

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT

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

DATE: September 7, 2012 Florida Bar No.: 33588

GENERAL:

Social Security No.: [REDACTED]

1. Name Jason Bloch E-mail: jbloch@miamidade.gov

Date Admitted to Practice in Florida: October 28, 1994

Date Admitted to Practice in other States: N/A

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

Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office, Assistant County Attorney

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City [REDACTED]

Since 2004 Telephone [REDACTED]

5. Place of birth: Park Ridge, IL

Date of birth: [REDACTED] Age: 44

6a. Length of residence in State of Florida: 31 years (ages 4 though 18, 27-present)

6b. Are you a registered voter? Yes No

If so, in what county are you registered? Miami-Dade County

7. Marital status: Single

If married: Spouse's name N/A

Date of marriage N/A

Spouse's occupation N/A

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

<i>Name(s)</i>	<i>Age(s)</i>	<i>Occupation(s)</i>	<i>Residential address(es)</i>
None.	N/A	N/A	N/A

9. Military Service (including Reserves)

<i>Service</i>	<i>Branch</i>	<i>Highest Rank</i>	<i>Dates</i>
None.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Awards or citations N/A

HEALTH:

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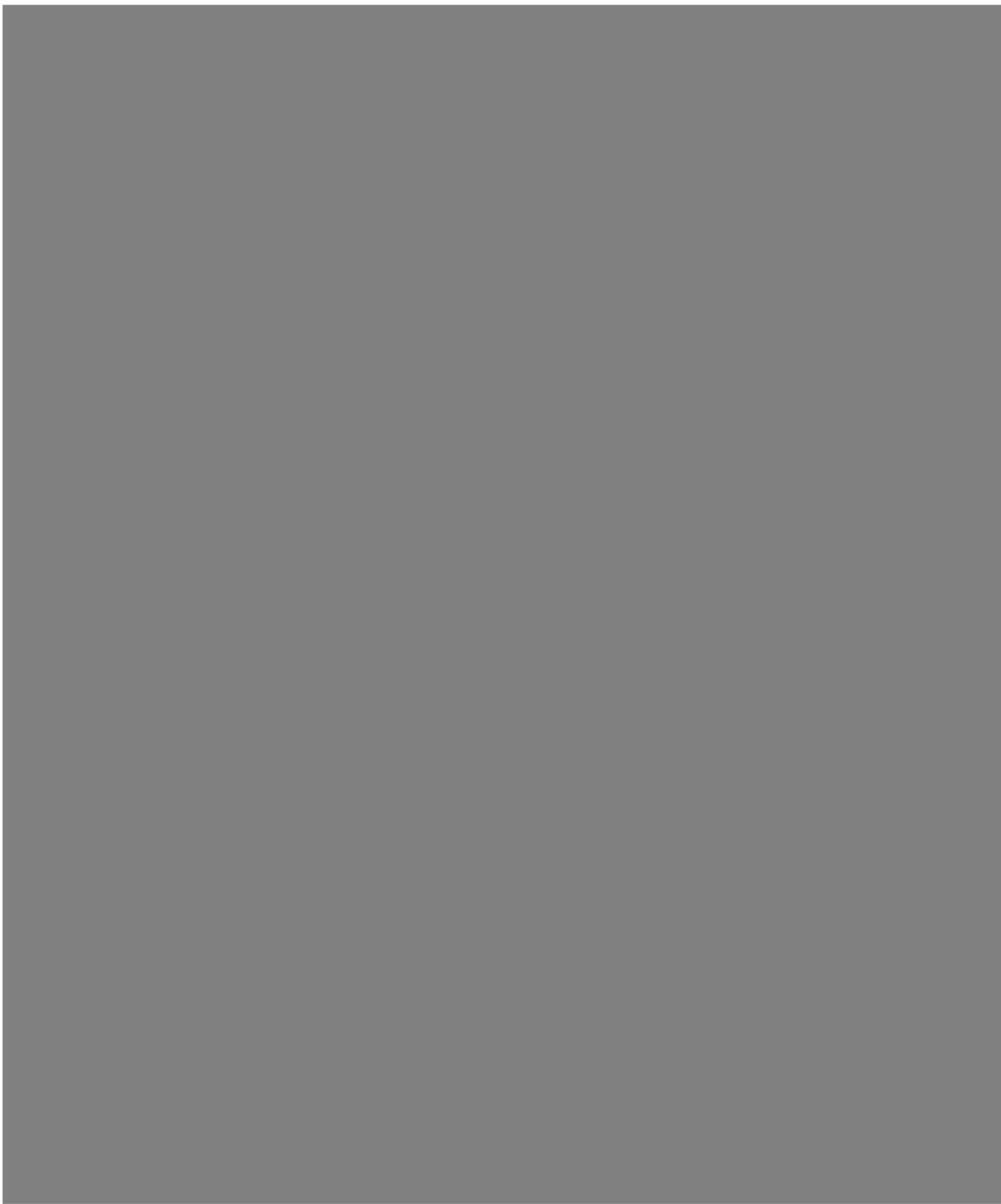


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EDUCATION:

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

<i>Schools</i>	<i>Class Standing</i>	<i>Dates of Attendance</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Georgetown University Law Center	No official rank given; approximately top 15%; Dean's List all three years - graduated cum laude (10.44 GPA)	1991-1994	J.D.
University of California at Berkeley	No official rank given; (3.77 Business/Major GPA; 3.49 Overall GPA)	1987-1989	B.S. Business Administration
Santa Monica College (Santa	No official rank given; Dean's	1985-1987	A.A. Liberal Arts

Monica, California) Honor List all four semesters (3.74 GPA)

Nova High School 51 out of 363 High School
(Davie, FL) (3.93 GPA) 1981-1985 Diploma

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

Georgetown University Law Center: American Jurisprudence "Book" Award in Federal Courts and the Federal System;
The Tax Lawyer (law review);
Barrister's Council (moot court);
Dean's List: 1991-1992; 1992-1993; 1993-1994.

(Offered full tuition Dean's scholarship, University of Miami Law School.)

Hilding A. Tegner Scholarship; Rotary Club of Santa Monica Nick Holt Memorial Scholarship; Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society

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>
	No full time positions, but various part-time positions including three simultaneous positions between college and law school.	Additional information can be provided if desired.	

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	October 28, 1994

United States District Court for the Southern District
of Florida

October 26, 1995

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh
Circuit

June 15, 1998

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>
Assistant County Attorney	Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office	111 N.W. First St., Suite 2810 Miami, FL 33128	Oct 1994 - present
Summer Associate	Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office	111 N.W. First St., Suite 2810 Miami, FL 33128	Summer 1993
Summer Associate	Mershon, Sawyer, Johnston, Dunwody & Cole	Miami, FL (now dissolved)	Summer 1993
Legal Intern, Judges Mark Polen and Bobby Gunther	District Court of Appeal, Fourth District	1525 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33401-2399	Summer 1992

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.

Although I have been with the County Attorney's Office for my entire legal career, beginning in 1994, my practice has been quite varied.

My current practice includes representing the Public Health Trust (which operates Jackson Memorial Hospital and the Jackson Health System), a position I have held since 2001. As both a governmental entity and a health care institution, the Trust is subject to unique regulation and oversight. As a result, the typical myriad of legal issues facing

any entity of the Trust's size and scope are even more complex. In addition to general in-house counsel responsibilities, I was also the primary lawyer for the Trust's Facilities and Plant Operations (now Support Services) Department and its Information Technology Department. As counsel to the Trust, I represented the Trust in various contract disputes and litigation, including construction, intellectual property, and other complex commercial lawsuits. I also assisted in negotiating and drafting construction contracts and other commercial contracts, including several multi-million dollar acquisitions/implementations of new large-scale clinical and enterprise software platforms for the health system. I was also the legal advisor to the Trust Board's Facilities Development Committee and Information System Committee. I also litigated personnel appeals/arbitrations and handled recurring probate, guardianship, and collections matters in court.

Since 2011, I have been a part of the County Attorney's Office Eminent Domain section, which is devoted to the acquisition of real estate, easements, and other property interests required for various public purposes (including mass transit initiatives, roadway projects, and other public works' projects). We are responsible for the acquisition of property through negotiated sales, or, more often, by way of the County's "takings" power. This process requires establishing, in court, both the public necessity of the taking and the reasonable compensation due the land owner, often contested matter that invariably involving specialized expert testimony. My role requires vigilance to ensure compliance with the various statutory and Constitutional requirements for takings claims. I also handle various other property matters for the County, such as protecting tax liens and other County liens in quiet title actions, drafting and negotiating inter-local agreements with other governmental entities, and reviewing and revising lease agreements.

I am also the legal advisor to the Medical Examiner Department, and have been since 2001. I advise the Medical Examiner and his staff on wide array of legal matters, ranging from addressing requests/subpoenas for autopsy materials (many of which are statutorily confidential and exempt from the public records laws) and cooperating with the State Attorney in criminal investigations, to general commercial disputes, reviewing legislative items presented to the Miami-Dade County Commission, and general in-house counsel services.

Prior to joining the Jackson satellite branch in 2001; my practice consisted primarily of representing the County in torts and federal civil rights cases, in commercial litigation, in public housing matters (via MDHA, the County's housing agency), and as head of the Criminal Court Costs and Attorney's Fees section. My practice in these areas overlapped with my transition into my new practice areas. Over time, my practice in these areas has gradually diminished but still remains to a lesser degree.

As a member of the Torts section, I defended the County in various personal injury and wrongful death actions arising from County activities and operations (for example, accidents involving Miami-Dade Transit Agency buses, disabled traffic signs and signals and broken sidewalks). I further represented the County and individual County employees (e.g., police and corrections officers) in false arrest, excessive force, and civil rights (42 U.S.C. § 1983) cases in state and federal court. My representation included taking and defending discovery, extensive motions practice, mediation, and ultimately

jury trials and appeals. Like all new lawyers in the office at the time, in my early years, I also defended County employees (typically Transit drivers) in traffic citation cases.

I also have represented, and continue to represent, the County in litigation in various commercial matters. These include complex construction cases and other contractual disputes against contractors, architects, developers, and sureties. Many of these involve extensive litigation and ultimately trials (and appeals).

As counsel to the Metro-Dade Housing Agency, I provided legal advice to the Agency on various issues including extensive federal public housing regulations and state landlord/tenant laws, while also representing the agency in various lawsuits. One major federal court case involved a challenge to the County's methodology for calculating utility allowances for its public housing residents. In my early years, I also represented the County in residential eviction actions, many of which were vigorously contested, usually by Legal Services attorneys (and three of which required jury trials).

The Criminal Court Costs and Attorney's Fees section represented a rather esoteric practice area. By virtue of then-existing law, Florida's counties bore certain financial responsibility for operation of the courts, and many aspects of the criminal court system. Thus, the County was responsible funding expert witness fees and other costs incurred by the Public Defender's Office, appointed counsel, defendants who were declared indigent for costs, and (with far less frequency) the State Attorney's Office. Counties were also responsible for compensating appointed private defense counsel, when the Public Defender "conflicted out" of representation. (The County had similar responsibilities in the juvenile dependency context.) I was the primary lawyer designated to handle these matters; at times other lawyers also practiced in this small section which I headed. As a result I routinely appeared in criminal court (and occasionally juvenile court), often handling several hearings per day, frequently challenging the need and/or amounts sought for such costs. I also represented the County on the Fee Review Committee (along with representatives from the Public Defender's Office and criminal defense bar, including now-Judges Kevin Emas and Diane Ward). The FRC met regularly to review and approve fee requests by appointed counsel. Many of these financial responsibilities were eliminated by changes to Article V of the Florida Constitution, as a result of Amendments recommended by the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC). I served as part of the County team in Tallahassee that lobbied the CRC with the proposed revisions.

Tangentially related, I was appointed as special prosecutor to prosecute contempt charges in two separate family court divorce cases.

For several years, I was the legal advisor to the Nuisance Abatement Board, a board created to enforce the County's Nuisance Abatement Ordinance; virtually all cases consisted of attempts to stop illegal drug activity. In addition to advising the Board at meetings, and the police department staff responsible for bringing cases to the Board, I also filed injunction actions in court to enforce Board orders.

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	<u>5</u> %	Civil	<u>93</u> %
Federal Trial	<u>5</u> %	Criminal	<u>2</u> %
Federal Other	<u> </u> %	Family	<u> </u> %
State Appellate	<u>10</u> %	Probate	<u>5</u> %
State Trial	<u>80</u> %	Other	<u> </u> %
State Administrative	<u> </u> %		
State Other	<u> </u> %		
	<u> </u> %		
TOTAL	<u>100</u> %	TOTAL	<u>100</u> %

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

Jury?	15 (several others commenced but ended due to settlement or directed verdict)	Non-jury?	<u>3</u>
Arbitration?	20+ (including hearing examiners)	Administrative Bodies?	<u>N/A</u>

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. (I have agreed with opposing counsel to extend deadlines in Trial Orders, but nothing other than that.)

(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).

1. Terri Johnson v. Miami-Dade County, Case No. 07-02131 (Fla. Cir. Ct.) (plaintiff allegedly sustained permanent injuries following rear-ending of her vehicle by a MDTA bus; jury entered verdict for the County).

Judge: The Honorable Scott J. Silverman, Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

Opposing Counsel: Timothy Barket, Esq., 305-373-6711 and Jim Soper, Esq., 305-373-6711.

Co-counsel: Marlon Moffett, Assistant County Attorney, 305-375-5794.

2. Service Employees International Union, Local 1991 (Beatrice Colleau) v. Public Health Trust, FMCS, Case No. 110311-54171-3. (Trust employee appealed her termination of employment; Arbitrator upheld discipline but reduced remedy to 30 day suspension).

Arbitrator: Mark Lurie, Esq.

Opposing Counsel: Osnat Rind, Esq., Philips, Richard and Rind, 305-412-8322.

3. MassMutual Asset Finance LLC, BAL Energy Management LLC, Johnson Controls, Inc., and Public Health Trust, American Arbitration Association Case No. 32 198 00243 10. (Complex, multi-party commercial arbitration, concerning alleged non-payment by the Public Health Trust and counter-allegations by the Trust of overcharging as to claimed energy savings; mixed ruling where Arbitrator invalidated purported amendment to the main contract and ordered recalculation of the savings invoices).

Arbitrator: Judge Amy Dean (retired).

Opposing Counsel: For MassMutual: Tom Bean, Esq., Verrill Dana, LLP, 617-309-2606. For BAL (Bank of America): John Wilburn, Esq., McGuireWoods LLP, 703-712-5372. For Johnson Controls, Inc.: Robin Wolkoff, Esq., Fox, Hefter, Swibel, Levin & Carroll, LLP, (312) 224-1218.

Co-counsel: Eduardo Gonzalez, Assistant County Attorney, 305-375-1057.

4. Construct Group, Inc. v. M. Vila & Associates v. Miami-Dade County, Case No. 06-5331 (Fla. Cir. Ct.); Appellate Case No. 3D08-3176, 72 So. 3d 762 (Fla. 3d DCA 2011)(table) (five-week, three party jury trial in complex construction case, jury finding nearly entirely in favor of County; affirmed on appeal with Third DCA awarding County attorneys' fees).

Judge: The Honorable David C. Miller, Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

Opposing counsel: For Construct Group: Robert Frye, Esq. and Joseph Lawrence, Esq., Vezina, Lawrence & Piscitelli, P.A., 954-728-1270. For M. Vila & Associates: Trial Counsel: Sam Holland, Esq., 305-893-9606 and Jorge J. del Valle, Esq., 305-777-0262; Appellate Counsel: Roy Wasson, Esq., 305-372-5220.

(Note: the case remains active on post-trial attorney's fees issues, and is now pending

in the Third District on Petition for Writ of Mandamus/Certiorari, No. 3D12-1501. M. Vila's former trial counsel, Jorge J del Valle, has intervened and is now himself a formal party in the case. Del Valle's post-trial counsel: Rebecca Mercier Vargas, Esq., 561-659-5455, Hector Lombana, Esq., and Araly Herrera-Borgen, Esq., Gambana & Lombana, P.A., 305-444-4010. M. Vila's post-trial counsel: John David, Esq., 305-710-1910).

5. AFSCME, Local 1363 (Rachel Chappel) v. Public Health Trust, American Arbitration Association Case No. 32 390 00090 11 (Trust employee appealed imposition of discipline; Arbitrator upheld discipline).

Arbitrator: Robert B. Hoffman.

Opposing Advocate: Lorne Battiste, Union Representative, 305-651-6617.

6. Mary McLaughlin v. Public Health Trust, American Arbitration Association Case No. 32 341 208 10 (Trust employee appealed imposition of discipline; hearing examiner recommended reduction of suspension to reprimand).

Hearing Examiner: Richard H. Vura, Jr.

Opposing Counsel: Ray Tasseff, P.A., 786-363-9020

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).

1. Miami-Dade County v. Chen Holding, Inc., Case No. 11-34939 CA 32 (eminent domain takings case)

Opposing Counsel: Robert Schreiber, Esq., Hicks & Schreiber, P.A., (305) 661-6688.

Co-counsel: Debra Herman, Assistant County Attorney, 305-375-5922.

2. Kalos, Inc. v. Public Health Trust, Case No. 10-51320 CA 24 (breach of contract)

Opposing Counsel: Richard P. Joblove, Esq., 305-256-4300.

3. Miami-Dade County v. Shaw, Case No. 12-13290 CA 23 (eminent domain takings case)

Opposing Counsel: Toby Prince Brigham, Esq., 305-650-5209.

Co-counsel: Debra Herman, Assistant County Attorney, 305-372-5922.

4. Miami-Dade County v. Fordlin Investment, Case No. 10-62533 CA 21 (eminent domain takings case)

Opposing Counsel: For Fordlin Investment: Mark A. Tobin, Esq., Akerman Senterfitt, 305-374-5600. For Fugheddaboutit Pizzeria d/b/a Slice and Ice Gourmet, Peter Waldman, Esq., Weiss Serrota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, 305-854-0800.

Co-counsel: Debra Herman, Assistant County Attorney, 305-375-5922.

5. Attachmate v. Public Health Trust v. University of Miami (copyright infringement suit by Seattle based software manufacturer), Case No. CV9-1180 JLR (U. S. Dist. Ct. for Western District of Washington)

Counsel for Plaintiff, Attachmate: Bradford J. Axel, Esq., and Shelly M. Hall, Esq., Stokes Lawrence, P.S. 206-626-6000; Counsel for Third-Party Defendant, University of Miami: Stuart Dunwoody, Esq. Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, 206-757-8034

Local Seattle Counsel for the Trust (required by local rule): John Du Wors, Esq., Newman/DuWors, LLP, 206-274-2800.

6. Miranda (Estate of Alvarado) v. Westinghouse Electric Corp. and Miami-Dade County, Case No. 07-8646 CA 22 (personal injury suit resulting from accident on Metromover)

Opposing counsel: Sam Holland, Esq., 305- 893-9606.

Co-counsel: Evan Grob, Assistant County Attorney, 305-375-1323.

27c. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings?
0 average times per month

27d. During the last five years, how frequently have you appeared in Court?
3-4 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.

From 1994 through approximately 2003, I appeared much more frequently in court. As discussed more fully in response to question 22, during this time I had a heavy torts/civil rights caseload, usually appearing as sole or lead counsel, and taking many cases to trial (most with a jury and perhaps one or two non-jury). In the early years, I also regularly appeared in County Court representing the housing agency as sole or lead counsel in eviction matters and other cases (several of which proceeded to trial, both jury and non-jury). In addition, I frequently appeared in criminal court, representing the County's interests as to criminal court related costs and attorney's fees. I also participated in a healthy commercial litigation practice, which continues but has tapered off to a degree.

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.

1. MassMutual Asset Finance LLC, BAL Energy Management LLC, Johnson Controls, Inc., and Public Health Trust, American Arbitration Association Case No. 32 198 00243 10.

Arbitrator: Judge Amy Dean (retired).

I was chief counsel for the Public Health Trust.

2. Service Employees International Union, Local 1991 (Beatrice Colleau) v. Public Health Trust FMCS Case No. 110311-54171-3.

Arbitrator: Mark Lurie, Esq.

I was sole counsel for the Public Health Trust.

3. AFSCME, Local 1363 (Rachel Chappel) v. Public Health Trust, American Arbitration Association Case No. 32 390 00090 11.

Arbitrator: Robert B. Hoffman.

I was sole counsel for the Public Health Trust.

4. Mary McLaughlin v. Public Health Trust, American Arbitration Association Case No. 32 341 208 10 (Trust employee appealed imposition of discipline; hearing examiner recommended reduction of suspension to reprimand).

Hearing Examiner: Richard H. Vura, Jr.

I was sole counsel for the Public Health Trust.

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.

1. Cruz v. State, 742 So.2d 489 (Fla. 3d DCA 1999) (Case No. 99-528).

Client: Miami-Dade County.

Judges/Courts: Hon. Leon Firtel (Cir. Ct.); Third District Court of Appeal.

Attorneys: On appeal, Marti Rothenberg, Assistant Public Defender, for Defendant Cruz; Richard L. Polin and Christine E. Zahralban, Assistant Attorneys General for the State.

Nature of Participation: I was sole counsel for the County in obtaining the order imposing the civil restitution lien in the trial court; County was not named as a party in the appeal, though I conferred with the State and closely monitored the case.

I selected this case not so much for its specifics, but rather the milestone it represented. As a young attorney I discovered a law that was of great benefit to taxpayers, specifically sections 960.292(1) and 960.293(2) and related sections of the Florida Statutes, which allowed local governments, like to County, to recover from criminal defendants the costs of their incarceration, at the rate of \$50 per day. Moreover, these liens could be used as offsets in tort cases (of any kind) brought by current or former prisoners. I also discovered that these statutes were not being used (or even widely known), which I set about to change. As the Third District observed in Cruz: "the statute provides that the lien may be imposed only after the relevant political subdivision actually moves for that relief. Not only is that action not automatic, its occurrence in this case, insofar as we can determine, is a unique event in this district." I was the attorney that moved for and obtained that lien in Cruz. In Cruz, the Court rejected the defendant's effort to strike the lien on the basis that it was not part of his plea bargain. Over the years, we faced, but withstood, a number of other legal challenges to these efforts. Indeed, this formerly unique occurrence has now become a standard practice in the County Attorney's Office's Torts and Federal sections, allowing the County to lower its expenses by recouping from prisoners some of the costs required to detain them.

2. Miami-Dade County v. State, Case Nos. 3D99-227, 3D99-105 (Fla. Cir. Ct.), rev'd, 754 So.2d 115 (Fla. 3d DCA 2000). See Published Opinion at Tab 3.

Client: Miami-Dade County

Judges/Courts: Hon. Roberto Pineiro and Hon. Gil S. Freeman, (Fla. Cir. Ct.); Hon. James Jorgenson, Hon. John Fletcher, and Hon. Gerald B. Cope, Jr. (Third District Ct. of Appeal).

Attorneys: Richard L. Polin, Assistant Attorney General.

Nature of Participation: I served as sole counsel for the County, appearing and arguing before the trial courts in the criminal division, and briefing and arguing the appeal to the Third District.

These were among the cases I handled involving the County's financial obligations in the criminal court realm. This case presented the issue of what entity was responsible for funding the costs of the Statewide Prosecutor, a constitutionally created position having concurrent jurisdiction with State Attorneys, as to crimes occurring in or affecting multiple judicial circuits. At the time, this was a case of first impression. As the Third District stated: "There is no dispositive authority on this issue. No statute or constitutional provision directly controls; no other district has addressed this specific quandary." Although the dollar amounts at stake were relatively small, the precedential import was great, potentially opening the door to completely new areas of County financial obligation. Two trial court judges ruled against the County, finding it responsible for these costs. But in the consolidated appeal, the Third District reversed, siding with the County's interpretation and policy arguments. The case also set the stage for our later victory (which I also handled for the County) in *State v. Garcia*, 774 So.2d 21 (Fla. 3d DCA 2000) (holding that County was not responsible for costs of foreign state attorneys' cases brought in our judicial circuit); see Published Opinion at Tab 2 .

3. *Miami-Dade County v. Jones*, 793 So.2d 902 (Fla. 2001). See Published Opinion at Tab 4.

Client: Miami-Dade County

Judges/Courts: Hon. Victoria Platzer (Fla. Cir. Ct.); the Supreme Court of Florida.

Attorneys: Todd G. Scher, Litigation Director, and William M. Hennis, III, Assistant Capital Collateral Regional Counsel. Co-counsel on appeal: Tucker Ronzetti, Esq., 305-377-0667.

Nature of Participation: I handled the case at the trial level in criminal court. In the appeal in the Florida Supreme Court, I co-wrote the briefs, and presented oral argument.

Once again, this was among the criminal court cases that I was responsible for handling, and represented a potential new financial liability to the County. This case concerned expert expenses incurred by the Capital Collateral Regional Counsel – an office somewhat akin to the Public Defender, but charged with representing death-sentenced inmates in post-conviction proceedings. The case directly involved issues of criminal law, for example: the requirement that a defendant be declared mentally competent in criminal proceedings; whether this collateral proceeding was indeed a criminal proceeding or a civil proceeding as it has sometimes been described; and the nature of capital punishment in general. The Court concluded that the expert fees in question, incurred to obtain evaluations of the inmate's competency, were in the nature of those for a neutral court expert, not those of an advocate's expert. Thus, while we lost, the ruling was narrowly limited to just those situations and did not open the door to unlimited County obligations for CCRC expenses.

The case was also significant to me personally and professionally, as it gave me the opportunity to argue a case to the Florida Supreme Court, something that was, and remains, a career highlight. (I had co-written an amicus brief in a previous case, but never argued before the Court). And while the result was not exactly the one I had hoped for, the ongoing negative consequences were minimal.

4. *Financial Healthcare Associates, Inc. v. Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County*, 488 F.Supp.2d 1231 (S. D. Fla. 2007) (Case No. 06 21692 CIV). See Published Opinion at Tab 10.

Client: Public Health Trust

Judge: Hon. Patricia A. Seitz (U.S. Dist. Ct.)

Attorneys: For Plaintiff: Steven B. Beranek, Corsaro & Associates, Westlake, OH, 440-871-4022; Peter Ross Siegel, Greenspoon Marder, P.A., 954-491-1120. Co-counsel: Steven Bass, Assistant County Attorney, 305-375-5224.

Nature of Participation: I was lead counsel.

In this case, in an effort to improve revenues, the Trust contracted with Financial Healthcare Associates, Inc. (FHA), to enroll eligible Trust patients in the Medicaid program. Dissatisfied with the number of patients referred and the compensation

received, FHA sued the Trust and its Chief Financial Officer, Frank Barrett, alleging theories of breach of contract, fraud, and promissory estoppel. FHA alleged that CFO Barrett had agreed to increase FHA's commission rate when it became apparent that the number of referred patients would be significantly less than expected. The District Court granted the Trust's and Barrett's motion for summary judgment. In so doing it reaffirmed and powerfully articulated a number of important legal principles affecting the Trust and other governmental entities such as the County, including sovereign immunity as to contracts made without proper authority, as to quasi-contractual theories, and as to the willful tort of fraud.

5. Construct Group, Inc. v. M. Vila & Associates v. Miami-Dade County, Case No. 06-5331 (Fla. Cir. Ct.) aff'd 72 So. 3d 762 (Fla. 3d DCA 2011) (table) (Appellate Case No. 3D08-3176). Tried: July 30 – Aug. 2, 2008.

Client: Miami-Dade County

Judges/Courts: The Honorable David C. Miller (Eleventh Judicial Circuit); Hon. Linda Wells, Hon. Leslie Rothenberg, and Hon. Vance Salter (Third District Ct. of Appeal)

Attorneys: For Construct Group: Robert Frye, Esq. and Joseph Lawrence, Esq., Vezina, Lawrence & Piscitelli, P.A., 954-728-1270. For M. Vila & Associates: Trial Counsel: Sam Holland, Esq., 305-893-9606 and Jorge J. del Valle, Esq., 305-777-0262; Appellate Counsel: Roy Wasson, Esq., 305-372-5220. Co-counsel at trial: Jorge Martinez-Esteve, Assistant County Attorney.

Nature of Participation: I was sole counsel during the pre-trial litigation, and lead counsel at trial. I was very ably assisted at trial by Jorge Martinez-Esteve. On appeal in the Third District, I wrote the briefs and presented oral argument.

This was a complex road and bridge construction delay damages case. The bridge subcontractor, Construct Group, sued the general contractor, M. Vila, who in turn sued the County, with the County then counterclaiming against Vila. Vila presented no less than 12 separate claims of delay (ranging from defective design, to failure to coordinate maintenance of traffic, to the County's failure to approve Vila's request to substitute its subcontractor under the County's Small Business Development program). By the time of trial, Vila was seeking nearly \$7 million from the County (including the claims of its subcontractor). The dollar amounts at stake made the case significant, but so did the sheer size of the litigation. There were numerous depositions, including those of various experts (including engineers, contractors, surety specialists, and accountants), and massive amounts of discovery, filling dozens of binders and bankers boxes, and ultimately well over 600 trial exhibits, consisting of tens of thousands of pages. The trial itself lasted five weeks, often going into the night, and ending with a verdict on a Saturday. Moreover, even though the other two parties were suing each other, when it came to the issue of who bore responsibility for the delays, they were aligned against the County, making our defense doubly difficult. While not a complete victory for the County, it was almost as good, with an excellent result. Vila appealed to the Third District, which affirmed, and which awarded the County attorney's fees. (Attorney's fees issues remain open and pending.)

6. In the Matter of MassMutual Asset Finance LLC, BAL Energy Management LLC, Johnson Controls, Inc., and Public Health Trust, American Arbitration Association Case

No. 32 198 00243 10. Tried: October 13-21, 2010.

Client: The Public Health Trust

Arbitrator: Judge Amy Dean (retired).

Attorneys: Opposing Counsel: For MassMutual: Tom Bean, Esq., Verrill Dana, LLP, 617-309-2606. For BAL Energy Management LLC: John Wilburn, Esq., McGuire Woods LLP, 703-712-5372. For Johnson Controls, Inc.: Robin Wolkoff, Esq., Fox, Hefter, Swibel, Levin & Carroll, LLP, (312) 224-1218.

Co-counsel: Eduardo Gonzalez, Assistant County Attorney, 305-375-1057.

Nature of Participation: I was sole counsel during most of the pre-trial litigation, and lead counsel at the arbitration trial. I was very ably assisted at trial by Eduardo Gonzalez.

The dispute involved a so-called Shared Savings Agreement (SSA), in which a vendor installs, upgrades, and/or improves various plant equipment (such as lighting and water fixtures, air-handlers, and other HVAC components), at no direct cost. Instead, the recipient (here the Trust) pays back nearly all of the utility "savings" that these more efficient measures provide. The arrangement was conceived by Johnson Controls Inc. (JCI). BAL Energy Management LLC, a subsidiary of Bank of America, was the named counterparty to the contract. BAL essentially served as a financing entity. It subcontracted with JCI to perform the actual work, and further contracted with JCI to measure the savings, which were used to calculate the amount due from the Trust; JCI and the Trust had no direct privity (though the Trust had certain third-party beneficiary rights under the contract between BAL and JCI). Complicating the arrangement further, BAL later assigned to MassMutual Asset Finance, its rights to receive the ongoing savings payments from the Trust, but not of its obligations under the SSA. Disputes arose when the Trust, believing the savings to be improperly calculated, stopped making payments. Another dispute concerned the existence of a purported amendment to the contract, which made the agreement far worse for the Trust, and which the Trust argued was invalid. The case was significant because it had ramifications to the ongoing contractual relationships between the Trust and the other parties over a twelve-year period, with a potential exposure of \$23 million.

This was an extremely complex commercial matter, involving difficult legal and technical issues. Among the many legal issues that arose were capacity and agency, sovereign immunity, ultra vires, the Uniform Commercial Code, including its application to assignments of interests, and a great deal of contractual construction. The case was also intensely technical -- involving the discipline of energy savings calculations -- a specialized field of engineering, requiring us to: understand and scrutinize methods and results; become familiar with industry standards and texts such as the International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol; and learn about the nature and operation of specialized equipment, such as heat wheels, air handlers, and chiller plants. (The calculation of the efficiency factor of Trust's chiller plants, for example, was a major issue). Still further challenging was that the other three parties were not only skillfully represented, but were essentially aligned on every major issue involving the Trust, getting three bites at every proverbial apple.

The arbitrator issued a mixed ruling, not directly addressing the issue of whether savings

were calculated correctly, but invalidating the purported amendment and ordering a recalculation of the invoices, setting the stage for a favorable further challenge to the invoices.

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 "Miami-Dade County's Petition for Writ of Mandamus or Alternatively, Petition for Writ of Certiorari" in Miami-Dade County v. Jorge J. Del Valle, et. al., Case No. 3D12-1501, attached at Tab 1. I personally wrote and filed this Peition in the Third District Court of Appeal.

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>
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.

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.

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.

N/A

- 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.

Only income from passive investments (e.g., publicly traded stocks), and one small rental unit. No salaries or compensation in the nature of employment or for providing services.

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, see below.
1. Jason Bloch v. Kenneth Sarachan d/b/a Rasputin's Records, Municipal Court, Small Claims Division, Case No. BSC 74182 (1990) (Berkeley, Alameda County, California), affirmed on appeal de novo to Superior Court of Alameda County, Case. No. 673323-4 (1991) (Oakland, Alameda County, California). I sued, pro se, a large used

records store that admittedly purchased tapes stolen from me, but refused to sell them back to me, and was otherwise uncooperative. I prevailed in the original small claims trial with a judgment of \$530.00. The records store appealed, which, in California, results in a de novo trial by a higher court. The higher court entered a new, larger judgment in my favor, in the amount of \$1,200.00. (As a new college graduate, this experience definitely sparked my interest in the practice of law.)

2. Jason Bloch v. Young Kim, Case No. SC 25748 92 (1992) (Small Claims, Superior Court of the District of Columbia). I sued, pro se, in small claims court, for breach of contract and for return of my security deposit. The court awarded a small judgment in my favor plus costs.

3. Jason Bloch v. Air France (1994) (Small Claims, Superior Court of the District of Columbia). I sued, pro se, the airline Air France for requiring my travelling companion and I to sit in a smoking section during a seven-hour sold-out flight, despite having assured us we would be in the non-smoking section. The court awarded me all damages sought plus costs. [Despite diligent search, I have been unable to find the case number in this matter. I believe these records were lost during Hurricane Wilma. Because I recall providing similar information on my bar application, I inquired with the Florida Bar but was told my application had been destroyed per routine destruction schedules.]

4. The following are all related proceedings:

(a) The Vizcayan's, Inc. et. al v. City of Miami, Case Nos. 07-298 & 07-299 AP (Fla. 11th Cir. Court, Appellate Division). I was a Co-Petitioner in this certiorari action, which challenged a rezoning and issuance of a Major Use Special Permit (MUSP) to facilitate development of a large scale high-density project in my neighborhood. The Circuit Court Appellate Division granted the petition and remanded with instructions to quash the actions. Intervenor TRG-MH Venture, Ltd., brought a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Third District with respect to the Appellate Division's ruling, which it later voluntarily dismissed, Case No. 3D08-1917.

(b) Grove Isle Ass'n, et. al. v. City of Miami, et. al., State of Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, Case Nos. 07-2498 GM and 07-2499 GM. I was a Co-Petitioner in this related administrative proceeding challenging the propriety of a land use ordinance as conflicting with the Florida Growth Management Act. The Administration Commission (comprised of the Governor and the Cabinet) issued a final order concluding the ordinance was in violation of the Act and ordering that it be rescinded.

(c) Grove Isle Ass'n, et. al. v. City of Miami, Case No. 07-17456-CA-13 (Fla. 11th Cir. Court). I was a Co-Plaintiff in this related suit which also challenged the rezoning and issuance of the MUSP. Given the success of other related proceedings, this case is in the process of being dismissed.

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?

On one occasion there was an inadvertant missed or late tax payment/filing. We proactively and voluntarily disclosed the error, calculated the penalty and paid it (which was relatively minor, approximately \$600-\$800).

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.
N/A
45. List any honors, prizes or awards you have received. Give dates.
Certificate of Appreciation by the Miami-DadeCounty Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for contributions to the Nuisance Abatement Board, May 13, 2009.
46. List and describe any speeches or lectures you have given.
N/A
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.
N/A
- 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.
Cuban American Bar Association
Glencoe Neighborhood Association, President, 2007-2009
Bay Colony Condominium Association, Board of Directors, Vice-President, 2009-2011
- 48c. List your hobbies or other vocational interests.
music, playing drums, vintage pinball machines
- 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 volunteered to serve as Attorney/Guardian Ad Litem in two cases on behalf of Lawyers for Children America over the period of 2006-2008. In both cases I was aided tremendously by the staff lawyers at LFCA. The first case, In the Interest of A.L. and A. M., Case No. 05-15327-01 (Juvenile-Family Division), I represented two siblings of different fathers. Unfortunately, the case involved domestic violence by the father of the younger child against the older sibling (his step-daughter) and the mother. We were concerned about potential further episodes, yet there were signs of legitimate

rehabilitation, and we hoped for a meaningful relationship between the father and younger child. The case was complicated by the contemporaneous existence of pending criminal and divorce proceedings. After evaluations of the father and other safeguards, the case yielded an agreeable case plan with appropriate protections and an achievable goal of a normalized parental relationship. After that case my colleagues and I continued to successfully assist and represent the family with certain immigration issues as a result of the older child turning 18.

In the second case, In the Interest of J. H., Case No. 06-15757 (08) (Juvenile Division), I was asked to assist in a truly tragic case, due more to bureaucratic indifference and inertia than any malevolence. In this case, the child had been disavowed by his mother and had been placed in foster care. The good news was that his biological father had not only been located near Atlanta but also was eagerly willing to assume custody and parental responsibility. But doing so required the Georgia agencies, pursuant to an interstate pact, to make appropriate inspections and evaluations before the Florida authorities would agree to allow the child to leave the jurisdiction. For whatever reasons, despite calls, inquiries, and orders by the Florida court, Georgia delayed and ultimately failed to complete its responsibilities (for example, they lost the father's fingerprints three times). Yet the Florida agencies' actions were insufficient as well. For while his father waited with open arms, the child languished in foster care for two years. This was one of the most outrageous, and saddening, institutional failures I have witnessed in my legal career. When it was clear my calls to Georgia would not produce results fast enough, I devised a parallel strategy. I was able reach out to some of the local media in Georgia, who showed great interest in the story. Following the press inquiries and follow-up calls by one of our judges, we were able to inspire the Georgia agency to do its job and finally achieve reunification between father and son.

Additionally, over the years I have provided various legal services to friends and acquaintances who have been unable to afford them, including one representation in a credit collection lawsuit.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

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

Yes, arbitration, evidence, e-service and e-discovery, and eminent domain.

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.

My undergraduate education, and degree, is in business administration. This training has proved quite useful in many aspects of my legal career, including understanding and negotiating business terms in contracts, as well as having comfort with technical aspects of commercial transactions such as financing arrangements. Similarly, it has helped

immensely in dealing with commercial disputes and litigating commercial cases, from comprehending and scrutinizing theories of damages, to preparing, challenging, and cross-examining experts. Should I be honored to be selected, I would hope and expect that this background would also assist me as a judge in administering commercial cases and other cases where business, accounting and financial principles came into play.

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

I have been teased by some of my colleagues about my frugal habits – turning off lights, printing on both sides of the paper, keeping deposition costs down, staying at budget hotels when on business – and even I recognize that occasionally I can take some of that too far. But my motivation, like my motivation when protecting the County or the Trust in cases, negotiations, or otherwise is simple: it's not my money, it's my client's -- the public's. In the same way, if I were honored to be selected for the court, I would remain innately, and firmly, understanding of my proper role: to serve the public and the litigants that come before me, and not the other way around. I may possess the robe and gavel, but that alone is not justification to administer the judicial power they represent. Rather, for me, they are reminders of the sacred and important responsibility entrusted to the individual who carries them.

I appreciate that what I do may have very real, and very significant, consequences: to criminal defendants whose liberty, or very life, may be at stake; to victims of crime and their loved ones; to members of broken or fragile families facing angst over custody, parental rights, and other difficult, painful matters; to civil litigants whose lives or livelihood may have changed forever because of the actions of others, or may yet change forever depending on the outcome of their case; to businesses who depend upon reasonable disposition of commercial disputes (and upon which a functional economy also depends). The responsibility is awesome and humbling. I will not take it lightly. I have no illusions that I am perfect, or that my tenure on the bench would be either. But I am confident of this: if so entrusted, I will do all I can to ensure that my decisions are as informed, reasoned, and just as they can be.

Though the responsibility is great, I do not lament the labor that comes with the job. On the contrary, ever since law school, I have always enjoyed and have been stimulated by the intellectual challenges and pursuits of the law itself. Being a judge would, of course, provide a natural outlet for those passions. I also appreciate that not all disputes that come before the Circuit Court are of equal gravity; many may be considered minor or even routine by the litigants themselves. Nevertheless, as to all proceedings, big or small, I will endeavor to treat the bar (and the public) with courtesy, respect and efficiency. I understand that how I conduct myself will affect not just my reputation, but the perception of the entire judiciary and justice system.

Finally, I have been fortunate to work in a truly unique law office alongside gifted and professional colleagues across a wide array of practice areas. My tenure as an Assistant County Attorney has exposed me to an amazing diversity of cases, problems and people. At one point or another, I have practiced in virtually every court that a Miami lawyer could conceive of: Small Claims Court; County Court (Traffic and Civil Divisions); all divisions of the Circuit Court (Civil, Criminal, Family, Juvenile, and Probate); the Third District Court of Appeal; the Florida Supreme Court; the U. S. Bankruptcy Court, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District, and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh

Circuit. These experiences should serve me well in administering the diversity of cases that reach the Circuit Court.

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.

Attached to this application at Tabs 2-10, are various reported decisions on cases where I served as counsel, that may give additional insights on my experiences as a lawyer.

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.

1. Robert A. Cuevas, Jr.



2. Abigail Price-Williams



3. Wifredo Ferrer



4. The Honorable Stanley Marcus



5. The Honorable Michael A. Genden



6. The Honorable Rodolfo Ruiz



7. Murray A. Greenberg, Esq.



8. Tucker Ronzetti, Esq.





9. Bruce Libhaber



10. Benay Wetherington, Esq.



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(f), 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 7th day of September, 2012.

Jason Bloch

Printed Name

Jason Bloch

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.