matters of substance;
 - (ii) the approximate number and nature of the cases you handled during your tenure;
 - (iii) the citations of any published opinions; and
 - (iv) descriptions of the five most significant cases you have tried or heard, identifying the citation or style, attorneys involved, dates of the case, and the reason you believe these cases to be significant. **N/A**
27. Provide citations and a brief summary of all of your orders or opinions where your decision was reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, attach copies of the opinions. **N/A**
28. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, attach copies of the opinions. **N/A**
29. Has a complaint about you ever been made to the Judicial Qualifications Commission? If so, give the date, describe the complaint, whether or not there was a finding of probable cause, whether or not you have appeared before the Commission, and its resolution. **NO**
30. Have you ever held an attorney in contempt? If so, for each instance state the name of the attorney, case style for the matter in question, approximate date and describe the circumstances. **N/A**
31. Have you ever held or been a candidate for any other public office? If so, state the office, location, dates of service or candidacy, and any election results. **NO**

NON-LEGAL BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT

32. If you are now an officer, director, or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise, state the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, the nature of your duties, and whether you intend to resign such position immediately upon your appointment or election to judicial office.

- a. **Eastern Florida State College Board of Trustees – Trustee.**³ Appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis May 2022 – The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the College that is legally vested with decision making power in all matters of college policy, programs, facilities, budget and personnel.
 - b. **Eastern Florida State College Student Housing Corporation – Board Chairperson.** Information available at <https://www.easternflorida.edu/student-housing/corporation-board.php> provides: “The Eastern Florida State College Student Housing Corporation, is a Florida not-for-profit corporation; and a direct support organization of Eastern Florida State College. Established by the College’s District Board of Trustees on December 11, 2017, the Corporation provides a means for the development, financing, acquisition and construction of the College’s student housing facilities. The College broke ground on August 12, 2019, for the first Melbourne Campus Student Housing Facility, with construction completed in time for students to move in for the start of Fall term classes in August 2020. A second Student Housing Facility on the Melbourne campus opened in August 2023.”
 - c. Pursuant to the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct: Canon 5C(2) and the commentary to Canon 5C(2), as well as Fla. JEAC Op. 03-21 and 07-08, I would resign such positions immediately upon appointment to judicial office.
- 33.** Since being admitted to the Bar, have you ever engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law? If so, explain and provide dates. If you received any compensation of any kind outside the practice of law during this time, please list the amount of compensation received.
- a. **Independent Contractor Instructor for the Office of the Attorney General – Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute.** March 20, 2014 – June 30, 2014. Billed \$65.00 per hour for instruction and training and taught at the “*Confronting Elder Financial Exploitation*” training that was held May 12-14, 2014, in Altamonte Springs, Florida.
 - b. **Adjunct Instructor** within the Paralegal Program at Everest University from approximately April 13, 2009, through July 1, 2010, for the following courses: Legal Research & Writing III; Legal Research & Writing IV; and Law & Medicine. Annual income \$3,900.00.
 - c. **Instructor for Valor Law Enforcement Group** – Conducted training for law enforcement officers from throughout the state regarding economic crimes investigations. November 2013. Compensated \$750.00 for training day.

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

³ See Governor Ron DeSantis Press Release of May 20, 2022, and Space Coast Daily article published June 8, 2022, attached as [Appendix C](#)

reason for each situation as to why you believe you might be in conflict. If you have prior judicial experience, describe the types of cases from which you have recused yourself. **NONE**

However, pursuant to the Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 3E(1)(b), I would disqualify myself in the following proceedings in which I or members of my department have served or currently serve as a lawyer in the matter:

- i. All Risk Protection Order cases filed by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office between the dates of July 22, 2019, through the date of my separation from employment with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office should I be appointed by the Governor although **none are currently assigned to the division for which this application applies.**
- ii. All Asset Forfeiture cases filed by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office between the dates of July 22, 2019, through the date of my separation from employment with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office should I be appointed by the Governor although **none appear currently assigned to the division for which this application applies.**
- iii. *In re: Forfeiture of: \$3,760.00 U.S. Currency et. Al.* Brevard County case number 05-2023-CA-051762 – ***This case is currently pending before the Honorable Scott Blaue and not in the division of vacancy.***
- iv. *In re: Forfeiture of: \$4,030.00 U.S. Currency et. Al.* Brevard County case number 05-2024-CA-038255 – ***This case is currently pending before the Honorable Curt Jacobus.***
- v. In the event of future movements within the Court, if ever assigned to a Criminal docket, I would disqualify myself from any case in which I was assigned as the prosecutor or had factual knowledge of the case as a witness.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

35. List the titles, publishers, and dates of any books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published materials you have written or edited, including materials published only on the Internet. Attach a copy of each listed or provide a URL at which a copy can be accessed. **See Appendix D**
36. List any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed to the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. Provide the name of the entity, the date published, and a summary of the document. To the extent you have the document, please attach a copy or provide a URL at which a copy can be accessed. **(Click here for Appendix D which contains the following):**
 - a. Task Force to Strengthen Florida Laws to Protect Vulnerable Adults (Comprised of Florida Department of Children and Families Adult Protective Services, State Attorneys, Law Enforcement, and Elder Law Attorneys). Contributed to the revisions to Florida law found in **CS/CS/HB 409 (2014)** which was sponsored by then-Representative, now-Senator Kathleen C. Passidomo and passed unanimously in the House of Representatives in the 2014 Session. To assist in the drafting of the Bill Analysis and statutory revisions, I prepared

- the *Task Force's White Paper* which was presented to then-Representative Passidomo's office in December 2013.
- b. Brevard County Sheriff's Office and Seminole State Attorney's Office legislative proposal *Memo* dated July 17, 2021, to Sheriff Ivey and Chiefs regarding Proposed Amendments to Florida's Animal Cruelty Statute as drafted by Seminole Chief Assistant State Attorney Stacey Salmons.
 - c. Brevard County Sheriff's Office *Legal Bulletins* published on the following dates and including the following topics:
 - i. March 26, 2021 – "**Regulation of Inmate Mail**"
 - ii. April 20, 2021 – "**Protests, Riots, and 'Combating Public Disorder' (HB1-2021)**" (Note – This bulletin was a collaboration between BCSO Legal Counsel, various police legal advisors throughout the state, and me but it is offered as a final product to which I contributed a significant portion of the document including approvals for publication.)
 - iii. February 17, 2022 – "**Law Enforcement in Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, & Patrick Space Force Base**"
 - iv. May 23, 2022 – "**Pedestrian Safety Ordinance – Chapter 106, Article V – Brevard County Code of Ordinances**"
 - v. July 1, 2022 – "**Involuntary Mental Health Exams (The Baker Act – Florida Statute § 394.463)**"
 - vi. May 2023 – "**Concealed Carry of Weapons and Firearms without a License**"
 - vii. June 2023 – "**Addendum re: Concealed Carry of Weapons and Firearms**"
 - viii. March 12, 2024 – "**Criminal/Infraction Case Initiation and Submission**"
 - ix. June 27, 2024 – "**Removal of Unauthorized Persons from Properties – Trespass, Transient Occupants, Eviction**" (Note – This bulletin was a collaboration between outside counsel that I have revised and added much content over the years, but it is offered as a final product to which I contributed a significant portion of the document including approvals for publication.)
 - d. Brevard County Sheriff's Office *Policies* for which I rendered extensive legal guidance, text, or editing along with Brevard County Sheriff's Office Command Staff. Provided BCSO policies do not include all policies I have reviewed for legal approval.
 - i. November 2, 2023 – 200.16 **Agency Records**
 - ii. June 18, 2024 – 500.20 **Notice to Appear Arrests**
 - iii. July 21, 2024 – 500.27 **Missing Persons/Abducted Persons/At-Risk Missing Persons**
 - iv. April 2, 2024 – 500.28 **Mentally Ill and Substance Impaired Individuals**
 - v. September 7, 2023 – 500.36 **High Risk Incidents**
 - vi. April 7, 2024 – 500.46 **Vehicle Operation**
 - vii. April 7, 2024 – 500.47 **Vehicle Apprehension Pursuit**

- viii. August 3, 2022 – 500.72 **Forfeiture**
- ix. May 21, 2024 – 500.76 **Agency Response to Resistance**
- x. June 21, 2023 – 500.91 **Risk Protection Orders**
- xi. February 22, 2022 – 500.92 **School Security Specialist/Guardian**
- xii. March 5, 2024 – 500.93 **Marijuana (Cannabis) Enforcement**
- xiii. July 27, 2022 – 500.94 **Cryptocurrency**
- xiv. July 2, 2024 – 500.96 **Removal of Transient or Unauthorized Occupants from Residential Real Property**
- xv. December 31, 2023 – 600.09D **Release Procedures**
- xvi. December 21, 2023 – 600.12A **Legal Rights**

37. List any speeches or talks you have delivered, including commencement speeches, remarks, interviews, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place they were delivered, the sponsor of the presentation, and a summary of the presentation. If there are any readily available press reports, a transcript or recording, please attach a copy or provide a URL at which a copy can be accessed.

(Click here for Appendix E)

PRESS REPORTS, PRINT MATERIALS, and POWERPOINT SAMPLES REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

- a. As Valedictorian of the Florida A&M University College of Law Spring Class of 2007, I presented a commencement speech at the Hooding Ceremony in Orlando, Florida. Video of speech available on DVD upon request.
- b. Presenter regarding **Domestic Violence: Prosecution and Obstacles** for the National Association of Social Workers – Space Coast Unit, Florida – October 30, 2009.
- c. Presenter regarding **Elder Abuse** for the National Association of Social Workers – Space Coast Unit, Florida – January 12, 2013.
- d. Instructor regarding **Elder Abuse, Scams, and Fraud** at the Tech Know Expo presented by Viera Voice and Senior Life Magazines and sponsored by Visual Dynamics, Inc. and Heart Care Centers of Florida – March 9, 2013.
- e. Speaker regarding **Elder Abuse and Prosecution** for the Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips at Arnold Palmer’s Bay Hill Club & Lodge, Orlando, Florida – March 4, 2015.
- f. Speaker regarding **Elder Abuse and Prosecution Strategies** at the 2015 Florida State Guardianship Association’s 28th Annual Conference – July 23, 2015.
- g. Participated in interview regarding **Elder Abuse** with Joe Steckler of Helping Seniors of Brevard. Recording dated July 31, 2015, that aired is available at: <https://helpingseniorsofbrevard.info/elder-abuse-hs101/>
- h. Presenter of the **Valor Awards 2015** presented by Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce of East Central Florida and sponsored by VITAS – held at Hilton Rialto Melbourne, Florida - August 19, 2015. News article available at:

<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2015/08/20/valor-awards-honor-public-servants-heroics/32035731/>.

- i. Appeared as a panelist for the *Vital Living Forum* to discuss **Elder Abuse**. “The Vital Living Forum is an hour-long talk show [created by Orange County Government] that highlights local services, resources and opportunities for older adults living in Central Florida.” Recorded April 11, 2016, and is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lGUGeG1OtU>.
- j. Lectured for Stetson University College of Law which hosted “**A Day in the Life of an Exploitation Report**,” a continuing legal education program for attorneys dealing with cases of abuse and financial exploitation. The full-day program was co-sponsored by the Florida Bar Elder Law section, Florida Securities Dealers Association, Aging Life Care Association Florida Chapter, the Office of the Attorney General Pam Bondi, and Stetson Law, on Friday, Sept. 30, 2016, at Stetson’s Tampa Law Center, 1700 N. Tampa St. Tampa, Florida.
- k. Speaker for MOAA® Cape Canaveral Chapter regarding **Economic Crimes, Scams and Fraud** at Indian River Colony Club – January 25, 2017.
- l. Spoke regarding **Powers of Attorney** and investigation of and prosecution of Elder Crimes. Webinar available at: <https://www.stetson.edu/law/academics/elder/home/webinar-series.php> and uploaded to YouTube September 10, 2019.
- m. Panelist at the Stop Financial Exploitation conference sponsored by the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar, AFELA (Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys), Elder Options, Elder Care of Alachua County, and the North Central Florida Senior Advocacy Network in Gainesville, Florida regarding the topic “**Troubleshooting Victories and Roadblocks in Financial Abuse of the Elderly in Florida**.” November 15, 2019. Recording available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVF45lNCRM>.
- n. Between 2011 and 2016, I was the speaker at various events such as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and at several Rotary Club meetings on the topics of Abuse in Later Life, Fraud, and Prosecution, however, the State Attorney’s Office could not produce the calendar documenting the dates and locations as they have migrated to another software platform and those records had met the retention period before my records request.
- o. Instructor for the legal block of the BCSO **Self Defense through Tactical Shooting** training covering Florida Self Defense laws, Stand Your Ground Immunity, and legal considerations regarding the use of firearms and deadly force at BCSO Gun Range Classroom for civilian enrollees: 9.21.2021, 2.12.22, 3.26.2022, 4.6.2022, 4.23.2022, 10.15.2022, 2.11.2023, 3.25.2023, 4.8.2023, 4.22.2023, 10.7.2023, 1.27.2024, 2.24.2024, 4.13.2024.
- p. Presenter of various trainings on **Risk Protection Orders, legislative updates, policy adherence, topics of interest** to law enforcement/precinct supervisors and BCSO command staff and agents: 9.19.2019, 9.23.2019, 10.1.2019, 10.8.2019, 11.6.2020, 3.10.2021, 9.28.2021
- q. Instructor for the legal block and annual legal updates for BCSO **School District Security Specialists/Guardians and School Resource Officers** covering topics such as Stand Your

- Ground, Self-Defense, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Act, Civil & Professional Liability and Qualified Immunity, School Safety: 10.14.2019, 10.15.2019, 6.18.2020, 6.19.2020, 4.26.2021, 10.11.2021, 11.17.2021, 11.18.2021, 6.15.2022, 6.16.2022, 9.14.2022, 9.15.2022, 3.20.2023, 7.24.2023, 7.25.2023, 8.1.2023, 8.2.2023, 8.3.2023, 7.31.2024. **(Click here for PowerPoint at Appendix E)**
- r. Presented training to BCSO Special Investigations Unit regarding **Civil Asset Forfeitures** 8.4.2020, 2.1.2022
 - s. Presented training to BCSO Homicide Unit regarding testifying in court proceedings and the development of homicide cases: 2.1.2021
 - t. Presented training to BCSO K9 Unit regarding **Constitutional Considerations during Searches and Seizures**: 2.10.21
 - u. Presented training to Veteran Volunteers in SAVING program regarding liability and policy/procedure for civilian volunteers working with crisis negotiators: 6.10.21
 - v. Presented training to Jail Complex staff regarding constitutional considerations applicable to the provision of law library services to inmates: 5.18.2022.
 - w. Presented training to Jail Complex supervisors regarding response to resistance, search and seizure, pretrial release, and other constitutional considerations: 8.25.2022, 9.1.2022, 5.7.2024, 5.8.2024.
 - x. Presented training to patrol squads regarding legislative updates including permit-less concealed carry of firearms: 5.24.2023, 5.30.2023, 6.5.2023, 6.6.2023, 6.8.2023, 6.13.2023, 6.15.2023, 6.16.2023, 6.19.2023, 6.20.2023, 6.21.2023, 6.22.2023, 6.27.2023,
 - y. Instructor for **Narcotics Investigations** Course at Eastern Florida State College regarding legal considerations in search, seizure, and drug investigations: 9.19.2023, 8.9.2024.
 - z. Panelist before the House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee regarding **Illegal Gaming in Florida**: 10.17.2023. Video available at: <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/VideoPlayer.aspx?eventID=9023> at approximately 1:05.
 - aa. Presenter to the Brevard Health Alliance regarding changes to the **Concealed Carry of Firearms** in Florida via Zoom: 11.8.2023.
 - bb. Presented training to BCSO Investigative Analysts regarding pre-trial preparation and trial testimony: 3.8.2024.
 - cc. Speaker for Indialantic Rotary Club regarding **Cryptocurrency Fraud** at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club: 3.27.2024.
 - dd. Conducted training for BCSO new-hires regarding constitutional considerations in search and seizure matters: 5.1.2024, 7.18.2024.
 - ee. Conducted legal block training for BCSO/EFSC Corrections Academy at the Brevard County Jail covering Use of Force/Response to Resistance, Baker Act, PREA obligations: 5.9.2024.⁴ **(Click here for Training PowerPoint at Appendix E)**

⁴ PowerPoint for School District Security Legislative Update Training and Corrections Academy Training attached as examples of my visual presentations and course curriculum with credit to the FSA for the Legislative Update slides. For efficiency in reviewing voluminous materials, I have not included all presentation PowerPoints with this application but will provide any available print or digital materials upon request.

38. Have you ever taught a course at an institution of higher education or a bar association? If so, provide the course title, a description of the course subject matter, the institution at which you taught, and the dates of teaching. If you have a syllabus for each course, please provide. **YES**
- a. Presenter at Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association Winter Education Training Program for Prosecutors regarding **Elder Exploitation** February 17, 2015.
 - b. Instructor within the Everest University Paralegal Department from April 2009 through July 2010 for the following courses: Legal Research & Writing III; Legal Research & Writing IV; and Law & Medicine. Legal Writing courses instructed on each type of legal document, including client letters, memorandum of law, pleadings, motions to suppress, motions *in limine*, and appellate briefs. The Law & Medicine course was an introduction to medical terms and concepts for the paralegal program at Everest University.
39. List any fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement. Include the date received and the presenting entity or organization.
- a. **Valedictorian** – Florida A&M University College of Law – *Magna Cum Laude* – April 27, 2007
 - b. **Outstanding Misdemeanor Attorney** – Office of the State Attorney 18th Judicial Circuit – November 2007, March 2008, October 2008, January 2009, February 2010
 - c. **Pride in Excellence Employee of the Month** – Office of the State Attorney 18th Judicial Circuit – November 2012, December 2015, November 2017, September 2018
 - d. **Top 12 Finalist “4 Under 40.”** LEAD Brevard 2015 Leadership Awards – February 27, 2015
 - e. **Norman R. Wolfinger Attorney of the Year** – Office of the State Attorney 18th Judicial Circuit – April 21, 2015
 - f. **Best Presentation “Children in the Law” Team Captain** – Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court – 2017
 - g. **Government Lawyer Professionalism Award** – Brevard County Bar Association – March 28, 2018
 - h. **Pride in Excellence Attorney of the Year** – Office of the State Attorney 18th Judicial Circuit – 2018
 - i. **Barrister of the Year** – Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court – 2021-2022
 - j. **Employee of the Month** – Brevard County Sheriff’s Office – August 2022
40. Do you have a Martindale-Hubbell rating? If so, what is it and when was it earned? **NO**
41. List all bar associations, legal, and judicial-related committees of which you are or have been a member. For each, please provide dates of membership or participation. Also, for each indicate any office you have held and the dates of office.
- a. **Brevard County Bar Association** –2007-present
 - b. **American Bar Association** – 2007

- c. **Brevard County Association of Women Lawyers - 2009**
- d. **Florida Bar Grievance Committee (B)** for the 18th Judicial Circuit
2018-2021 – Vice Chair 2021
- e. **Florida Bar Criminal Trial Certification Exam Question Committee** 2022-2023
- f. **Florida Bar Criminal Trial Certification Exam Grade Challenge Committee** 2024

42. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in the previous question to which you belong, or to which you have belonged since graduating law school. For each, please provide dates of membership or participation and indicate any office you have held and the dates of office.

- a. **Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court** – 2011-2013 Associate; 2015-2018 Barrister; 2020-2024 Of Counsel; 2024-2026 President
- b. **Florida Association of Police Attorneys** – 2019-Present
- c. **Florida Sheriff’s Association** – 2021-Present
- d. **Brevard County Chiefs of Police Association** – 2022-Present
- e. **The Federalist Society** – 2024-Present
- f. **Florida Department of Law Enforcement Transition Team** Member – 2022-2023
- g. **TRIAD** – 2011-2016 – 2012-2016 Treasurer
- h. **Senior Resource Alliance** – 2014-2016 Advisory Council Member
- i. **Brevard Elder Crime Multi-Disciplinary Task Force** – 2012-2016 – Facilitator
- j. **Brevard Economic Crimes Task Force** – 2012-2016 – Assigned Attorney
- k. **LEADERSHIP Brevard** Class of 2015
- l. **Office of the State Attorney Prosecution Alternatives for Youth (“PAY”) Volunteer** – Teen Court Judge – 2008-2011

43. Do you now or have you ever belonged to a club or organization that in practice or policy restricts (or restricted during the time of your membership) its membership on the basis of race, religion (other than a church, synagogue, mosque or other religious institution), national origin, or sex (other than an educational institution, fraternity or sorority)? If so, state the name and nature of the club(s) or organization(s), relevant policies and practices and whether you intend to continue as a member if you are selected to serve on the bench. **NO**

44. Please describe any significant pro bono legal work you have done in the past 10 years, giving dates of service.

As a Government Lawyer, I am prohibited from conducting pro bono legal work.

45. Please describe any hobbies or other vocational interests.

I am an avid college and professional football fan. I practice Yoga and enjoy being outdoors with my two dogs in my free time. I enjoy attending performing arts events at the Maxwell King Center at Eastern Florida State College and conducting home renovation projects.

46. Please state whether you have served or currently serve in the military, including your dates of service, branch, highest rank, and type of discharge. **NO**
47. Please provide links to all social media and blog accounts you currently maintain, including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.
- a. LinkedIn Account available at [linkedin.com/in/laura-moody-69b4b55](https://www.linkedin.com/in/laura-moody-69b4b55)

FAMILY BACKGROUND

48. Please state your current marital status. If you are currently married, please list your spouse's name, current occupation, including employer, and the date of the marriage. If you have ever been divorced, please state for each former spouse their name, current address, current telephone number, the date and place of the divorce and court and case number information.
- a. I am married to [REDACTED], who was the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. We have been married since January 23, 2001.
49. If you have children, please list their names and ages. If your children are over 18 years of age, please list their current occupation, residential address, and a current telephone number.
- a. My stepson, [REDACTED] is 32 years of age. He is employed as a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

CRIMINAL AND MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS

50. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, including adjudications of guilt withheld? If so, please list and provide the charges, case style, date of conviction, and terms of any sentence imposed, including whether you have completed those terms. **NO**
51. Have you ever pled nolo contendere or guilty to a crime which is a felony or misdemeanor, including adjudications of guilt withheld? If so, please list and provide the charges, case style, date of conviction, and terms of any sentence imposed, including whether you have completed those terms. **NO**
52. Have you ever been arrested, regardless of whether charges were filed? If so, please list and provide sufficient details surrounding the arrest, the approximate date and jurisdiction. **NO**

53. Have you ever been a party to a lawsuit, either as the plaintiff, defendant, petitioner, or respondent? If so, please supply the case style, jurisdiction/county in which the lawsuit was filed, case number, your status in the case, and describe the nature and disposition of the matter. **NO**
54. To your knowledge, has there ever been a complaint made or filed alleging malpractice as a result of action or inaction on your part? **NO**
55. To the extent you are aware, have you or your professional liability carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? If so, give particulars, including the name of the client(s), approximate dates, nature of the claims, the disposition and any amounts involved. **NO**
56. Has there ever been a finding of probable cause or other citation issued against you or are you presently under investigation for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group. If so, provide the particulars of each finding or investigation. **NO**
57. To your knowledge, within the last ten years, have any of your current or former co-workers, subordinates, supervisors, customers, clients, or the like, ever filed a formal complaint or accusation of misconduct including, but not limited to, any allegations involving sexual harassment, creating a hostile work environment or conditions, or discriminatory behavior against you with any regulatory or investigatory agency or with your employer? If so, please state the date of complaint or accusation, specifics surrounding the complaint or accusation, and the resolution or disposition. **NO**
58. Are you currently the subject of an investigation which could result in civil, administrative, or criminal action against you? If yes, please state the nature of the investigation, the agency conducting the investigation, and the expected completion date of the investigation. **NO**
59. Have you ever filed a personal petition in bankruptcy or has a petition in bankruptcy been filed against you, this includes any corporation or business entity that you were involved with? If so, please provide the case style, case number, approximate date of disposition, and any relevant details surrounding the bankruptcy. **NO**
60. In the past ten years, have you been subject to or threatened with eviction proceedings? If yes, please explain. **NO**
61. Please explain whether you have complied with all legally required tax return filings. To the extent you have ever had to pay a tax penalty or a tax lien was filed against you, please explain giving the date, the amounts, disposition, and current status. **YES – compliant with all filings**

HEALTH

62. Are you currently addicted to or dependent upon the use of narcotics, drugs, or alcohol? **NO**
63. During the last ten years have you been hospitalized or have you consulted a professional or have you received treatment or a diagnosis from a professional for any of the following: Kleptomania, Pathological or Compulsive Gambling, Pedophilia, Exhibitionism or Voyeurism? If your answer is yes, please direct each such professional, hospital and other facility to furnish the Chairperson of the Commission any information the Commission may request with respect to any such hospitalization, consultation, treatment or diagnosis. ["Professional" includes a Physician, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Psychotherapist or Mental Health Counselor.] Please describe such treatment or diagnosis. **NO**
64. In the past ten years have any of the following occurred to you which would interfere with your ability to work in a competent and professional manner: experiencing periods of no sleep for two or three nights, experiencing periods of hyperactivity, spending money profusely with extremely poor judgment, suffering from extreme loss of appetite, issuing checks without sufficient funds, defaulting on a loan, experiencing frequent mood swings, uncontrollable tiredness, falling asleep without warning in the middle of an activity. If yes, please explain. **NO**
65. Do you currently have a physical or mental impairment which in any way limits your ability or fitness to properly exercise your duties as a member of the Judiciary in a competent and professional manner? If yes please explain the limitation or impairment and any treatment, program or counseling sought or prescribed. **NO**
66. During the last ten years, have you ever been declared legally incompetent or have you or your property been placed under any guardianship, conservatorship or committee? If yes, provide full details as to court, date, and circumstances. **NO**
67. During the last ten years, have you unlawfully used controlled substances, narcotic drugs, or dangerous drugs as defined by Federal or State laws? If your answer is "Yes," explain in detail. (Unlawful use includes the use of one or more drugs and/or the unlawful possession or distribution of drugs. It does not include the use of drugs taken under supervision of a licensed health care professional or other uses authorized by Federal or State law provisions.) **NO**
68. In the past ten years, have you ever been reprimanded, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended, cautioned, or terminated by an employer as result of your alleged consumption of alcohol, prescription drugs, or illegal drugs? If so, please state the circumstances under which such action was taken, the name(s) of any persons who took such action, and the background and resolution of such action. **NO**
69. Have you ever refused to submit to a test to determine whether you had consumed and/or were under the influence of alcohol or drugs? If so, please state the date you were requested to submit

to such a test, the type of test required, the name of the entity requesting that you submit to the test, the outcome of your refusal, and the reason why you refused to submit to such a test. **NO**

70. In the past ten years, have you suffered memory loss or impaired judgment for any reason? If so, please explain in full. **NO**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

As the daughter of a retired Air Force Colonel, I grew up on military bases with my role models being those who dedicated themselves as public servants to and warriors for the United States of America. That loyalty and dedication transmitted to me a desire to follow in my father's footsteps and serve the people. My desire to serve the public has manifested itself in the form of being a Child Protective Investigator investigating allegations of child abuse, neglect, and abandonment. It then led to working with juvenile offenders to help them gain employability skills and jobs to pay back restitution to crime victims; then to working as a victim advocate; assistant state attorney and now as the Chief Legal Counsel for Sheriff Wayne Ivey and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. During my time at the Office of the State Attorney I had the opportunity to volunteer as a Teen Court Judge "presiding" over actual juvenile criminal cases in which offenders had admitted guilt but participate in sentencing proceedings before a jury of their peers. These proceedings gave me a first glance at ruling on objections, procedural issues, and doing the work that is required of our judges. I also started the Elder & Economic Crimes Unit and the Sheriff's Office Legal Services Unit as initially units of one with no predecessor or trainer and have a distinct ability to function independently and solitarily, which is important for the judiciary.

The Comments to *The Rules Regulating the Florida Bar*, Rule 4-3.8 provide: "A prosecutor has the responsibility of a minister of justice and not simply that of an advocate." For the first twelve years of my practice of law, I dedicated myself to seeking justice and not simply convictions in criminal cases. While at times this meant zealously advocating for the people and victims of Florida, it also meant dropping or dismissing cases in which insufficient evidence existed to prove a crime was committed or that the accused was the person who committed the crime. That constant evaluation of cases including credibility of witnesses, sufficiency of evidence, management of heavy caseloads, mastery of the rules of evidence and procedure, and constant research of appellate opinions are crucial for those who take judicial office. While I functioned as a prosecutor aiming always to protect the integrity of the criminal justice system and rights of both victims and the accused, that behavior closely resembles the requirement of judges to preserve the image, confidence and respect for the role of the courts in society.

Lastly, as Chief Legal Counsel for the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, I have rendered opinions and guidance on constitutional and administrative matters covering a broad range of topics, both civil

and criminal, for the last five years. To effectively act as a police legal advisor, I research and interpret the law as a textualist when advising the Sheriff and his deputies about the constitutionality, permissibility, or prohibition on actions to be taken in fulfilling the role and duties of Sheriff. I have provided input and suggested draft language for 18th Judicial Circuit Court Administrative Orders. Representing a member of the Executive Branch has instilled in me a belief in judicial restraint while respect for the rule of law. The diversity of topics the Sheriff's Office faces daily has broadened my knowledge and has solidified a deep respect for the balance and separation of power between all branches of our government and has given me a well-founded respect for the limited, but essential, role our courts play in settling the unsettled without overstepping their constitutional powers and duties.

72. Explain the particular contribution you believe your selection would bring to this position and provide any additional information you feel would be helpful to the Commission and Governor in evaluating your application.

Senator Jon Kyl noted during Justice Samuel Alito's confirmation hearing what the nation at the time had come to expect of a Supreme Court Justice. Those attributes were: "First rate intellect, demonstrated academic excellence, life of engagement with serious constitutional analysis, and reputation for fair mindedness and modesty." If nominated by the Commission and appointed by Governor DeSantis, I would be diligent in my efforts to demonstrate those qualities each day. I firmly believe that our American and Floridian court system must be grounded in a confidence that the person empowered and entrusted to rule on disputes between adversaries will do so intelligently, learnedly, free from bias or prejudice, and humbly. My goal in obtaining this appointment is to lend credibility, prestige, and the highest view of integrity *to* the office of the judiciary rather than to seek esteem *from* the office of judge.

I decided to attend law school and to become a prosecutor while working as a victim advocate and sitting each day in the courtroom gallery watching questioning and arguments made by the lawyers on each side. From that view, it was the *work* of a lawyer that drove me; not the title of "being a lawyer." During the seventeen years I have been privileged to do this work, learning nearly every area of law and appearing before numerous judges, fourteen years of which has been spent in Circuit Court, I have felt the same draw to do the *work* of judging the merits of cases, arguments, and matters – rather than seeking to "be a judge" or obtaining a title.

Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 26.012, Circuit Courts have exclusive original jurisdiction of proceedings including, but not limited to: probate, guardianship, involuntary hospitalizations, determining incompetency, juveniles, felonies, ejectments, injunctions, emergency hospitalizations pursuant to Ch. 394, and in all actions at law not cognizable by the county courts. During my seventeen years of legal practice, I have worked or had exposure to matters involving each of these case types. To complement twelve years of criminal trial experience that followed nearly five years of victim advocacy and juvenile diversion case management, I intentionally spent the last five years learning civil procedure, civil causes of action and defenses, summary judgment and motion

practice, and diversifying my legal knowledge and practice areas in preparation to apply for an appointment to or election to the bench. As in-house counsel to an Executive Branch member, I have had the opportunity to act as the agency representative rather than the attorney of record in complex Federal proceedings and significant state law actions. Participating in cases with the view of a party sitting as a defendant one day, and the plaintiff the next, I appreciate the expectation that the Judiciary will hear all litigants and promptly address their grievances.

Importantly, if nominated by this Commission and appointed by Governor DeSantis, my faithful adherence to the Constitution and law will not bend to serve the interests of what may be deemed popular in a fleeting moment. My experience and knowledge have prepared me to be assigned *any case, in any division*, while instilling confidence in our litigants and community that while there may only be one prevailing party in a matter, their arguments will be heard and considered with sincere humility, deliberation, fairness, and impartiality.

REFERENCES⁵

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

Reference	Address	Email Address	Telephone Number
Phil Archer State Attorney 18 th Judicial Circuit	2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Bldg. D Viera, FL 32940	parcher@sa18.org	
Charlie Crawford Chief Judge 18 th Judicial Circuit	2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940	Charlie.crawford@ flcourts18.org	
Alan Diamond, Esq. Criminal Defense Attorney	3962 W. Eau Gallie Blvd. Ste. B Melbourne, FL 32934	asdlaw@cfl.rr.com	
Wayne Ivey Sheriff of Brevard County	700 S. Park Avenue Titusville, FL 32780	Wayne.ivey@bcso.us	321.427.7231
David Koenig Brevard County Judge	2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940	David.koenig@ flcourts18.org	
Mark Mitchell Florida Department of Law Enforcement Chief of Investigations	Office of Executive Investigations 2331 Phillips Rd. R Tallahassee, FL 32308	MarkMitchell@fdle.state.fl.us	
Dr. Jim Richey Eastern Florida State College President	3865 N. Wickham Road Bldg. 8 Melbourne, FL 32935	richeyj@easternflorida.edu	

⁵ A sampling of historical correspondence regarding my work ethic are also attached as [Appendix F](#).

Rachel M. Sadoff Clerk of Court Brevard County	400 South Street (Second Floor) Titusville, FL 32780	Rachel.sadoff@ Brevardclerk.us	██████████
Tyler Sirois House Representative	418 The Capitol 402 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399 or 260 North Tropical Trail Ste. 206 Merritt Island, FL 32953	<a href="mailto:Tyler.sirois@myflorida
house.gov">Tyler.sirois@myflorida house.gov	██████████
Doug Waller Undersheriff of Brevard County	700 S. Park Avenue Titusville, FL 32780	Douglas.waller@bcso.us	321.403.1470

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(1), 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 29th day of July, 2024.

Laura Moody

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: \$92,924.00

Last Three Years: \$157,556.66 \$137,761.12 \$125,344.96

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

Current Year-To-Date: \$69,450.30

Last Three Years: \$119,065.55 \$103,703.44 \$104,845.16

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

Current Year-To-Date: \$10,150.00 (Rental Income for 2990 S. Fiske Blvd. Unit J1 Rockledge)

Last Three Years: \$17,400.00 \$17,350.00 \$6,000.00

4. State the amount you have earned in the preceding three years on a year by year basis from all sources other than the practice of law, and generally describe the source of such income or losses.

Current Year-To-Date: \$0.00

Last Three Years: \$ 3,933.00 Rental less expenses \$4,866.00 Rental less expenses \$0.00

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

Current Year-To-Date: \$0.00 Rental Income less HOA fees, taxes, utilities, maintenance

Last Three Years: \$3,933.00 \$4,866.00 \$0

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

PART A – NET WORTH

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

My net worth as of July 29, 2024 was \$1,142,946.59.

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 \$ 215,000.00

ASSETS INDIVIDUALLY VALUED AT OVER \$1,000:

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

VALUE OF ASSET

██████████ – Residential Home	\$670,000.00
██████████ – Rental Townhouse	\$283,000.00
FRS Retirement Investment Plan Account	\$36,145.42
State of Florida Deferred Compensation Plan - 457	\$18,364.33
██████ Bank Checking/Savings Account	\$49,332.45
██████████ Bank Checking/Savings Account	\$24,096.35
██████████ Checking/Savings Account	\$5,869.10
██████████	\$15,000.00

PART C - LIABILITIES

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR

AMOUNT OF LIABILITY

United Wholesale Mortgage, P.O. Box 77404, Ewing, NJ 08628	\$99,749.50
Sloan Servicing, P.O. Box 87865, Lincoln, NE 68501	\$25,540.15
Community Credit Union, 1030 US Highway 1, Rockledge, FL 32955	\$22,153.41

PART D - INCOME

You may **EITHER** (1) file a complete copy of your latest federal income tax return, *including all W2's, schedules, and attachments*, **OR** (2) file a sworn statement identifying each separate source and amount of income which exceeds \$1,000 including secondary sources of income, by completing the remainder of Part D, below.

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

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

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME EXCEEDING \$1,000	ADDRESS OF SOURCE OF INCOME	AMOUNT
Brevard County Sheriff's Office	700 South Park Avenue Titusville, Florida 32780	\$157,556.66 Tax Year 2023

SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major customers, clients, etc., of businesses owned by reporting person—see instructions on page 6]

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

PART E – INTERESTS IN SPECIFIC BUSINESS [Instructions on page 7]

	BUSINESS ENTITY #1	BUSINESS ENTITY #2	BUSINESS ENTITY #3
NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	N/A	N/A	N/A
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			

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

OATH

I, the person whose name appears at the beginning of this form, do depose on oath or affirmation and say that the information disclosed on this form and any attachments hereto is true, accurate, and complete.

Karen Moody
SIGNATURE

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF

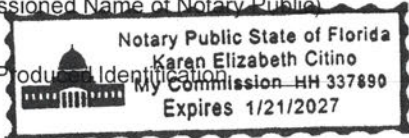
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Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 29th day of July, 2024 by Laura Moody _____

(Signature of Notary Public, State of Florida)

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

Personally Known OR Produced Identification



Type of Identification Produced _____

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 all your assets and subtract the amount of all of your liabilities. 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.

To total the value of your assets, add:

- form;
- (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, except for 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 net worth.

- 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. However, 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 entirety 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, including all schedules, W2's and attachments, 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 you, as calculated for income tax purposes, rather than the income to the business.

Examples:

— If you owned stock in and were employed by a corporation and received more than \$1,000 of income (salary, commissions, dividends, etc.) from the company, you should list the name of the company, its address, and the total amount of income received from it.

— 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).

(Please Type or Print)

Date: July 29, 2024

JNC Submitting To: 18th Judicial Circuit

Name (please print): Laura M. Moody

Current Occupation: Chief Legal Counsel

Telephone Number: [REDACTED] Attorney No.: 0041676

Gender (check one): Male Female

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

Hispanic

Black

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian/Pacific Islander

County of Residence: Brevard

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO THE
FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT (FCRA)

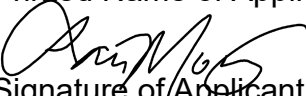
The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) may obtain one or more consumer reports, including but not limited to credit reports, about you, for employment purposes as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, including for determinations related to initial employment, reassignment, promotion, or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

Laura Michelle Moody

Printed Name of Applicant


Signature of Applicant

Date: July 29, 2024