

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MAGISTRATE APPLICATION

(Please attach additional pages as needed to respond fully to questions.)

Date: _____

Florida Bar No.: _____

GENERAL:

1. Name: _____

2. E-mail Address: _____

3. Date admitted to practice in Florida: _____

4. Current employer and title: _____

5. Business address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone: () _____ - _____

6. Residential address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone: () _____ - _____

EDUCATION:

7. Secondary schools, colleges and law schools attended.

Schools	Class Standing	Dates of Attendance	Degree

MILITARY SERVICE (INCLUDING RESERVES):

- 8. A. Service: _____
- B. Branch: _____
- C. Highest Rank: _____
- D. Dates: _____
- E. Rank at Time of Discharge: _____
- F. Type of Discharge: _____
- G. Awards of Citations: _____

NON-LEGAL EMPLOYMENT:

- 9. List all previous full-time non-legal jobs or positions held since 21 in chronological order and briefly describe them.

Date	Position	Employer	Address

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS:

- 10. List all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admission requirements to which you have ever been admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission, and if applicable, state whether you have been suspended or resigned.

LAW PRACTICE:

- 11. State the names, dates and addresses for all firms with which you have been associated in practice, governmental agencies or private business organizations by which you have been employed, periods you have practiced as a sole practitioner, law clerkships and other prior employment:

Position	Name of Firm	Address	Dates

12. 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.

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

Court (%)		Area of Practice (%)	
Federal Appellate		Civil	
Federal Trial		Criminal	
Federal Other		Family	
State Appellate		Probate	
State Trial		Other	
State Administrative			
State Other			
TOTAL	100%	TOTAL	100%

14. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared in Court?

_____ average times per month

15. In your lifetime, how many (number) of the cases you have tried to verdict or judgment were:

Jury? _____

Non-jury? _____

Arbitration? _____

Administrative Bodies? _____

16. 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.

17. 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 in full.

18. For your last six cases which were tried to verdict before a jury or arbitration panel or tried to judgment before a judge, list the names and telephone numbers of trial counsel on all sides and court case numbers (include appellate cases).

19. For your last six cases which were 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).

20. List and describe the six most significant cases which you personally litigated listing case style, number 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. Give the name of the court and judge, the date tried and names of other attorneys involved.

21. Attach at least one example of legal writing which you personally wrote. If you have not personally written any legal documents recently, you may attach writing for which you had substantial responsibility. Please describe your degree of involvement in preparing the writing you attached.

PRIOR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE OR PUBLIC OFFICE:

22. Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? If so, state the court(s) involved and the dates of service or dates of candidacy.

23. List any prior quasi-judicial service:

Dates	Name of Agency	Position Held
Types of issues heard:		

24. Have you ever held or been a candidate for any other public office? If so, state the office, location and dates of service or candidacy.

25. If you have had prior judicial or quasi-judicial experience,

- A. List the names, phone numbers and addresses of six attorneys who appeared before you on matters of substance.

- B. Describe the approximate number and nature of the cases you have handled during your judicial or quasi-judicial tenure.

- C. List citations of any opinions which have been published.

- D. List citations or styles and describe the five most significant cases you have tried or heard. Identify the parties, describe the cases and tell why you believe them to be significant. Give dates tried and names of attorneys involved.

- E. Has a Notice of Formal Charges ever been filed against you by the Judicial Qualifications Commission or a disciplinary action ever been filed against you by The Florida Bar? If so, give date(s), describe charges or complaint, and its resolution.

BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT:

- 26. 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 hiring as a general magistrate.

- 27. Since being admitted to the Bar, have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law? If so, give details, including dates.

- 28. State whether during the past five years you have received any fees or

compensation of any kind, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization, or association of any kind. If so, identify the source of such compensation, the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization or association involved and the dates such compensation was paid and the amounts.

POSSIBLE BIAS OR PREJUDICE:

29. The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit 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 general magistrate. 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 general magistrate. Indicate the reason for each situation as to why you believe you might be in conflict. If you have prior judicial or quasi-judicial experience, describe the types of cases from which you have recused yourself.

MISCELLANEOUS:

30. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a first-degree misdemeanor?

Yes _____ No _____ If "Yes," explain the circumstances of the criminal offense(s), including dates:

31. Have you pled nolo contendere or pled guilty to a crime which is a felony or a first degree misdemeanor?

Yes _____ No _____ If "Yes," explain the circumstances of the criminal offense(s), including dates:

32. Have you ever had the adjudication of guilt withheld for a crime which is a felony or a first degree misdemeanor?

Yes _____ No _____ If "Yes," explain the circumstances of the criminal offense(s), including dates:

33. Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, give particulars including name of client, date suit filed, court, case number and disposition.

34. Has any lawsuit to your knowledge been filed alleging malpractice as a result of action or inaction on your part?

35. Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? If so, give particulars, including the amounts involved.

36. Have you ever filed a personal petition in bankruptcy or has a petition in bankruptcy been filed against you?

37. Have you ever owned more than 25% of the issued and outstanding shares or acted as an officer or director of any corporation by which or against which a petition in bankruptcy has been filed? If so, give name of corporation, your relationship to it and date and caption of petition.
38. Have you ever been a party to a lawsuit either as a plaintiff or as a defendant? If so, please supply the jurisdiction/county in which the lawsuit was filed, style, case number, nature of the lawsuit, whether you were Plaintiff or Defendant and its disposition.
39. 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, give the particulars.
40. 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.

HONORS AND PUBLICATIONS:

- 41. If you have published any books or articles, list them, giving citations and dates.

- 42. List any honors, prizes or awards you have received. Give dates.

- 43. List and describe any speeches or lectures you have given.

- 44. Do you have a Martindale-Hubbell rating?
Yes ____ If so, what is it? _____ No ____

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- 45. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and state the titles and dates of any office which you may have held in such groups and committees to which you belonged.

- 46. List, in a fully identifiable fashion, all organizations, other than those identified in response to question No. 45, of which you have been a member since graduating from law school, including the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in each such organization.

47. Do you now or have you ever belonged to any 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, national origin or sex? If so, detail 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.

48. Describe any pro bono legal work you have done. Give dates.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

49. Have you taught any courses on law or lectured at bar association conferences, law school forums, or continuing legal education programs? If so, in what substantive areas?

50. Describe any additional education or other experience you have which could assist you in holding a general magistrate position.

REFERENCES:

51. List the names, addresses and telephone numbers of five persons who are in a position to comment on your qualifications to serve as a general magistrate and of whom inquiry may be made by the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have carefully read the foregoing general magistrate application and I have truthfully, fully, and completely answered all questions. I recognize that, in accordance with the Florida Constitution and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420, this application is a publicly accessible judicial record. I have also read and understand the ethical requirements of quasi-judicial officers under the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Printed Name

Signature