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: **S. TYRONE POLK** **Social Security No.:** [redacted]

Florida Bar No.: **0041921** **Date Admitted to Practice in Florida:** **9/19/2007**

1. Please state your current employer and title, including any professional position and any public or judicial office you hold, your business address and telephone number.
   OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY 18TH CIRCUIT
   ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY,
   CHIEF OF EARLY RESOLUTION
   91 ESLINGER WAY,
   SANFORD, FLORIDA 32773
   OFFICE: 407-665-6000 EX: 6224

2. Please state your current residential address, including city, county, and zip code. Indicate how long you have resided at this location and how long you have lived in Florida. Additionally, please provide a telephone number where you can be reached (preferably a cell phone number), and your preferred email address.
   [redacted] **– 14 YEARS**
   I HAVE ALWAYS LIVED IN FLORIDA
   CELL: [redacted]
   [redacted]

3. State your birthdate and place of birth.
   04/20/1984
   PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

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

   Yes

5. Please list all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admissions requirements to which you have ever been admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission, and if applicable, state whether you have ever been suspended or resigned. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.
   I am a licensed attorney only in the state of Florida since 9/19/2007.
   I have never been subject to discipline by the Florida bar and have never been suspended from practice or resigned.

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

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).

   FLORIDA A&M COLLEGE OF LAW 2004-2007 - RECEIVED A JURIS DOCTORATE
   GPA: 2.678
   Class Standing: 53/81

   UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA 2002-2004 - RECEIVED BACHELORS DEGREE IN LEGAL STUDIES WITH A MINOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
   GPA: 3.113
   Class Standing: 753/3271

   SEMINOLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2000-2002 - RECEIVED AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN GENERAL STUDIES.
   GPA 3.0

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.
   1. **FLORIDA A&M STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION**

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.

- **2018-Current** Seminole County State Attorney (18th Circuit) – Assistant State Attorney
- **2017 -** Brevard County State Attorney (18^{th} Circuit) – Assistant State Attorney
- **2016-2017** Statewide Prosecutor's Office (State of Florida) – Assistant Statewide Prosecutor
- **2009-2016** Seminole County State Attorney (18th Circuit) – Assistant State Attorney
- **2008-2009** Lake County State Attorney (18th Circuit) – Assistant State Attorney
- **2000-Current** PolkBros. Entertainment (Family Business) **–** Employee

10. Describe the general nature of your current practice including any certifications which you possess; additionally, if your practice is substantially different from your prior practice or if you are not now practicing law, give details of prior practice. Describe your typical clients or former clients and the problems for which they sought your services.

- **I have spent the majority of my career as an assistant state attorney in Seminole County. Our mission is to pursue vigorous and fair prosecution of criminal cases with a commitment to serve as an advocate for the rights of all victims and promote the safety and well-being of the public.**

- **My current major duties are as the Chief attorney for the Seminole County Early Resolution Division as follows:**

    - **To ensure that the division extends plea offers early in the life of felony cases with the caveats all sentencing offers must be consistent with the safety and well-being of the public, serve the interest of justice and ensure that the rights of victims are maintained.**

    - **To screen felony cases for our pretrial intervention program by ensuring that only those pending criminal cases which are appropriate for such a program, are accepted balancing the hope of the repentance and rehabilitation of the accused with primary goal of the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of Seminole County.**

    - **To screen pending criminal cases for the available problem-solving courts in Seminole County (Veterans Court, Drug Court and Mental Health Court).**

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	**0**	%	Civil	0	%
Federal Trial	0	%	Criminal	100	%
Federal Other	0	%	Family	0	%
State Appellate	0	%	Probate	0	%
State Trial	100	%	Other	0	%
State Administrative	0	%			
State Other	0	%			
TOTAL	100	%	TOTAL	100	%

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

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

Jury?	**34**	Non-jury?	**4**
Arbitration?		Administrative Bodies?	
Appellate?			

*** This does not include my time in Brevard County Juvenile Division, and I do not have an accurate count of my county court trials from Lake County. My unofficial count is approximately 8 additional non-jury and approximately 10 additional jury trials – I can verify upon request.**

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.

1. **I have never done any appellate work.**

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.

1. **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.

1. **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*.

1. **Seminole County: 24-02566-CFA, NACCI,BRYSON**
   a. Co-Counsel: Jacob Polk, JPolk@SA18.org, 407-665-6000
   b. Opposing Counsel: David Webster, dwebsterlaw@gmail.com, 407-862-2229
   c. Opposing Counsel: Jacob V. Stuart Jr., jvs@jacobstuartlaw.com, 407-434-0330
   d. Opposing Counsel: Ian J. Tudor, ian@jacobstuartlaw.com, 407-434-0330

2. **Seminole County: 23-01924-CFA, FISHER,KADEEM**
   a. Co-Counsel: Jacob Polk, JPolk@SA18.org, 407-665-6000
   b. Opposing Counsel: J. Jeffery Dowdy, jdowdy@pd18.net, 407-665-4524
   c. Opposing Counsel: Michael B. Schoenberg, mschoenberg@pd18.net, 407-665-4524

3. **Seminole County: 20-00812-CFA, POSLEY,TALTON ANTUAN**
   a. Co-Counsel: Jacob Polk, JPolk@SA18.org, 407-665-6000
   b. Opposing Counsel: Rachel Harman, rachel.harman@normandpllc.com , 407-603-6031
   c. Opposing Counsel: Amy L. Judkins, amy.judkins@normandpllc.com 407-603-6031.
   d. Opposing Counsel: Alex Ray Couch, alex@couch.law, 407-391-5900

4. **Seminole County: 14-03659-CFA, SHELTON, ERICA JAQUES**
   a. Co-Counsel: Jacob Polk, JPolk@SA18.org, 407-665-6000
   b. Opposing Counsel: Mark Fromang, Mark@FromangLaw.com, 407-999-9739

5. **Seminole County: 15-00725-CFA, JACKSON,WILLIAM DION**
   a. Co-Counsel: Jacob Polk, JPolk@SA18.org, 407-665-6000

b. Opposing Counsel: Daniel Michael Geraghty Jr., danielgeraghty@elpasoco.com, 772-214-9479

6. **Seminole County: 14-02068-CFA, MYERS,DUANE ALAN**
   a. Co-Counsel: Matthew James Futch, MFutch@SmithAndEulo.com, 407-930-8912
   b. Opposing Counsel: Matthews R. Bark, Matthews.Bark@Gmail.com, 407-865-8888

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*.

1. **Seminole County: 26-01711-CFA, LUCKERN, PATRICK STEVEN**
   a. **Opposing Counsel: Michael Zemlock MZemlock@PD18.net, 407-665-4524**

2. **Seminole County: 24-03080-CFA, GENAW, JUSTIN CURTIS**
   a. **Opposing Counsel: Michael Zemlock MZemlock@PD18.net, 407-665-4524**

3. **Seminole County: 25-00147-CFA, JONES, DESHAWN MARKALE**
   a. **Opposing Counsel: Raymond Landa, raylandalaw@gmail.com, // RLanda@PD18.net, 407-665-4524**

4. **Seminole County: 24-02038-CFA // 24-02039-CFA, SAWY, JIMMY**
   a. **Opposing Counsel: Raymond Landa, raylandalaw@gmail.com, // RLanda@PD18.net, 407-665-4524**

5. **Seminole County: 25-01271-CFA A, RODRIGUEZ, KIABETH SHANICE**
   a. **Opposing Counsel: Bryce Fetter, Bryce@BryceFetter.com, 407-740-7275**

6. **Seminole County: 26-01324-CFA, HAYNES, JENNIFER MARIE**
   a. **Opposing Counsel: Raymond Landa, raylandalaw@gmail.com, // RLanda@PD18.net, 407-665-4524**

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.

1. **I appear in court 3-4 times per week.**

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.

1. **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?

1. **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.

1. **11-01398-CFA STATE V. BROWN, PHYLLIS LENNETT – Seminole County, Florida**
   I was the lead prosecutor on this case. My co-counsel was Daniel Faggard (DFaggard@SA18.org) Bar #12679 407-665-6000, defense counsel was Daniel Gherihty (danielgeraghty@elpasoco.com) Bar #41058 (772)-214-9479. Judge Debora Nelson was the presiding judge.

   This was a very difficult case, because of the sheer number of financial transactions. The victim was honest but frequently and alternatively very pleasant and very hostile towards me and other staff at the office. The victim, who was elderly, had been defrauded of over $50,000 from several bank accounts over a series of months, so her anger made it difficult for her to testify in the courtroom. This was a tragedy from the beginning, the victim was not likely to recover her money, even after a conviction, because the defendant was on probation for embezzlement from her employer when she was arrested for the fraud charges. It was a long trial in which punishment was the best and only positive outcome. After it was all over, the victim thanked us for believing her and getting justice. She was ultimately made partially whole by her bank.

   This case showed me that simply punishing criminal behavior is enough, even if we cannot make a victim whole, that victims frequently desire the kind of justice that is more than a financial transaction – the defendant was convicted of a lesser included charge and sentenced to 5 years prison plus a consecutive 5 years for her violation of probation.

2. **11-02332-CFA SPURGEON, JAY WILLIAM – Seminole County, Florida**
   I was the lead prosecutor on this case; my co-counsel was Daniel Faggard (DFaggard@SA18.org), Bar #12679 407-665-6000, defense counsel was Alpheus Parsons, (alpheus.Parsons@comcast.net), Bar #607721, (352)-603-2112 Judge Debora Nelson was the presiding judge. Spurgeon v. State 114 So.3d 1042 (Fla. 5th DCA 2013)

   This case seemed reasonably straightforward at first glance, a defendant, who appeared to be under the influence of unknown substances, was taken to the hospital for assessment and possible Marchman Act procedures. While at the hospital the defendant decided that he wanted to be immediately discharged and became hostile to staff. Staff needed additional time to evaluate and discharge the defendant and he was told to calm down but did not. As security was attempting to restrain the defendant, he spat, several times, in the face of the security guard employee of the hospital. The offense charged was Battery Upon an Emergency Medical Care Provider. I had the security officer testify about all the facts and circumstances leading up to the battery and her conversation with the defendant finally asked if she worked for the hospital at the time of the battery the response was, “yes”.

The defense motioned for a Judgment of Acquittal (JOA) after the close of evidence arguing that I had not presented evidence that the victim was employed at a medical care facility, arguing that South Seminole Hospital had not been proven to be a hospital. I argued that it was in the name and that testimony showed that the defendant was there for treatment.

The judge overruled the objection, and the jury returned a guilty verdict. Defense counsel made a particularly good argument, though I didn’t realize it at the time. The 5th DCA firmly corrected my mistake. The court said “[b]y asking a few simple questions about the nature and scope of services offered by South Seminole Hospital, it is probable that the State could have established this burden. However, having failed to do so, the court [should have denied] Spurgeon's motion for judgment of acquittal on the charge of battery on an emergency medical care provider”. *Spurgeon at 1046*. This case was ultimately returned to the trial court and a plea to a misdemeanor was negotiated.

From all of this, I learned as the 5th DCA indicated, I could have solved the problem by “asking a few simple questions”. Getting this verdict overturned taught me to be much more thorough in my trial preparation and questioning, taking seriously the prosecutor’s burden of proof.

3. **23-01924-CFA FISHER, KADEEM OMAR – Seminole County, Florida**
I was the co-counsel prosecutor on this case; primary counsel was Jacob Polk (JPolk@SA18.org), Bar #89843, 407-665-6000, defense counsel was Jeffrey Dowdy, (JDowdy@PD18.net), Bar # 793360, 407-665-4524 and Michael Schoenberg, (MSchoenberg@PD18.net), Bar # 84656, 407-665-4524. Judge Melanie Chase was the presiding judge.

This case was a long-shot 1st degree premeditated murder case involving various small pieces of evidence disparate sources, surveillance videos, a license plate reader, hostile witnesses who were family members of the defendant, a ring video seemingly deleted by the defendant, a cold bottle of mountain dew and various other small items.

The evidence of the crime was present, but the trouble was presenting that evidence in a form which could be digested by the jury. By the close of evidence, the raw material was all in evidence but needed to be arranged to show the crime. Lead-counsel Jacob Polk came up with the idea of a composite video presentation showing a running timeline (synchronized on screen with the timestamps on the various videos in evidence) to tie the case together into a consistent whole. I'm convinced that it was not until closing when the video presentation was shown to the jury, they finally understood how the case came together and eliminated all reasonable doubt.

This case cemented the idea that bringing all the evidence to the trier of fact is fine, but the closing presentation of that evidence is really what crystalizes the facts into something that a jury can truly rely upon.

4. **10-01472-CFA DANIELS, CURTIS FAYE – Seminole County, Florida**
I was the co-counsel prosecutor on this case; primary counsel was John J. Mannion Jr. (JMannion@MannionLaw.net), Bar # 676020, 407-732-6040, defense counsel was Robert B. Fisher, (RobertFisherLaw@Gmail.com), Bar # 291889, 407-389-4529. Judge Debora Nelson was the presiding judge.

In this case the defendant was charged with attempted first-degree murder. The facts started with a family altercation between two brothers, leading to one attacking the other with the broken shards of a glass coffee table. I was a brand-new felony prosecutor and was asked, at the last minute, to second-chair so that I could assist with the presentation of digital evidence.

Factually the case was good, but the trouble was the level of charge, while the victim's injuries were serious, life-threatening, even, the defendant claimed self-defense because the victim had made threats and been physical with the defendant before. While, I think, the jury felt that the defendant had overreacted to the situation and thus were probably willing to convict on a battery or aggravated battery the charge of attempted first degree murder put them off of the trail a bit. It didn't help that the victim did have a history of violent behavior and the defendant knew about it. On paper it was a valid charge but the shock of seeing attempted first-degree murder made the jury less likely to see much else.

This case was a good example of using discretion and keeping in mind that the public perception is very important because the jury are members of that public and will likely see things the way that the man-on-the-street does.

5. **10-02687-CFA JODON, CHRISTOPHER J – Seminole County, Florida**
This was not a trial case; the state attorney didn't even file on it.

I was assigned to initial appearances in June of 2010, the defendant in the case was accused of Battery and False Imprisonment of his paramour, Jackie Miller, who was, at the time, in-hiding from the defendant and was not communicating with representatives from the state. There was a significant time delay between crime and the victim's reporting the crime. At initial appearances, I requested, on behalf of the state, that the defendant be ordered to refrain from any contact with Ms. Miller and to abstain from consumption of any alcohol. The court granted the request and ordered no-contact and no alcohol before the defendant could bond out of jail.

Ms. Miller continued avoiding communication with the state, apparently believing that she would be in greater danger if she assisted in prosecution of the crime.
In September of 2010, the defendant found and followed Ms. Miller as she was on Interstate 4, traveling through Volusia County. He disabled her car by striking it with his truck then approached her and stabbed her to death.

Mr. Jodon was taken to the Volusia County jail and was later found dead in his cell in an apparent suicide; As a result, the charges in Seminole were never filed.

I learned the importance of confidence and public trust of institutions. Keeping victims informed by communicating and treating each case where violence against the public is involved as serious maintains trust in the system. Complete control of all crimes is not possible, but everything becomes more difficult when the public loses confidence in the protective nature of their institutions. If Ms. Miller had known that there was help available, she may be with us today. Prosecutors, law enforcement and judges should constantly be working to maintain public trust.

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.

1. ***See below***

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.

1. **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.

1. **N/A**

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.

1. **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.

1. 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.

1. 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.

1. 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.

1. **N/A**

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.

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. **I regularly work with a family-owned business, but I am not an officer or director and do not engage in management. PolkBros. Entertainment, 2311 S. Oak Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32773, it is a wedding and events company, providing audio/video and photography services.**

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.

1. **I work as a videographer, video editor and equipment operator for PolkBros. Entertainment. I have worked for the company (as a 1099) since I was in my teens. I earn approximately $5-$10K per year depending on the number of events.**

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.

1. **I am able to follow and enforce the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida.**

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.

1. **I have not published any such documents.**

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.

1. **I have not prepared any such documents.**

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.

1. **Seminole County Community Law Enforcement Academy**, *CLEA is an ongoing nine-session program designed to educate the citizens of Seminole County in the concepts and procedures of law enforcement – one of the sessions involves the office of the State Attorney and I have been presenting and conducting 30-60 minute Q&A sessions with the participants twice a year, nearly every session since 2019.*

2. **Classical Conversations annual Mock Trial,** *Classical Conversations is a Christian homeschool curriculum hybrid/enrichment program which teaches speech and debate and ends with an annual mock trial between local teams, I have assisted with the organizing the Sanford vs Oviedo groups in their mock trial before judge Debra Krause each year since 2002. I also organize a short tour each year for the teams and give a Q&A at the end of the tour and I review and provide feedback for the students along with Judge Krause after the mock trial.*

3. **Florida A&M College of Law Careers in the Law -** *the Careers in the law program is an annual event. I speak with students about options for legal careers in prosecution and defense, I often get to discuss the usefulness of seeking a Certified Legal Internship and conducting jury trials for future employment. Our office was first invited in 2023 and I have accepted invitations each year since.*

4. **Rotary Club, Altamonte Springs – December 7, 2023,** this was a short presentation about our local veteran's court program to the local Rotary Club after an invitation from my Friend and former coworker Eugene "Gino" Feliciani.

5. **Seminole County Bar Association Mental Health Court // Veterans Treatment Court Presentation April 19, 2024,** *This was a short presentation about two of our local problem-solving courts, presented along with one of our program administrators Marissa Gore, we discussed the process, from application to graduation, of how to engage a criminal defendant in one of these two problem-solving diversionary programs.*

6. **Florida A&M College of Law Government Week Program September 17, 2024, 5pm,** *This was a Q&A session for students to ask questions of Assistant State Attorneys, Assistant Public Defenders and Assistant Regional Conflict Attorneys.*

7. **Florida A&M College of Law Legal Research and Writing Department First-Year LRW Program – April 10, 2025 –** *this was a panel in which we discussed the importance of various kinds of legal research and writing.*

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.

1. Yes
   Seminole County Bar Association Mental Health Court // Veterans Treatment Court Presentation April 19, 2024, *This was a short presentation about two of our local problem-solving courts, presented along with one of our program administrators Marissa Gore, we discussed the process, from application to graduation, of how to engage a criminal defendant in one of these two problem-solving diversionary programs.*

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.

1. **MADD – Prosecutor of the Year 2010 presented by Florida FDLE.**

40. Do you have a Martindale-Hubbell rating? If so, what is it and when was it earned?

1. **I do not have a Martindale-Hubbell rating.**

41. List all bar associations, legal, and judicial-related committees of which you are or have been a member. For each, please provide dates of membership or participation. Also, for each indicate any office you have held and the dates of office.

1. **Seminole County Bar Association, Member**

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.

1. **Foundry Church, Volunteer from 2000-2017**
2. **Central Church, Sanford, Florida, Volunteer since 2017**
3. **Commission 127 - https://www.c127.org, Volunteer since 2023**
4. **AWANA Clubs International – Volunteer from 2017-2024**
5. **Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine – Volunteer 2022-2025**

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.

1. **No**

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

1. **I have not participated in any significant pro bono legal work.**

45. Please describe any hobbies or other vocational interests.

1. **Gardening**
2. **Reading**
3. **Running**
4. **Cooking**

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.

1. **I have not.**

47. Please provide links to all social media and blog accounts you currently maintain, including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

1. **www.facebook.com/ty.polk**
2. **X/ Twitter: @TyronePolk9**
3. **LinkedIn: Tyrone Polk**
4. **Instagram: @TyronePolkEsq**

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.

1. **I am married to my wife Olivia L. Polk, she spends most of her time raising our three children but works outside the home as a photographer and social media manager for small businesses including our family business PolkBros. Entertainment, and a few others.**

2. **I have never been divorced.**

3. **We were married on March 10, 2010.**

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.

1. **I have three children [redacted] (13), [redacted] (11) and Elizabeth [redacted] (9).**

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.

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. **I have only been a class member in class actions, but I was not the named plaintiff.**

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?

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. 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.

1. 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.

1. 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.

1. No

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

1. 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.

1. No

HEALTH

62. Are you currently addicted to or dependent upon the use of narcotics, drugs, or alcohol?

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. **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.

1. **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.)

1. **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

1. **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.

1. **No**

70. In the past ten years, have you suffered memory loss or impaired judgment for any reason? If so, please explain in full.

1. **No**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

1. **I have a minor in criminal justice.**
2. **I have a good working understanding of courtroom technology.**
3. **I have a good working relationship with the local prosecutors and the local criminal bar.**

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.

1. **I have lived in Seminole County my entire life and I have served the Citizens of Florida my entire professional career. I am glad to continue to serve.**

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.

1. Will Scheiner - WScheiner@sa18.org - 321-617-7510
2. Phil Archer – [redacted] – available upon request
3. Jeffery Dowdy - JDowdy@PD18.net – 407- 665-4524
4. Ethan Crowder - Ethan@GoCentralChurch.org - 407- 322-2914
5. Kevin Hipes - Kevin@AssetDevelopmentPartners.com – 407- 416-6832
6. Dave Webster – DWebsterlaw@gmail.com – 407- 862-9222
7. Stuart Hyman - SHymanlaw@aol.com - 407- 896-0536
8. Melanie Chase - Melanie.Chase@FLCourts18.org - 407- 665-4993
9. Melissa Souto - Melissa.Souto@FLCourts18.org - 407- 665-4926
10. Jessica Recksiedler - Jessica.Recksiedler@FLCourts18.org – 407- 665-4048

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 17 day of Sept., 2026.

S. Tyrone Polk
Printed Name

Signature

State of Florida
County of Seminole

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of
☑physical presence OR ☐online notarization
this 17th day of September, 2026

By Sylvester Tyrone Polk
☑Personally known ___
☐Produced ID___
Type of Identification ______

Priscilla Risnear
Signature Notary Public

PRISCILLA RISNEAR
MY COMMISSION # HH 594265
EXPIRES: October 6, 2028

Priscilla Risnear

Printed name of Notary Public

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

FINANCIAL HISTORY

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

   Current Year-To-Date: $81,000

   Last Three Years:

   - **2025 - $107,000**
   - **2024 - $98,000**
   - **2023 - $85,000**

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.
   All my income from the practice of law is salary, except for the fees I charge to cover for other attorneys in my office.

   Current Year-To-Date: ______$81,000_________

   Last Three Years: 2025 - $107,000 2024 - $98,000 2023 - $85,000

3. State the gross amount of income or losses incurred (before deducting expenses or taxes) you have earned in the preceding three years on a year by year basis from all sources other than the practice of law, and generally describe the source of such income or losses.
   This Gross income is from PolkBros. Entertainment as well as weekend coverage for other attorneys at the State Attorney's Office for initial appearances.

   Current Year-To-Date: $10,000

   Last Three Years: 2025 - $8,200 2024 - $8,400 2023 - $8,000

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.
   This income is from PolkBros. Entertainment as well as weekend coverage for other attorneys at the State Attorney's Office for initial appearances it does not include taxes or expenses.

   Current Year-To-Date: $10,000

   Last Three Years: 2025 - $8,200 2024 - $8,400 2023 - $8,000

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.
This net income is from PolkBros. Entertainment as well as weekend coverage for other attorneys at the State Attorney's Office for initial appearances after deductions for home office, vehicle mileage, equipment and other expenses.

Current Year-To-Date: $6,400 (*approximate*)

Last Three Years: <u>2025 - $0,</u> <u>2024 - $7,300</u> <u>2023 - $1,400</u>

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 September, 2026 was $750,000.

PART B - ASSETS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

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

The aggregate value of my household goods and personal effects (described above) is $60,000

ASSETS INDIVIDUALLY VALUED AT OVER $1,000:

DESCRIPTION OF ASSET (specific description is required – see instructions p. 3)	VALUE OF ASSET
977 Turkey Hollow Circle, Winter Springs	$400,000
2016 Chrysler Town and Country	$8,000
2021 Toyota Corolla	$16,500
(Retirement Account, Stock/Bonds) Florida Retirement System Account (401(a))	$436,000
(Stock/bonds) Charles Schwab Investment Account	$30,500
(Bank Account) Addition Financial Savings	$2,000
(Bank Account) Addition Financial Checking	$5,000

PART C - LIABILITIES

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
Rocket Mortgage 1050 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48226	**$213,000**

JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITIES NOT REPORTED ABOVE:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY

PART D - INCOME

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

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

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

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME EXCEEDING $1,000	ADDRESS OF SOURCE OF INCOME	AMOUNT

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

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

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

	BUSINESS ENTITY #1	BUSINESS ENTITY #2	BUSINESS ENTITY #3
NAME OF BUSINESS ENTTITY			
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY			
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY			
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY			
I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS			
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST			

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

OATH

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

[signature]

SIGNATURE

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Seminole

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 17th day of September, 20 26 by Sylvester Tyrone Polk

Priscilla Risnear

(Signature of Notary Public—State of Florida)

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

PRISCILLA RISNEAR
MY COMMISSION # HH 594265
EXPIRES: October 6, 2028

Personally Known ✓ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM 6:

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

PART A – NET WORTH

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

To total the value of your assets, add:

(1) The aggregate value of household goods and personal effects, as reported in Part B of this form;

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

To total the amount of your liabilities, add:

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

PART B – ASSETS WORTH MORE THAN $1,000

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

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

ASSETS INDIVIDUALLY VALUED AT MORE THAN $1,000:

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

How to Identify or Describe the Asset:

— Real property: Identify by providing the street address of the property. If the property has no street address, identify by describing the property's location in a manner sufficient to enable a member of the public to ascertain its location without resorting to any other source of information.

— Intangible property: Identify the type of property and the business entity or person to which or to whom it relates. **Do not list simply "stocks and bonds" or "bank accounts."** For example, list "Stock (Williams Construction Co.)," "Bonds (Southern Water and Gas)," "Bank accounts(First

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

How to Value Assets:

— Value each asset by its fair market value on the date used in Part A for your net worth.

— Jointly held assets: If you hold real or personal property jointly with another person, your interest equals your legal percentage of ownership in the property. However, assets that are held as tenants by the entirety or jointly with right of survivorship must be reported at 100% of their value.

— Partnerships: You are deemed to own an interest in a partnership which corresponds to your interest in the equity of that partnership.

— Trusts: You are deemed to own an interest in a trust which corresponds to your percentage interest in the trust corpus.

— Real property may be valued at its market value for tax purposes, unless a more accurate appraisal of its fair market value is available.

— Marketable securities which are widely traded and whose prices are generally available should be valued based upon the closing price on the valuation date.

— Accounts, notes, and loans receivable: Value at fair market value, which generally is the amount you reasonably expect to collect.

— Closely-held businesses: Use any method of valuation which in your judgment most closely approximates fair market value, such as book value, reproduction value, liquidation value, capitalized earnings value, capitalized cash flow value, or value established by "buy-out" agreements. It is suggested that the method of valuation chosen be indicated in a footnote on the form.

— Life insurance: Use cash surrender value less loans against the policy, plus accumulated dividends.

PART C—LIABILITIES

LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF $1,000:

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

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

How to Determine the Amount of a Liability:

— Generally, the amount of the liability is the face amount of the debt.

— If you are the only person obligated to satisfy a liability, 100% of the liability should be listed.

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

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

Examples:

— You owe $10,000 to a bank for student loans, $5,000 for credit card debts, and $60,000 with your spouse to a saving and loan for the mortgage on the home you own with your spouse. You must report the name and address of the bank ($10,000 being the amount of that liability) and the name and address of the savings and loan ($60,000 being the amount of this liability). The credit cards debts need not be reported.

— You and your 50% business partner have a $100,000 business loan from a bank and you both are jointly and severally liable. Report the name and address of the bank and $50,000 as the amount of the liability. If your liability for the loan is only as a partner, without personal liability, then the loan would be a contingent liability.

JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITIES NOT REPORTED ABOVE:

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

PART D – INCOME

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

PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME:

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

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

Examples:

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

— If you were a partner in a law firm and your distributive share of partnership gross income exceeded $1,000, you should list the name of the firm, its address, and the amount of your distributive share.

— If you received dividend or interest income from investments in stocks and bonds, list only each individual company from which you received more than $1,000. Do not aggregate income from all of these investments.

— If more than $1,000 of income was gained from the sale of property, then you should list as a source of income the name of the purchaser, the purchaser's address, and the amount of gain from the sale. If the purchaser's identity is unknown, such as where securities listed on an exchange are sold through a brokerage firm, the source of income should be listed simply as “sale of (name of company) stock,” for example.

— If more than $1,000 of your income was in the form of interest from one particular financial institution (aggregating interest from all CD’s, accounts, etc., at that institution), list the name of the institution, its address, and the amount of income from that institution.

SECONDARY SOURCE OF INCOME:

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

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

(2) You received more than $1,000 in gross income from that business entity during the period.

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

Examples:

— You are the sole proprietor of a dry cleaning business, from which you received more than $1,000 in gross income last year. If only one customer, a uniform rental company, provided more than 10% of your dry cleaning business, you must list the name of your business, the name of the uniform rental company, its address, and its principal business activity (uniform rentals).

— You are a 20% partner in a partnership that owns a shopping mall and your gross partnership income exceeded $1,000. You should list the name of the partnership, the name of each tenant of the mall that provided more than 10% of the partnership’s gross income, the tenant’s address and principal business activity.

PART E – INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESS

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

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

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

JUDICIAL APPLICATION DATA RECORD

The judicial application shall include a separate page asking applicants to identify their race, ethnicity and gender. Completion of this page shall be optional, and the page shall include an explanation that the information is requested for data collection purposes in order to assess and promote diversity in the judiciary. The chair of the Commission shall forward all such completed pages, along with the names of the nominees to the JNC Coordinator in the Governor's Office (pursuant to JNC Uniform Rule of Procedure).

(Please Type or Print)

Date: 9/17/2026

JNC Submitting To: ______________________________

Name (please print): Sylvester Tyrone Polk

Current Occupation: Assistant State Attorney

Telephone Number: 407-760-8058 Attorney No.: 0041921

Gender (check one): ☑ Male ☐ Female

Ethnic Origin (check one):

☐ White, non-Hispanic

☐ Hispanic

☐ Black

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native

☐ Asian/Pacific Islander

County of Residence: Seminole

***Applicant respectfully declines to indicate race/ethnic origin.**

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO THE
FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT (FCRA)

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

CONSUMER'S AUTHORIZATION FOR
FDLE TO OBTAIN CONSUMER REPORT(S)

I have read and understand the above Disclosure. I authorize the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to obtain one or more consumer reports on me, for employment purposes, as described in the above Disclosure.

SYLVESTER TYRONE POLK
Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant S.T.Polk

Date: 9/17/2026