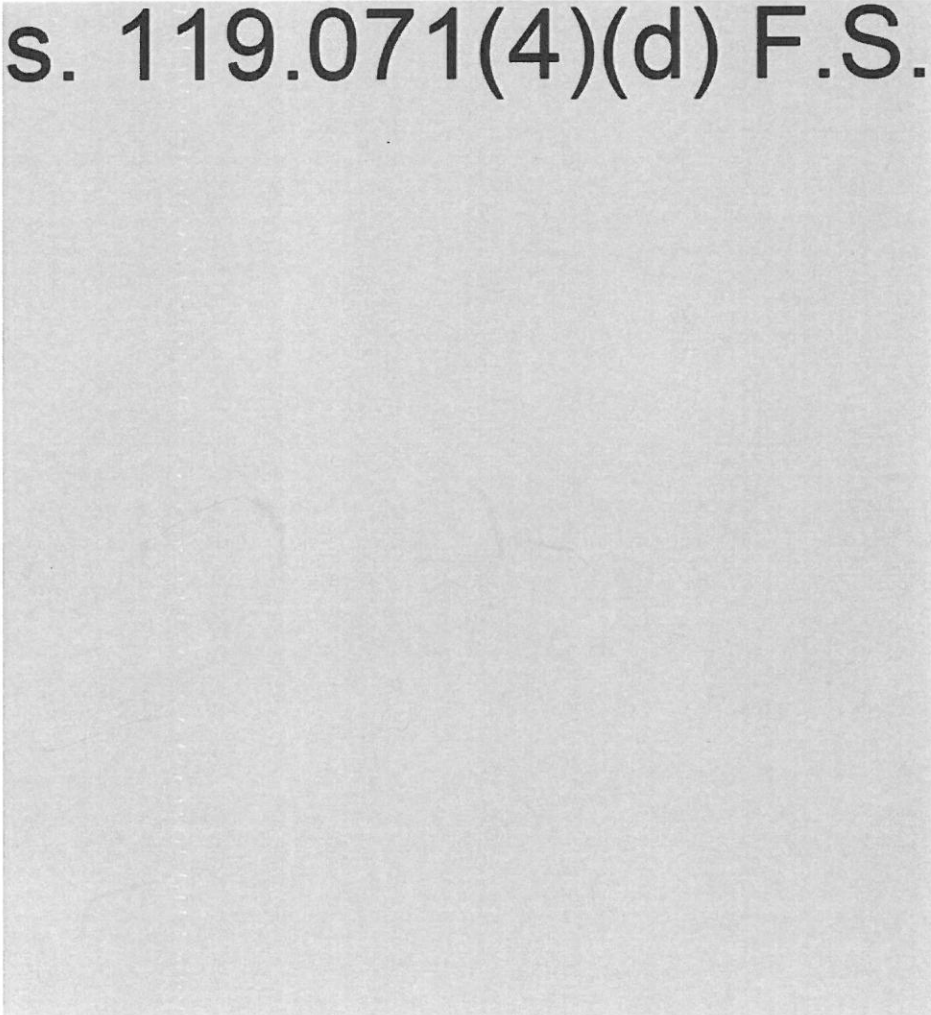


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TAB 1

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE COUNTY COURT

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

DATE: February 25, 2016 Florida Bar No.: 594441

GENERAL: Social Security No.: [REDACTED]

1. Name Jose A. Izquierdo E-mail: jizquierdo@izquierdomarin.com

Date Admitted to Practice in Florida: September 17, 2002

Date Admitted to Practice in other States: N/A

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

Jose Izquierdo, P.A. - Owner/Attorney

Izquierdo & Marin P.A. - Partner

Hiram Montero, P.A. - Of Counsel

3. Business address: 100 SE 6th Street

City Fort Lauderdale County Broward State FL ZIP 33301

Telephone (954) 527-9995 FAX (954) 527-0778

4. Residential address: [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED] County [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] ZIP [REDACTED]

Since November 2007 Telephone [REDACTED]

5. Place of birth: Hialeah, FL

Date of birth: [REDACTED] Age: 40

6a. Length of residence in State of Florida: 40 years

6b. Are you a registered voter? Yes No

If so, in what county are you registered? Broward

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*

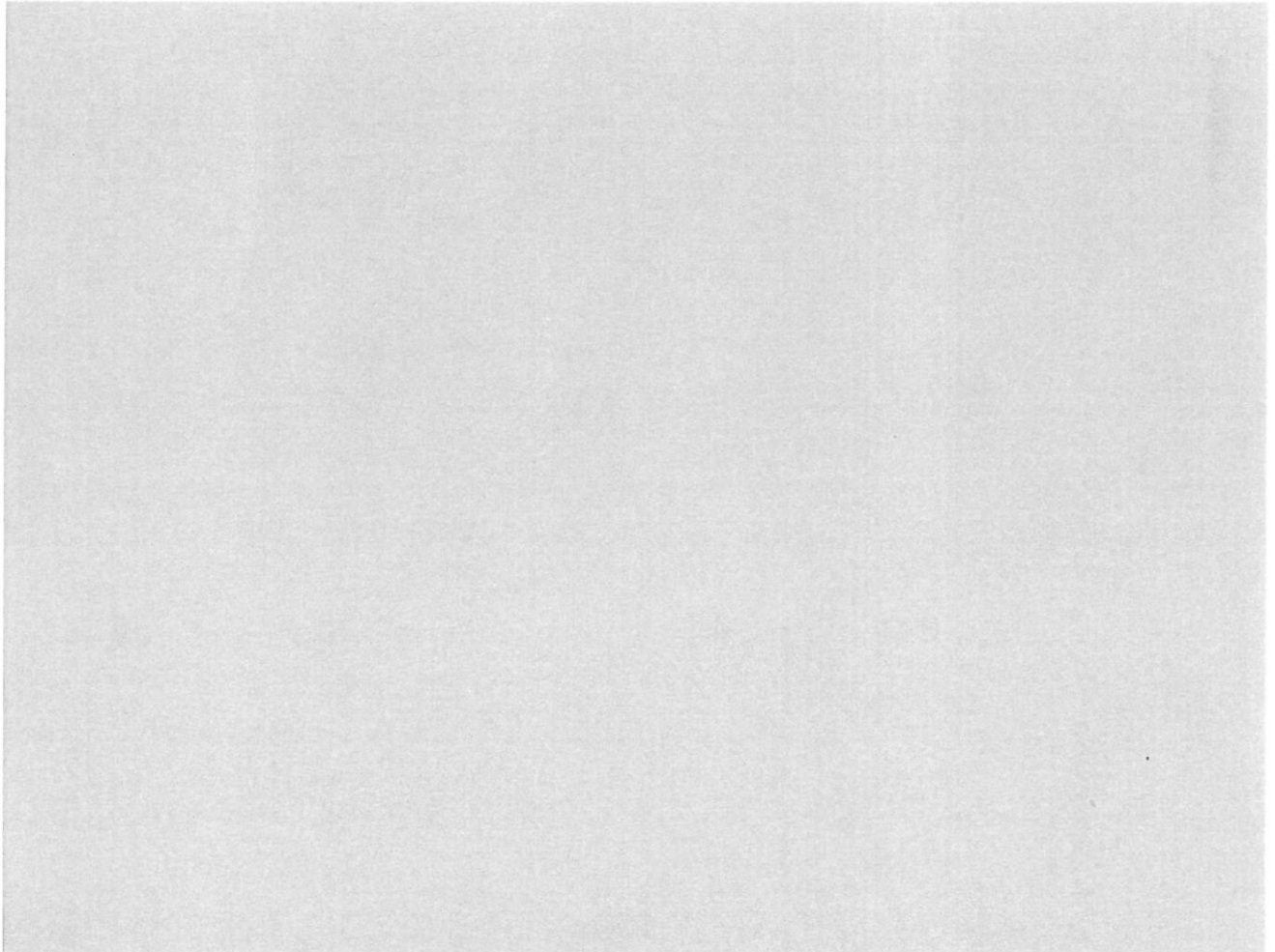
N/A N/A N/A N/A

Rank at time of discharge N/A Type of discharge N/A

Awards or citations N/A

HEALTH:

10.



11a.

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12a.

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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>
Dade Christian School	unknown	1980 - 1994	High School Diploma
Miami Dade Community College	unknown	1994 - 1997	Associate of Arts
Florida International University	cum laude	1997 - 1999	Bachelor of Arts
University of Florida	unknown	1999 - 2002	Juris Doctorate

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

Political Science National Honor Society, Florida International University - 1999

Medal for Excellence in Advocacy, The American College of Trial Lawyers, University of Florida College of Law - 2002

Regional Winner, National Trial Competition, University of Florida College of Law - 2002

Runner-Up, National Trial Competition, University of Florida College of Law - 2002

President's Award, John Marshall Bar Association, University of Florida College of Law - 2000

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>
1995-1996	Bank Teller	United National Bank	1751 W 49th Street Hialeah, FL 33012
1996-1999	Assistant Office Manager	Cabrera Insurance Agency	1840 W 49th Street Hialeah, FL 33012
1998	Assistant Campaign Coordinator	Campaign of Marta Perez for Miami-Dade County School Board District 8	N/A
1999	Information Desk Attendant	Hialeah Hospital	651 E 25th Street Hialeah, FL 33013

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	September 17, 2002
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida	May 2, 2007

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>
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Law Clerk	Law Offices of Bradford M. Cohen P.A.	1132 SE 3rd Ave Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316	May 2001 - August 2001
Certified Legal Intern	Office of the State Attorney Eighth Judicial Circuit	120 W University Ave Gainesville, FL 32601	January 2002 - May 2002
Associate / Attorney	Law Offices of Bradford M. Cohen P.A.	1132 SE 3rd Ave Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316	September 2002 - September 2006
Attorney / Owner	Law Offices of Jose Izquierdo P.A.	100 SE 6th Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301	October 2006 - Present
Attorney / Partner	Izquierdo & Marin P.A.	100 SE 6th Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301	July 2007 - 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 main area of practice is the representation of individuals charged with criminal offenses in the state courts of Florida. I also represent individuals charged with criminal offenses in the federal courts of Florida. Additionally, I have handled personal injury cases on behalf of plaintiffs, general civil litigation, served as guardian ad litem/attorney ad litem in over 200 mortgage foreclosure matters, and have represented both petitioners and respondents in family law injunction proceedings. I have served as counsel for The Check Cashing Store and handled over 100 cases on its behalf. I also serve as attorney and counselor for the Consulates General of Mexico and Honduras, in Miami, assisting them with criminal and immigration law issues.

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	_____	10 %
Federal Trial	_____ 5 %	Criminal	_____	80 %
Federal Other	_____ %	Family	_____	%
State Appellate	_____ %	Probate	_____	%
State Trial	_____ 90 %	Other	_____	10 %
State Administrative	_____ 5 %			
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?	31		Non-jury?	11
Arbitration?	0		Administrative Bodies?	50+

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, I have never been formally reprimanded, sanctioned, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended or terminated by any employer or tribunal.

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, I have never failed to meet any court-imposed deadline nor have I ever received notice that I did not comply with any substantive requirements of any business or contractual arrangement.

(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).

State v. Odalys Fernandez-Gomez, Case No. 12019881MM10A; County Court in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Natasha Floyd, (954) 831-8448.

State v. Ramsely Salazar, Case No. 11013490MM10A; County Court in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Victoria Watson, (954) 831-6955.

State v. Aileen Jesus, Case No. 1019180MM10A; County Court in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Desmon Andrade, (786) 728-8700.

State v. Loyda Sarmiento, Case No. 09002134MM10A; County Court in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Jeremy Scott, (954) 712-4600.

Frederick Heidgerd as Personal Representative of the Estate of Andres Galindo Vasquez v. EH Building Group II SE Division, LLC, Case No. CACE07021017; Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: None; this was a jury trial on damages only, after a default as to liability.

State v. James Atherton, Case No. 502007CT033995A; County Court in and for Palm Beach County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Tavis Souder, (561) 694-6079.

- 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).

My Dentist Inc. v. Bank of America, Case No. CACE08014050; Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Andrew Kemp-Gerstel, (305) 379-0400.

Client: Jesuray Siminaca; Opposing Party: Broward County Sheriff's Office; Case settled pre-suit; Opposing Counsel: Mila K. Schwartzreich, (954) 357-6934.

Client: Gustavo Recalde; Opposing Party: Unitrin Direct Auto and Home Insurance; Case settled pre-suit; Opposing Counsel: Neil V. Singh, (954) 233-8990.

In re: Forfeiture of 2004 Nissan Murano, etc.; Client: Misleides Varona, Case No. CACE10022427; Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Joel D. Cantor, (904) 373-5945; Co-Defendant's Counsel: Julio Gonzalez, (954) 854-0909.

Gregory Crumpton v. Robert Brinegar, Individually, and D/B/A Honey Hill Mobile Home Park and Don E. Brinegar, Individually, and D/B/A Honey Hill Mobile Home Park and Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, Case No. 2010-055962-CA-01; Circuit Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida; Opposing Counsel on behalf of Honey Hill Mobile Home Park: Ronald Ponzoli, (305) 577-4800; Opposing Counsel on behalf of City of Miami Beach: Joni A. Mosely, (305) 375-5151.

Frances Barrera as Personal Representative of the Estate of Antonio Morin Cayente v. Granados Management Co., Case No. 2005 CA 007380 XXXXMB; Circuit Court of the 15th Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Gerard S. Collins, (954) 928-0680; Co-Counsel: Hiram Montero, (954) 767-6500.

* Additionally, listed below are 6 of my recent criminal cases that were resolved through a negotiated plea agreement:

State v. Aldo Perez Rosario, Case No. 15010371MM10A; County Court in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Gina Shemtov, (954) 831-5681.

State v. Savannah Parlante, Case No. 14008958CF10A; Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Jennifer Kathleen May, (954) 831-6955.

State v. Carlos Davila Santiago, Case No. 2015CT024519AXXXSB; County Court in and for Palm Beach County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Jason Fagnano, (561) 355-7100.

State v. Jose Osorio, Case No. 14044027MU10A; County Court in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Rose Friedlander, (954) 831-6955.

State v. Paul Carllie, Case Nos. 14011175CF10A and 14012536CF10A; Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Andrew Newman, (954) 831-7110.

State v. Adriana Lopez Cardona, Case No. 2015-CT-025714-AXXX-NB; County Court in and for Palm Beach County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Ashley Wright, (561) 355-7100.

- 27c. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings?
1 average times per month
- 27d. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared in Court?
17 days 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?
N/A%
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.

No, I have not appeared in court with greater frequency prior to the last five years.

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.

I have not tried any cases in arbitration.

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.

In the Interest of L.B. and S.C, Case No. 07-0001643DP / In Re Marriage of David Cohen v. Silvia Bonolo, Case No. 07-0002095; Client: Silvia Bonolo; Court: Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel for David Cohen: Caryn Grainer; Opposing Counsel for Office of the Attorney General: Charles A. Pereny Jr.; Co-Counsel: Ileana Almeida; Judge: The Honorable Marina Garcia-Wood; Trial Date: 4/16/2007 - 5/1/2007

This case is significant to me because it was a particularly complicated case that afforded me the chance to practice in an area of the law outside the typical nature of my practice. Ms. Bonolo, a domestic violence victim, retained me to assist her in navigating the criminal justice system when her husband was arrested for domestic violence against her. Ultimately, the case evolved into a dependency case involving the Attorney General's Office as well as a divorce case, all of which were litigated in unified family court. Because of my earlier representation of her, Ms. Bonolo insisted on my involvement in every phase of her case, even though I advised her that she should retain an attorney who specialized in family law. To accommodate her, I partnered with my colleague Ileana Almeida who is board-certified in family law, and I also became familiar with various family law issues, relating to both the dependency action and the divorce action. In addition to affording me experience in different areas of the law, this case also gave me a much broader understanding of the issues facing a lot of my clients. I had the opportunity to assist my client in a multitude of ways, and to try a case over a multi-week period, which was highly contested by three different parties including my client, her husband, and the Attorney General's Office.

State v. Gisselle Somoza, Case No. 03007931CF10A; Client: Gisselle Somoza; Court: Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Amy Carnicella; Trial Counsel: Bradford Cohen; Co-Defendant's Counsel: Michael Gottlieb; Judge: The Honorable Fred Horowitz; Appellate Opinion: State v. Colitto, 929 So. 2d 654 (Fla. 4th DCA 2006).

In this case, I appeared as counsel for the motion to suppress, and handled the appellate case. This is one of the first appeals I handled, and it involved a particularly interesting and significant legal issue. The issue related to a criminal defendant's right to privacy, and specifically whether two searches of the defendant's trash by law enforcement, which revealed cannabis, constituted probable cause to support a search warrant for my client's home. I argued the motion to suppress before the trial court,

which concluded that the search warrant should not have been issued, and suppressed the evidence discovered in the search. The State appealed, and, sitting en banc, the appellate court reversed the suppression of the evidence. However, two judges dissented, with Judge Farmer writing a lengthy dissent. He agreed with my argument that my client's privacy rights had been violated, writing, in part: "To my mind, it is a pretty serious thing to have police making unfounded searches of a private citizen's residential trash. Yes, I am aware that for Fourth Amendment purposes the Supreme Court thinks people have abandoned and have thus consented to a search of the solid waste they place outside their homes for the waste removal authorities. But the Supreme Court is appallingly mistaken if they think people do not regard even the waste placed for collection as very, very private. ... Disposing of solid waste does not convey an intention to have the whole world -- especially the police -- searching and analyzing it." [State v. Colitto, 929 So. 2d 654 (Fla. 4th DCA 2006)]. Although I ultimately did not prevail, this case is significant to me because it gave me the opportunity not only to hone my oral advocacy skills before the trial court, but also to further develop my skills in legal research and written advocacy.

State v. Adan Argueta, Case No. 04015757CF10A; Client: Adan Argueta; Court: Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Michelle Zeiger; Judge: The Honorable Robert Newman; Trial Date: 9/19/2005 - 9/21/2005

This case is significant to me for several reasons. My client was legally in the United States via Temporary Protected Status (TPS), which designation is automatically removed if the individual is convicted of a felony. My client was charged with a second degree felony of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, stemming from a fight with a co-worker, and was facing up to 15 years in Florida State Prison. Due to his immigration status, my client was unable to accept a plea and had to go to trial. Because this case was litigated before the enactment of the stand-your-ground law, my client did not benefit from the immunities provided by that law. Although I presented a self-defense argument, my client was ultimately found guilty, but the outcome might have been different had stand-your-ground been the law at the time. [See Fla. Stat §776.012]. However, the judge was lenient in sentencing because I had presented substantial evidence to support that my client was acting in self-defense.

This case became even more significant when Mr. Argueta hired us to represent him in his immigration proceeding when the U.S. Department of Homeland Security began proceedings to remove his Temporary Protected Status as a result of his conviction. In the immigration case, we raised the issues of self-defense and lack of intent to commit the crime charged, but were unsuccessful and my client lost his Temporary Protected Status. The case was particularly challenging because we essentially litigated the case in two separate forums -- criminal court and an immigration proceeding -- where the burdens of proof, the elements of the charges, and the rules of law and procedure are completely different.

State v. Hezee Smith, Case No. 05000566CF10A; Client: Hezee Smith; Court: Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney David Schulson; Co-Counsel: Michael Usan; Judge: The

Honorable Fred Berman; Trial Date: 12/13/2005

This case is significant to me because through hard work and precise attention to detail, I was able to provide a solid defense to my client, who was facing a particularly serious charge. My client was charged with armed burglary of a structure/dwelling, which carries a potential life sentence. By meticulously tracking his movements on the day in question, I was able to show that he had an alibi for the time of the crime. Presenting the evidence at trial was challenging, however, because his alibi was established through numerous unrelated witnesses who were all customers of the same beauty salon. I had to thoroughly present every detail of each witness's testimony to account for every minute of the time period in which my client was accused of having committed the crime. This became more complicated because the final witness scheduled was a tow truck driver whom no one could reach before trial. After weeks of attempting to contact the driver, and after issuing a subpoena to which we received no response, we were doubtful that we would be able to speak with him before trial or that he would testify. On the last day of trial the tow truck driver appeared and I had to conduct a direct examination of him on a moment's notice to finalize the time-line that was the crux of my client's defense. I was successful in proving this defense before the jury, and my client was found not guilty.

State v. Aileen Jesus, Case No. 1019180MM10A; Client: Aileen Jesus; Court: County Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Assistant State Attorney Desmon Andrade; Judge: The Honorable Stacy Ross; Trial Date: 5/17/11

This case is one of many examples of a case in which I was required to balance my professional obligation to provide my client with the best possible defense with my ethics and commitment to protecting the integrity of our judicial system. My client was charged with DUI, and the State proceeded to trial under the theory that she was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle, as set forth in Fla. Stat. § 316.193. Under the literal construction of that statute, a defendant can be convicted if she is impaired and in control of the vehicle, regardless of whether she is actually driving. During the trial, it was undisputed that Ms. Jesus was impaired and that she was found sitting in the driver's seat of her vehicle, with the keys in the ignition, in the parking lot of a restaurant. However, even the arresting officer testified that he personally believed that Ms. Jesus had no intent to drive, but was sitting in the vehicle waiting for her boyfriend to drive her home.

The State properly argued that Ms. Jesus was in violation of the letter of the law, even though none of the State's witnesses believed she had any intent to drive. Because of my client's personal circumstances, she was unable to take a plea and had no choice but to go to trial. This case was a challenge for me because I also personally believe that statutes should be strictly construed as written by the legislature, but in this case I also had to advocate for my client to the best of my ability, while adhering to the highest standards of ethics and professionalism.

Frances Barrera as Personal Representative of the Estate of Antonio Morin Cayente, deceased v. Granados Management Co., Case No. 2005 CA 007380 XXXXMB; Client: The Estate of Anonio Cayente; Court: Circuit Court of the 15th Judicial Circuit in and for

Palm Beach County, Florida; Opposing Counsel: Gerard S. Collins; Co-Counsel: Hiram Montero; Judge: The Honorable Elizabeth T. Maass; Trial Date: First Trial: 10/15/07 - 10/17/07, Second Trial: 1/22/08 - 1/23/08.

This case is significant to me because it was an instance in which I was able to utilize all of my legal experience, including in criminal law, to obtain a favorable result on behalf of my client in a complicated civil case. It was also personally gratifying to assist a family recover damages for the loss of a loved one. Mr. Cayente was shot and killed at the Palm Hill Apartments, and we filed suit against the owner of the apartment complex alleging, among other things, negligent security. The trial involved several issues, including the establishment of the inadequate security a criminal grid of the Palm Hill Aparments, which included 39 violent crimes in a 5 year time period. We relied on *Newell v. Best Security Systems, Inc.*, 560 So. 2d 395 (Fla. 4th DCA 1990) and *Highlands Ins. Co. v. Gilday*, 398 So. 2d 834 (Fla. 4th DCA 1981), which we argued supported that the landlord's knowledge of prior crimes against persons and property was relevant to the issue of foreseeability. As a result we had to become well-versed in the relevant criminal statistics, crime prevention, and security options, and also had to work with an expert witness in these areas. The initial trial resulted in a mistrial by the defendant's counsel and the case was settled after the second trial began.

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.

See attached, both of which I personally wrote.

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, I have never held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office.

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

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>Position Held</i>
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A

Types of issues heard: N/A

- 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.

I was appointed in 2015 and currently serve on the Broward County Charter Review Committee for Broward County, Florida. The Broward County Charter Review Committee is considered a public office because it can bypass the County Commission and place items directly on the ballot to be voted on by the public.

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.

Yes, I am currently an officer and director of I & M Rentals Corporation, an entity my partner, Lawrence Marin, and I incorporated in July 2015 for the purpose of potentially

investing in a specific rental property. We have since determined not to engage in this opportunity and plan to dissolve this entity in the near future.

- 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, since being admitted to the Bar, I have not engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law.

- 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, I have not received any fees or compensation other than for legal services rendered.

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, there are no types of cases, groups of entities, or extended relationships or associations which would limit the cases for which I could sit as the presiding judge.

MISCELLANEOUS:

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

Yes _____ No X If "Yes" what charges? N/A

Where convicted? N/A Date of Conviction: N/A

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

Yes _____ No X If "Yes" what charges? N/A

Where convicted? N/A Date of Conviction: N/A

- 35c. Have you ever had the adjudication of guilt withheld for a crime which is a felony or a first degree misdemeanor?

Yes _____ No X If "Yes" what charges? N/A

Where convicted? N/A Date of Conviction: N/A

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, I have never been sued by a client.

36b. Has any lawsuit to your knowledge been filed alleging malpractice as a result of action or inaction on your part?

No, no lawsuit has been filed against me alleging malpractice.

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, no professional liability insurance carrier has ever settled a claim against me for professional malpractice.

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

No, I have never filed for bankruptcy and no such petition has ever been filed against me.

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, I have never owned shares in or acted as an officer or director of any corporation by which or against which a petition for bankruptcy has been filed.

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.

No, I have never been a party to a lawsuit.

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, there has never been a finding of probable cause or other citation issued against me, nor am I presently under investigation for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct.

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, no one has ever filed a formal complaint or formal accusation of misconduct against me with any regulatory or investigatory agency or with my employer.

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, I am not currently, nor have I ever been, the subject of an investigation that could result in civil, administrative or criminal action against me.

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

No, I have never been subject to or threatened with eviction proceedings.

43a. Have you filed all past tax returns as required by federal, state, local and other government authorities?

Yes No If no, please explain. N/A

43b. Have you ever paid a tax penalty?

Yes No If yes, please explain what and why. N/A

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

No, a tax lien has never been filed against me.

HONORS AND PUBLICATIONS:

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

I have not published any books or articles. However, we maintain an ongoing blog on my law firm's website which includes articles relating to various criminal and immigration law issues, as well as guides on general criminal and immigration issues. I contribute to these periodically.

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

Super Lawyers - 2016

Super Lawyers Rising Star - 2015

Who's Who Top Lawyer in the Global Directory of Who's Who - 2015

American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys - 10 Best Attorneys in the State of Florida for Client Satisfaction - 2015

The American Society of Legal Advocates - Top 40 Criminal Defense Lawyers in Florida under 40 - 2014, 2015

The National Trial Lawyers - Top 100 Trial Lawyers - 2013, 2014, 2015

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

Republican Business Network, Current State of Our Immigration Policy - March 2015

Master of Ceremonies, For the Public Good Gala for Legal Aid Service of Broward County and Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida - October 2014 and October 2015

Panelist, Hispanic Leaders Summit - October 2014

Speaker on the Privilege of Being a Hispanic Lawyer, Nova Southeastern University School of Law for Hispanic Heritage Month - October 2014

Presentation and Question and Answer Session, Overview of the United States Criminal Justice System at the Consulate General of Mexico in Miami - May 2014

CLE Luncheon by the Broward County Hispanic Bar Association, Criminal Cases' Impact on Immigration Matters - March 2014

Presentation to the 17th Judicial Circuit Broward County State Attorney's Felony Trial Unit, Immigration Consequences of Criminal Charges - November 2013

Keynote Speaker, Hispanic Leaders Summit - October 2013

My Experience as a Private Practitioner in the Legal Community, Cypress Bay High School, Legal Systems/Court Procedures/Constitutional Law Honors Class - October 2013

CLE Luncheon by the Broward County Hispanic Bar Association, Moderator of Panel Discussion on Florida Stand-Your-Ground Law - March 2013

Regularly appeared on "Cada Dia Con Maria Antonietta Collins" a television show on

Telemundo to discuss legal topics and questions that were of concern to the Hispanic and Latino community - 2004 through 2007

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

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.

Board of Directors, Legal Aid Service of Broward County - 2015 to Present

Board of Directors, Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida - 2015 to Present

Member, Broward County Bar Association

Board of Directors, Broward County Bar Association - 2012 to Present

Member, 17th Judicial Circuit Pro-Bono Committee - 2012 to Present

Chair, 17th Judicial Circuit Pro-Bono Committee - 2015 to Present

Member, The Florida Bar Seventeenth Circuit Grievance Committee "E" - 2007 to 2010

Chair, The Florida Bar Seventeenth Circuit Grievance Committee "E" - 2010

Member, Broward County Hispanic Bar Association

President, Broward County Hispanic Bar Association - 2007 to 2008

Board of Directors, Broward County Hispanic Bar Association - 2005 to 2009

Member, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Member, Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Member, Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

- 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.

17th Judicial Circuit Courthouse Task Force Committee - 2009 to Present

Founding Member, Hispanic Vote - 2010 to Present

Candidate Forum Coordinator, Hispanic Vote - 2010 to Present

Founding Member, Cuban Americans for a Better Florida - 2009 to 2015

Chair, Cuban Americans for a Better Florida - 2013 to 2014

Coalition for a Better Broward Judiciary - 2006

48c. List your hobbies or other vocational interests.

I enjoy spending time with my daughter. She is currently 3 years old and every weekend we choose a different place to visit together. Some of her current favorites are the Museum of Discovery and Science in Fort Lauderdale, the Young at Art Museum in Davie and Zoo Miami. I also enjoy exercising on a daily basis, or as my schedule permits. I was recently introduced to Spartan obstacle course marathons and I am currently training to run my first one.

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, I have never belonged to any club or organization that in practice or policy restricts its membership on the basis of race, religion, national origin or sex.

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

In the general course of my practice, I periodically handle pro bono criminal or civil cases. Below are some of my more recent representations of pro bono clients:

In April 2015, I began representing a school teacher in connection with her arrest for suspicion of DUI while she was suffering from a documented diabetic episode. That case was scheduled for trial in February 2016, but has since been continued.

In January 2016, I began representing an indigent military veteran who is 100% disabled as a result of PTSD in connection with a pending criminal charge.

Also, in 2013 and 2014, I volunteered my services for the Pro Bono Legal Aid Hotline.

From 2008 through 2013, I worked with the Broward Legal Immigration Program in assisting them with securing local attorneys to donate their time and legal expertise to clients of free immigration clinics.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

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

8 Rules of Ethics You Probably Don't Know - Attended

Criminal Law Update - CD

Ethical Issues Inherent in the New Computer Age - CD

Hot Topics in Appellate Practice - DVD

Masters of DUI - CD

Basic Trial Practice - CD

- 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, criminal and immigration law - see response to question no. 46

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

Aside from my personal life experiences as described in response to question no. 51, I think my time serving on the Florida Bar Grievance Committee provided a unique experience and educational process that would serve me well if given the privilege of serving as a judge. We sat as a committee while Bar counsel presented cases of alleged attorney misconduct and we made the determination as to whether probable cause existed to prosecute these attorneys. That process frequently required reading the applicable rules and determining if evidence existed to support a finding of misconduct. This, in addition to my general experiences as an attorney, helped hone my technical skills and my ability to parse often complicated legal statutes and concepts. These are skills that I believe prepare me well to serve as a judge, where my job would be to read, interpret, and apply the letter of the law to the cases that appear before me.

I also credit my time with the Hispanic Vote as a valuable learning experience. Through this organization, I frequently had the opportunity to interview candidates for judicial elections, and hearing their thoughts on courtroom management, the legal process, and handling litigant and attorney conduct was an education in and of itself. Although I did not always agree with every opinion, the ability to hear other points of view and to see things from different perspectives definitely provided me with a foundation for my thoughts on running a courtroom.

Lastly, I feel that my 7 years on the Courthouse Task Force have given me a candid and practical look at the various concerns that come with running and working in a courthouse and the various judicial divisions. It was essential to discuss the various needs of the judiciary while planning and suggesting options for the new courthouse. These conversations included such important and practical concerns as the need for the criminal courtrooms to have access to hallways used to transport defendants in custody, to the need for hearing rooms for civil and family law cases, to the technology and infrastructure needed for docket, courtroom, and case management. I have had the privilege of sitting on this committee with three different Chief Judges, the Clerk of the Court, the Public Defender and representatives from the State Attorney's Office.

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

I have been very fortunate to have had varied experiences as a lawyer. I have represented victims and defendants in criminal court, plaintiffs and defendants in civil court, and petitioners and respondents in family court. I have served as a foreclosure guardian ad litem, tried jury trials in civil and criminal court, and tried non jury trials. I

have argued motions, written appeals and participated in mediations. These varied experiences have given me a deep understanding of the myriad ways in which our judicial system has an impact on people's lives. I believe in the role of attorney as advocate on behalf of his or her client, and the duty of the judge to interpret and apply the law.

I have been a member of a firm, and I have run my own practice, so I understand the rigors and difficulties that come with being a sole practitioner and with being part of a firm. I have had the privilege of representing over 2,000 clients and understand the concerns that litigants face in the court system. I know what it takes to build a firm from the ground up, and my work ethic is beyond reproach, so I am more than capable of handling the rigorous case load that comes with being a judge.

Like any person, I bring my life experiences with me. I come from a family that suffered a loss because the rule of law failed. Like many South Floridians, my family fled from the tyranny of communist Cuba - a government that abandoned the rule of law and sought to oppress its citizens. The abuse of governmental powers was something I was frequently reminded of while growing up and this has molded my beliefs in government. The government is ruled by our Constitution and it is the strict adherence to that Constitution that protects our freedoms. Our forefathers created three separate branches of government and delineated them with specific responsibilities. To break from those responsibilities is to invite the degradation of the foundation of our country. My family experienced this first-hand and as a result had to flee their home and suffer the loss of all that they had worked for.

Finally, I would also bring integrity and moral character to a judicial position. In my many years of representing my clients and serving my community, I have never compromised my ethical standards, and have remained steadfast in my dedication to upholding the law. These values, along with my strong work ethic, even temperament, and commitment to serving all the people of my community would be an asset to the County Court in and for Broward County, Florida.

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.

N/A

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

I believe my view of the role of a judge can be best summarized by the Florida Supreme Court's statements in *Southern Alliance for Clean Energy v. Graham*, 113 So. 3d 742 (Fla. 2013): "It is not [the Court's] function to substitute its judgment for that of the Legislature as to the wisdom or policy of a particular statute." While it is clear that the members of the Court may have personally disagreed with the state of the law in that case, the Court indicated that the job of the courts is to interpret and apply the law as written, a view with which I agree. The function of the judge is not to write the law, but to provide the community with an interpretation of the law that adheres to the highest

ethical standards, in the most professional and fair setting possible.

The position of judge is that of a public servant whose job is to interpret and apply the law as written, regardless of personal beliefs. It would be my great honor to serve the people of my community in this role. I would always do my best to ensure that all attorneys and litigants are treated fairly, courteously, professionally, and with the utmost respect. Even the most difficult situation can be resolved by adhering to these values and by treating everyone, regardless of who they are, with respect. I have always worked very hard and I would bring that work ethic, as well as my other values, to my service as a judge.

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.

David Di Pietro, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hiram Montero, [REDACTED]

Catalina Avalos, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ileana Almeida, [REDACTED]

The Honorable Raag Singhal, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Honorable Edward Merrigan, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Honorable Elizabeth Scherer, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Lawrence Marin, [REDACTED]

Michael Satz, [REDACTED]

Chip LaMarca, [REDACTED]

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 25 day of February, 2016.

Jose A. Izquierdo

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.

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: February 25, 2016

JNC Submitting To: 17th Judicial Circuit

Name (please print): Jose A. Izquierdo

Current Occupation: Attorney

Telephone Number: [REDACTED] Attorney No.: 594441

Gender (check one): Male Female

Ethnic Origin (check one): White, non Hispanic

Hispanic

Black

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian/Pacific Islander

County of Residence: Broward

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Governor Rick Scott
c/o Tim Cerio, General Counsel
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: 17th Judicial Circuit – Broward County Court Vacancy

Dear Governor Scott:

The 17th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission is pleased to provide the following six names for your consideration to replace Broward County Judge Eric Marc Beller, who is resigning from the bench:

Thomas Coleman
Michael Davis
Jose Izquierdo
Michelle Ricca
Claudette Vanni
Michelle Zeiger

I am forwarding to your office the original applications submitted by each of the above referenced individuals. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance to you or your office in this regards. Thank you for allowing us to participate in this important process.

Very Truly Yours,



REGGIE ZACHARIAH
Chair

cc: 17th Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission
Chief Judge Peter J. Weinstein

Received in legal and/or Citizens' Services
Judge Eric Marc Beller. Broward County

Endorsement letters for: Thomas Coleman

Mark R. Hollstorm- Opposed	Judge Stephen Zaccor – Broward County

Endorsement letters for: Michael Davis

Mel Sembler – Ambassador of the USA	Rabbi Oreichman
Douglas A. Greenbaum – Certified Family & Circuit Civil Mediator	

Endorsement letters for: Jose Izquierdo

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Rep. George Moraitis- District 93	Salvatore Scalia – Florida Highway Patrol
Deric Zacca – Attorney	Judge Bertila Soto – 11 th Judicial Cir.
Donald Trump – Businessman	

Endorsement letters for: Michelle Ricca

John H. Richards- Boyd Richards	Jacqueline E. Cannavan- Attorney

Endorsement letters for: Claudette Vanni

Kenneth m. Kaplan- Attorney	Robert M. Trinkler – Attorney
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Endorsement letters for: Michelle Zeiger

Judge Jeffrey Levenson	