

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

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

DATE: January 17, 2014 Florida Bar No.: 902144

GENERAL: Social Security No.: [REDACTED]

1. Name Joanna Gude Houser E-mail: jhouser@coj.net

Date Admitted to Practice in Florida: October 4, 1991

Date Admitted to Practice in other States: Nebraska-July 10, 1992

2. State current employer and title, including professional position and any public or judicial office.

State of Florida/Duval County Courthouse General Magistrate/Hearing Officer

3. Business address: 501 West Adams Street Suite 2444

City Jacksonville County Duval State FL ZIP 32202

Telephone (904) 255-1188 FAX (904) 255-1227

4. Residential address: [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED]

Since 1998 Telephone [REDACTED]

5. Place of birth: Nebraska City, Nebraska

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

6a. Length of residence in State of Florida: 22 years

6b. Are you a registered voter? Yes No

If so, in what county are you registered? Duval

7. Marital status: married

If married: Spouse's name [REDACTED]

Date of marriage [REDACTED]

Spouse's occupation [REDACTED]

If ever divorced give for each marriage name(s) of spouse(s), current address for each former spouse, date and place of divorce, court and case number for each divorce.

N/A

8. Children

Name(s) *Age(s)* *Occupation(s)* *Residential address(es)*



9. Military Service (including Reserves)

Service *Branch* *Highest Rank* *Dates*

N/A

Rank at time of discharge _____ Type of discharge _____

Awards or citations _____

HEALTH:

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11a.

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EDUCATION:

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

<i>Schools</i>	<i>Class Standing</i>	<i>Dates of Attendance</i>	<i>Degree</i>
University of Nebraska-College of Law	unknown	August 1988-December 1990	J.D.
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	N/A	1977-1978	teaching certificate
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	unknown	1972-1977	B.S. Microbiology
Fremont High Fremont, NE	unknown	1969-1972	High School diploma

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

none

NON-LEGAL EMPLOYMENT:

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Address</i>
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2/75-2/76	server	The Villager Restaurant	5200 O Street Lincoln, NE
2/76-2/83	server/restaurant manager	Misty's Inc.	6535 Havelock Ave. Lincoln, NE
6/83-8/84	restaurant manager	Specialties Restaurants	1642 Prudential Dr. Jacksonville, FL
12/83-6/87	high school teacher Terry Parker High	Duval County Schools	1701 Prudential Dr. Jacksonville, FL

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.

<i>Court or Administrative Body</i>	<i>Date of Admission</i>
The Florida Bar	10-04-1991
The Nebraska Bar	07-10-1992

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:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name of Firm</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Dates</i>
General Magistrate/Hearing Officer	City of Jacksonville/State of Florida Duval County Courthouse	501 W. Adams Street Jacksonville, FL 32202	March 2000 to present
attorney/sole practitioner	law office of Joanna Houser	1930 San Marco Blvd. #203 One Independent Dr. #3131 233 E. Bay St. #901 Jacksonville, FL	1998-March 2000 1997-1998 1995-1997
associate attorney	Ulmer, Murchison,	200 W. Forsyth St.	8/91-95

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.

Board Certified Specialist in Marital and Family Law from June 1, 2001 to May 31, 2016
 Certified Family Mediator from May 14 1999 to May 14, 2015

I am currently serving as a General Magistrate handling family law matters in Duval and Nassau county. I have also presided over dependency cases. Prior to becoming a General Magistrate I was a sole practitioner with the majority of my practice in family law. I represented clients in dissolution actions, paternity cases, and child support/enforcement cases. The issues involved time sharing, equitable distribution, alimony, child support, and attorney fees. I also handled cases in probate/guardianship; bankruptcy/debtor, condominium associations-fee collection/ foreclosures, small claim suits and civil actions. Prior to private practice I worked at Ulmer, Murchison, Ashby and Taylor assisting in cases in the areas of foreclosure, landlord/tenant, asbestos litigation, commercial litigation, real estate, bankruptcy, corporate acquisitions/mergers and small claim matters.

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	_____ %	Civil	_____ %
Federal Trial	_____ %	Criminal	_____ %
Federal Other	3 %	Family	80 %
State Appellate	2 %	Probate	5 %
State Trial	95 %	Other	10 %
State Administrative	_____ %		
State Other	_____ %		
	_____ %		
TOTAL	100 %	TOTAL	100 %

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

Jury? 1 Non-jury? 50+

Arbitration? _____

Administrative Bodies? _____

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

No

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.

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).

I have been a General Magistrate/Hearing Officer for the past 13 years and I no longer have my files from my private practice to obtain this information. Two of the last cases I tried before becoming a General Magistrate were

Voss vs. Voss case no. 1998-DR-4732 FM Opposing counsel: Charles E. Willmott, Esq. 904-358-7818

In re: the Interest of Georgia Porterfield case no. 98-3372-CJ-C. Opposing counsel: Robert Wood, Esq. 904-388-6778

- 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).

I no longer have my private practice files to provide this information.

- 27c. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings?
None average times per month

- 27d. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared in Court?
N/a 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? N/a% Defendants?
_____ %

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.

From 1995-2000 I appeared in court representing clients on a regular basis. I was 100% responsible for the cases and tried 1 jury trial and 50+ non-jury trials.

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.

I have been a General Magistrate for over 13 years and no longer have any of my files to provide this information with the exception of the following cases.

My last case tried was Voss v. Voss case no. 1998-DR-4732FM. My client was the husband, and my participation was 100%. Opposing counsel was Charles Willmott, Esq. It was a dissolution proceeding where custody of the two minor children was the major issue. The significance was that the case was tried twice. The first trial was on June 1, 1999 in front of the Honorable William Parsons. He left the bench after hearing the case but prior to ruling. The case was retried on March 6, 2000 before the Honorable E. MacRae Mathis.

In the Interest of Georgia Porterfield Case No. 98-3372-CJ-C. I represented the father. I participated 100% at the trial level and filed the appeal and prepared the appellate brief. Opposing counsel was Robert Wood, Esq. who represented the maternal grandparents. The case was tried in juvenile court in front of the Honorable Thomas D. Oakley on September 7, 1999. It was significant because it involved a very emotional custody dispute between the child's father and the maternal grandparents where the child had been residing for the majority of her life. The grandparents prevailed at the trial level and father appealed the decision to the First District Court Of Appeals, case no. 1D99-3961. The first district reversed and remanded the case. I prepared the appellate brief, Charles Willmott, Esq. was substituted as the father's counsel when I was appointed to the position of General Magistrate. The appellate decision was published at 766 So.2d 390 (Fla. 1st DCA 2000).

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.

100% involvement in the preparation of the attached writing samples.

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.

No

- 32b. List any prior quasi-judicial service:

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>Position Held</i>
March-2000 to present	City of Jacksonville/State of Florida	General Magistrate/Hearing Officer

Types of issues heard: family law cases involving majority time sharing, equitable distribution, spousal support, child support, contempt/enforcement, attorney fee awards, paternity, temporary needs, temporary custody by an extended family member, name changes, dependency cases, restitution hearings.

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.

No

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.

Steven Leitman, Esq. 904-348-6723

4651 Salisbury Rd. Ste 479 Jacksonville, FL 32256

Charles Willmott, Esq. 904-358-7818

425 N. Liberty St. Jacksonville, FL 32202

Jeanine Sasser, Esq. 904-384-2999

1912 Hamilton Street, Ste 205 Jacksonville, FL 32210

William Dorsey, Esq. 904-346-3883

211 N. Liberty St, Ste 2 Jacksonville, FL 32202

Hal Castillo, Esq. 904-358-6211

4401 Salisbury Road, Ste. 101 Jacksonville, Florida 32216

Dale Westling, Esq. 904-356-2341

331 E. Union St. Jacksonville, FL 32202

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

1100+ per year

Family law matters, the majority of which are cases with pro se litigants involving both contested and uncontested issues. Temporary needs hearing in which most parties are represented by attorneys.

Dependency cases

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

None

- (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.

In Re: The Marriage of Jeremy S. Young, Husband and Ruth M Dellinger-Young, Wife. Duval County Case No. 16-2012-DR-4415 FM-F. The hearing was held on October 22, 2013. The Husband was pro se and the Wife was represented by Dale Westling, Esq. The case was significant because the main issues was temporary child support. The parties were receiving an adoption subsidy and there was an issue on how to apply the subsidy to the parties child support obligation. There is very little case law in our circuit addressing how to treat the adoption subsidy in a dissolution of marriage action.

In Re: The Marriage of Anita Hudson, Wife and Gergory Husdson, Husband. Duval County case no. 16-2011-DR-11087-FM. The hearing was on March 6, 2012 on the Wife's Motion For Temporary Needs. The Wife was represented by Molly Sasso, Esq. The Husband was represented by Jeanine Sasser, Esq. The main issues were exclusive use and possession of the marital home and spousal support. It was significant because there were no witnesses called and it became an issue of credibility to decide the issue of whether one party should be awarded exclusive use and possession of the marital home on a temporary basis ousting the other from the home. The Husband was also self employed and paid the household bills out of his business account which made his actual income difficult to determine for the purpose of calculating his ability to pay temporary spousal support.

In Re: The Temporary Custody of Terecita Jeanell Rivera, Terance Manuel Rivera, et. al. Duval County case no. 16-2007-DR-5036 FM-B. The hearing was held January 5, 2010. The parties were Angel Rivera, III, uncle; Johnny Greene, father and Sapphira Rivera, mother, all who appeared pro se. The father was requesting custody of his child who was currently living with the uncle who had custody pursuant to a judgment granting him temporary custody under Chapter 751 Florida Statutes. The uncle was granted temporary custody of five of the mother's children but only one was Mr. Greene's child. The significance was that

the standard to be applied in making a determination of custody between a parent and third party under Chapter 751 Florida Statutes which is not the best interest standard. It was a difficult case because all the parties were pro se, unfamiliar with the law and what evidence needed to be presented.

In Re: The Marriage of Jody Lipp, Husband and Melissa Lipp, Wife. Duval County case no. 16-2004-DR-9819 FM-B. The hearing was held on February 15, 2011 on the former Wife's Supplemental Petition to Modify Parenting Plan/Time Sharing Schedule. Both parties were pro se. The case was significant because the parties minor child was emotionally handicapped and had a learning disability. There was an injunction for protection against domestic violence in place which the former Husband alleged was entered based on false allegations. Both parties called the Department of Children and Family Services to make abuse reports on the other. There were no witnesses called. The case involved weighing the credibility of both parties to determine the best interest of the child.

In Re: The Marriage of David T. McLemore, Husband and Loretta M. McLemore, Wife. Duval County case no. 16-2010-DR-1019 FM. FM-D. Brian North, Esq represented the Husband, Lisa March, Esq. represented the Wife. The hearing was on April 27, 2010 and continued to May 6, 2010 on cross motions for temporary needs. The case was significant because one of the issues was which parent should be awarded the majority of the time sharing with the parties minor child who suffered from health problems. There were indications of parental alienation which caused tension between the child and one parent. The Husband's income was also a significant issue because he was requesting spousal support due to being unemployed but yet he was receiving cash gifts from his parent's on a regular basis.

(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.

No

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

No

(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.

No

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.

Member of the board of governors of the University Club, a social club. The board is mainly involved in improving the club and increasing the membership and member participation.

- 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.

None

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 35a. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a first degree misdemeanor?

Yes _____ No If "Yes" what charges? _____

Where convicted? _____ Date of Conviction: _____

- 35b. Have you pled nolo contendere or pled guilty to a crime which is a felony or a first degree misdemeanor?

Yes _____ No If "Yes" what charges? _____

Where convicted? _____ Date of Conviction: _____

- 35c. 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" what charges? _____

Where convicted? _____ Date of Conviction: _____

- 36a. Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, give particulars including name of client, date suit filed, court, case number and disposition.

No

- 36b. Has any lawsuit to your knowledge been filed alleging 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?

No

- 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.

No

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.

Yes

Sarpy County, Nebraska, Case No.: C188-817 Case of Jo and Frank Houser, Petitioners, vs Helen and Bob Long, Respondents. Complaint on contract to recover rental security deposit. The case was settled in favor of the Petitioners.

Duval County Case No.: 1997 CA 1919; Stephen and Priscilla Armstrong, Plaintiffs v. Pelkey Builders, Jo and Frank Houser, Defendants. Petition for Injunction regarding new construction involving property set back lines. Injunction granted.

Duval County Case No.: 1998-CC-9480. Joanna Houser, Plaintiff v. Don Reid Bryant, Defendant. Complaint on contract. Judgment in favor of Plaintiff.

Duval County Case No.: 2000-CC-1428 Joanna G. Houser, Plaintiff vs. Linda R. DeGolyer, Defendant. Complaint on a contract. Judgment in favor of Plaintiff.

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 filed all past tax returns as required by federal, state, local and other government authorities?

Yes No If no, please explain. _____

43b. Have you ever paid a tax penalty?

My husband received proceeds from an insurance policy which were not included in our 1996 joint individual return. We were assessed \$566.36 in penalty/interest which was paid immediately upon discovery.

Yes No If yes, please explain what and why. _____

43c. Has a tax lien ever been filed against you? If so, by whom, when, where and why?

No

HONORS AND PUBLICATIONS:

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

Yes; Chapter 3 of the Florida Dissolution of Marriage practice manual 6th, 7th and 8th editions published by the Florida Bar. (2002, 2004, 2006)

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

None

46. List and describe any speeches or lectures you have given.

None

47. Do you have a Martindale-Hubbell rating? Yes If so, what is it? ___ No

BV Distinguished

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

48a. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any office which you may have held in such groups and committees to which you belonged.

Jacksonville Bar Association

Florida Family Law Inn of Court-Jacksonville 1998-2001 secretary; 2002-2003 treasurer; 2004-counselor

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.

Jacksonville Women's Lawyer Association

Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association

48c. List your hobbies or other vocational interests.

baking; reading; traveling

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 have not done any pro bono work since being a General Magistrate. I do not have the dates I performed pro bono prior to taking this position.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

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

family law; appellate practice, ethics, mediation, mental health, discovery, domestic violence, diversity training, military issues in family law

Scheduled to attend the 2014 Marital & Family Law Review Course January 31-February 1, 2014 --15 hours of credit

see list attached for additional programs

- 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?

No

50. Describe any additional education or other experience you have which could assist you in holding judicial office.

As a high school teacher teaching three subjects I acquired skills of time management and working with a variety of people of different ages and backgrounds including the students, their parents, other teachers and the administration. That experience has assisted me in effectively dealing with the pro se litigants and control of the courtroom in my role as a General Magistrate and will be a valuable assets in holding a judicial office.

51. Explain the particular potential contribution you believe your selection would bring to this position.

I have been serving as a General Magistrate for the past thirteen years conducting hearings, writing reports containing findings of fact and applying the law to those facts in preparing proposed final judgments/orders for the circuit judges. I have been handling a large case load, the majority of which involve pro se litigants. Even though I hear a large number of cases I give a great deal of thought in writing each of my reports and proposed orders. I have always been respectful of the litigants and allowed them time to present their case and have their day in court. I always conclude the hearing by asking each litigant if there is anything else they would like to say. I have treated both sides fairly while maintaining impartiality. I start my hearings on time whether attorneys are involved or not, knowing that the attorney's/litigant's time is just as valuable as the court's. I review every case prior to the day of the hearing and know the issues that will be presented. After the hearings, I issue the reports and proposed orders in a timely fashion. I have always strived to be the best at what I do. When I began my private practice I had never tried a family law case and as soon as I was eligible I sat for the certification exam and succeeded in obtaining Board Certification in the area of Marital and Family Law. As a judge, I will be prepared for the hearings, I will know the law that applies and will follow the law in my rulings. I will continue to work hard to earn the respect of both the lawyers and the litigants and serve the people of our community to the best of my ability.

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.

Fourth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission August 2011; November 2011; September 2012.

53. Give any other information you feel would be helpful to the Commission in evaluating your application.

I am a hard worker and very passionate about the law. I enjoy my work and am very dedicated to my job. I will bring that passion and dedication to the bench as well as my knowledge and humility, knowing that I am there to serve the needs of the citizens of our community. I will strive to be one of the best judge on the circuit bench.

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.

Honorable David C. Wiggins



Honorable Lance M. Day



Honorable Virginia Norton



Honorable E. McRae Mathis



Honorable Harvey Jay



Honorable Robert M. Foster



Honorable Tyrie Boyer



Honorable Waddell Wallace



Honorable Hugh A. Carithers



Honorable Brad Stetson



CERTIFICATE

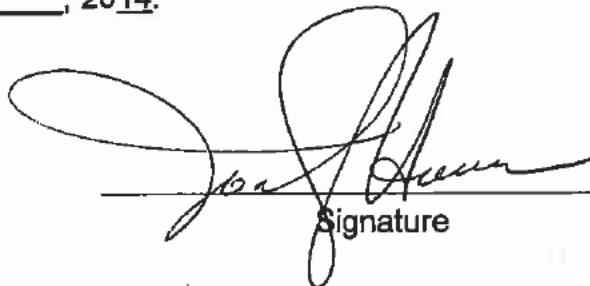
I have read the foregoing questions carefully and have answered them truthfully, fully and completely. I hereby waive notice by and authorize The Florida Bar or any of its committees, educational and other institutions, the Judicial Qualifications Commission, the Florida Board of Bar Examiners or any 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 20th day of January, 2014.

Joanna G. Houser

Printed Name



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.

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.

Salaried employee with the State of Florida for the preceding three years

2013-\$86,518.35

2012-\$86,268.36

2011-\$84,108.36

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.

See above

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.

None

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.

None

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 20, 2014

JNC Submitting To: 4th Judicial Circuit

Name (please print): Joanna G. Houser

Current Occupation: General Magistrate/Hearing Officer

Telephone Number: 904-255-1186 Attorney No.: 902144

Gender (check one): Male Female

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:

Joanna G. Houser

Signature of Applicant:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanna G. Houser', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Date: January 20, 2014