

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE EIGHTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY 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: JONATHAN RYAN TEMPLETON **Social Security No.:** [REDACTED]

Florida Bar No.: 0113146 **Date Admitted to Practice in Florida:** 10/2/2014

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.

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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.

**973 Whetstone Place, Rockledge, FL 32955, Most recently lived in Florida for 16 years.
321-261-5517, templetonlaw@outlook.com**

3. State your birthdate and place of birth.
October 20, 1978. Campbellsville, KY

4. Are you a registered voter in Florida (Y/N)? **Y**

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.

Florida Bar Association, American Bar Association, Middle District of Florida. I have never been suspended, nor have any of my memberships lapsed.

6. Have you ever been known by any aliases? If so, please indicate and when you were known by such alias.
No

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).

**Barry University School of Law 2010-2014, Juris Doctor, May, 12, 2014. 3.03 45/145
University of South Florida, BA Mass Communications, 1998-2001, BA Mass
Communications, 2.92 No class Rank Given
Milligan College, 97-98, transferred to University of South Florida
Carmel High School 94-97 High School Diploma 2.96 365/611**

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.

**Federalist Society (Orlando Chapter) 2025- Present, Barry University Trial Team 2013,
Milligan College Golf Team 97-98 , Intermural Basketball 97-2001, Intermural Soccer 99-
2000**

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.

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**Office of the Public Defender 18th Judicial Circuit-Jan. 2023-2024, 2026 Present- 2725 Judge
Fran Jamieson Way, Building E, Melbourne, FL 32940, 321-617-7373, Initial Appearance
Attorney, Contract to represent indigent individuals at IP court/ Presently Contracted on a
docket in front of the**

**Lytle and Barszc, 533 Versailles, FL First, Maitland, FL 32751, 407-622-6544, Associate
Attorney August 2017- September 2017. Contract work as an employment law attorney.**

**State Attorney 18th Judicial District, Assistant State Attorney, Jan. 2015-Sept.-2017. 2725 Judge
Fran Jamieson Way, Melbourne, FL 32940. 321-617-7510, Prosecuted crimes ranging from
Misdemeanor to Felonies.**

State of Florida, Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Judge David Silverman, 51 Nieman Ave, Melbourne, FL Oct. 2012-Dec. 2014 321-617-7284. Acted as liaison between the Judge and the public. Setting hearings and providing whatever support the Judge needed.

Elkins Law, Intern, July 2012-Oct. 2012, 631 Palm Springs Dr. Unit 115, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701, 407-644-5117, Served as an intern and assisted in family law cases, as well as drafting simple wills, and other miscellaneous assignments given by Ms. Elkins.

Springleaf Financial (now OneMain Financial) May 2004- July 2012, District Manager. 601 N.W. Second St, Evansville, IN 47708. Led a team of 30+ associates, I was in charge of all underwriting, funding, and loan servicing within the district.

Capital One Auto Finance, Associate, 2002-2004, 1680 Capital One Dr., McLean, VA 22102. Collector on auto loans that were more than 90 days past due.

McHale's Chophouse, Server, 2000-2002. No longer in business.

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.

Currently I practice in the areas of Criminal Law, and Employment law. In criminal matters, I represent individuals that have been involuntarily engaged in the legal process. They have typically already been arrested by a law enforcement agency and charged with a crime. I have represented criminal defendants throughout central Florida. In my employment law, the majority of my clients are plaintiff's that have been discriminated against by their employers. I have also counseled employers on how to handle potential litigation.

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

	Court		Area of Practice		
Federal Appellate	-	%	Civil	<u>30</u>	%
Federal Trial	<u>1</u>	%	Criminal	<u>70</u>	%
Federal Other	-	%	Family	-	%
State Appellate	-	%	Probate	-	%
State Trial	<u>99</u>	%	Other	-	%

State Administrative - %

State Other - %

TOTAL - 100 %

TOTAL

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- 100 %

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? 23

Non-jury? 2

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.

NO

14. Within the last ten years, have you ever been formally reprimanded, sanctioned, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended, or terminated by an employer or tribunal before which you have appeared? If so, please state the circumstances under which such action was taken, the date(s) such action was taken, the name(s) of any persons who took such action, and the background and resolution of such action.

NO

15. In the last ten years, have you failed to meet any deadline imposed by court order or received notice that you have not complied with substantive requirements of any business or contractual arrangement? If so, please explain full. **YES, I mis-calendared a meditation for 30 days later than it should have been. I had been working with opposing counsel to set the mediation prior to learning that I missed the deadline. I immediately filed a motion for extension of time and it was granted and the case moved forward.**

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).

2021-CF-31957 State v. Brooks, Elijah. Jonathan Skinner; [sitting judge](#), 321-617-7510
Samuel Edwards; shedwards@osal.org 850-595-4200
2019-CF-47602 State v. Buteau, Steven. Bernadette Serafinowicz, bserafinowicz@sal8.org
Elizabeth Garvey, egarvey@sal8.org 321-617-7510
2014-CF-50813 State v. Fellner, Arthur. Tamara Meister, tmeisterlaw@outlook.com 321-7014503
2015-CF-48311 State v. Bayne, Patricia. Tamara Meister, tmeisterlaw@outlook.com 321-7014503
2016-CF-51973 State v. Beolet, Dean. Tamara Meister, tmeisterlaw@outlook.com 321-7014503
2014-CF-37325 State v. Tuang, Thang Liam. Patrick Lapore, plapore@pd18.net 321-617-7373

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). **Rachael L. Wood, 727-220-5467 Settled without filing**

Sean Caufield, 407-649-4091, Case #2024-CA-57224
Lin Wagner, 407-246-8449, Case # 2025-CA-17215
Lin Wagner, 407-246-8449, Case # 2025-CA-17216
Cindy Townsend, 407-897-5150, Case # 2025-CA-35359
Michael Massieate, 214-743-4560, Settled without filing

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.

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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.

13- 73031-CTA LOUGHLIN, EDWIN JAMES- CoASA Raymond Hornstein
rhornstein@forthepeople.com (321) 361-3533- Judge Steven Koons- 1/23/2015 This was my first jury trial where I was first chair, Three weeks after starting my position at the SAO. I got a guilty verdict.

14- 50408-MMA LEITINGER, GEORGE WILLIAM Co-ASA Michael Hill,
mhill@sa18.org
321-617-7510, 8/6/15, This case was a challenge. We were able to get a guilty verdict on a battery charge without the victim being present.

15- 48311-CFA BAYNE, PATRICIA ANASTACIA, 5/11/2017. Defense counsel
Tamara
Meister, tmeisterlaw@outlook.com 321-701-4503, Judge David Dugan. This case was the last case I tried at the SAO. This was the first time that I did not believe in a case that I tried at the SAO, I was told to try the case by my superior, and it was when I began to look for other career options.

2021-CF-31957 State v. Brooks, Elijah. Jonathan Skinner; jskinner@sa18.org, sitting
Judge

Samuel Edwards; shedwards@sa18.org 850-595-
4200 12/2/2022. Judge David Koenig,
This was my most difficult trial after being in private practice, it was particularly contentious with one of the prosecutors. The ramifications of the testimony on my client were difficult. It is the first time that I advised my client to take the stand. This is the one that keeps me up at night.

14-11140-CFA WILFORK, DARVIN ANTOINE 1/2017. Aaron Peacock-
aaron.peacock@flcourts18.org 850-251-3430 first chair. Defense Counsel- Dan Ciener (deceased). This is the first case I was involved in that I knew a 3.850 motion was not only coming but necessary. Defense counsel did not ask a single question of the main State witness. There was argument between the Defendant and his counsel on the record. Judge Dugan actually had the Defendant and Defense counsel speak with out the State in the courtroom but left it on record, knowing that there were going to be issues.

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.

Personally drafted. SEE ATTACHED

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. **18th Judicial Nomination Committee, September 2024, I was 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. **N/A**
26. If you have prior judicial or quasi-judicial experience, please list the following information:
- (i) the names, phone numbers and addresses of six attorneys who appeared before you on matters of substance;
 - (ii) the approximate number and nature of the cases you handled during your tenure;
 - (iii) the citations of any published opinions; and
 - (iv) descriptions of the five most significant cases you have tried or heard, identifying the citation or style, attorneys involved, dates of the case, and the reason you believe these cases to be significant.
- N/A.**
27. Provide citations and a brief summary of all of your orders or opinions where your decision was reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, attach copies of the opinions. **N/A**
28. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, attach copies of the opinions. **N/A**
29. Has a complaint about you ever been made to the Judicial Qualifications Commission? If so, give the date, describe the complaint, whether or not there was a finding of probable cause, whether or not you have appeared before the Commission, and its resolution. **No**

30. Have you ever held an attorney in contempt? If so, for each instance state the name of the attorney, case style for the matter in question, approximate date and describe the circumstances. **No**

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. **No**

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. **I do not have any relationships or associations that would conflict with any cases I would preside over as a County Court Judge.**

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. **I do not have any published materials.**

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. **I have no prepared any policy statements.**

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 do not have any speeches or talks.**
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 have not taught any courses.**
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. **T Mitchell Barlow Young Lawyer Professionalism Award (BCBA(2016). Book Awards in Criminal Law(2010), Professional Responsibility(2011), and Water Law (2011). Named Best Operator on 5 different occasions with Springleaf Financial. (2005-2010)**
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. **American Bar Association (2015- present) Florida Bar Association (2015-present). Brevard County Bar Association (2018-2019). Vasser B. Carlton Inns of Court (2014-2015).**
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. **Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce (2017-2019)**
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. **Outside of the required representation of indigent clients there is none that I would describe as significant.**
45. Please describe any hobbies or other vocational interests. **Sports (golf) Scuba Diving.**
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. **N/A**
47. Please provide links to all social media and blog accounts you currently maintain, including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

www.facebook.com/jonathan.templeton.9; www.facebook.com/brevardcountylawyer;
https://www.instagram.com/templeton_jonathan; @Templeton_Law(X);
www.linkedin.com/in/templetonlawpa;

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. **Laura Renee Templeton, unemployed, married 9/27/2007**
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. **Madeline Faith Templeton (11), Carson Lloyd Templeton (6).**

CRIMINAL AND MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS

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

53. Have you ever been a party to a lawsuit, either as the plaintiff, defendant, petitioner, or respondent? If so, please supply the case style, jurisdiction/county in which the lawsuit was filed, case number, your status in the case, and describe the nature and disposition of the matter. **No**
54. To your knowledge, has there ever been a complaint made or filed alleging malpractice as a result of action or inaction on your part? **No**
55. To the extent you are aware, have you or your professional liability carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? If so, give particulars, including the name of the client(s), approximate dates, nature of the claims, the disposition and any amounts involved. **No**
56. Has there ever been a finding of probable cause or other citation issued against you or are you presently under investigation for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group. If so, provide the particulars of each finding or investigation. **No**
57. To your knowledge, within the last ten years, have any of your current or former co-workers, subordinates, supervisors, customers, clients, or the like, ever filed a formal complaint or accusation of misconduct including, but not limited to, any allegations involving sexual harassment, creating a hostile work environment or conditions, or discriminatory behavior against you with any regulatory or investigatory agency or with your employer? If so, please state the date of complaint or accusation, specifics surrounding the complaint or accusation, and the resolution or disposition. **No**
58. Are you currently the subject of an investigation which could result in civil, administrative, or criminal action against you? If yes, please state the nature of the investigation, the agency conducting the investigation, and the expected completion date of the investigation. **No**
59. Have you ever filed a personal petition in bankruptcy or has a petition in bankruptcy been filed against you, this includes any corporation or business entity that you were involved with? If so, please provide the case style, case number, approximate date of disposition, and any relevant details surrounding the bankruptcy. **No**
60. In the past ten years, have you been subject to or threatened with eviction proceedings? If yes, please explain. **No**
61. Please explain whether you have complied with all legally required tax return filings. To the extent you have ever had to pay a tax penalty or a tax lien was filed against you, please explain giving the date, the amounts, disposition, and current status. **We had to pay a tax penalty for the tax year 2021. \$17,452.97. This was due to a miscalculation in the original tax return. There was a supplemented tax document that I missed regarding my wife's stock sale. This was paid in June of 2024, shortly after the notice was received.**

HEALTH

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

69. Have you ever refused to submit to a test to determine whether you had consumed and/or were under the influence of alcohol or drugs? If so, please state the date you were requested to submit to such a test, the type of test required, the name of the entity requesting that you submit to the test, the outcome of your refusal, and the reason why you refused to submit to such a test. No
70. In the past ten years, have you suffered memory loss or impaired judgment for any reason? If so, please explain in full. No.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

71. Describe any additional education or experiences you have which could assist you in holding judicial office. **I was the Judicial Assistant for two years under the Honorable Judge Silverman, I have experienced the day-to-day functions of a Judge as well as the innerworkings of a Judicial Office. In addition, law is a second career for me and I believe that experience outside of the legal system is vital to understanding how other businesses operate, and would give me a unique insight from the bench.**
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 in the Constitution and that the responsibility of a Judge is to apply the law as it is written. I believe that I could apply the law regardless of personal or professional opinion. I do not have any personal or professional ties that would hinder the application of the law. I have professionally worked as a prosecutor, a criminal defense attorney, a plaintiff's attorney and defense counsel in civil matters. I believe that I have a well-rounded skill set that would allow me to preside over any type of case before me. I believe in being prepared. I have never entered a hearing, trial or any other matter before a tribunal that I did not prepare diligently for. I have been a defense attorney for almost 7 years and do not have a single bar complaint that I am aware of. I believe in communication with opposing counsel, and the court, and my clients. In addition, I have desired to be a judge since I became an attorney. My children are both adopted, and when you go through a private adoption you create an adoption book that prospective birth mothers look at, in our adoption book there is a section where I list my occupation and some goals. In that book one of my goals is to become a Judge. This book was written while I was still in law school.**

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.

Lt. William Stanley- 321-795-7580

Lt. Anthony Holland- 321-258-474-0155; aholland@satellitebeach.gov

Aubrey Holland- 321-258-9692; Abremarek@gmail.com

Christopher Hattaway- 321-426-6339; chattaway@rockledgepolice.org

Chris Sims- 317-313-0017; chrissimsiu@gmail.com

Kory Pyles- 321-289-0284; kory@brevardlawfirm.com

Ashley Lanier- 321-347-6369; alanier321@gmail.com

Aaron Carnahan 219-508-9771; aaron.j.carnahan@gmail.com

Joseph Jefferys- 321-863-0247; jjefferys@gomortgage.com

Vicki Huffman- 321-652-1775; ricknvick23@gmail.com

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 16 day of September, 2026.

Jonathan Templeton

Printed Name

Signature

State of Florida

County of Brevard

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of

☐ physical presence OR ☐ online notarization

this 16 day of September, 2026.

By Jonathan Templeton

☐ Personally known _____

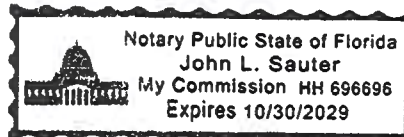
☒ Produced ID _____

Type of Identification Florida Driver License

John L. Sauter

Signature Notary Public

John L. Sauter



Printed name of Notary Public

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