

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: Aaron Joseph Peacock Social Security No.: [REDACTED]

Florida Bar No.: 0036336 Date Admitted to Practice in Florida: 4/19/2007

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. **I am employed by the State of Florida and currently serve as a Brevard County Judge. My current business address is 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Melbourne, FL 32940 (321) 617-7236.**
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. **My current residential address is [REDACTED] Melbourne, FL Brevard County 32940. I have lived at my current address since October 2010, and I have lived in the State of Florida since August 01, 2004. My cell phone number is [REDACTED] and my preferred email address is [REDACTED]**
3. State your birthdate and place of birth. **I was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan on July 15, 1974.**
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. **I was admitted to the State of Florida Bar in April 2004 and have never been suspended or resigned.**
6. Have you ever been known by any aliases? If so, please indicate and when you were known by such alias. **I have never been known by an alias.**

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).

- a. **Florida State University College of Law 08/2004 – 12/2006 Juris Doctorate (12/2006) 95 of 233 (82.592 GPA)**
 - b. **Eastern Michigan University 09/1992 – 05/1996 Honors B.S. (05/1996) 3.68 GPA**
 - c. **Wayne Memorial High School 08/1989 – 05/1992 Diploma (05/1992) 15 of 379 (3.794 GPA)**
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. **Eastern Michigan University Honors Program (1992-1996)**
 - b. **Article and Notes Editor Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law – Florida State College of Law (2005-2006)**
 - c. **Student Bar Association – Florida State University College of Law (2004-2006)**
 - d. **Ladd Inn – Phi Delta Phi – The International Legal Fraternity (2004-2006)**
 - e. **Student Golf Association – Florida State College of Law (2004-2006)**

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.
- a. **County Court Judge – State of Florida 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Melbourne, FL 32940. 07/2020 – Present.**
 - b. **Assistant State Attorney – Office of the State Attorney for the 18th Judicial Circuit 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, BLDG D, Melbourne, FL 32940. 03/2007 – 07/2020.**
 - c. **Certified Legal Intern – Office of the State Attorney for the 2nd Judicial Circuit 301 S. Monroe St. #475, Tallahassee, FL 32301. 05/2006 – 08/2006.**
 - d. **Legal Writing Tutor – Florida State University College of Law 425 W. Jefferson St., Tallahassee, FL 32301. 08/2005 – 05/2006.**
 - e. **Legal Intern/Clerk – Florida Department of Corrections 2601 Blairstone Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32301. 05/2005 – 08/2005.**
 - f. **Police Officer – City of Inkster Michigan 26215 Trowbridge Rd., Inkster, MI 48141. (313) 563-9850. 07/1997 – 07/2004. During my tenure as a law enforcement officer I served as a Patrol Officer, Patrol Officer assigned to the Federal Housing Unit, Motorcycle Officer, Administrative Sergeant, and Commander.**
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. **I currently serve as a County Judge. Prior to being appointed to the County Court Bench, I served as an Assistant State Attorney for 13 years. When I left the State Attorney’s Office, I was a Felony Division**

Chief supervising three Assistant State Attorneys along with four support staff employees. I also managed a case docket that included all crimes that resulted in a death.

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	_____ %
Federal Trial	_____ %	Criminal	<u>100</u> %
Federal Other	_____ %	Family	_____ %
State Appellate	_____ %	Probate	_____ %
State Trial	<u>100</u> %	Other	_____ %
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:

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

Jury?	<u>70+</u> _____	Non-jury?	<u>10</u> _____
Arbitration?	_____	Administrative Bodies?	_____
Appellate?	_____		

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. **I have not argued or substantially participated in a case in front of any of the listed Courts.**

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. **I have never been disciplined or sanctioned by an employer or tribunal.**

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. **I have not failed to meet a deadline imposed by a court order in the last 10 years.**
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.*
- a. **05-2016-CF-47212-AXXX State v. Richard Lawson, Colleen Degraff, Esquire (321) 447-4275 colleen@degraff-law.com and Assistant Public Defender Patrick Lepore (321) 617-7373 plepore@pd18.net. (5th DCA 5D18-3522)**
 - b. **05-2016-CF-40986-AXXX State v. Adorian Ferguson, Marielena Tynan, Esquire (321) 272-1676 marielena.tynan@allstate.com**
 - c. **05-2016-CF-23249-AXXX State v. Stephen Warrington, Chief Assistant Public Defender Michael Pirolo (321) 617-7373 mpirolo@pd18.net (5th DCA 5D19-2847)**
 - d. **05-2014-CF-45214-AXXX State v. Josiah Hadley, Brian Onek, Esquire (321) 751-9774 brevardtrialaw@wmconnect.com and Assistant Public Defender Andrea Fant (321) 617-7373 afant@pd18.net (5th DCA 5D18-3466)**
 - e. **05-2017-CF-12008-AXXX State v. Marcus Williams, Assistant Public Defender Patrick Lepore (321) 617-7373 plepore@pd18.net**
 - f. **05-2015-CF-36047 State v. Joseph Lowry, Richard G. Canina, Esquire (321) 728-0989 canina@melbournedefenselaw.com and Joseph D'Achille Jr., Esquire (863) 268-5526 jdachille@hotmail.com.**
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.*
- a. **05-2019-CF-32768-AXXX State v. Laticia Fishmon, Tamara Meister, Esquire (321) 701-4503 tmeisterlaw@outlook.com.**
 - b. **05-2018-CF-26448-AXXX State v. Jimese Franklin, Colleen Degraff, Esquire (321) 447-4275 colleen@degraff-law.com.**
 - c. **05-2018-CF-50450-AXXX State v. Eric Zimmerman, Rebecca Morgan, Esquire (321) 505-2383 rebeccamorgan.esq@gmail.com.**
 - d. **05-2018-CF-38686-AXXX State v. Raeanne Faultersack, Tamara Meister, Esquire (321) 701-4503 tmeisterlaw@outlook.com.**

- e. **05-2018-CF-38022-AXXX State v. Rontra Flowers, Tamara Meister, Esquire (321) 701-4503 tmeisterlaw@outlook.com.**
- f. **2018-CF-52399-AXXX State v. Erin O'Hara, Colleen Degraff, Esquire (321) 447-4275 colleen@degraff-law.com.**

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. **Over the last five years I have appeared in court on most workdays. Since July of 2020 I have presided over court proceedings held in my courtroom. As an Assistant State Attorney, I would be in the courtroom representing the citizens of the State of Florida on most workdays.**

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. **This question does not apply to me.**

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? **This question does not apply to me.**

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.

- a. **05-2010-CF-53468-AXXX State vs. Brandon Lancaster, trial began 01/07/2013, heard by Judge Charles Roberts, defense counsel was Assistant Public Defender George McCarthy (retired) 321-735-8223 mccarthygr@cfl.rr.com, Per Curiam Affirmed 5th DCA 5D13-1546. This trial was significant in my career because it was the first homicide trial that I was selected to assist as co-counsel. At the time the case went to trial, I had only been practicing law for 6 years. My Division Chief, Susan Garrett, allowed me to assist her because I had shown my ability to prepare and conduct a trial of this magnitude. I conducted approximately 50% of the trial.**
- b. **05-2012-CF-51155-AXXX State vs. Eduardo Figueroa, trial started 09/03/2014, heard by Judge David Silverman, defense counsel were Sean Wagner 727-314-3865 sean@clearwaterbusinesslaw.com and Margaret Wagner 321-775-3694 margaret@coastallegalteam.com 9 of 10 convictions were affirmed by the 5th DCA in case number 5D14-4515. I was the primary Assistant State Attorney assigned to this case and my co-counsel was Division Chief, Assistant State Attorney Julia Lynch. I conducted approximately 80% of the trial. The Defendant was alleged to have sexually battered and molested multiple juvenile family members. The Court heard, and granted, a Motion to Suppress that dealt with the Defendant's interview**

with law enforcement when they visited the Defendant at his home. The trial court concluded that the Defendant was in custody at the time of the interview. The State of Florida appealed the trial court's ruling and the Fifth District Court of Appeal reversed the trial court's decision. (State v. Figueroa, 139 So.3d 365 (5th DCA 2014)) This case is significant because of the case law that was developed on the issue of custodial interrogations. Also, it was one of the first cases that I tried involving children victims who were accompanied by very emotional family members. The Defendant was sentenced to multiple life sentences after guilty jury verdicts.

- c. 05-2012-CF-51367-AXXX State vs. Jonathan Williams, trial started 09/11/2013, heard by Judge Charles Roberts, defense counsel was Jessica Hicks, Esquire 321-503-4014 jessica@andrewpickettllaw.com Appellant filed a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal in the Fifth District Court of Appeal 5D13-4117. I was the primary Assistant State Attorney assigned to this case and my co-counsel was Assistant State Attorney Kari Kies. I conducted 80% of the trial. This case was significant to me because we were dealing with a juvenile victim that did not have the best parenting growing up and was placed in a position where she was alone with the Defendant who was significantly older than she was. The case addressed issues on consent when dealing with minors engaged in sexual encounters. After the Defendant was found guilty of Lewd and Lascivious Battery the defense argued for a downward departure based on those same issues and Judge Roberts refused to follow the defense's request.
- d. 05-2013-CF-63830-AXXX State vs. Joseph Halliday, trial started 03/16/2015, heard by Judge Charles Roberts, defense counsel was Ernest Chang 321-255-6300 erniechang@brevardlawfirm.com. I was the primary Assistant State Attorney assigned to this case and Division Chief Susan Garrett was my co-counsel. I conducted 75% of this trial. The Fifth District Court of Appeal reversed and remanded for entry of judgment of acquittal on the conviction of Lewd or Lascivious Molestation but affirmed the convictions of Sexual Battery and Providing Obscene Material to a Minor in case number 5D15-1803. This case was significant because it was my first experience dealing with the testimony of a very young child. The victim in this case was five years old when her father sexually battered her in his home. At the time of her testimony the victim was only eight years old. I knew the victim's older brother through the local little league and it was very difficult leading the victim and her family through the trial process. Ultimately the Defendant was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.
- e. 05-2014-CF-45214-AXXX State vs. Josiah Hadley, trial started 01/31/2018, heard by Judge Morgan Reinman, defense counsel were Brian Onek, Esquire 321-751-9774 brevardtrialaw@wmconnect.com and Assistant Public Defender Andrea Fant 321-617-7373 afant@pd18.net. I was the primary Assistant State Attorney assigned to this case and Division Chief Assistant State Attorney Susan Garrett was my co-counsel. I conducted 50% of this trial. Per Curiam Affirmed Fifth District Court of Appeal 5D18-3466. This case was significant because it was the first homicide case

that I was trusted to handle as the primary Assistant State Attorney. The Defendant murdered his girlfriend in the apartment they shared. The defense filed a Motion to Suppress alleging that the police violated their client's Miranda Rights. The motion was denied and was a major focus of the appellate case. Also, early in the case, the Court found that the proof was evident, and the presumption was great during an Arthur hearing but refused to hold the Defendant without bond and set a cash or surety bond. The Defendant was able to post the bond and was out of custody while the case was pending. The Victim's family did not understand the ruling and were very emotional about the Defendant being out of custody. The Defendant was found guilty of second-degree murder and sentenced to 25 years in the Florida Department of Corrections.

- f. 05-2016-CF-23249-AXXXX State vs. Stephen Warrington, trial started 04/08/2019, heard by Judge Robin C Lemonidis, defense counsel was Chief Assistant Public Defender Michael Pirolo 321-617-7373 mpirolo@pd18.net. I was the primary Assistant State Attorney and Assistant State Attorney Amy McLaughlin was my co-counsel. I conducted 50% of the trial. Per Curiam Affirmed Fifth District Court of Appeal 5D19-2847. This case is significant to me because it was a first-degree murder case that was assigned to me in anticipation of me becoming a Division Chief at the State Attorney's Office. The trial had complex self-defense issues that we were forced to overcome. The Victim's family was present during the trial and the lengthy jury deliberations, which was very stressful. The jury returned a verdict of guilty to the lesser included offense of second-degree murder and the Defendant was sentenced to a lengthy prison sentence followed by a term of probation.

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 have attached an Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Suppress in State of Florida v. James Patrick Wepler 05-2020-CT-054553-AXXX-X and an Order Finding Defendant in Violation and Issuing Sentence in State of Florida v. Sophia Elizabeth Vital 05-2022-TR-012164-AXXX-XX. I personally wrote both attached orders.**

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. **I was appointed to the County Court bench in June of 2020. I was unopposed for election in 2022.**
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. **I submitted an application to the Judicial Nominating Commission for the 18th Judicial Circuit in January 2020 and February 2020. My name was certified to the Governor's Office both times for consideration.**

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. **This question is not applicable.**
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;
 - a. **Assistant State Attorney Michael Doyle, 321-617-7510, Office of the State Attorney 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Bldg. D., Viera, FL 32940 mdoyle@sa18.org.**
 - b. **Assistant State Attorney Jonathan Skinner, 321-617-7510, Office of the State Attorney 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Bldg. D., Viera, FL 32940 jskinner@sa18.org.**
 - c. **Assistant Public Defender David Feinswog, 321-617-7373, Office of the Public Defender 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Bldg. E, Viera, FL 32940 dfeinswog@pd18.net.**
 - d. **Assistant Public Defender Timothy Seiler, 321-617-7373, Office of the Public Defender 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Bldg. E, tseiler@pd18.net.**
 - e. **R. Scott Robinson, Esquire 321-504-0320, 5450 Village Dr. Rockledge, FL 32955 scottrobinson@ebplaw.com.**
 - f. **Assistant Regional Counsel Darrell Sedgwick, 321-604-6632, Office of Criminal Counsel 7165 Murrell Rd. Ste 101, Melbourne, FL 32940**
 - (ii) the approximate number and nature of the cases you handled during your tenure;
 - a. **I have handled hundreds of cases that have all been criminal cases.**
 - (iii) the citations of any published opinions; and
 - a. **28 Fla. L. Weekly Supp. 556c**
 - b. **28 Fla. L. Weekly Supp. 556b**
 - (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.
 - a. **2019-CT-50404, State v. Oneal Bailey, Assistant State Attorney Hosey and Assistant State Attorney McIsaac, Assistant Public Defender Johnathan Burns, 10/27/2020, this case was significant because it was the first jury trial I presided over, and it was also the first trial in my courtroom after COVID restrictions were lifted. The case involved the charge of Driving Under the Influence.**
 - b. **2018-CF-51120, State v. Joshua Gorton, Assistant State Attorney Doyle and Assistant State Attorney Colon, James Kontos, Esquire and Alexander Kontos, Esquire, 04/19/2024, this case was significant because it involved**

allegations of child molestation perpetrated by a stepfather on his 11 year old stepson. The Defendant was convicted of charges that required a minimum sentence of 25 years in the Department of Corrections followed by lifetime sexual offender probation or a life sentence in the Department of Corrections.

- c. 2023-CF-18684, State v. Denareus Ellick, Assistant State Attorney Jonathan Skinner and Assistant Public Defender David Feinswog, 08/15/2023, this case was significant because it was the first case I presided over as a County Court Judge temporarily assigned to a Circuit Court Criminal Division. It is also significant because the Defendant was accused of possessing a firearm and the jury found him not guilty. Approximately two weeks after his acquittal, I was informed that the Defendant had been killed by a roommate in the same apartment that was involved in the trial
- d. 2023-CF-23309, State v. Eric Cardoso, Assistant State Attorney Sara Flenniken, Assistant State Attorney Ryan Koslosky, and Jose Concepcion, Esquire, 05/02/2021, this case was significant because it was the first trial that I presided over that went to the Fifth District Court of Appeal. The case, 5D2022-1152, was Per Curiam Affirmed.
- e. 2021-CF-33926, State v. Gregory Barr, Assistant State Attorney M. Doyle, R. Scott Robinson, Esquire and Gregory Eisenmenger, Esquire, 09/13/2023, this was a Second Degree Murder trial and it was significant because it required significant litigation on issues such as jury instructions, admission of physical evidence, and the affirmative defense of self-defense.

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. **I am not aware of a decision I made being reversed, however, in Bowers v. State, 377 So.3d 1224 (5th DCA 2024) the District Court of Appeal granted a Writ of Prohibition finding that a Burglary charge was barred by the Statute of Limitations.**
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. **I am not aware of any significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues.**
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. **I do not know of any complaints made about me to the Judicial Qualifications Commission.**

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. **I have never held an attorney in contempt of court.**

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. **Other than serving as an Assistant State Attorney, I have never held, or been a candidate, for any other public office.**

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. **This question does not apply to me.**

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. **For a short period in 2019 I lectured at Eastern Florida State College. There was a total of two lectures, and I was paid approximately \$200.00.**

POSSIBLE BIAS OR PREJUDICE

34. The Commission is interested in knowing if there are certain types of cases, groups of entities, or extended relationships or associations which would limit the cases for which you could sit as the presiding judge. Please list all types or classifications of cases or litigants for which you, as a general proposition, believe it would be difficult for you to sit as the presiding judge. Indicate the reason for each situation as to why you believe you might be in conflict. If you have prior judicial experience, describe the types of cases from which you have recused yourself. **As a Judge handling criminal cases, I have recused myself mainly from cases where I was involved in the prosecution of the Defendant as an Assistant State Attorney.**

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. **This question does not apply to me.**

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. **During my service as an Administrative Sergeant and Commander with the Inkster Police Department, I was tasked with updating law enforcement policies**

and procedures and issuing memoranda. As a member of the Conference of County Court Judges of Florida Traffic Rules Committee, I participated in developing a policy statement regarding the way the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle reports Reckless Driving charges when reduced from a Driving Under the Influence Charge.

- 37. List any speeches or talks you have delivered, including commencement speeches, remarks, interviews, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place they were delivered, the sponsor of the presentation, and a summary of the presentation. If there are any readily available press reports, a transcript or recording, please attach a copy or provide a URL at which a copy can be accessed. I had the opportunity to speak at the Rotary Club of Indialantic weekly meeting sometime in early 2021. I discussed my personal journey to the County Court Bench and answered several of the Rotarians' questions regarding judicial campaigns and elections. Both as an Assistant State Attorney and County Court Judge, I have given several presentations to groups that visit the Moore Justice Center courthouse in Viera. These presentations focus on informing the citizens of the role of the different parties that practice in the courtroom and an overview of our Constitutional system of government. I have also participated as a judge in several high school mock trial competitions. For Veteran's Day 2023, I was the keynote speaker for an event held by the American Legion Post 1 in the City of Titusville. My presentation focused on my work with Space Coast Honor Flight and the importance of remembering the sacrifices that Veterans have made to protect our freedoms. In March of 2022 I gave the opening remarks for the Viera Suntree Little League. This presentation focused on the importance of public service work including the work done by Little League which is an all-volunteer organization.**
- 38. Have you ever taught a course at an institution of higher education or a bar association? If so, provide the course title, a description of the course subject matter, the institution at which you taught, and the dates of teaching. If you have a syllabus for each course, please provide. I taught, or participated in, courses at Eastern Florida State College Law Enforcement Academy. Although I do not remember the exact dates of the courses, they include Court Preparation and Detective Academy. I am scheduled to attend the Judicial Faculty Training Course in November of 2024.**
- 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. Graduate of the Eastern Michigan University Honors Program, Eastern Michigan University Honors Scholarship, Book Award in Legal Writing at the Florida State College of Law, Article and Notes Editor of the Year 2005-2006 Volume 21 Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law (Florida State College of Law), Ladd Inn Phi Delta Phi the International Legal Fraternity, Inkster Weed and Seed Recognition Award for commitment and effort to the Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) Program, Letter of Commendation for the investigation of numerous burglary and arson insurance claims as a Police Detective, Letter of**


Commendation for the recovery of a stolen vehicle within 18 minutes of the theft of the vehicle while assigned to the City of Inkster Police Detective Bureau, Departmental Commendation for my work as a Detective with the Inkster Police Department in arresting multiple suspects and recovering weapons involved in the shooting of a City of Inkster resident, Office of the State Attorney for the 18th Judicial Circuit Outstanding Misdemeanor Attorney 04/2007, 10/2007, 03/2008, 09/2008, and 04/2009, Office of the State Attorney for the 18th Judicial Circuit Pride in Excellence Employee of the Month 12/2008, 05/2011, 01/2014, and 06/2018, Conference of County Court Judges of Florida Certificate of Appreciation for serving as the Court Technology Committee Chair, Vassar B. Carlton American Inn of Court Team Captain Service Award.

40. Do you have a Martindale-Hubbell rating? If so, what is it and when was it earned? **I do not have a Martindale-Hubbell rating.**
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. **I am the Vice Chairperson of the Conference of County Court Judges of Florida Court Technology Committee. I also am a member of the Conference of County Court Judges of Florida Judicial Assistant Committee, New Judge Liaison Committee, and the Traffic Rules Committee. I am an active member in the Florida Bar Association, Brevard County Bar Association, and Seminole County Bar Association.**
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. **I have served as the Secretary for Space Coast Honor Flight since January of 2023. I was a member of the Vassar B Carlton American Inn of Court from 2020-2024 and during the years of 2010-2012. I have been a member the Brevard County Civilian Military Council since 2020. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus. I have belonged to both the Brevard County Bar Association and the Seminole County Bar Association since 2020. I currently am a volunteer umpire for Viera Suntree Little League. Although I am not currently on the Board of Directors for Viera Suntree Little League, I was on the Board of Directors from 2016-2023 and held the offices of Vice President and Umpire in Charge. I served as the Assistant County Court Administrative Judge for the 18th Judicial Circuit from October 2021- July 2022 and as the County Court Administrative Judge from July 2022-July 2023. I have been a member of the Orlando Chapter of the Federalist Society since 2020.**
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. **I have never belonged to such a club or organization.**

44. Please describe any significant pro bono legal work you have done in the past 10 years, giving dates of service. **I was prohibited from performing pro bono work due to the positions I have held during my legal profession.**
45. Please describe any hobbies or other vocational interests. **I have enjoyed watching my son participate in sports and for many years traveled across the State of Florida for him to participate in baseball tournaments. I love to play golf and strive to someday be good at it. My wife and I enjoy traveling and spending time together.**
46. Please state whether you have served or currently serve in the military, including your dates of service, branch, highest rank, and type of discharge. **I have never served in the military.**
47. Please provide links to all social media and blog accounts you currently maintain, including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.
- a. Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/AaronJPeacock?mibextid=ZbWKwL>
 - b. X (Twitter) - @JudgeAJPeacock
 - c. Snapchat – ajpeacock84
 - d. TikTok - @aaronpeacock86

FAMILY BACKGROUND

48. Please state your current marital status. If you are currently married, please list your spouse's name, current occupation, including employer, and the date of the marriage. If you have ever been divorced, please state for each former spouse their name, current address, current telephone number, the date and place of the divorce and court and case number information. **I am currently married, and my wife's name is Meredith Peacock. Meredith is a Victim's Advocate with the Office of the State Attorney for the 18th Judicial Circuit. Meredith and I were married on May 16, 2004. I am divorced from Rebecca Loveland, and I believe that she is still residing in Michigan, but I do not know her address or phone number. Rebecca and I were divorced August 07, 2002, in Wayne County Michigan, and case number 02-214551-DO was handled by Judge Helen Brown in the Wayne County Circuit Court Family Division.**
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.
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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. **I have never been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor.**
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. **I have never pled nolo contendere or guilty to a crime.**
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. **I have never been arrested.**
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. **I have never been a party to a lawsuit.**
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? **There has never been a complaint made or filed against me alleging malpractice.**
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. **There has never been a settlement of a claim against me for professional malpractice.**
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. **There have been no ethical complaints made against me.**
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. **There have not been any accusations of misconduct made against me in the last ten years.**

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. **I am not currently the subject of any investigations.**
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. **I have never filed a petition in bankruptcy or had a petition in bankruptcy filed against me.**
60. In the past ten years, have you been subject to or threatened with eviction proceedings? If yes, please explain. **I have never been subject to, or threatened with, eviction proceedings.**
61. Please explain whether you have complied with all legally required tax return filings. To the extent you have ever had to pay a tax penalty or a tax lien was filed against you, please explain giving the date, the amounts, disposition, and current status. **I have complied with all legally required tax return filings and have never had to pay a tax penalty. I have also never had a tax lien filed against me.**

HEALTH

62. Are you currently addicted to or dependent upon the use of narcotics, drugs, or alcohol? **I am not currently addicted to or dependent upon the use of narcotics, drugs, or alcohol.**
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. **I have not been hospitalized or consulted a professional for any of the above listed conditions in the past ten years.**
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. **I have not had any of the listed conditions happen to me in the past ten years.**

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. **I do not currently have a physical or mental impairment which limits my ability or fitness to properly exercise my duties as a member of the Judiciary in a competent and professional manner.**
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. **I have never been declared legally incompetent or had property placed under any guardianship, conservatorship or committee.**
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.) **I have not unlawfully used controlled substances, narcotic drugs, or dangerous drugs, in the past ten years.**
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 **In the past ten years I have not been disciplined by an employer as a result of alleged consumption of alcohol, prescription drugs, or illegal drugs.**
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. **I have never refused to submit to a test to determine whether I had consumed and/or were under the influence of alcohol or drugs.**
70. In the past ten years, have you suffered memory loss or impaired judgment for any reason? If so, please explain in full. **I have not suffered memory loss or impaired judgment for any reason in the past ten years.**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

71. Describe any additional education or experiences you have which could assist you in holding judicial office. **As a County Court Judge I have been temporarily assigned to preside over a Circuit Court criminal division. I have presided over fourteen felony criminal trials since I assumed the position in July of 2023. During my tenure as a judge, I have ruled on several motions that involved complex constitutional issues. In my current position, I am also expected to review ex parte petitions for involuntary admission for treatment and sign, or deny signing, orders for involuntary examinations. Since being appointed to the County Court in 2020 I have attended numerous training courses presented by the Office of the State Courts Administrator.**
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. **I have shown that I can make a positive contribution to the Judiciary by disposing of matters promptly, efficiently, and fairly. I have reduced the number of pending cases on every docket that I have presided over. While temporarily overseeing a Circuit Court docket, statistics kept by the Clerk of Court show that I have reduced the number of pending cases and routinely have the highest number of monthly dispositions of cases. I have also served as the County Court Administrative Judge overseeing administrative duties such as creating monthly arraignment calendars for the County Judges on criminal dockets. I have served on four committees for the Conference of County Court Judges of Florida and later this year I am scheduled to attend the Judicial Faculty Training course in Orlando. I have successfully completed all of these judicial duties while volunteering in my community by serving veterans as Secretary of Space Coast Honor Flight, serving my church through the Knights of Columbus and other ministries, volunteering my time as an umpire and Board of Directors member for Viera Suntree Little League, and serving the legal community by remaining active in both the Brevard and Seminole County Bar Associations and Vasser B. Carlton Inn of Court.**

REFERENCES

73. List the names, addresses, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of ten persons who are in a position to comment on your qualifications for a judicial position and of whom inquiry may be made by the Commission and the Governor.
- a. State Attorney Elect William Scheiner, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Bldg. D, Viera, FL 32940 wscheiner@sa18.org (321) 617-7510.
 - b. Chief Circuit Judge Charles Crawford, 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940 charlie.crawford@flcourts18.org (321) 617-7258.
 - c. Brian Onek, Esquire, 1329 Bedford Dr. Ste. 1, Melbourne, FL 32940 brevardtrialaw@wmconnect.com (321) 751-9774.
 - d. Circuit Judge Jessica Recksiedler, 101 Eslinger Way, Sanford, FL 32773, jessica.recksiedler@flcourts18.org (407) 665- 4939.
 - e. Circuit Judge Melissa Souto, 101 Eslinger Way, Sanford, FL 32773, melissa.souto@flcourts18.org (407) 665-4926.

- f. Kathleen Rallo, Esquire, 96 Willard St., Ste. 302, Cocoa, FL 32922, katie@gmtblaw.com (321) 639-1320.
- g. Retired Rear Admiral James Hart, 130 Ocean Spray Ct., Vero Beach, FL 32963, jmhart@mac.com 703-338-7094.
- h. Matthews Bark, Esquire, 999 Douglas Ave. Ste 3317, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714, Matthews.bark@gmail.com 407-865-8888.
- i. Robert Delaune, 698 Dillard Dr.SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909 fld2uic@gmail.com 321-501-3411.
- j. Ashley Hardee, Esquire, 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940, ashley.hardee@flcourts18.org 321-617-7328.

CERTIFICATE

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

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

Dated this 15th day of August, 2024.

Aaron J Peacock

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: \$106, 614.64 _____

Last Three Years: \$177,119.28_ \$164,196.00__ \$156,377.04__

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: _\$74,367.03_____

Last Three Years: _\$124,023.38__ \$112,839.23__ \$107,011.10__

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: ___N/A_____

Last Three Years: ___N/A_____ ___N/A_____ ___N/A_____

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: ___N/A_____

Last Three Years: ___N/A_____ ___N/A_____ ___N/A_____

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: ___N/A_____

Last Three Years: ___N/A_____ ___N/A_____ ___N/A_____

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: August 15, 2024

JNC Submitting To: 18th Judicial Circuit

Name (please print): Aaron J Peacock

Current Occupation: County Judge

Telephone Number: 850-251-3430

Attorney No.: 0036336

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

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DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO THE
FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT (FCRA)

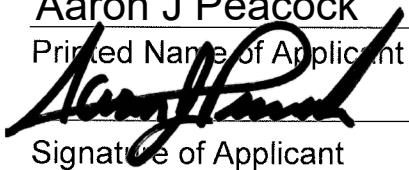
The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) may obtain one or more consumer reports, including but not limited to credit reports, about you, for employment purposes as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, including for determinations related to initial employment, reassignment, promotion, or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

Aaron J Peacock

Printed Name of Applicant



Signature of Applicant

Date: 08/15/2024