# APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT

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

DATE	E: January 2	8, 2014	Florida Bar No	).:	856746	
GEN	ERAL:		Social Security	No.:		
1.	Name Maria	anne Lloyd Aho	E-mail: ma	ho@n	narksgray.co	m
	Date Admitted	to Practice in Florida:	9-19-90			
	Date Admitted	to Practice in other States:	: N/A			
2.	State current e judicial office.	employer and title, including	professional po	osition	and any put	olic or
	Marks Gray, P	.A., Shareholder				
3.	Business addr	ess: 1200 Riverplace Bo	ulevard, Suite 8	00		
	City Jackson	ville County _	Duval	State	FL ZIF	32207
	Telephone (9	04) 807-3555	FAX _	(904) 3	399-8440	
4.	Residential ad	dress:				
	City					
	Since 19	998 Telep	ohone			
5.	Place of birth:	Miami, Florida		_		
	Date of birth:		Age: 49			
6a.	Length of resid	ence in State of Florida: 49	9			
6b.	Are you a regis	stered voter? 🛭 Yes 🗌 No	<b>o</b>			
	If so, in what c	ounty are you registered?	Duval			
7.	Marital status:	Married				
	If married:	Spouse's name				
		Date of marriage				
		Spouse's occupation				
	If ever divorced former spouse, N/A	d give for each marriage na date and place of divorce,	me(s) of spouse court and case	e(s), cu numbe	urrent addres er for each d	ss for each livorce.

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8.	Children			
	Name(s)	Age(s)	Occupation(s)	Residential address(es)
0	Millares O. C. C. L.			
9.	Military Service (include			
	Service I	Branch	Highest Rank	Dates
	Rank at time of discha		_	
			Type of discharge _	
HEAL	Awards or citations _		_	
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11b.

12a.

12b.

13.

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# **EDUCATION:**

18a. Secondary schools, colleges and law schools attended.

Schools	Class Standing	Dates of Attendance	Degree
Nova High School			none
South Broward H.S.		1978-1980	high school
	1/approx. 500	1980-1982	diploma
Wake Forest	3/approx. 468		none
University	approx. top 25%	1982-1983	
Rice University			
	Rice does not rank its students	1983-1986	B.A. in History
University of Florida	summer school; no rank		
University of	•	1985	
Houston	summer school; no rank	1986	none
University of	approx. top		none
Houston Law School	50%	1986-1987	none

approx. top

FSU Law School

25%

1987-1989

J.D. with Honors

18b. List and describe academic scholarships earned, honor societies or other awards.

Florida Trend Legal Elite, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012

Florida Super Lawyers, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 (including a listing in

"Florida The Top 50 Women" for the 2013 Super Lawyers process)

The Jacksonville Bar Association "Chair of the Year" Award - 2013

### NON-LEGAL EMPLOYMENT:

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

Date

Position

Employer

Address

N/A

#### PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS:

20. 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.

Court or Administrative Body		Date of Admission
The Florida Bar	9-19-90	
Middle District of Florida	4-25-91	
Southern District of Florida	11-13-92	
Northern District of Florida	6-19-91	

**LAW PRACTICE:** (If you are a sitting judge, answer questions 21 through 26 with reference to the years before you became a judge.)

21. 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

Law Clerk 2000 Drayton Drive, 1/90 to 1/91

First District Court of Tallahassee, FL

Appeal 32399

Associate	Smith Hulsey & Busey	225 Water St # 1800, Jacksonville, FL 32202	3/1/91 to 8/95
Associate	Dale, Bald, Showalter & Mercier (firm is no longer in existence in same format as at that time)	William Bald is now with Pajcic & Pajcic, 1 Independent Dr., Suite 1900, Jacksonville, FL 32202	9/95 to 10/97
Associate	Hinshaw & Culbertson	50 N Laura St # 2200, Jacksonville, FL 32202	11/97 to 6/01
Associate/Shareho lder (2003)	McConnaughhay, Duffy, et al	6816 Southpoint Pkwy # 500, Jacksonville, FL 32216	6/01 to 2/08
		1200 Riverplace Blvd., #800	
Shareholder	Marks Gray, P.A.	Jacksonville, FL 32207	(2/2008 to present)

22. 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.

My current practice is in the areas of commercial litigation and civil defense litigation, as well as services as a certified circuit civil mediator. My general liability defense practice includes catastropic injury and wrongful death cases including automobile, premises liability, products liability, property damage, trucking and transportation law.

23. 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	0 %	Civil	100_%
Federal Trial	2 %	Criminal	%
Federal Other	0 %	Family	%
State Appellate	1 %	Probate	%
State Trial	97_ %	Other	%

	State Administrative		%				
	State Other		%				
			%				
	TOTAL	100	%	TOTAL		100	%
24.	In your lifetime, how many were:  Jury?  8	(number) (		es you have tried to	verdic	t or jud	gment
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	Arbitration? 0	_	A	Administrative Bodie	s? <u>(</u>	)	
25.	Within the last ten years demoted, disciplined, place tribunal before which you I which such action was tall	ed on proba nave appea	ition, susp red? If so	ended or terminated o, please state the o	d by an	emplo	yer or under

26. 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.

persons who took such action, and the background and resolution of such action.

No

No

# (Questions 27 through 30 are optional for sitting judges who have served 5 years or more.)

27a. For your last 6 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).

Jerry and Patricia Bell v Shirley Noles Friedman and Alistate Insurance Company, Case No. 2003-CA-005614, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Duval County, FL, Earl "Buddy" Hooten 904-389-4710, Michelline Haynes Ruth 904-721-7575

Alfred Nihart and his wife Geraldine Nihart v Ronald Riggs and AutoOwners, Case No 01-05982-CA, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Duval County, FL, Carl Dawson 904-355-5505, Don Black 904-251-1111

Jenkins v Key Buick, Case No. 10-CA-54, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Nassau County, FL, Paul Byron and John Overchuck 407-872-6222; Key Buick v Jenkins, First DCA Case No. 1D11-3624, Nick Shannin (407) 386-1900

Smalley v Flying J, Inc., Case No. CA-06-47, Seventh Judicial Circuit, St. Johns County, FL, Donny A. Owens (904) 398-2722

Patricia McElligott and Richard McElligott vs. General Motors Corporation, a corporation, et al., Case No. 16-1999-CA-004521, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Duval County, FL, Anne Pedersen 215-609-1561, Jeff Morris 904-384-8488, Martin Conn (804) 864-4804

Janie Danette Rigdon v. Louis Todd, Case No. 3:96-cv-00608-J\_S, Middle District of Florida (Jacksonville), Edward McCarthy, III 904-398-3911, William Bald 904-358-8881

27b. For your last 6 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).

Krause v Autozone, Case No. 2011-CA-005703, Robert Joyce 813-251-2007

Tucker v Autozone, Case No. 12-018159, James S. Usich 305-251-0997

Resto-Hernandez v Terex and UELC v Equipment Technology, State Court Case No. 11-CA-3115, Federal Court Case No. 6:12-cv-377, Vincent M. D'Assaro 407-420-1414 ext. 3487, Greg Lockeby 407-264-7070 ext. 214, Carey Bos 407-245-3630

TerraPointe v Stewart and Stewart v TerraPointe, Case No. 08-CA-869, Moses Meide 904-354-6673, Tracy Adams 954-414-2115

Fowler v Fair Ave., Case No. 2012-CA-010920, S. Perry Penland, Jr. 904-634-0501

Castle Key v City of Starke v. Kohler Construction, Federal Court Case No. 3:11-cv-581; State Court Case No. 04-2012-CA-0360 and Appellate Court Case No. 1D13-4404, Mark S. Grotefeld 312-551-0200, Stephen M. Cohen 561-624-2201, T. Daniel Webb 904-296-6751

- 27c. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings?

  <u>0</u> average times per month
- 27d. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared in Court? 2 average times per month
- 27e. During the last five years, if your practice was substantially personal injury, what percentage of your work was in representation of plaintiffs? 0% Defendants? 100%
- 28. If during any prior period you have appeared in court with greater frequency than during the last five years, indicate the period during which this was so and give for such prior periods a succinct statement of the part you played in the litigation, numbers of cases and whether jury or non-jury.

N/A

29. For the cases you have tried to award in arbitration, during each of the past five years, indicate whether you were sole, associate or chief counsel. Give citations of any reported cases.

N/A

30. List and describe the six most significant cases which you personally litigated giving 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.

Estate of Jones v City of Daytona Beach, Case No. 2006-30487-CICI Summary Judgment for our client City of Daytona Beach, which was affirmed in 2011 by the Fifth District Court of Appeal (Appeal 5D09-3267;), Chobee Ebbets, 386-253-2288, Jeffrey B. Shapiro 305-374-3330, Mark Ruff 407-951-6679, Cheryl (Sherri) Worman 904-398-3911

Martin v City of Daytona Beach, Case No. 2006-32268-CICI, Summary Judgment for our client City of Daytona Beach, which was affirmed in 2011 by the Fifth District Court of Appeal (Appeal 5D09-3231), David Prather (561) 899-2117 and Julie Littky-Rubin, (561) 899-2109

Estate of Johnson v City of Daytona Beach, Case No. 2007--30106-CICI, Summary Judgment for our client City of Daytona Beach, which was affirmed in 2011 by the Fifth District Court of Appeal (Appeal 5D09-3232), J. David Kerce, 386-258-0073

The three cases referenced above involved a fire caused by methanol and a cutting torch used at a wastewater treatment plant in the City of Daytona Beach. Mr. Jones and Mr. Johnson died as a result of the fire and Mr. Martin sustained catastrophic burn injuries. The issue presented was whether the 2003 amendments to Chapter 440, Florida Statutes which required an employee to use the standard of "virtual certainty" in order to avoid the defense of workers' compensation immunity and whether if the conduct was virtually certain to cause harm to the employee, the claims would then be barred under the doctrine of sovereign immunity. This case was a major complex multiparty litigation matter that involved a commitment of substantial time over a four year period. We obtained summary judgment for the City of Daytona Beach and defended the appeal. The Fifth District Court of Appeal affirmed the summary judgment in favor of the City. I served as lead defense counsel for the City of Daytona Beach before Judge William Parsons in Daytona Beach, Florida, Seventh Judicial Circuit.

Ugalde v General Electric, Case No. 2007--CA-001489, Summary Judgment for our clients General Electric, Appliance Depot Direct and Jeff Martin, which was affirmed on appeal by the Fifth District Court of Appeal (Appeal 5D09-887 and 5D09-2874) 49 So.3d 766 (Fla. 5th DCA 2010), Jack Hill, 561-686-6300, Cristian Valois, 954-938-1920, Greg Jones, 813-229-7007, Christopher Carlyle, 352-259-8852, James Miller, 407-878-1275, ext. 302, Bradley Blystone, 407-420-4380, James Flanagan, 561-308-7545, Pierre Seacord, 407-841-3800 Kerry McGuinn, 813-229-7007. This case was a major multiparty wrongful death litigation case in which I served as lead defense counsel for three defendants, General Electric, Appliance Depot Direct and Jeff Martin before Judge William Law, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Tavares, FL. We obtained summary judgment for our clients on the basis of workers' compensation immunity. Further, we successfully defended the summary judgment which was appealed to the Fifth District Court of

Appeal. The plaintiff was represented by several attorneys, including Chris Searcy of the Searcy Denney Law Firm in West Palm Beach, one of the preeminent plaintiff firms in Florida.

Benjamin A. Kaufman, et al. vs. Allied Systems, Ltd, et al., Case No. 06-01652-CA-23, Dade County Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Judge Victoria Sigler (Appeal 3D07-1930). This case involved the defense of a wrongful death action of a young college student involving a tractor trailer on I-95. I was retained as lead defense counsel for Allied Systems, Ltd. The plaintiff attorney, Robert Josefsberg of the Podhurst Orseck firm (305) 358-2800 is one of the most well respected and established plaintiff attorneys in Florida. This case was settled.

Smathers v Hampton and Republican Party of Florida. This case was in Duval County Fourth Judicial Circuit, Case No. 16-2005-CA-003064, Judge Karen Cole. I was retained as defense counsel for the Republican Party of Florida the afternoon of Election Day in November 2004. This was the Bush/Gore election. A volunteer, Mr. Hampton, for the Republican Party of Florida was involved in a serious accident involving multiple catastrophic injuries to Ms. Smathers and other plaintiffs. There was a companion case that I have not listed due to the six case limit. Representation of the Republican Party of Florida was an honor and involved various communications with persons who worked on the Bush - Cheney '04 Campaign, the Republican National Committee and the Republican Party of Florida. This major case occupied a substantial amount of time for a two year period as there were multiple complex issues. This case settled at mediation with mediator Terry White. Coverage litigation followed this underlying case.

31. 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.

Attached is a copy of Defendant City of Daytona Beach's Motion for Summary Judgment and Supporting Memorandum of Law in the Jones, Martin and Johnson cases, which were consolidated for purposes of discovery at this point in the cases. As lead counsel, I was very involved in the preparation of this document. I had ultimate responsibility for this document, although an associate initially drafted the document.

# PRIOR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE OR PUBLIC OFFICE:

32a. 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.

I applied for positions as a Duval County Judge in 1999, for Duval County Judge and Fourth Circuit Judge in 2011 and Fourth Circuit Judge in 2012.

32b. List any prior quasi-judicial service:

Dates Name of Agency

Position Held

N/A

# Types of issues heard:

32c. 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.

N/A

- 32d. If you have had prior judicial or quasi-judicial experience,
  - (i) List the names, phone numbers and addresses of six attorneys who appeared before you on matters of substance.

N/A

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

N/A

(iii) List citations of any opinions which have been published.

N/A

(iv) 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.

N/A

(v) Has a complaint about you ever been made to the Judicial Qualifications Commission? If so, give date, describe complaint, whether or not there was a finding of probable cause, whether or not you have appeared before the Commission, and its resolution.

N/A

(vi) Have you ever held an attorney in contempt? If so, for each instance state name of attorney, approximate date and circumstances.

N/A

(vii) If you are a quasi-judicial officer (ALJ, Magistrate, General Master), have you ever been disciplined or reprimanded by a sitting judge? If so, describe.

N/A

### **BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT:**

33a. 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.

Marks Gray, P.A., Shareholder - I will resign my position with Marks Gray immediately upon appointment to judicial office.

Board of Trustees member of The Cathedral School (which is part of St. John's

Episcopal Cathedral in Jacksonville) - The Cathedral School provides preschool education. I will resign my Board of Trustees position with the Cathedral School immediately upon appointment to judicial office.

33b. 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.
No

33c. 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.

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.

No

# MISCELLANEOUS:

35a.	Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a	first degree misdemeanor?			
	Yes NoX If "Yes" what char	ges?			
	Where convicted?	Date of Conviction:			
35b.	Have you pled nolo contendere or pled guilt degree misdemeanor?				
	Yes NoX_ If "Yes" what char	ges?			
	Where convicted?				
35c.	Have you ever had the adjudication of guilt withheld for a crime which is a felony or a first degree misdemeanor?				
	Yes NoX If "Yes" what char	ges?			
	Where convicted?	Date of Conviction:			
36a.	Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, date suit filed, court, case number and disposit	give particulars including name of client,			
	No				
36b.	Has any lawsuit to your knowledge been filed a	lleging malpractice as a result of action or			

inaction on your part?

No

36c. 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.

No

37a. Have you ever filed a personal petition in bankruptcy or has a petition in bankruptcy been filed against you?

Νo

37b. 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.

Nο

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.

Fourth Judicial Circuit, Duval County, Aho v McConnaughhay, Case No. 16-2008-CA-1873, Plaintiff, Settled

Fourth Judicial Circuit, Duval County Court (Small Claims Division) Lloyd v Shretta's Dry Cleaning, Case number unknown approx. 1992, Settled

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.

No

40. To your knowledge within the last ten years, have any of your current or former co-workers, subordinates, supervisors, customers or clients ever filed a formal complaint or formal accusation of misconduct against you with any regulatory or investigatory agency, or with your employer? If so, please state the date(s) of such formal complaint or formal accusation(s), the specific formal complaint or formal accusation(s) made, and the background and resolution of such action(s). (Any complaint filed with JQC, refer to 32d(v).

No

41. 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

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

	No								
43a.	Have you governmen			tax returns as required by federal, state, local and othe					
	Yes 🛛	No		If no, please explain.					
43b.	Have you e	ever paid	a tax	penalty?					
	Yes	No	$\boxtimes$	If yes, please explain what and why.					
43c.	Has a tax li	en ever	been f	filed against you? If so, by whom, when, where and why?					
	No								
HONG	ORS AND P	UBLICA	TIONS	\$:					
44.	If you have	publish	ed any	books or articles, list them, giving citations and dates.					
	No								
45.	List any ho	nors, pri	zes or	awards you have received. Give dates.					
	Florida Tre	nd Lega	l Elite 2	2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012					
		Florida Super Lawyers, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 (including a listing in "Florida The Top 50 Women" for the 2013 Super Lawyers process)							
	The Jackson	nville B	ar Asso	ociation "Chair of the Year" Award - 2013					
46.	List and describe any speeches or lectures you have given.								
		•		eminar at a week long trial school for Infinity Insurance AL in approximately 2005.					
47.	Do you hav	e a Mai	tindale	e-Hubbell rating? Yes 🛛 If so, what is it?No 🗌					
	AV								
PROF	ESSIONAL	AND O	THER	ACTIVITIES:					
48a.		and dat	es of	and professional societies of which you are a member and give any office which you may have held in such groups and belonged.					
	Chester Bedell Inn of Court, Jacksonville, FL, Master since 2003 and member of Executive Committee since 2010, Nominations Chair since 2010								
	and was a	Board m icial Rel	nember ations	tion, 1991 to present, Member Board of Governors 1999-2003 r of the JBA Young Lawyers Section from 1996-1999; Co-Chair Committee 2010 to 2012; Section Chair of JBA Community					
	Jacksonville 2005	e Assoc	iation o	of Defense Counsel, 2000 to present, Secretary from 2004-					
	Florida Def	ense La	wyers	Association, 2001 to present					
	Litigation C	ounsel	of Ame	erica, 2009 to present					

The Network, Legal Section since approximately 2003, Legal Section Chair 2012 to present

Board member of Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc., 1994-2000

48b. List, in a fully identifiable fashion, all organizations, other than those identified in response to question No. 48(a), 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.

Florida Bar Grievance Committee 4A, member from 2008 to September 2011 and Vice-Chair May 2011 to September 2011

48c. Lis	t your	hobbies or	other vocational	interests.
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48d. 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.

No

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

I regularly donate to Jacksonville Legal Aid, Inc.

Since 2012, I have accepted several appointments as an Attorney Ad Litem for several children in foster care. These cases have allowed me exposure to the Dependency system and an entirely new area of the law. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my legal career.

Also, in 2012, I was appointed as a Special Assistant Public Defender for a County Court misdemeanor case. I particularly enjoyed working with both the Assistant State Attorney and the Assistant Public Defender on the case.

I served as counsel in a family law matter in a modification of alimony matter (2007 to 2009.)

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

49a. Have you attended any continuing legal education programs during the past five years? If so, in what substantive areas?

I attended all day mediation continuing education classes on 6/1/12 on Changing Minds, on 5/30/13 for the JBA N.E. FL Seminar for Mediators, on 11/22/13 Cultivating Dialogue and on 11/25/13 U.S. Bankruptcy Court Mortgage Modification Training.

On 3/7/13 I attended a death penalty CLE and on 4/3/13, I attended a JBA Sidebar lunch with the Fourth Circuit felony judges. Further, I attended the 2013 Criminal law

Certification Review Seminar. I attended these seminars as part of my ongoing efforts to prepare myself to serve on the criminal bench, if the opportunity should present itself.

On 4/27/12, I attended a training to become qualified as a Special Assistant Public Defender, to handle pro bono criminal defense cases (misdemeanors) in County Court.

On 4/26/12 and again on 4/18/13, I attended The Honorable Ralph Nimmons Federal Practice Seminar.

On 4/25/12, I attended the JBA Sidebar lunch with the state court civil judges, which I helped organized in my role at that point as the Co-Chair of the JBA Judicial Relations Committee.

On 3/30/12, I attended a seminar to train me to serve as an Attorney Ad Litem for a foster care child client. I received my first appointment as an Attorney Ad Litem on 4/16/12, which representation is ongoing.

In summary, I have attended many continuing legal education programs during the past five years, most of which have been focused on trial practice and on pro bono service.

- 49b. 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?
  - Yes, Jury Selection (as referenced in paragraph 46 above.) Also, I have lectured on damages and wrongful death cases and on trucking law and motor vehicle accidents.
- 50. Describe any additional education or other experience you have which could assist you in holding judicial office.
  - I think having been a parent, a spouse and a child of elderly parents have given me additional perspective on the struggles and joys of life experience.
- 51. Explain the particular potential contribution you believe your selection would bring to this position.
  - My selection would add diversity to our Bench. I would bring energy and a strong work ethic and would fully invest myself in this position.
- 52. If you have previously submitted a questionnaire or application to this or any other judicial nominating commission, please give the name of the commission and the approximate date of submission.
  - Judicial Nominating Commission for the Fourth Judicial Circuit 1999 (for Duval County Court opening)
  - Judicial Nominating Commission for the Fourth Judicial Circuit 2011 (for Circuit Court and Duval County Court openings)
  - Judicial Nominating Commission for the Fouth Judicial Circuit 2012 (for Circuit Court opening)
- 53. Give any other information you feel would be helpful to the Commission in evaluating your application.

I have wanted to serve the public in a judicial position since high school. I had the honor of interning for Justice Grimes (retired) on the Florida Supreme Court in law school (1989) and clerking for Judge Michael Allen (retired) on the First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee (1990). The clerkships solidified my desire to one day serve on the Bench. I applied in 1999 for Duval County Judge and was encouraged by Buddy Schulz at Holland & Knight to apply again in the future after I gained more experience.

I was honored to be included in December 2012 on this Commission's list of nominees for the Duval County Court position now held by Judge Scott Mitchell and in October 2012 on this Commission's list of nominees for the Fourth Circuit position now held by Judge Tatiana Salvador. Participation in the post-nomination process was a positive experience and I would be honored to be nominated again. My desire to serve on the Bench has been unwavering. A judge must be impartial and fair, as well as diligent and courteous. I would bring these attributes to the Bench and would be honored to serve the citizens of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in this position of public trust.

# REFERENCES:

54. List the names, addresses and telephone numbers of ten persons who are in a position to comment on your qualifications for judicial position and of whom inquiry may be made by the Commission.

Fourth Circuit Judge Suzanne Bass.
Stephen Busev.
Fourth Circuit Judge Karen Cole,
Fourth Circuit Judge James H. Daniel
United States District Judge Brian Davis,
The Rev. Jean Dodd.
Brian Duffy,
R. Kvle Gavin.
Thomas Slater.
Gerald Weedon.

#### 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(I), 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 28th day of January , 2014.

Signature

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

#### FINANCIAL HISTORY

In lieu of answering the questions on this page, you may attach copies of your completed Federal Income Tax Returns for the preceding three (3) years. Those income tax returns should include returns from a professional association. If you answer the questions on this page, you do not have to file copies of your tax returns.

- 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.
  - Copies of my 2010, 2011 and 2012 tax returns are attached. My 2013 tax return has not yet been filed, but will be timely filed later this year.
- 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.
  - Copies of my 2010, 2011 and 2012 tax returns are attached. My 2013 tax return has not yet been filed, but will be timely filed later this year.
- 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.
  - Copies of my 2010, 2011 and 2012 tax returns are attached. My 2013 tax return has not yet been filed, but will be timely filed later this year.
- 4. State the amount of net income you have earned or losses incurred (after deducting expenses) from 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.
  - Copies of my 2010, 2011 and 2012 tax returns are attached. My 2013 tax return has not yet been filed, but will be timely filed later this year.

# 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: January 28, 2014 JNC Submitting To: Fourth Judicial Circuit Name (please print): Marianne Lloyd Aho Current Occupation: Attomey Telephone Number: (904) 807-3554 Attorney No.: 856746 Gender (check one): Male Ethnic Origin (check one): White, non Hispanic Hispanic Black American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Pacific Islander County of Residence: Duval

# 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.

Printed Name of Applicant:	Marianne Lloyd Aho
Signature of Applicant:	of morning of my the
Date: January 28, 2014	<u>.                                      </u>