

**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC COUNSEL OVERSIGHT**

**Senator Gruters, Alternating Chair**

**Representative LaMarca, Alternating Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, April 13, 2023

**TIME:** 4:30—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** *Toni Jennings Committee Room*, 110 Senate Building

**SENATE MEMBERS:** Senator Gruters, Alternating Chair; Senators Burgess, Powell, Thompson, and Yarborough

**HOUSE MEMBERS:** Representative LaMarca, Alternating Chair; Representatives Anderson, Campbell, Griffiths, Nixon, and Stark

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TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Consideration of applicants for the position of Public Counsel.		Presented

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Other Related Meeting Documents

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# THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION



Human Resources  
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111 W. Madison Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400  
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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle) Saylor, Erik Louis	(Prior)	HOME / CELLULAR TELEPHONE [REDACTED]
MAILING ADDRESS [REDACTED]		BUSINESS TELEPHONE 850-245-7189
CITY, STATE, COUNTY, ZIP [REDACTED]		EMAIL ADDRESS elsayler@gmail.com
POSITION APPLIED FOR: <u>Public Counsel</u>		
DATE AVAILABLE: <u>2 weeks notice</u> COUNTY PREFERENCE: <u>Leon</u>		

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Please initial each of the three statements below to acknowledge you have read and understand before submitting your application for employment.

### FRS RETIREES

The Florida Legislature is a participating employer in the Florida Retirement System (FRS). Applicants who previously retired or have taken a distribution from the FRS may be reemployed by an FRS employer only after satisfying certain required waiting periods connected with the Investment or Pension Plans. If you have previously retired or taken a distribution from the FRS, please contact the FRS at [1-866-446-9377 (TRS 711)] regarding the waiting periods. ELS

### OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

A candidate hired by the Florida Legislature is required to obtain prior approval for outside employment. If your request for approval is denied, you will have to resign from your outside employment in order to remain employed by the Legislature. ELS

### EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS

Employees of the Florida Legislature are subject to the provisions of Section 11.26, Florida Statutes. Certain positions within the Legislature may also be subject to the post-employment prohibitions described in Section 112.313(9) which applies employment restrictions for two years after Legislative employment. ELS



# EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Describe your work experience in detail, beginning with your current or most recent job. Include military service (indicate rank) and job-related volunteer work, if applicable. Use a separate block to describe each position or gap in employment. If needed, attach additional sheets, using the same format as on the application.

**\*\*All information in this section must be completed. Resumes may be attached to provide additional information but completion of this form is required.\*\***

## Present or Most Recent Employer

If currently employed, may we contact your employer? Yes  No

Employer: Department of Economic Opportunity, Office of General Counsel Supervisor: Brandon White  
Address: 107 E. Madison St Supervisor's Title: Deputy GC  
City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32399 Phone number: 850-245-7150  
Employment Dates: 3 / 21 / 2021 to current /  /   
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR  
Hours per week: 40+ Check box if Volunteer work:  Ending Salary: \$87,375.96  
Position Title: Attorney supervisor  
Primary Duties: Supervise and train attorneys; provide legal counsel to various DEO Divisions and Office of Long-Term Resiliency (CDBG-DR); developing policies, drafting and reviewing agreements; reviewing and interpreting both federal and state laws and regulations; assist with DEO procurement and contracting activities and procurement documents; drafting and reviewing contracts and grants; Public Records Compliance; coordinate rulemaking.

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: Current position

## Next Previous Employer

Employer: Executive Office of the Governor, Division of Emergency Management Supervisor: Jon Bussey  
Address: 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd Supervisor's Title: Chief of Staff  
City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32399 Phone number: no longer with FDEM  
Employment Dates: 5 / 6 / 2019 to 3 / 19 / 2021  
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR  
Hours per week: 40+ Check box if Volunteer work:  Ending Salary: \$82,744  
Position Title: Deputy General Counsel  
Primary Duties: Provide legal counsel to Director and executive team; supervise legal department; supervise FDEM compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations; legal review of all contracts, leases, purchase orders, MOUs/MOAs; Rulemaking Coordinator; Public Records Compliance; respond to EEOC and FCHR complaints; supervise outside counsel; draft emergency management executive orders with EOG; Chief Ethics Officer

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: Accepted attorney supervisor position at DEO.

## Next Previous Employer

Employer: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Supervisor: John Minnick  
Address: Mayo Building, South Calhoun Street Supervisor's Title: Deputy GC  
City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32312 Phone number: 850-245-1023  
Employment Dates: 7 / 11 / 2018 to 5 / 3 / 2019  
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR  
Hours per week: 40+ Check box if Volunteer work:  Ending Salary: \$77,000  
Position Title: Senior Attorney  
Primary Duties: Prosecutor for the Florida Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers; reviewed complaints against licensed and unlicensed surveyors; provided legal counsel to the Office of Energy and Division of Consumer Services; provided public records training to new employees and supervisors; researched ethics issues for the Department; drafted bill analyses for legislative affairs.

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: Accepted Deputy General Counsel position at FDEM.



**Next Previous Employer**

Employer: Florida Office of Public Counsel Supervisor: JR Kelly  
Address: 111 W. Madison Street Rm 812 Supervisor's Title: Public Counsel  
City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32399 Phone number: 850-488-9330  
Employment Dates: 3 / 18 / 2011 to 7 / 10 / 2018  
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR  
Hours per week: 40+ Check box if Volunteer work:  Ending Salary: \$72,000  
Position Title: Associate Public Counsel  
Primary Duties: Provided legal representation for the Citizens of the State of Florida before the Florida Public Service Commission; litigated more than 20 complex administrative law cases involving requests for utility rate increases in the Electric, Water, and Wastewater industries; supervised summer internship / mentoring program; worked extensively on water quality issues affecting ratepayers.

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: Accepted Senior Attorney Position with FDACS

**Next Previous Employer**

Employer: Florid Public Service Commission Supervisor: Jennifer Crawford  
Address: 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Supervisor's Title: Supervising Attorney  
City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32399 Phone number: unknown  
Employment Dates: 5 / 1 / 2008 to 3 / 17 / 2011  
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR  
Hours per week: 40+ Check box if Volunteer work:  Ending Salary: \$53,000  
Position Title: Senior Attorney  
Primary Duties: Advised the Commissioners in complex administrative law rate setting proceedings; reviewed determination of electric need applications; reviewed tariffs in Electric, Gas, and Water / Wastewater dockets; issued discovery; conducted depositions and administrative hearings; researched legal issues; prepared legal pleadings, recommended orders, & final orders; assisted in drafting rules; provided Ch.112 ethics opinions to Commissioners

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: Accepted Associate Public Counsel Position with OPC

**Next Previous Employer**

Employer: First District Court of Appeal, Office of Judge Paul Hawkes Supervisor: Judge Paul Hawkes  
Address: 2000 Drayton Dr Supervisor's Title: Judge  
City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, FL 32311 Phone number: 850-488-6151  
Employment Dates: 8 / 21 / 2006 to 4 / 30 / 2008  
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR  
Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_ Check box if Volunteer work:  Ending Salary: \$48,000  
Position Title: Judicial Law Clerk / JA  
Primary Duties: Prepared case summaries and bench memoranda; attended oral arguments and case conferences; assisted in the drafting of opinions and orders; served as law clerk representative on the courthouse's building committee; managed internal newsletters about new courthouse project; reviewed and edited the draft DMS contract with architect for the courthouse.

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: Accepted Senior Attorney position with FPSC

## RELATIVES

Please list the names and relationships of relatives\* who are a member of the Legislature, a legislative employee, a lobbyist, a member of the Florida Cabinet or the Governor, a key Cabinet aide, the head of an executive branch department or an appointed secretary or executive director.

Name: N/A Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

\*"Relative" is defined as: Father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister.

## LEGAL HISTORY

A criminal history record check will be conducted prior to hiring.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OR PLED NOLO CONTENDERE TO A FELONY OR A FIRST DEGREE MISDEMEANOR? A conviction includes a plea of guilty, a guilty verdict, or finding of guilt, regardless of whether the sentence is imposed or adjudication is withheld. YES  NO

If "YES", what were the charges?

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Where were you convicted (city and state)? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Conviction: \_\_\_\_\_

A "YES" answer to this question will not automatically bar you from employment. The nature, job-relatedness, severity and date of the offense in relation to the position for which you are applying are considered [see §112.011, F.S.].

## REFERENCES

Please list three references excluding relatives and former employers. Include the name, phone number, and email address.

Name	Phone	Email
1. Douglas Moore, Esq	██████████	duglasmoore@gmail.com
2. Jon Dinges	██████████	Jolodinges@gmail.com
3. Steven Hall, Esq.	██████████	Steven.Hall@fdacs.gov

## EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY

The Florida Legislature hires only U.S. citizens and lawfully authorized alien workers. If hired you will be required to provide identification and either proof of citizenship or proof of authorization to work in the U.S.

Are you legally eligible to work in the United States? YES  NO

## EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE

Are you a current or former law enforcement officer, other covered employee\*\*, or the spouse or child of one, whose information is exempt from public records disclosure under section 119.071(4)(d), Florida Statutes? YES  NO

\*\*Other covered jobs include but are not limited to: correctional and correctional probation officers, firefighters, certain judges, assistant state attorneys, state attorneys, assistant and statewide prosecutors, personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement, and certain investigators in the Department of Children and Families [see§ 119.071.F.S.].

## SELECTIVE SERVICE

Section 110,1128, Florida Statutes, prohibits employment by the State (including re-hire after a break in service) of any male born after October 1, 1962, who failed to register with the Selective Service System, under the provisions of the U.S. Military Selective Service Act, during the person's period of eligibility (ages 18 through 25). Additionally, if currently employed by the State, this law prohibits the promotion of such person.

IF YOU ARE A MALE BORN AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1962, HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE SELECTIVE SERVICE OR DO YOU HAVE PROOF OF AN EXEMPTION FROM THIS REQUIREMENT (DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUIRED)?

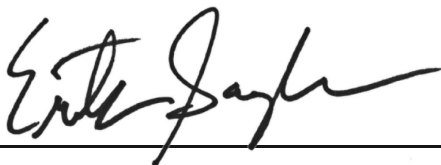
YES  NO  Not Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

## AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION

I hereby authorize the Florida Legislature to verify all information contained in this application and supplement hereto. I consent to the release of any information regarding my eligibility for legislative employment by employers, educational institutions, law enforcement agencies, personal references or other organizations.

I certify that the above statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that any misrepresentations or false statements made by me on this application, or any supplement hereto, may be grounds for immediate discharge and/or rejection from consideration for further employment. If employed, I understand that my employment and compensation can be terminated with or without cause and with or without notice at any time at the option of either the Legislature or myself.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 03/06/2023

*Manual or electronic signatures are accepted.  
All employment applications, pursuant to legislative policy, are available for review by the public.*

# ERIK SAYLER

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## EXPERIENCE

Previously represented the Citizens of the State of Florida before the Florida Public Service Commission in over twenty utility rate cases from 2011 to 2018. Currently, Supervising Attorney for the Department of Economic Opportunity, specializing in the areas of contracts, grants, procurement, disaster recovery, and public records. Served as Deputy General Counsel, Chief Ethics Officer, and Rulemaking Coordinator for the Florida Division of Emergency Management during the first twelve months of the State's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Served as Legal Counsel to the Florida Office of Energy and Prosecutor for the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Served as Senior Attorney for the Florida Public Service Commission. Served as a Judicial Law Clerk to Judge Paul Hawkes at the First District Court of Appeal. Served as a Legislative Fellow with the Florida House of Representatives. Considerable experience with Florida Statutes, Chapter 366 (Public Utilities), Chapter 367 (Water and Wastewater Utilities), Chapter 112 (Ethics), Chapter 119 (Public Records), and Chapter 287 (Procurement); Florida Certified Contract Manager (FCCM) (2020); Master's in Business Administration (MBA) (2019); and appellate law and legislative experience.

## PUBLIC COUNSEL

**Florida Office of Public Counsel**  
*Associate Public Counsel*

*Tallahassee, Florida*  
*March 2011 – July 2018*

*Duties:* Provided legal representation for the Citizens of the State of Florida before the Florida Public Service Commission; litigated more than 20 complex administrative utility rate increases in the Electric, Water, and Wastewater industries; conducted numerous depositions; drafted two appellate briefs, securing reversal on one issue in each appeal; intervened in two circuit court actions; researched various administrative law and legislative issues; negotiated, reviewed, and supervised expert witnesses and managed their contracts; managed the development and drafting of pre-filed expert witness testimony; drafted and responded to discovery requests; helped negotiate and draft more than five rate case settlements involving hundreds of millions of dollars; advanced policy and legal positions advantageous for the Citizens of Florida before the utility regulatory commission.

### *Notable Utility Cases*

- Lead attorney in a high-profile state-wide water and wastewater rate case involving more than 34,000 customers (2017); drafted initial and reply brief in the appeal to the First District Court of Appeal.
  - Lead attorney investigating the extraordinary costs of electric utilities' natural gas financial hedging activities; the electric utilities entered into a settlement to end the practice (2015-2017).
  - Lead attorney in a high profile wastewater rate case in Stock Island / Key West, advocating for customers; received favorable rate decision by the FPSC (2016).
  - Lead attorney in the Utilities, Inc. of Summertree water quality of service issues (2013-2016), liaising with state and local elected officials, advising customers of their rights, mediating between the utility and customers, and successfully achieving a satisfactory resolution to the case.
  - Lead attorney arguing the successful appeal of the denial of the Office of Public Counsel's request for Declaratory Statement. *See Citizens v. Fla. PSC*, 164 So. 3d 058 (Fla. 1DCA 2015); Case No. 1D14-3868.
  - Second chair attorney and lead cost of capital attorney in 2016 Florida Power & Light rate case; participated in final settlement negotiations to bring about positive resolution of the case.
  - Lead attorney on the Florida Power & Light Company's proposed multi-billion-dollar natural gas pipeline project (2013) and natural gas reserves investment petition (2014).
  - Second chair attorney on the Duke Energy Florida, Inc. comprehensive multi-year settlements regarding the delamination of Crystal River Unit 3 (CR3) and cancellation of the proposed Levy Nuclear Project (2013).
  - Lead attorney on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Goals-Setting proceeding, involving all major investor-owned electric utilities in Florida (2014).
  - Lead attorney in the investigation into the accounting practices of Utilities, Inc., a nation-wide water and wastewater utility with numerous utility systems across Florida (2014).
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# ERIK SAYLER

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## AGENCY

### **Florida Department of Economic Opportunity**

*Supervising Attorney*

*Duties:* Assist the General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel in providing supervision, training, evaluation, and support for the Office of General Counsel; provide legal counsel to various Department divisions on various issues and matters, including developing policies, drafting and reviewing agreements, and reviewing and interpreting both federal and state laws and regulations; assist with Department procurement and contracting activities by providing legal opinions, developing procurement documents, and drafting and reviewing contracts to ensure they satisfy applicable state and federal requirements and provide adequate risk reduction for the Department; supervise the Public Records Coordinator including reviewing production of public records requests for responsiveness; review, as needed, pending legislation for the Office of Legislative Affairs.

*Tallahassee, Florida*

*March 2021 – Present*

### **Florida Division of Emergency Management**

*Deputy General Counsel and Chief Ethics Officer*

*Duties:* Provided legal counsel to the Director and executive leadership team; supervised the legal department; ensured that the Division was in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations; provided legal review of all contracts, leases, purchase orders, memorandums of understanding, and memorandums of agreement; drafted and reviewed administrative rules and proposed legislation; served as Rulemaking Coordinator; filed responses with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Florida Commission on Human Relations; coordinated directly with the Executive Office of the Governor in the drafting of Emergency Management-related Executive orders and requests for Presidential disaster declarations under the Stafford Act; acquired knowledge of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations 200 (Grants and Agreements) and Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Emergency Management and Assistance); supervised review of and responses to public record requests; served as Public Records Coordinator and Chief Ethics Officer.

*Tallahassee, Florida*

*May 2019 – March 2021*

### **Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

*Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel*

*Duties:* Prosecutor for the Florida Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers; reviewed complaints for probable cause against licensed and unlicensed surveyors; provided legal counsel to the Office of Energy and Division of Consumer Services; provided public records training to new employees and supervisors; researched ethics issues for the Department; drafted bill analyses for legislative affairs.

*Tallahassee, Florida*

*July 2018 – May 2019*

## REGULATORY

### **Florida Public Service Commission**

*Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel*

*Duties:* Advised the Commissioners in complex administrative law rate setting proceedings; reviewed determination of electric need applications; reviewed tariffs in Electric, Gas, and Water and Wastewater dockets; issued discovery; conducted depositions and administrative hearings; researched legal issues; prepared legal pleadings, recommended orders, and final orders; assisted in drafting and amending administrative rules; provided ethical opinions to Commissioners consistent with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

*Tallahassee, Florida*

*May 2008 – March 2011*

## LEGISLATIVE

### **Florida House of Representatives**

*Staff, House Rules and Calendar Council*

*Duties:* Analyzed proposed legislation; researched legal issues for the Council Director and Chairman; tracked House and Senate companion bills; vetted proposed Ceremonial Resolutions of the House of Representatives.

*Tallahassee, Florida*

*January 2006 – May 2006*

*House Legislative Fellow, Insurance Committee*

*Duties:* Analyzed bills; handled constituent issues; researched legal issues for the Staff Director and Committee Members; founded the House Fellow Leadership lunch series which facilitated informational meetings with State political leaders.

*September 2004 – May 2005*

## APPELLATE

### **Florida First District Court of Appeal**

*Judicial Law Clerk, Office of Judge Paul M. Hawkes*

*Duties:* Prepared case summaries and bench memoranda; attended oral arguments and case conferences; assisted in the drafting of opinions and orders; served as law clerk representative on the courthouse's building committee; managed internal newsletters about new courthouse project; reviewed and edited the draft DMS contract with architect for the courthouse.

*Tallahassee, Florida*

*August 2006 – April 2008*

# ERIK SAYLER

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## BAR MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATIONS

The Florida Bar - Admitted 2006  
The New York State Bar - Admitted 2008  
Florida Certified Contract Manager (FCCM) – Awarded 2020

## EDUCATION

The Florida State University College of Business  
Master of Business Administration, *Dean's List, Phi Kappa Phi* May 2019

The Florida State University College of Law - Juris Doctor, *cum laude* May 2006

University of Florida - Bachelor of Arts in History & Minor in Business, *with Honors, Phi Beta Kappa* April 1994

## PUBLICATIONS

*"A Brief History of Florida's Energy Efficiency Goals Under the FEECA Statute - Part 1,"* by Erik L. Saylor. Published in the ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE LAW SECTION REPORTER of The Florida Bar, Vol. XXXIX, No. 1, October 2018.

*"FEECA Goal Setting Through The Decades - A Brief History of Florida's Energy Efficiency Goals Under the FEECA Statute – Part II,"* by Erik L. Saylor. Published in the ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE LAW SECTION REPORTER OF The Florida Bar, Vol. XXXIX, No. 2, January 2019.

## ADDITIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)  
*Intern, Office of the Prosecutor* The Hague, Netherlands  
August – November 2005

Supreme Court of Florida  
*Judicial Intern, Office of Justice Harry Lee Anstead* Tallahassee, Florida  
May – August 2005

## MISCELLANEOUS LEGAL

Federalist Society, Law School Chapter  
*Vice-President – 1L & 2L years* FSU College of Law  
2003-04 & 2004-05

Republican Law Student Association  
*Member* FSU College of Law  
Election 2004

Federalist Society, Florida Chapter Conferences 2014, 2019, 2020, & 2022

Republican Lawyers Election Day Operations  
*Supervisor of Elections and Poll Watching Activities* Leon County, Florida  
November 2018 & 2022

Florida Recount Republican Attorney  
*Recount Attorney Volunteer* Leon County, Florida  
November 2018

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/ INTERESTS / HOBBIES

Tallahassee Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, Inc.  
*Past President & Member of Police Ball Committee* Tallahassee, Florida  
February 2010 – January 2014

Capital Area Gator Club  
*Past Board Member* Tallahassee, Florida  
2015-2016, 2016-2017

Active in my local church; raising four future adults; cooking & devising new recipes; renovating my house; yard work; and travel.

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# ERIK SAYLER

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March 6, 2023

Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight

Dear Chairman Gruters, Chairman LaMarca, and Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight:

Thank you for considering my application for the position of Public Counsel. Based on my background and years of consumer advocacy experience, I believe that I am the best choice for this position.

My resume demonstrates that I have more than 16 years of legal and leadership experience, including seven years of faithfully representing the Citizens of the State of Florida with the Office of Public Counsel, with an additional three years at the Public Service Commission. More recently, I have served nearly four years in Governor DeSantis' Administration: currently I am a Supervising Attorney with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), and I served for two years as the Deputy General Counsel of the Division of Emergency Management (DEM).

During my seven-year tenure as an Associate Public Counsel in the Office of Public Counsel, I was privileged to represent the Citizens of this State in numerous water, wastewater, natural gas, and electric utility rate cases. I served as the lead attorney in several high-profile, state-wide water and wastewater cases involving Utilities, Inc. of Florida. I was also the lead attorney investigating the extraordinary costs of electric utilities' natural gas financial hedging activities; this wasteful practice was eventually ended through settlements with the various electric utilities. In two separate appeals to the First District Court of Appeal I also served as lead attorney; in both cases, the briefs and oral arguments secured reversals of Commission decisions in favor of consumers. Please see my attached *curriculum vitae* (CV) which describes my time with the Office of Public Counsel in more detail.

While working full-time for the Office of Public Counsel, I also began my Masters in Business Administration degree which I completed in May 2019. As my varied career demonstrates, I enjoy the challenge of learning new areas of the law and new industries. I look forward to continued service to the Citizens of the State of Florida as the next Public Counsel.

In closing, I would welcome the opportunity to interview for the position of Public Counsel at your convenience and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very respectfully,

Erik Sayler

Enclosure: *Curriculum vitae*

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## **Brown, Jackie**

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**From:** EL Sayler <elsayler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 06, 2023 10:16 PM  
**To:** Brown, Jackie  
**Cc:** Office of Legislative Services Human Resources  
**Subject:** Erik Sayler application, cover letter, and CV for the position of Public Counsel  
**Attachments:** Erik Sayler\_Cover Letter\_Public Counsel\_20230306.pdf; Erik Sayler\_Public Counsel\_CV Resume\_20230306.pdf; Erik Sayler\_Public Counsel\_Application\_Signed\_20230306.pdf

Good evening Ms. Brown,

Please find attached my application, cover letter, and curriculum vitae/resume for the position of Public Counsel.

I may supplement my application with a few letters of recommendation to be submitted within the next few days.

If you need any additional information, please let me know.


Thank you for your consideration.

Very Respectfully,

Erik Sayler



## Updated References

Name	Phone	Email
Commissioner Douglas Moore, Esq., Bay County, Florida	[REDACTED]	<a href="mailto:doug@thepanhandlegroup.com">doug@thepanhandlegroup.com</a>
Jon M. Dinges, P.E. Regional Water Resources Lead Black & Veatch Corporation	[REDACTED]	<a href="mailto:DingesJ@bv.com">DingesJ@bv.com</a> 
Honorable Steven Hall, Esq., General Counsel Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	[REDACTED]	<a href="mailto:Steven.Hall@fdacs.gov">Steven.Hall@fdacs.gov</a>
<b>Additional References</b>		
Edwin H. Moore, Ph.D., retired President of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida	[REDACTED]	<a href="mailto:edhmoore@gmail.com">edhmoore@gmail.com</a>
Honorable Matthew Z. Leopold, Esq., former General Counsel United States Environmental Protection Agency Partner at Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP	[REDACTED]	<a href="mailto:mleopold@HuntonAK.com">mleopold@HuntonAK.com</a>



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March 12, 2023

Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight  
Senator Joe Gruters, Chairman  
Representative Chip LaMarca, Chairman

**In re: Letter of Recommendation for Erik Sayler**

It is with great pleasure and without any hesitation that I recommend Erik Sayler for appointment as Public Counsel.

I have known Erik for over 25 years and am uniquely familiar with his professional experience, abilities, interpersonal skills, and most importantly, his character and temperament, all of which make him ideally suited to serve as Public Counsel.

Erik has the necessary experience and qualifications to best represent Florida citizens, having already diligently served at length in both the Office of Public Counsel and at the Public Service commission.

Erik maintains the highest of ethical standards and can be truly counted on to serve as Public Counsel with excellence. Lastly, Erik is a man of well-anchored and time honored conservative principles who has the wisdom to professionally discern corporate overreach and the courage and advocacy skills to in turn represent Florida Citizens.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Corcoran, Esq.

Jon M. Dinges

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April 2, 2023

Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight

Senator Joe Gruters, Chair  
Representative Chip LaMarca, Chair

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Mr. Erik Sayler as Public Counsel

Having known Erik for over five years, I am confident that Erik will service the citizens of the State of Florida with professionalism, integrity, and excellence as Public Counsel and I wholeheartedly recommend Erik to you. Erik is distinguished by his character as a man of faith committed to upholding truth and working hard to achieve the goals of his assignments. It is from his impeccable character that Erik performs his work and cares for his family, church, community, and state.

I know Erik has extensive prior experience in representing the Citizens of the State of Florida before the Florida Public Service Commission. In our many conversations over the years, I have always been impressed by Erik's deep knowledge of applicable laws and his ability to apply his knowledge and experience in his work. Erik also demonstrates extensive skills in communication and interaction with others. He is a calm, cool, and deliberate thinker and I know he will perform the duties of this assignment with excellence.

I am confident that Erik is the right choice for Public Counsel. Our great State of Florida will benefit significantly from having Erik in this role. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jon M. Dinges

March 29, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I give my recommendation for Erik Sayler for appointment to Public Counsel. As the CEO of the Florida Health Care Association, I represent over 86% of Florida's nursing centers and thousands of long term care professionals who are responsible for caring for our state's frail elders.

I believe Erik has the experience and expertise to best represent the citizens of Florida. He maintains strong ethical standards, is well respected by his peers and his character is of the highest caliber. I judge that based on the honesty, integrity and diligence that I have witnessed over the course of my career during which I have known Erik.

I am confident in Erik's abilities to handle the responsibilities of Public Counsel, including any challenges and opportunities that may come with this highly-regarded position. I believe he has the strength to succeed and will represent the office and the State of Florida well.

Please feel free to call me with any questions that you might have.

Sincerely,



J. Emmett Reed, CAE  
Chief Executive Officer



# THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

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(850) 488-6803 • FAX (850) 488-0780  
olshrs@leg.state.fl.us



## APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle) Seidel, Erik Paul	(Prior)	HOME / CELLULAR TELEPHONE [REDACTED]
MAILING ADDRESS [REDACTED]		BUSINESS TELEPHONE
CITY, STATE, COUNTY, ZIP [REDACTED]		EMAIL ADDRESS erikleadership@yahoo.com
POSITION APPLIED FOR: <u>Attorney (Senate Committee on Criminal Justice)</u>		
DATE AVAILABLE: <u>March 15, 2023</u> COUNTY PREFERENCE: _____		

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Please initial each of the three statements below to acknowledge you have read and understand before submitting your application for employment.

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### OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

A candidate hired by the Florida Legislature is required to obtain prior approval for outside employment. If your request for approval is denied, you will have to resign from your outside employment in order to remain employed by the Legislature. EPS

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# EDUCATION

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INDICATE highest grade completed:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

GED

College 1 2 3 4 5

Graduate School 1 2 3 4 5

SCHOOL	DID YOU GRADUATE?		NAME AND ADDRESS	MAJOR / MINOR	DEGREE RECEIVED	MONTH/ YEAR GRADUATED	IF NO DEGREE, # OF HRS. EARNED	
	YES	NO					QTR	SEM
High School	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fordham Preparatory School 441 E Fordham Rd, Bronx, NY 10458		H.S.			
College/ University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manhattan College 4513 Manhattan College Pkwy, Riverdale, NY 10471,	Organizational Management	B.S.			
Graduate/ Professional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	New York Law School 185 West Broadway New York, NY 10013	Law	J.D.			
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	New York City Police Academy 215 E 20th St., New York, NY 10003					

**LICENSES • CERTIFICATIONS • SPECIAL SKILLS**

Please indicate typing, computer/word-processing skills, foreign language proficiency, professional or occupational licensure you currently possess. Please provide a copy of certifications and licensures with the application.

Licensed attorney in Florida, New York and New Jersey.

Has any disciplinary action ever been taken against your certificate or license?    YES     NO

# EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Describe your work experience in detail, beginning with your current or most recent job. Include military service (indicate rank) and job-related volunteer work, if applicable. Use a separate block to describe each position or gap in employment. If needed, attach additional sheets, using the same format as on the application.

**\*\*All information in this section must be completed. Resumes may be attached to provide additional information but completion of this form is required.\*\***

## Present or Most Recent Employer

If currently employed, may we contact your employer? Yes  No

Employer: Florida State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit Supervisor: Al Johnson  
Address: 401 N. Dixie Highway Supervisor's Title: Chief Assistant State Attorney  
City, State, Zip: West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Phone number: 561-355-7422  
Employment Dates: 06 / 22 / 2023 to      /      /       
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR  
Hours per week: 50 Check box if Volunteer work:  Ending Salary: 65000  
Position Title: Assistant State Attorney  
Primary Duties: Criminal Prosecutor / Trial Attorney

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: I am looking to expand into State Government.

## Next Previous Employer

Employer: New York City Police Department Supervisor: Kerry Sweet  
Address: 1 Police Plaza Supervisor's Title: Commanding Officer - Legal Bureau  
City, State, Zip: New York, NY 10010 Phone number:       
Employment Dates: 08 / 31 / 1998 to 11 / 05 / 2018  
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR  
Hours per week: 50 Check box if Volunteer work:  Ending Salary: 160000  
Position Title: Commanding Officer, Civil Litigation Unit  
Primary Duties: Primary liaison between the NYPD and the New York City Law Department. Received World Trade Center breast bar.

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: Retired after 20 years of service.

## Next Previous Employer

Employer: RELTEC Supervisor: Anthony Rubano  
Address: 1 World Trade Center Supervisor's Title: Project Manager  
City, State, Zip: New York, NY 10007 Phone number:       
Employment Dates: 10 /      / 1996 to 08 / 30 / 1998  
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR  
Hours per week: 40 Check box if Volunteer work:  Ending Salary: 50000  
Position Title: Powerplant Installer  
Primary Duties: Installed powerplants in Verizon central office buildings.

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: Joined the NYPD.

**Next Previous Employer**

Employer: U.S. Air Force Supervisor: John McKee  
Address: Tinker AFB Supervisor's Title: Master Sergeant  
City, State, Zip: Oklahoma City, OK 73145 Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employment Dates: 09 / 10 / 1992 to 09 / 09 / 1996  
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR  
Hours per week: 40 Check box if Volunteer work:  Ending Salary: 35000  
Position Title: AWACS Radar Specialist  
Primary Duties: Maintained AWACS aircraft radar system. Received Southwest Asia Service Medal for operations in the region. Received Humanitarian Service Medal for work with Red Cross during Oklahoma City bombing.

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: Honorably Discharged after 4 years service.

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Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor's Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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## RELATIVES

Please list the names and relationships of relatives\* who are a member of the Legislature, a legislative employee, a lobbyist, a member of the Florida Cabinet or the Governor, a key Cabinet aide, the head of an executive branch department or an appointed secretary or executive director.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

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## LEGAL HISTORY

A criminal history record check will be conducted prior to hiring.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OR PLED NOLO CONTENDERE TO A FELONY OR A FIRST DEGREE MISDEMEANOR? A conviction includes a plea of guilty, a guilty verdict, or finding of guilt, regardless of whether the sentence is imposed or adjudication is withheld. YES  NO

If "YES", what were the charges?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where were you convicted (city and state)? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Conviction: \_\_\_\_\_

A "YES" answer to this question will not automatically bar you from employment. The nature, job-relatedness, severity and date of the offense in relation to the position for which you are applying are considered [see §112.011, F.S.].

## REFERENCES

Please list three references excluding relatives and former employers. Include the name, phone number, and email address.

Name	Phone	Email
1. Anthony Crowell	██████████	anthony.crowell@nyls.edu
2. Al Johnson	██████████	ajohnson@sa15.org
3. Kerry Sweet	██████████	kerry.sweet@nypd.org

## EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY

The Florida Legislature hires only U.S. citizens and lawfully authorized alien workers. If hired you will be required to provide identification and either proof of citizenship or proof of authorization to work in the U.S.

Are you legally eligible to work in the United States? YES  NO

## EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE

Are you a current or former law enforcement officer, other covered employee\*\*, or the spouse or child of one, whose information is exempt from public records disclosure under section 119.071(4)(d), Florida Statutes? YES  NO

\*\*Other covered jobs include but are not limited to: correctional and correctional probation officers, firefighters, certain judges, assistant state attorneys, state attorneys, assistant and statewide prosecutors, personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement, and certain investigators in the Department of Children and Families [see§ 119.071.F.S.].

## SELECTIVE SERVICE

Section 110,1128, Florida Statutes, prohibits employment by the State (including re-hire after a break in service) of any male born after October 1, 1962, who failed to register with the Selective Service System, under the provisions of the U.S. Military Selective Service Act, during the person's period of eligibility (ages 18 through 25). Additionally, if currently employed by the State, this law prohibits the promotion of such person.

IF YOU ARE A MALE BORN AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1962, HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE SELECTIVE SERVICE OR DO YOU HAVE PROOF OF AN EXEMPTION FROM THIS REQUIREMENT (DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUIRED)?

YES  NO  Not Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

## AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION

I hereby authorize the Florida Legislature to verify all information contained in this application and supplement hereto. I consent to the release of any information regarding my eligibility for legislative employment by employers, educational institutions, law enforcement agencies, personal references or other organizations.

I certify that the above statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that any misrepresentations or false statements made by me on this application, or any supplement hereto, may be grounds for immediate discharge and/or rejection from consideration for further employment. If employed, I understand that my employment and compensation can be terminated with or without cause and with or without notice at any time at the option of either the Legislature or myself.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ **Erik Paul Seidel** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 02/10/2023

*Manual or electronic signatures are accepted.  
All employment applications, pursuant to legislative policy, are available for review by the public.*

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## Executive Legal Manager

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### Proven Leader Accomplishing Goals Through Delegation & Accountability In All Levels Of Management

Experienced investigator and manager with integrity, critical legal thinking and strict confidentiality. Decision making based in compliance with Federal and State regulations, along with policy changes and current events. Extensive experience in managing and investigating cases in a large, high-pressure municipal environment. Efficiently interprets laws and regulations with corresponding case law. Versatile and proactive leader who effectively motivates and leads teams through change and challenges to improve broad organizational efficiencies. Proven track record implementing large organizational change, strengthening cross-functional collaboration and streamlining operations. Collaborative strategist who envisions and executes solutions with urgency across all levels of the organization. Dynamic team leader with expertise in Program Management, Training & Development, Cross-Functional Collaborative Leadership, & Customer Service. Dedicated to self-improvement and proactively identifying opportunities through analysis of data to increase operational efficiencies and develop personnel.

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### CORE COMPETENCIES

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ◆ Licensed Attorney        | ◆ Critical Legal Thinking    | ◆ Investigative Manager     |
| ◆ FINRA Public Arbitrator  | ◆ Law Enforcement Management | ◆ Organizational Change     |
| ◆ Legal Department Manager | ◆ Staff Team Development     | ◆ Conflict Resolution       |
| ◆ Legal Writing & Research | ◆ Internal Investigations    | ◆ Inter-Agency Coordination |

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Assistant State Attorney, Palm Beach County, FL** *2022 - Present*

**Seidel Civil Rights Defense Firm, PLLC, Boca Raton, FL** *2021 - 2022*

**New York City Police Department, New York City, NY** *1998 - 2018*

**Lieutenant Commanding Officer - Civil Litigation Unit, Legal Bureau (2011 - 2018)**

***Selected Achievements:***

- ◆ Positioned as the chief liaison for the NYPD in the Office of the NYC Corporation Counsel, advising and training executives and attorneys on police policy, procedures and forms.
- ◆ Served as Commanding Officer of the Civil Litigation Unit, assisting the NYC Law Department in defending Civil Rights claims against the NYPD in Federal and State Courts, conducting investigations and gathering evidence.
- ◆ Managed a diverse investigative unit consisting of 25 supervisors, detectives, and civilian investigators.
- ◆ Drafted and filed legal motions and memoranda in NYC courts and commissions in support of NYPD's positions, including with EEO, FOIA and the City Civil Service Commission.
- ◆ Resolved administrative and personnel issues for the command including FMLA, employee relations, work assignments, scheduling, performance evaluations, overtime, and discipline.
- ◆ Facilitated regular team meetings to report investigative case status updates and delegated diverse assignments, while providing additional guidance, training, and support to expedite project completion.
- ◆ Drafted, revised, and reviewed Patrol Guide procedures based on adherence to Federal, State, and Local laws, political environment, policy changes and current events to effectively direct how police officers respond various situations.

# Erik Paul Seidel, Esq.

- ◆ Managed process improvements by establishing necessary policy & procedures, directly decreasing production time by 30% when demand increased by 16% YTD, while managing a diverse team of 25 supervisors and investigators.
- ◆ Implemented successful organizational change by coordinating with inter-departmental units and external agencies and procuring workspace, resources and training, resulting in streamlined efficiency in respond to customer demands.
- ◆ Proactively identified cost-saving opportunities and maximized available resources, leading to necessary reduction in unit staffing by 16%, while reducing \$480,000 in average annual salary costs.
- ◆ Motivated, trained, and developed cross-functional staff and teams by providing regular professional development opportunities, regular feedback and support, helping to improve broad capabilities into a one-stop facility.
- ◆ Collaborated in leadership meetings by reviewing policy for mitigating risk of patrol practices based on new Body Worn Camera evidence, resulting in over 60% increase in favorable decisions or settlements where utilized.

## ***Internal Affairs Investigator & Patrol Supervisor (2008 - 2011)***

- ◆ Investigated Internal Affairs allegations of corruption by NYPD employees, maintaining strict confidentiality on sensitive and newsworthy issues and demonstrating loyalty and commitment while representing the organization.
- ◆ Conducted over 100 formal recorded interviews of NYPD personnel in the presence of counsel, as well as witnesses, and gathered evidence to properly prosecute corruption and misconduct cases.
- ◆ Lead a team of 8 police officers by setting clear objectives, monitoring and evaluating performance and productivity on patrol, and overseeing performance evaluations, overtime, commendations, discipline and injury reports.

## ***Crime Analysis Officer / Patrol Officer (1998-2008)***

- ◆ Utilized Compstat data to track and reduce crime trends and participated in regular Compstat accountability meetings with precinct commanders to report and explain spikes in crime data to Police Commissioner and Chief of Patrol.

## **RELTEC, New York, NY - Telecommunications Power Plant Installer**

**1996 - 1998**

## **U.S. Air Force, Oklahoma City, OK - Airborne Warning & Control Systems (AWACS) Radar Specialist 1992 - 1996**

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## **EDUCATION**

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**Juris Doctor**, *New York Law School – Relevant Courses: Criminal Law & Procedure, White Collar Crime, Corporations, Constitutional Law, Evidence, Contracts, Civil Procedure, Administrative Law*

**Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management**, *Manhattan College, Summa Cum Laude*

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## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & AWARDS**

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**Professional Licenses/Certifications:** *Licensed Attorney in Florida (1032810), New York (5961230) & New Jersey (368282021), FINRA Public Arbitrator (A66378) FINRA Basic Arbitrator & Expungement Course, NYPD Advanced Leadership Course, Internal Affairs Investigators Course*

**Awards:** *NYPD World Trade Center Brest Bar, USAF Southwest Asia Service Medal & Humanitarian Service Medal*

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## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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**Computer Programs:** *Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, CLIO, Rocket Matter*

**Information Systems:** *LexisNexis, Westlaw, Federal and State Legal Research Sites, Law Manager, Compstat*

**CORRECTION TO DD FORM 214,  
CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY**

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) SEIDEL, ERIK PAUL	2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH AIR FORCE -- REG AF	3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (Also, Service Number if applicable) [REDACTED]
4. MAILING ADDRESS (Include ZIP Code) [REDACTED]		

5. ORIGINAL DD FORM 214 IS CORRECTED AS INDICATED BELOW:

ITEM NO.	CORRECTED TO READ
13	SEPARATION DATE ON DD FORM 214 BEING CORRECTED 9 Sep 1996 ADD: SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE MEDAL WITH ONE BRONZE SERVICE STAR; ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL NOTHING FOLLOWS

6. DATE (YYYYMMDD)  20060824	7. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN			d. SIGNATURE  <i>Timothy L. Goad</i>
	a. TYPED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) GOAD, TIMOTHY L.	b. GRADE GS-11	c. TITLE CHIEF, SYSTEMS SUPPORT BRANCH	



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4.a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK <b>SRA</b>	4.b. PAY GRADE <b>E4</b>	5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYMMDD) [REDACTED]	6. RESERVE OBLIG. TERM. DATE Year 2000   Month JUL   Day 14		
7.a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY <b>BRONX, NY</b>		7.b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known) <b>BRONX, NY</b>			
8.a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND <b>552 CRS (AFMC)</b>		8.b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED <b>TINKER AFB OK</b>			
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED <b>ANG, STATE OF NEW YORK</b>			10. SGLI COVERAGE <input type="checkbox"/> None Amount: \$ 200,000		
11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.) <b>2A154 - ABN WARNING &amp; CON RADAR JRNYMN 4 YEARS.</b>		12. RECORD OF SERVICE			
		a. Date Entered AD This Period	1992	Sep	10
		b. Separation Date This Period	1996	Sep	09
		c. Net Active Service This Period	04	00	00
		d. Total Prior Active Service	00	00	00
		e. Total Prior Inactive Service	00	01	26
		f. Foreign Service	00	00	00
		g. Sea Service	00	00	00
		h. Effective Date of Pay Grade	1995	Sep	10
13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service) <b>AF OUTSTANDING UNIT AWD, AF GOOD CONDUCT MDL, HUMANITARIAN SVC MDL, NAT DEF SVC MDL, AF TRNG RBN</b>					
14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year completed) <b>BASIC MILITARY TRNG, 6 WEEKS, SEP 92</b>					
15.a. MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		Yes	No	15.b. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT	
			X	Yes	No
				X	
16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID				10.5	
17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
18. REMARKS <b>SUBJECT TO RECALL TO ACTIVE DUTY AND/OR ANNUAL SCREENING. SERVED 10 SEP 92 TP 9 SEP 96 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/STORM. MEMBER HAS COMPLETED FIRST FULL TERM OF SERVICE.</b> -----NOTHING FOLLOWS-----					
<i>Data herein are subject to computer matching within DoD or with other agencies for verification purposes and determining eligibility or compliance for Federal benefits.</i>					
19.a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Include Zip Code) [REDACTED]			19.b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include Zip Code) [REDACTED]		
20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 BE SENT TO NY OHL OF VET AFFAIRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		22. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title and signature) <b>JON W. ELLIS, TSGT, USAF NCOIC, SEPARATIONS/RETIREMENTS</b>			
21. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER BEING SEPARATED <b>MEMBER UNAVAILABLE TO SIGN</b>					
<b>SPECIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (For use by authorized agencies only)</b>					
23. TYPE OF SEPARATION <b>RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY</b>		24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Include upgrades) <b>HONORABLE</b>			
25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY <b>API 36-3208</b>		26. SEPARATION CODE <b>MBK</b>		27. REENTRY CODE <b>11</b>	
28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION <b>COMPLETION OF REQUIRED ACTIVE SERVICE</b>				30. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 Initials	
29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD <b>NONE</b>					



**DEAR TALENT MANAGER AT THE FLORIDA SENATE,**

I look forward to the opportunity to serve as Public Counsel for the Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight, where I can share my vision, energy, and 21 years of experience in the management of law enforcement. My entire professional life has been in criminal justice and upholding and enforcing the law. I am a master at multi-tasking to achieve various objectives of superiors while working toward an overall organizational plan. I am also a proven catalyst of change, using KPI's to identify and implement self-initiated process improvements. I developed my expertise in government having learned from world-class leaders of the New York City Police Department, where I retired as the Commanding Officer of the Legal Bureau's Civil Litigation Unit. I was involved in decision making with the Deputy Commissioner of Legal Matters, assistant commissioners, and the upper echelon of executives from the New York City Law Department. There I served as the NYPD's liaison in the NYC Law Department Offices while managing an investigative unit comprised of 30 diverse supervisors, investigators and civilian employees. Additionally, I have created and provided training programs to NYC Law Department executives and attorneys on police policy and procedures, and advised on case theories in defending Federal and State civil rights claims, strengthening my legal skills and focusing my decision making on risk mitigation and liability. I am a proven leader who uses collaboration to create an environment where all levels of the management team feel that they are process owners, and therefore invested in achieving goals of C-suite executives and elected officials. I will make an immediate impact in City management using this style and fostering relationships with the heads of the Doral city agencies, as well as State and Federal partners, ensuring lines of communication are always open and flowing both ways. My vast and proven experiences, along with my law licenses (I am licensed in Florida, New York and New Jersey), education and organizational management degree, make me an ideal candidate for this position, and ensures that I will ensure my chosen home state of Florida stays a safe place to live, visit and do business.

My adult life has been spent in public service. I am currently an Assistant state Attorney for the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Florida, where I serve as a criminal prosecutor and trial attorney. My dedication to public service began with the Air Force and culminated with the NYPD. My twenty-year career steadily progressed upward, earning positions of increasing trust and responsibility. In fact, last year I was one of twelve finalists for the position of Inspector General for Miami-Dade. As a Sergeant, I volunteered to investigate Internal Affairs corruption and misconduct cases against officers, maintaining public trust and ensuring the integrity of the Department. I was promoted to Lieutenant and was accepted at the prestigious Legal Bureau as an in-house counsel after graduating from New York Law School. There, I filed motions in defense against FOIA requests, EEO complaints and Civil Service Commission complaints. I have worked on changing Patrol Guide procedures which direct the daily operations of all members of the NYPD, to comport with changes in the law for Disorderly Conduct, *Stop Question & Frisk*, as well as for Legal Bureau requests for evidence. I was then promoted to the executive position of Commanding Officer of the Civil Litigation Unit, where I worked for the last six years of my career. As a result, I am experienced in working with and fostering relationships with C-Suite executives from differing agencies to accomplish objectives.

These experiences have prepared me to excel in this challenging new position. My Juris Doctor degree and law licenses form the basis of my critical legal thinking, which I apply to all decision making. I also hold an organizational management degree which focused on creating change at the organizational level. I wrote an undergraduate thesis in Effecting Changes in Police Training. While working in a Commander position, I identified, planned and managed an organizational change within the Police Action Litigation Section of the NYPD. Working with the NYPD, NYC Corporation Counsel, and NYC Department of Buildings, I merged three separate units into one unit under my command, cross-training employees and managers and creating a cross-functional unit with vastly more capabilities. In doing this, I increased efficiency by 30% while cutting almost \$500K in salary costs while operating lean.

Rising through the ranks of the NYPD has honed my real-time decision making and disaster response procedures, responding to the 9/11 attacks, hurricane Sandy and several civil disorders, including Occupy Wall Street. My management style is grounded in critical legal thinking, while always considering external factors such as compliance with Federal and State laws, changes in policy, current events and mitigation of potential lawsuits. As an Attorney for the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, I intend to immediately review current operating procedures and to institute the changes necessary to make an immediate impact and support the work of our Legislature.

While my experience and abilities are exceptional, they would be nothing if I did not have the requisite character traits of loyalty, integrity, critical legal thinking, and adherence to strict confidentiality necessary to be a successful Senate staff attorney. My skill at identifying corruption will also be of great benefit to the efficient functioning of City agencies. I have a keen eye for identifying and combatting fraud, waste and abuse. My current experience as a prosecutor is further proof of the solid moral and ethical foundation I possess, which guides me through my decision making process. As a lifelong and continuous learner, I will rapidly learn the culture and processes necessary to make an immediate impact. My versatile skillset and proven real-time problem solving capabilities transcend any particular job description and they will bring great value to the Florida Legislature as Public Counsel for the Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight. Thank you for your consideration.

Most Sincerely,

*Erik Paul Seidel*

Erik Paul Seidel, Esq.



# THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

Human Resources  
Suite 701, Claude Pepper Building  
111 W. Madison Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400  
(850) 488-6803 • FAX (850) 488-0780  
olshrs@leg.state.fl.us

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle) Trierweiler, Walt L.	(Prior)	HOME / CELLULAR TELEPHONE [REDACTED]
MAILING ADDRESS [REDACTED]		BUSINESS TELEPHONE (850) 413-6584
CITY, STATE, COUNTY, ZIP [REDACTED]		EMAIL ADDRESS wltrier@centurylink.net
POSITION APPLIED FOR: Public Counsel		
DATE AVAILABLE: <u>February 20, 2023</u> COUNTY PREFERENCE: Leon		

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1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12   
 GED   
 College   
 1  2  3  4  5   
 Graduate School   
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SCHOOL	DID YOU GRADUATE?		NAME AND ADDRESS	MAJOR / MINOR	DEGREE RECEIVED	MONTH/ YEAR GRADUATED	IF NO DEGREE, # OF HRS. EARNED	
	YES	NO					QTR	SEM
High School	<input checked="" type="radio"/>		James S. Rickards High School, 3013 Jim Lee Road, Tallahassee, FL	High School Diploma				
College/ University	<input checked="" type="radio"/>		Florida State University	Political Science/Military Science	Bachelor of Science	April, 1984		
Graduate/ Professional	<input checked="" type="radio"/>		Florida State University College of Law	Law	Juris Doctor	May, 1991		
Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>		The University of Virginia School of Law	Law	Master of Laws	May, 2004		

**LICENSES • CERTIFICATIONS • SPECIAL SKILLS**

Please indicate typing, computer/word-processing skills, foreign language proficiency, professional or occupational licensure you currently possess. Please provide a copy of certifications and licensures with the application.

Member of the Florida Bar since 1991. Certified to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. Previously certified to practice before 3 U.S. District Courts, and U.S. military courts. Previously certified as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for both civil and criminal trials. Certified for Capital Litigation by the U.S. Naval Justice School in Providence, Rhode Island.  
 I received with my first Master of Laws degree from the accredited U.S. Army Judge Advocate Center and School, with a Certification in Criminal Law. I completed the FEMA Leaders Course at the Joint Force Headquarters/National Capital Region and the Federal Employee Managers Course, at Ft. Belvoir, VA. I completed many U.S. Army leadership development courses to include: the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Combined Arms Services and Staff School, and the U.S. Army Ranger course.

Has any disciplinary action ever been taken against your certificate or license?    YES    NO     \_

# EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Describe your work experience in detail, beginning with your current or most recent job. Include military service (indicate rank) and job-related volunteer work, if applicable. Use a separate block to describe each position or gap in employment. If needed, attach additional sheets, using the same format as on the application.

**\*\*All information in this section must be completed. Resumes may be attached to provide additional information but completion of this form is required.\*\***

## Present or Most Recent Employer

If currently employed, may we contact your employer? Yes  No

Employer: Florida Public Service Commission.

Supervisor: Keith C. Hetrick

Address: 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard

Supervisor's Title: General Counsel

City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0850

Phone number: (850) 413-6189

Employment Dates: June / 15 / 2016 to / /  
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR

Hours per week: 40-50 Check box if Volunteer work:

Ending Salary: 75,979

Position Title: Senior Attorney

Primary Duties: I have litigated 6 large rate cases as the Lead Attorney for Commission Staff. In one docket, we consolidated 27 water and wastewater utilities. I have also served as lead for: the 2022 Storm Protection Plan dockets, Florida's largest solar programs, a contested territorial dispute, storm costs recovery cases, the Conservation Clause, and staff assisted water and wastewater cases. I also mentor our new litigation attorneys and law clerks.

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: I am currently employed as a Senior Attorney at the Florida PSC. I am seeking the Office of Public Counsel, which represents an excellent opportunity, commensurate with my skills and experience, to continue to serve the citizens of the State of Florida in a position of greater responsibility.

## Next Previous Employer

Employer: Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Supervisor: Patrick Cunningham

Address: 2601 Blairstone Road

Supervisor's Title: Deputy General Counsel

City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, Florida, 323990-027

Phone number: 850-488-8500

Employment Dates: April / 1 / 2011 to June / 14 / 2016  
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR

Hours per week: 40-50 Check box if Volunteer work:

Ending Salary: 55,728

Position Title: SENIOR ATTORNEY

Primary Duties: As the Senior Prosecutor for Community Association Managers, I eliminated a large case backlog by 84%. As Prosecutor, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco for N. Florida, I lead joint prosecutions and disciplinary proceedings for license violations involving the sale of synthetic marijuana and tax fraud. As a Condominium Attorney, I handled licensing issues and complaints. Other supervisors: DBPR Secretary, Ken Lawson, and Joe Helton.

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: To accept a position of greater responsibility at the PSC.

## Next Previous Employer

Employer: The Cicchetti Law Firm

Supervisor: Tammy Cicchetti

Address: 1709 Hermitage Blvd

Supervisor's Title: Partner/Owner

City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, Florida, 32308

Phone number: (850)671-1890

Employment Dates: May / 1 / 2008 to Feb. / 28 / 2011  
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR

Hours per week: 50-60 Check box if Volunteer work:

Ending Salary: 85,000

Position Title: Litigation attorney

Primary Duties: Litigated personal injury and wrongful death cases involving premises, commercial carrier, and auto liability claims for insurance defense firm representing GEICO, Travelers, Farm Bureau, and USAA. Responsible for conducting pretrial discovery, depositions, motions, and jury trials.

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: When Ms. Cicchetti announced the need to reduce her staff of 5 attorneys and to increase the work hours for those who stayed, I volunteered to be the first to go. I was grateful for the experience, but found the work unfulfilling. I wanted to return to government service.

**Next Previous Employer**

Employer: U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps  
Address: U.S. Army Claims Service, 4411 Llewellyn Ave.  
City, State, Zip: Fort George G Meade, Maryland, 20755  
Employment Dates: Feb / 1 / 1992 to May / 1 / 2008  
Hours per week: 40-50 Check box if Volunteer work: Ending Salary: 86,908  
Position Title: Chief, U.S. Tort Claims Section  
Primary Duties: My JAG career reflected the normal progression of supervisory roles of increasing responsibility to include: Chief, U.S. Torts; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Mil. District of Washington/JTF-NCR; Center Judge Advocate, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; Senior Defense Counsel, Germany; Procurement Fraud Lit./Pentagon 9/11 Response Cell; Chief, MILOPS, and Chief, Criminal Law, Army Central Command.

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: After 20 years of combined active service, I retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. I moved back home to Tallahassee with my family and accepted a position in an Insurance Defense Litigation firm.

**Next Previous Employer**

Employer: Young, van Assenderp, and Anderson, P.A.,  
Address: 225 S Adams St, Suite 200  
City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, Florida, 32302  
Employment Dates: Sep. / 9 / 1989 to Jan / 31 / 1992  
Hours per week: 20-40 Check box if Volunteer work: Ending Salary: 40,000  
Position Title: Law clerk while in law school and then as a full time associate until I could return to the Army as a JAG.  
Primary Duties: Conducted legal and legislative history searches, and prepared legal documents in support of the permitting and development of large planned communities and commercial properties throughout Florida. Terrific attorneys and staff. Great job experience.

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: I returned to the U.S. Army as a JAG Captain.

**Next Previous Employer**

Employer: U.S. Army Berlin Brigade  
Address: 6/502nd Infantry Battalion, McNair Barracks  
City, State, Zip: West Berlin, FRG  
Employment Dates: May / 1 / 1984 to Sep. / 15 / 1988  
Hours per week: 80 Check box if Volunteer work: Ending Salary: 26,964  
Position Title: Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer  
Primary Duties: I prepared my soldiers to accomplish all assigned missions, while stationed in the complex political environment of West Berlin. Conducted training deployments to West Germany. Conducted Wall Patrols, Quick Reaction Force operations, and Spandau Prison Guard detail as OIC. Conducted joint training with the British Forces and Polizei. British Forces Liaison Officer to 2 regiments. Army Marathon and Combat Cross Country teams.

Reason for leaving or seeking other employment: While attending the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, I was selected as an alternate for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Although there was a good chance I would be selected the following year, I was allowed to resign to attend law school after completing the course.

## RELATIVES

Please list the names and relationships of relatives\* who are a member of the Legislature, a legislative employee, a lobbyist, a member of the Florida Cabinet or the Governor, a key Cabinet aide, the head of an executive branch department or an appointed secretary or executive director.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Relative\*\*** is defined as: Father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister.

## LEGAL HISTORY

A criminal history record check will be conducted prior to hiring.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OR PLED NOLO CONTENDERE TO A FELONY OR A FIRST DEGREE MISDEMEANOR? A conviction includes a plea of guilty, a guilty verdict, or finding of guilt, regardless of whether the sentence is imposed or adjudication is withheld.      YES    \_ NO \_ ● \_

If "YES", what were the charges?

Where were you convicted (city and state)? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Conviction: \_\_\_\_\_

A "YES" answer to this question will not automatically bar you from employment. The nature, job-relatedness, severity and date of the offense in relation to the position for which you are applying are considered [see §112.011, F.S.].

Name	Phone	Email
1. Judge L. Clayton "Clay" Roberts	██████████	robertsc@1dca.org
2. Commissioner Julie Brown	██████████	Julie.brown@fgcc.gov
3. Mr. Scott McPherson, former CO-CIO	██████████	Scottwmcpherson@earthlink.net



## EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY

The Florida Legislature hires only U.S. citizens and lawfully authorized alien workers. If hired you will be required to provide identification and either proof of citizenship or proof of authorization to work in the U.S.

Are you legally eligible to work in the United States? YES  NO

## EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE

Are you a current or former law enforcement officer, other covered employee\*\*, or the spouse or child of one, whose information is exempt from public records disclosure under section 119.071(4)(d), Florida Statutes? YES  NO

\*\*Other covered jobs include but are not limited to: correctional and correctional probation officers, firefighters, certain judges, assistant state attorneys, state attorneys, assistant and statewide prosecutors, personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement, and certain investigators in the Department of Children and Families [see§ 119.071.F.S.].

## SELECTIVE SERVICE

Section 110,1128, Florida Statutes, prohibits employment by the State (including re-hire after a break in service) of any male born after October 1, 1962, who failed to register with the Selective Service System, under the provisions of the U.S. Military Selective Service Act, during the person's period of eligibility (ages 18 through 25). Additionally, if currently employed by the State, this law prohibits the promotion of such person.

IF YOU ARE A MALE BORN AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1962, HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE SELECTIVE SERVICE OR DO YOU HAVE PROOF OF AN EXEMPTION FROM THIS REQUIREMENT (DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUIRED)?

YES  NO  Not Applicable

## AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION

I hereby authorize the Florida Legislature to verify all information contained in this application and supplement hereto. I consent to the release of any information regarding my eligibility for legislative employment by employers, educational institutions, law enforcement agencies, personal references or other organizations.

I certify that the above statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that any misrepresentations or false statements made by me on this application, or any supplement hereto, may be grounds for immediate discharge and/or rejection from consideration for further employment. If employed, I understand that my employment and compensation can be terminated with or without cause and with or without notice at any time at the option of either the Legislature or myself.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

February 7, 2023

*Manual or electronic signatures are accepted.*

*All employment applications, pursuant to legislative policy, are available for review by the public.*

## CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) TRIERWEILER, WALTER LEE		2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH ARMY/RA/JA		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]					
4a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK LTC	b. PAY GRADE O05	5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD) [REDACTED]	6. RESERVE OBLIGATION TERMINATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) 00000000						
7a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA		b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known) [REDACTED]							
8a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND U S ARMY CLAIMS SVC OF JA			b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED FORT MEADE, MD 20755-5076						
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED N/A				10. SGLI COVERAGE <input type="checkbox"/> NONE AMOUNT: \$400,000.00					
11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.) 27A 5S JUDGE ADVOCATE GEN - 15 YRS 6 MOS//11A INFANTRY - 23 YRS 6 MOS//NOTHING FOLLOWS		12. RECORD OF SERVICE		YEAR(S)	MONTH(S)	DAY(S)			
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		b. SEPARATION DATE THIS PERIOD		2008	07	31			
		c. NET ACTIVE SERVICE THIS PERIOD		0009	03	03			
		d. TOTAL PRIOR ACTIVE SERVICE		0011	06	15			
		e. TOTAL PRIOR INACTIVE SERVICE		0003	05	15			
		f. FOREIGN SERVICE		0005	02	06			
		g. SEA SERVICE		0000	00	00			
		h. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PAY GRADE		2005	03	01			
13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service) MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (5TH AWARD)//ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (2ND AWARD)//ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (2ND AWARD)//ARMY SUPERIOR UNIT AWD//ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL//NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL (2ND AWARD)//ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (2ND AWARD)//SOUTH WEST ASIA SERVICE MEDAL//CONT IN BLOCK 18		14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year completed) AIRBORNE, 1983//C&GS COLLEGE NON-RES, 2004// COMB ARMS SVC STF SCH, 1997//INF OFF ADVANCED, 1995//INF OFF BASIC, 1984//JA OFF GRAD CRSE, 2000//JUDGE ADVOC OFF BASIC, 1992//NBC OFFICER, 1985//RANGER CRS, 1984//TRNG DEVELP CRS, 1994//NOTHING FOLLOWS							
15a. MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM				YES	X	NO			
b. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT		X		YES		NO			
16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID 6	17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION			YES	NO	X			
18. REMARKS SUBJECT TO ACTIVE DUTY RECALL BY THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY//SERVED IN A DESIGNATED IMMINENT DANGER PAY AREA//SERVICE IN KUWAIT 19980215-19980402//SERVICE IN SOMALIA 19930110-19930324 //MEMBER HAS COMPLETED FIRST FULL TERM OF SERVICE//CONT FROM BLOCK 13: //GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL//ARMY SERVICE RIBBON//OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON//NATO MEDAL//EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE//RANGER TAB//PARACHUTIST BADGE//NOTHING FOLLOWS									
The information contained herein is subject to computer matching within the Department of Defense or with any other affected Federal or non-Federal agency for verification purposes and to determine eligibility for, and/or continued compliance with, the requirements of a Federal benefit program.									
19a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Include ZIP Code) [REDACTED]			b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include ZIP Code) [REDACTED]						
20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 6 BE SENT TO		FL		DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS		X	YES		NO
21. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER BEING SEPARATED Walter L. Triewiler			22. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title and signature) AMANDA D CORNELIUS, SFC, NCOIC PERS PROC BR						

## SPECIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (For use by authorized agencies only)

23. TYPE OF SEPARATION RETIREMENT		24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Include upgrades) HONORABLE	
25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY AR 600-8-24, PARA 6-13C (1)		26. SEPARATION CODE RBD	27. REENTRY CODE NA
28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION SUFFICIENT SERVICE FOR RETIREMENT			
29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD (YYYYMMDD) NONE			30. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 (Initials) WLT

# WALT TRIERWEILER

wltrier@centurylink.net

Cell: [REDACTED]  
Office: (850)413-6584

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## Professional Experience

*Florida Public Service Commission, Tallahassee, FL. June 2016-Current*

Senior Attorney: Lead counsel for these rate cases in 2021-2022: **Duke Energy Florida, Utilities Inc. of Florida, and Florida City Gas.** Co-Counsel for 2021 **Tampa Electric Company's** rate case. Lead for **Florida Power & Light Company's SolarTogether Program, Gulf Power Company's Hurricane Michael Storm Recovery, Peoples Gas vs. Leesburg (The Villages Territorial Dispute), the 2022 Storm Protection Plan** dockets, and **Tampa Electric Company's Solar Programs.**

*Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Tallahassee, FL. April 2011-June 2016*

Senior Regulatory Attorney: **Condominiums, Timeshares, Mobile Homes, and Community Association Managers (CAMs):** Co-established Condo/CAM Task Force. Cleared large backlog of hundreds of CAM misconduct cases. **Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco:** Conducted joint prosecutions for license violations associated with Panama City Spring Break, and the sale of synthetic marijuana/bath salts ("Spice").

*The Cicchetti Law Firm, Tallahassee, FL. May 2008-February 2011*

Litigation Attorney: State and Federal personal injury/wrongful death cases involving premises, commercial carrier, and auto liability claims for insurance defense firm representing **GEICO, Travelers, USAA, and Farm Bureau.** Positive results achieved at jury trial, mediation, hearings, and depositions.

*United States Army Officer, Worldwide 1992-2008*

JAG: Lieutenant Colonel (retired). Served in active duty assignments of increased responsibility. Final 3 assignments: **U.S. Tort Claims, Chief Counsel; U.S. Army Military District of Washington/JTF National Capital Region, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate; Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Judge Advocate.**

*INFANTRY: Lieutenant - Captain, West Berlin, Germany. 1984-1988*

Platoon Leader x2, Company XO, S-3 Air. Wall Patrol, Spandau Prison Detail and British Liaison Officer.

**Battle Staff, Chief Legal Advisor/MILOPS/ROE/Plans/Joint Target Review: Crisis Action Center/Post 911 Response Cell, the Pentagon. Kuwait. Somalia. Investigations/Prosecutions: Officer Misconduct Cases and Khobar Towers Bombing, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Officer Misconduct at Abu Ghraib Prison, Washington, D.C. Supervising Criminal Defense Counsel: felony trials and hearings in: Germany, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Italy. Liability Defense: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Hurricane Katrina.**

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## Education

*University of Virginia, School of Law, LL.M. 2004. Focus: Health Law.*

*The Judge Advocate General's Center and School, LL.M. 2000. Certification: Criminal Law.*

*Florida State University, College of Law, J.D. 1991. Mock Trial Team Captain. Moot Court. Partnership for Public Service Fellowship. Certified Trial Intern. Prosecutions in: Tallahassee, Monticello, and Apalachicola.*

*Florida State University, B.S. Political Science 1984. ROTC Cadet Commander. Governor's Cabinet Intern (Honorable Bob Graham). University President's Award, ODK, Gold Key, Mortar Board.*

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## Accomplishments

**Qualifications and Certifications: Capital Litigation. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Civil and Criminal, Columbus, GA. Instructor of the Quarter, Leadership Branch, U.S. Army Infantry Center. Command and General Staff College, FEMA Leaders, and Federal Employee Managers' Courses.**

**U.S. Army Airborne Ranger.**

Admitted to Florida Bar, 1991. Also Federal District Courts, Military Courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court.



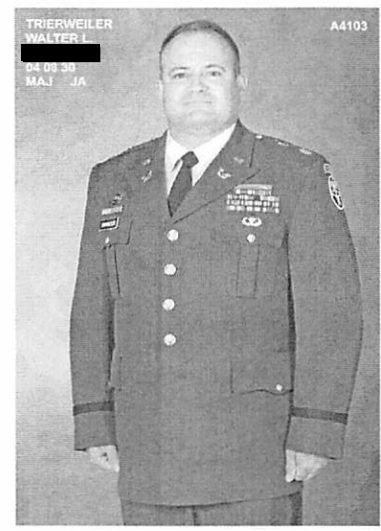
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FLORIDA /1991

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RIGHT AFL: JAG CORPS





## THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

**SENATOR JOE GRUTERS**

22nd District

**COMMITTEES:**

Regulated Industries, *Chair*  
Appropriations  
Appropriations Committee on Agriculture,  
Environment, and General Government  
Appropriations Committee on Health  
and Human Services  
Commerce and Tourism  
Community Affairs  
Transportation

**SELECT COMMITTEE:**

Select Committee on Resiliency

**JOINT COMMITTEE:**

Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight,  
*Alternating Chair*

April 11, 2023

Alternating Chair LaMarca  
525 Knott Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Alternating Chair LaMarca,

I would like to request an excused absence from Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight  
Scheduled on Thursday, April 13th due to a family obligation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

Joe Gruters

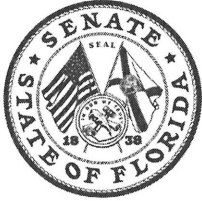
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4th District

April 11, 2023

Chair Joe Gruters  
525 Knott Building  
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Chair Gruters,

I would like to request an excused absence from Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight scheduled on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> due to a family obligation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

  
Clay Yarborough

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# CourtSmart Tag Report

**Room:** SB 110  
**Caption:** Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight Committee

**Case No.:**

**Type:**  
**Judge:**

**Started:** 4/13/2023 4:51:35 PM

**Ends:** 4/13/2023 6:26:08 PM

**Length:** 01:34:34

4:51:34 PM Chair opens meeting  
4:51:41 PM Roll Call  
4:52:09 PM Quorum is present  
4:52:29 PM Chair makes opening remarks regarding agenda  
4:53:47 PM Public Counsel candidates, Mr. Seidel & Mr. Trierweiler, are escorted to waiting room  
4:54:17 PM Mr. Erik Sayler is recognized for comments  
5:00:48 PM Open for questions  
5:01:00 PM Rep. Nixon for questions  
5:01:16 PM Mr. Sayler responds  
5:01:37 PM Rep. Nixon is recognized for a series of questions  
5:01:51 PM Mr. Sayler responds  
5:02:06 PM Rep. Nixon  
5:02:12 PM Mr. Sayler  
5:02:47 PM Rep. Nixon  
5:03:08 PM Mr. Sayler  
5:03:37 PM Rep. Nixon  
5:03:42 PM Mr. Sayler  
5:04:24 PM Sen. Thompson for questions  
5:04:33 PM Mr. Sayler responds  
5:05:28 PM Sen. Thompson  
5:05:40 PM Mr. Sayler  
5:06:40 PM Sen. Thompson  
5:06:48 PM Mr. Sayler  
5:08:10 PM Sen. Powell for questions  
5:08:18 PM Mr. Sayler  
5:09:53 PM Sen. Powell  
5:10:56 PM Mr. Sayler  
5:12:36 PM Chair LaMarca asks question  
5:13:06 PM Mr. Sayler responds  
5:13:28 PM Rep. Nixon follow-up question  
5:13:40 PM Mr. Sayler responds  
5:15:09 PM Rep. Campbell for questions  
5:15:22 PM Mr. Sayler responds  
5:15:52 PM Sen. Campbell clarifies  
5:16:04 PM Mr. Sayler responds  
5:17:01 PM Sen. Campbell follow up  
5:17:10 PM Mr. Sayler responds  
5:18:05 PM Mr. Sayler closing comments  
5:19:55 PM Chair thanks Mr. Sayler and asks that he exit  
5:20:29 PM Mr. Erik Seidel enters  
5:20:38 PM Mr. Seidel opening remarks  
5:25:38 PM Chair opens questions  
5:25:45 PM Rep. Nixon for series of questions  
5:25:58 PM Mr. Seidel responds  
5:27:24 PM Rep. Nixon follow-up  
5:28:26 PM Mr. Seidel responds  
5:29:17 PM Chair asks Rep. Nixon to clarify  
5:29:29 PM Rep. Nixon clarifies question  
5:29:45 PM Mr. Seidel responds  
5:30:23 PM Rep. Nixon  
5:31:07 PM Mr. Seidel  
5:32:29 PM Sen. Thompson for questions

5:32:43 PM Mr. Seidel responds  
5:33:15 PM Sen. Thompson  
5:34:09 PM Mr. Seidel  
5:35:51 PM sen. Thompson  
5:36:03 PM Mr. Seidel  
5:36:12 PM Sen. Powell for questions  
5:36:25 PM Mr. Seidel responds  
5:37:17 PM Sen. Powell  
5:37:37 PM Mr. Seidel  
5:38:26 PM Sen. Powell  
5:39:54 PM Mr. Seidel  
5:41:33 PM Sen. Powell  
5:42:35 PM Mr. Seidel  
5:44:25 PM Chair LaMarca for questions  
5:44:44 PM Mr. Seidel responds  
5:46:30 PM Sen. Powell for follow-up  
5:46:50 PM Mr. Seidel responds  
5:47:43 PM Sen. Powell follow up  
5:47:53 PM Mr. Seidel responds  
5:48:57 PM Chair makes remarks  
5:49:09 PM Mr. Seidel makes closing remarks  
5:50:24 PM Chair thanks Mr. Seidel and asks that he exit  
5:51:04 PM Mr. Trierweiler enters  
5:51:51 PM Mr. Trierweiler makes opening remarks  
5:56:14 PM Chair opens for questions  
5:56:24 PM Sen. Burgess for question  
6:00:42 PM Mr. Trierweiler responds  
6:03:43 PM Sen. Burgess comments  
6:03:53 PM Mr. Trierweiler responds  
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6:18:30 PM Mr. Trierweiler  
6:23:11 PM Sen. Powell  
6:23:19 PM Mr. Trierweiler  
6:24:28 PM Mr. Trierweiler closing remarks  
6:24:59 PM Chair makes remarks  
6:25:50 PM Sen. Powell moves that committee adjourn