APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE 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: Barbara Ann Helm Peters Social Security No.:

Florida Bar No.: 0061425 Date Admitted to Practice in Florida: September 28, 1995

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.

Attorney Sole Member of Peters & Kelley, PLLC, d/b/a Mario Gunde Peters & Kelley 260 N Tropical Trail Suite 204 Merritt Island, Florida 32953 (321)631-0506

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.

I have lived at this residence for 19 years
I have lived in Florida for 45 years
My cell phone number is
My preferred email address is bhp@legal-eagles.com

3. State your birthdate and place of birth.

November 12, 1970 San Diego, California

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.

The Florida Bar September 28, 1995 to the present

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

Barbara Helm Peters, June 19, 1999 to the present Barbara Ann Peters, June 19, 1999 to the present

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).

Boston College Law School 885 Centre Street Newton Centre, MA 02459 08/1992 to 05/1995 Juris Doctor received May 22, 1995 Magna Cum Laude 3.584 GPA

University of Colorado, Boulder Boulder, CO 80309 09/1988 to 06/1992 Bachelor of Arts received June 1992 Cum Laude in Sociology 3.569 GPA

Miami Palmetto Senior High School 7431 SW 120 Street Pinecrest, FL 33156 08/1985 to 06/1988 High School Diploma Top 10% I requested my cumulative GPA and class rank from my high school and although they sent a copy of my official transcript, my GPA and class rank were not on the transcript. I did receive an award for being in the top 10% of my class.

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.

BCLS:

Order of the Coif

Law Student Association Executive Board Member 1992-1994

1994 Mock Trial Competition

1994 Grimes Moot Court Competition

1993 Client Counseling Competition

Intramural Softball League: Team Captain 1994

CU Boulder:

Dean's List

Golden Key National Honor Society

Alpha Omicron Pi Academic Excellence Award

Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, held Cabinet Position

St Thomas Aquinas Food Bank Volunteer and Lectern

Employed 8-15 hours per week in University Dining Services

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.

January 1998 to present: I have been an attorney with the same firm, which has gone through various names and ownership over the years. It has been Mario Gunde Peters & Kelley since 2021, and I have been the sole member since 2024. Prior to that it was Mario, Gunde, Peters, Rhoden & Kelley, since approximately 2003. 260 N Tropical Trail, Suite 204, Merritt Island, Florida 32953

August 1995 to January 1998: 18th Judicial Circuit Office of the Public Defender. I was an assistant public defender, working in the misdemeanor and felony divisions. 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida 32940

Fall 1994: Dorchester District Court Boston, MA, Practicing Student Attorney.

Summer 1994: Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services, Eight Winter Street 11th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Legal Intern.

Summer 1993-1994: Professor Robert Bloom, Boston College Law School, Newton Centre, MA. Research Assistant.

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.

Florida Bar Board Certified in Marital and Family Law 100% Family law

My typical clients are people who are going through any sort of family law issue such as divorce, child custody proceedings, domestic violence injunctions, support proceedings, and dependency proceedings. I also represent people in temporary custody by extended family, step parent adoptions, and contempt/enforcement proceedings.

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:

Со	urt		Are	ea of Practice	
Federal Appellate		_ %	Civil		_%
Federal Trial		_ %	Criminal		_%
Federal Other	<u></u>	_ %	Family	100	_%
State Appellate	1	_ %	Probate		_%
State Trial	99	_ %	Other		_%
State Administrative		_ %			
State Other		_ %			
TOTAL	100	0 %	TOTAL	100	%

If your appearance in court the last five years is substantially different from your prior practice, please provide a brief explanation: Prior to exclusively practicing family law, I also practiced criminal defense.

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

Jury?	Approx. 30	Non-jury?	Approx. 100
Arbitration?		Administrative Bodies?	(
Appellate?	6		

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.

<u>Peterson v. Loulaf,</u> 233 So. 3d 1134 (Fla. 5th DCA 2017). I represented Appellant, Maria Henderson represented Appellee. Her phone number and email addresses are: (321)806-3500; maria@hendersonlegalgroup.com. There were briefs but no oral arguments and no published opinion.

<u>Bower v. Hansman</u>, 161 So. 3d 512 (Fla. 5th DCA 2014). I represented Appellee, Susan Erlenbach represented the Appellant. She is no longer eligible to practice law but her phone number and email address are listed as (321)480-6676, <u>susan.erlenbach@gmail.com</u>. There were briefs but no oral arguments. There is a published opinion.

<u>Tekelewold v. Tsega</u>, 123 So. 3d 582 (Fla. 5th DCA 2013). I represented Appellant and Joe Teague Caruso represented Appellee. His phone number and email addresses are: (321)453-3880; joec@jtchmspa.com. There were briefs but no oral arguments, and there is no published opinion.

<u>Warnick v. Warnick</u>, 30 So 3d. 512 (Fla. 5th DCA 2010). I represented Appellant, Amy Romaine represented Appellee. Her phone number and email addresses are: (321)574-1095; amy@romainenugent.com. There were briefs but no oral arguments and no published opinion.

<u>J.H. v. State</u>, 793 So. 2d 969 (Fla. 5th DCA 2001). I represented Appellant, Robin A. Compton, Assistant Attorney General, Daytona Beach, represented Appellee. Here phone number and email addresses are: (386)238-4990; robin.compton@myfloridalegal.com. There were briefs but no oral arguments and no published opinion.

- S.M. v. Department of Children and Families, 781 So. 2d 378 (Fla. 5th DCA 2001). I represented Appellant and Kelly Swartz represented Appellee. Her phone number and email addresses are: (321)302-1518; kelly.swartz@brevardfp.org. There were briefs but no oral arguments and no published opinion.
- 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.

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.

Drown v. Drown, 05-2013-DR-022001-XXXX-XX; Harley Gutin (321)633-7337; gutin@riverlaw.net

Booth v. Booth, 05-2021-DR-042497-XXXX-XX; Richard Feinberg (321)951-4545; feinbergrichard15@yahoo.com

Fullerton v. Fullerton, 05-2015-DR-17265-XXXX-XX; Sara Howeller (407)977-7822; dhoweller@gmail.com

Kiesiner v. Kiesiner, 05-2020-DR-024261-XXXX-XX; Alan Landman (321)242-9800; alan@alandmanpa.com

Davis v. Davis, 05-2021-DR-038519-XXXX-XX; Tristan Simpson (321)723-3425; Tristan@plattlawoffices.com

Pierce v. Pierce, 05-2022-DR-042722-XXXX-XX; Thomas Yardley (321)633-0400 tomyardley@gmail.com

- *I also had a few non jury trials against pro se litigants in between these trials but I only included the trials with attorneys on the opposing side
- 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.

Rouse v. Rouse, 05-2023-DR-13021-XXXX-XX; Valerie Leatherwood (941)914-6262; vleatherwoodlaw@gmail.com (settled on the eve of trial through negotiation)

Lacy v. Lewis-Buchanan, 2024-DR-028402-XXDR-BC; opposing pro se (settled at mediation)

Hughes-Torres v. Torres, 2019-DR-035504-XXXX-XX; opposing pro se (settled during trial)

Kilpatrick v. Kilpatrick, 2024-DR-018087-XXDR-BC; Harley Gutin (321)633-7337; gutin@riverlaw.net (settled in mediation)

Siljestrom v. Baca, 05-2022-DR-48259-XXXX-XX; opposing pro se (settled prior to trial through negotiation)

Anderson v. Anderson, 05-2023-DR-51305-XXXX-XX; John Vernon Moore (321)529-7777; john@jmoorelegal.com (settled at mediation)

Divelbliss v. Chase, 05-2023-DR-058849-XXXX-XX; Shari Wilson (321)639-5900; swilson@crutchfieldlaw.com (settled at mediation)

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.

Approximately 8-10 times per month

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

State v. Ricardo Pompey, 05-1998-CF-25745-AXXX-XX. Jury Trial May 4-7, 1999 in the Circuit Court of the 18th Judicial Circuit, Honorable Judge Warren Burk. Assistant State Attorney William Respess, (321)480-4787, wirespess@outlook.com, represented the State. Attorney Kenneth Rhoden sat second chair with me. (321)549-3162, ken@kenrhoden.com. I represented Ricardo Pompey, who was charged with Armed Robbery with a Mask and Aggravated Assault. This is a significant case for me not only because I won a not guilty verdict for my client, but because I truly believe he was innocent. He was a juvenile charged as an adult, who really was in the wrong place at the wrong time. There were a lot of interesting legal issues, such as a "show up" identification, police picture lineup, and eyewitness testimony. This was a big win for me and I still feel proud and honored that I was able to help someone who was wrongly accused.

In Re: The Interest of Z.B.L. and S.D.L., 05-2017-DP-872-XXXX-XX. Private Dependency Trial held in January, 2018 in the Circuit Court of the 18th Judicial Circuit, before the Honorable Judge Charles Crawford. Maria Henderson, (321)806-3500, maria@hendersonlegalgroup.com, represented the Father of the children, Mr. Loulaf, and I represented the maternal grandparents, Diane and Dennis Peterson. The children's mother, who was divorced from the father, had primary custody of the children and sole parental responsibility. She died suddenly while at work, leaving the two children. The Father, who is a Mauritanian citizen and who was residing out of state, filed a pick up order immediately upon learning that the children's mother had passed away, and came and took the children. The Petersons were extremely concerned for the welfare of their grandchildren, and we attempted to protect them by filing a private dependency action. Unfortunately we were not successful, and the Petersons' greatest fear came true: the children's father took them to Mauritania and left them there. The Petersons have had very little contact with the children since then. This was a significant case because it highlights the helplessness of grandparents, who have no rights in Florida.

In Re: P.G.C., 05-2022-DP-001565-XXXX-XX. Non Jury Dependency trial held April 6, 2023 in the Circuit Court of the 18th Judicial Circuit, Honorable Marlene Alva, senior judge, presiding. Cassandra Elken, (321)674-1880, Cassandra.elken@myflfamilies.com represented the Department of Children and Families, and Suzanne Taylor, (321)690-6823, suzanne.taylor@gal.fl.gov represented the Guardian Ad Litem. I represented the Mother in this case. She had been struggling with stress and anxiety due to violent and stalking behaviors of the child's father. She had voluntarily accepted services, and had voluntarily placed the child with a friend for her safety. The next day the Mother was baker acted, and even though the child was not with the Mother and was safe with the friend, the Department removed the child from the Mother and placed her in shelter care. We went to trial and I was able to reunite the Mother with her child after the Judge granted my Motion for Involuntary Dismissal after the Department rested their case. This was significant because here the Mother did everything right, in that she put her child first by voluntarily having her friend care for the child while she dealt with her mental health and the abusive father, but the State still tried to take her child. I was able to show that there was no basis to remove the child, and get the child returned to the Mother. The Department of Children and Families has a lot of power and responsibility in protecting children, but sometimes they get it wrong and their power needs to be checked. The Mother and child are thriving together.

Nancy Perkins and Eric Perkins v. Theresa Perkins, 56-2021-DR-000746. Hearing on April 5, 2021 in the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit, Honorable Victoria Griffin presiding. Charles A. Kohler, (904)716-8000, kohlerlegal@hotmail.com represented Theresa Perkins. Nany Perkins is the paternal grandmother to the 3 Perkins children. I had previously represented her son, Christopher Perkins, who was the father of the children, in a dependency case and a dissolution of marriage case against Theresa Perkins. During that representation, I was able to help Christopher and the children relocate to the state of New Hampshire, where they were from. Tragically, Christopher Perkins passed away, and his mother, Nancy, obtained custody of them in New Hampshire. While this was going on, Theresa picked up the children and took them to Indian River County, Florida. I was able to file a Petition for Registration and Expedited Enforcement of Child Custody Determination on behalf of Nancy and Eric Perkins, and they were able to get the children back to New Hampshire

where they belonged. This case was significant because it spanned many years, many different issues, and even multiple generations. There were also significant interstate issues with registration and enforcement of foreign orders.

Elena Swiden v. Kevin Rude, 05-2017-DR-025955-XXXX-XX. I represent Elena Swiden, and Mr. Rude is currently unrepresented. This is a paternity case, with two little boys. We had a Non Jury trial on December 8, 2020 -December 10, 2020 in the 18th Judicial Circuit, Judge Christina Serrano presiding. Michele Biecker represented Mr. Rude at the trial, (321) 693-0850; blaw224@gmail.com. Mr. Rude was abusive, and during the time that this case was pending I represented Ms. Swiden in obtaining an injunction for protection against Mr. Rude in 05-2020-DR-11249-XXXX-XX. We were successful in limiting Mr. Rude's contact with Ms. Swiden, and protecting the boys by structuring minimal timesharing with Mr. Rude. However, just this summer Mr. Rude violated the terms of the Final Judgment by coming to Ms. Swiden's home and snatching one of their children, refusing to return him to Ms. Swiden. It took 2 months to have the hearing on the emergency motions, but we were able to get the child returned to Ms. Swiden that day. This was a significant case because I will never forget how happy the child was, and how he was quite literally jumping for joy, when he was reunited with his mother. It reinforced for me why I do what I do, and how I am able to really make an impact in the lives of families.

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 researched the statues/case law and drafted all of the following writing samples. I tried to give a sample of three different types of documents I have drafted.

Respondent's Motion to Strike Petitioner's Motion for Attorney's Fees filed on January 9, 2024

Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Expedited Enforcement of Child Custody Determination filed on April 27, 2020

Appellant's Initial Brief filed in May 2013

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.

September 30, 2009
Eighteenth Judicial Nominating Commission
My name was not certified to the Governor's Office 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.

None

26. If you have prior judicial or quasi-judicial experience, please list the following information:

N/A

- (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.
- 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.

None

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.

No

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.

None

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.

None

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.

None

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.

Trauma In Family Court Workshop, through the OSCA and Family Law Section of the Florida Bar: I presented regarding the topic of Trauma at the regional workshop held in Daytona Beach, Florida on December 14, 2023

I gave a talk about constitutional rights to the Saudi student association at FIT several years ago. I do not recall the exact date.

I have given a talk and question/answer session about the practice of law to students in the law studies class at Edgewood Junior Senior High School.

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 participated in the Justice Teaching program for several years, and facilitated the lesson at several middle schools, including McNair Magnet Middle School and Kennedy Middle School.

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.

Brevard County Bar Association Professionalism Award 2000

Brevard County Bar Association Board Member of the Year 2012

Florida Bar Board Certified Marital and Family Law 2021

- **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.

Brevard County Bar Association, late 1990's to the present

Served on the Board as a director from 2010 to 2012

Was in charge of the member directory and CLE

Ran the Mock Trial Competition for several years

Coached high school mock trial teams, including Cocoa High School and Holy Trinity; took the Holy Trinity team to the State Competition after winning the Brevard County competition, 2010

Family Law Section of the Florida Bar, late 1990's to the present CLE committee 2023-2024
Children's Issues committee 2023-2024

Vassar B Carleton Inn of Court late 1990's/early 2000's

Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers late 1990's to 2018

Criminal Law Section of the Florida Bar late 1990's to 2018

Florida Bar 1995 to present

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.

Girl Scouts approximately 2007-2017

Ralph Williams Elementary School PTO Secretary 2014-2015

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.

I provide pro bono services through the Brevard County Legal Aid. I also provide low bono services for women in New Life Mission.

45. Please describe any hobbies or other vocational interests.

I love to dance, and have been taking tap for about 8 years. I like to put together jigsaw puzzles and work on the daily jumble. I also love to cook. I enjoy going to the beach, going out on the river in my parents' boat, and going to the Brevard Zoo. Without a doubt, my biggest joy is spending time with my three daughters and watching what wonderful young women they have become.

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.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/barbara.peters.14418101?mibextid=kFxxJD

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/barbara-peters-01762152/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/barb.mom/

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.

Married June 19, 1999

Ronald Alan Peters

Teacher

Viera Middle School/Brevard County Public Schools

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.

I have three daughters and one step son as follows:

Marleigh Rose Peters, age twenty-two (22). She recently graduated from _ with a degree in Mathematical Data Science/minor in Studio Art. She is currently residing at home while she seeks full time employment.

Olivia Grace Peters, age twenty (20). She is a full time student, attending

Veronica Anne Peters, age seventeen (17). She is a senior at

Tyler Alan Peters (step son), age thirty-two (32). He works for the Department of Children and Families.

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.

Yes. I filed a complaint in small claims court against a former client who did not pay their fees. 05-1998-SC-017138, Barbara Helm v. Ellen Deatherage. We came to an agreement and the case was dismissed.

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.

Yes. My husband and I filed a Chapter 13 bankruptcy in 2010, after the housing bubble burst and the space shuttle program ended. We purchased our home during the height of the market, and when the bubble burst we owed more than it was worth. We were able to strip the second mortgage and restructure our debt during a difficult financial time. We successfully completed the payment plan and received a final discharge on July 23, 2015.

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

No

61. Please explain whether you have complied with all legally required tax return filings. To the extent you have ever had to pay a tax penalty or a tax lien was filed against you, please explain giving the date, the amounts, disposition, and current status.

I pay my taxes every year.

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 <u>or</u> 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.

Having the experience of going through the board certification process and becoming board certified will definitely assist me in holding judicial office. It was very rigorous, and helped me hone my legal and analytical abilities. Additionally, being a business owner of a law firm has helped me with time management and human resources skills. My almost 30 years of experience being an attorney has given me the opportunity to experience almost every type of case and personality. Being married for 25 years and raising three girls who are within 5 years of age of each other has given me excellent dispute resolution skills and the ability to dispense fair judgment in the face of passionate opposition.

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 believe I am very hard working and intelligent. I have a strong work ethic and pride myself on making sound legal arguments. I have almost 30 years experience which has provided me with a solid legal foundation. I believe we need honest, professional, hard working, compassionate, intelligent and analytical judges to promote not only the rule of law but also the respect for the law, and I believe I have all of those characteristics. If appointed, I will do a good job.

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.

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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 28 day of august, 20 24.

Printed Name

(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

Signature

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.	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:
	Last Three Years: 2023: 2022: 2021:
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:
	Last Three Years: 2023:
3.	State the gross amount of income or loses incurred (before deducting expenses or taxes you have earned in the preceding three years on a year by year basis from all sources other than the practice of law, and generally describe the source of such income or losses.
	Current Year-To-Date:0
	Last Three Years:0
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
	Last Three Years:0
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_
	Last Three Years: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 12/31, 20 23 was \$ 567,326 .

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.

VALUE OF ASSET

The aggregate value of my household goods and personal effects (described above) is \$85,000

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

ASSETS INDIVIDUALLY VALUED AT OVER \$1,000:

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484 Wynfield Circle, Rockledge, Florida	\$523,990
Savings account at Chase	\$1816
Savings account at Space Coast Credit Union	\$2476
RA at Avantax	\$187,000
29 accounts America Funds	\$69,917
nvestment account at Avantax	\$26,749
Sole member of Mario Gunde Peters & Kelley	\$10,000
PART C - LIABILITIES	
LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF \$1,000 (See instructions on page 4): NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
Space Coast Credit Union (mortgage)	\$297,049
Space Coast Credit Union (car loan)	\$35,632
JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITIES NOT REPORTED ABOVE: NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
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attachments, OR (2) file a sw	vorn statement identifyi	ing each	deral income tax return, <i>includ</i> th separate source and amour ting the remainder of Part D, I	ding all W2's, schedules, and nt of income which exceeds below.	
☐ I elect to file a copy of m	nv latest federal incom	e tax re	eturn and all W2's, schedules,	and attachments	
(if you check this box ar	nd attach a copy of you	ır latest	tax return, you need <u>not</u> com	nplete the remainder of Part D.]	
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		Merritt I	Island, Florida 32953		
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM 6:

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

PART A - NET WORTH

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

To total the value of your assets, add:

form;

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

PART C—LIABILITIES

LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF \$1,000:

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

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

How to Determine the Amount of a Liability:

- Generally, the amount of the liability is the face amount of the debt.
- If you are the only person obligated to satisfy a liability, 100% of the liability should be listed.
- If you are jointly and severally liable with another person or entity, which often is the case where more than one person is liable on a promissory note, you should report here only the portion of the liability that corresponds to your percentage of liability. *However*, if you are jointly and severally liable for a debt relating to property you own with one or more others as tenants by the entirely or jointly, with right of survivorship,

report 100% of the total amount owed.

— If you are only jointly (not jointly and severally) liable with another person or entity, your share of the liability should be determined in the same way as you determined your share of jointly held assets.

Examples:

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

JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITIES NOT REPORTED ABOVE:

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

PART D - INCOME

As noted on the form, you have the option of either filing a copy of your latest federal income tax return, 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.