<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TAB</th>
<th>BILL NO. and INTRODUCER</th>
<th>BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS</th>
<th>COMMITTEE ACTION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Consideration of applicants for the position of Public Counsel.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Other Related Meeting Documents
### Applicant Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAME (Last, First, Middle)</th>
<th>HOME / CELLULAR TELEPHONE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sayler, Erik Louis</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MAILING ADDRESS</th>
<th>BUSINESS TELEPHONE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>850-245-7189</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CITY, STATE, COUNTY, ZIP</th>
<th>EMAIL ADDRESS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:elsayler@gmail.com">elsayler@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>POSITION APPLIED FOR:</th>
<th>COUNTY PREFERENCE:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Public Counsel</td>
<td>Leon</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| DATE AVAILABLE: | |
|-----------------| 2 weeks notice |

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACKNOWLEDGMENTS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

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.

**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.

**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.
### EDUCATION

Pursuant to Joint Policy and to verify education, once employed you must submit an official college transcript reflecting the highest level of education and/or coursework completed or conferment of degree to Human Resources.

**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 |

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SCHOOL</th>
<th>DID YOU GRADUATE?</th>
<th>NAME AND ADDRESS</th>
<th>MAJOR / MINOR</th>
<th>DEGREE RECEIVED</th>
<th>MONTH/ YEAR GRADUATED</th>
<th>IF NO DEGREE, # OF HRS. EARNED</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>High School</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Trinity Christian Academy</td>
<td>College Prep</td>
<td>Diploma</td>
<td>April 1994</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>Jacksonville, FL</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>College/ University</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>University of Florida</td>
<td>BA History</td>
<td>BA</td>
<td>April 1994</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>Gainesville, FL</td>
<td>Minor Business</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Graduate/ Professional</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Florida State University</td>
<td>JD</td>
<td>JD</td>
<td>May 2006</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>Tallahassee, FL</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Florida State University</td>
<td>MBA</td>
<td>MBA</td>
<td>May 2019</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>Tallahassee, FL</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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 to practice law in Florida and New York. JD/MBA. Phi Beta Kappa. Phi Kappa Phi.

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 [x]  

**Employer:** Department of Economic Opportunity, Office of General Counsel  
**Supervisor:** Brandon White  

**Address:** 107 E. Madison St  
**City, State, Zip:** Tallahassee, FL 32399  
**Phone number:** 850-245-7150  

**Employment Dates:** 3 / 21 / 2021 to current  
**Hours per week:** 40+  

**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  
**City, State, Zip:** Tallahassee, FL 32399  
**Phone number:** no longer with FDEM  

**Employment Dates:** 5 / 6 / 2019 to 3 / 19 / 2021  
**Hours per week:** 40+  

**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 EO, 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  
**City, State, Zip:** Tallahassee, FL 32312  
**Phone number:** 850-245-1023  

**Employment Dates:** 7 / 11 / 2018 to 5 / 3 / 2019  
**Hours per week:** 40+  

**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.
| 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 | Ending Salary: $72,000 |
| Hours per week: 40+ | Check box if Volunteer work: □ |
| 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

| Employer: Florida 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 |
| Hours per week: 40+ | Check box if Volunteer work: □ |
| 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 docket; 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

| 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 | Ending Salary: $48,000 |
| Hours per week: | Check box if Volunteer work: □ |
| 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 CONTENDER 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Douglas Moore, Esq</td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:duglasmoore@gmail.com">duglasmoore@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Jon Dinges</td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:Jolodinges@gmail.com">Jolodinges@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Steven Hall, Esq.</td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:Steven.Hall@fdacs.gov">Steven.Hall@fdacs.gov</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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

• elsayler@gmail.com • www.linkedin.com/in/erik-sayler

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
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).
**ERIK SAYLER**

**Florida Department of Economic Opportunity**

*Supervising Attorney*  
Tallahassee, Florida  
March 2021 – Present

**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.

**Florida Division of Emergency Management**

*Deputy General Counsel and Chief Ethics Officer*  
Tallahassee, Florida  
May 2019 – March 2021

**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.

**Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

*Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel*  
Tallahassee, Florida  
July 2018 – May 2019

**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.

**Florida Public Service Commission**

*Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel*  
Tallahassee, Florida  
May 2008 – March 2011

**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.

**Florida House of Representatives**

*Staff, House Rules and Calendar Council*  
Tallahassee, Florida  
January 2006 – May 2006

**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.

*House Legislative Fellow, Insurance Committee*  
September 2004 – May 2005

**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.

**Florida First District Court of Appeal**

*Judicial Law Clerk, Office of Judge Paul M. Hawkes*  
Tallahassee, Florida  
August 2006 – April 2008

**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.
ERIK SAYLER

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


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.
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*
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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Commissioner Douglas Moore, Esq., Bay County, Florida</td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:doug@thepanhandlegroup.com">doug@thepanhandlegroup.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jon M. Dinges, P.E. Regional Water Resources Lead Black &amp; Veatch Corporation</td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:DingesJ@bv.com">DingesJ@bv.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honorable Steven Hall, Esq., General Counsel Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services</td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:Steven.Hall@fdacs.gov">Steven.Hall@fdacs.gov</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Additional References

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Edwin H. Moore, Ph.D., retired President of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida</td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:edhmoore@gmail.com">edhmoore@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honorable Matthew Z. Leopold, Esq., former General Counsel United States Environmental Protection Agency Partner at Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP</td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:mleopold@HuntonAK.com">mleopold@HuntonAK.com</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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.

538 N. Citrus Avenue, Crystal River, FL 34428
Tel. (352) 564-1600 • Fax (352) 564-1602
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

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>APPLICANT INFORMATION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NAME (Last, First, Middle)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seidel, Erik Paul</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAILING ADDRESS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CITY, STATE, COUNTY, ZIP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POSITION APPLIED FOR:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE AVAILABLE:</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACKNOWLEDGMENTS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Please initial each of the three statements below to acknowledge you have read and understand before submitting your application for employment.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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. 

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.

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.
### EDUCATION

Pursuant to Joint Policy and to verify education, once employed you must submit an official college transcript reflecting the highest level of education and/or coursework completed or conferment of degree to Human Resources.

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

**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

Address: 401 N. Dixie Highway

City, State, Zip: West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Employer: Al Johnson

Supervisor's Title: Chief Assistant State Attorney

Phone number: 561-355-7422

Employment Dates: 06 / 22 / 2023 to / / / 

Hours per week: 50 ☐

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

Address: 1 Police Plaza

City, State, Zip: New York, NY 10010

Employer: Kerry Sweet

Supervisor's Title: Commanding Officer - Legal Bureau

Phone number: 

Employment Dates: 08 / 31 / 1998 to 11 / 05 / 2018

Hours per week: 50 ☐

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

Address: 1 World Trade Center

City, State, Zip: New York, NY 10007

Employer: Anthony Rubano

Supervisor's Title: Project Manager

Phone number: 

Employment Dates: 10 / / 1996 to 08 / 30 / 1998

Hours per week: 40 ☐

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Employer:</th>
<th>U.S. Air Force</th>
<th>Supervisor:</th>
<th>John McKee</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Address:</td>
<td>Tinker AFB</td>
<td>Supervisor's Title:</td>
<td>Master Sergeant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City, State, Zip:</td>
<td>Oklahoma City, OK 73145</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hours per week:</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>Check box if Volunteer work:</td>
<td>☐</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Position Title:</td>
<td>AWACS Radar Specialist</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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. Honorably Discharged after 4 years service.

### Next Previous Employer

| Employer: | | Supervisor: | |
|-----------|----------------|-------------||
| Address:  | | Supervisor's Title: | |
| City, State, Zip: | | | |
| Employment Dates: | | | |
| Hours per week: | | Check box if Volunteer work: | ☐ | Ending Salary: | |
| Position Title: | | | |

### Next Previous Employer

| Employer: | | Supervisor: | |
|-----------|----------------|-------------||
| Address:  | | Supervisor's Title: | |
| City, State, Zip: | | | |
| Employment Dates: | | | |
| Hours per week: | | Check box if Volunteer work: | ☐ | Ending Salary: | |
| Position Title: | | | |

### Reason for leaving or seeking other employment:

- Honorably Discharged after 4 years service.
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.].

REFERENCES

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Anthony Crowell</td>
<td>[redacted]</td>
<td><a href="mailto:anthony.crowell@nyls.edu">anthony.crowell@nyls.edu</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Al Johnson</td>
<td>[redacted]</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ajohnson@sa15.org">ajohnson@sa15.org</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Kerry Sweet</td>
<td>[redacted]</td>
<td><a href="mailto:kerry.sweet@nypd.org">kerry.sweet@nypd.org</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**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: 02/10/2023

Erik Paul Seidel

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

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.

CORE COMPETENCIES

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant State Attorney, Palm Beach County, FL  
Seidel Civil Rights Defense Firm, PLLC, Boca Raton, FL  
2022 - Present  
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.


**EDUCATION**


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

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & AWARDS**

**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

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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

**Information Systems:** LexisNexis, Westlaw, Federal and State Legal Research Sites, Law Manager, Compstat
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ITEM NO.</th>
<th>13</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SEPARATION DATE ON DD FORM 214 BEING CORRECTED</td>
<td>9 Sep 1996</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADD: SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE MEDAL WITH ONE BRONZE SERVICE STAR; ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOTHING Follows</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**6. DATE**

| YYYYMMDD | 20060824 |

**7. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

| TYPED NAME | GOAD, TIMOTHY L. |
| GRADE | GS-11 |
| TITLE | CHIEF, SYSTEMS SUPPORT BRANCH |
| SIGNATURE | [Signature] |
**Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty**

**SEIDEL, ERIK PAUL**

**Department, Component and Branch**
- Air Force - REG AF

**Place of Entry Into Active Duty**
- Bronx, NY

**Last Duty Assignment and Major Command**
- 552 CRS (AFMC)

**Command to Which Transferred**
- ANG. STATE OF NEW YORK

**Primary Specialty**
- 2A1V4 - ABN Warning & Con Radar Jrnymn 4 Years

**Record of Service**
- Date Entered AD This Period: 1992 Sep 10
- Separation Date This Period: 1996 Sep 09
- Net Active Service This Period: 04 00 00
- Total Prior Active Service: 00 00 00
- Total Prior Inactive Service: 00 01 26
- Foreign Service: 00 00 00
- Sea Service: 00 00 00
- Effective Date of Pay Grade: 1995 Sep 09

**Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized**
- AF Outstanding Unit AWD, AF Good Conduct Medal, Humanitarian SVC Medal, Nat DEF SVC Medal, AF TRNG RBN

**Military Education**
- Basic Military TRNG, 6 Weeks, Sep 92

**Days Accrued Leave Paid**
- 10.5

**Remarks**
- Subject to Recall to Active Duty and/or Annual Screening. Served 10 Sep 92 to 9 Sep 96 in Support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Member Has Completed First Full Term of Service.

**Mailing Address After Separation (Include Zip Code)**

**Nearest Relative (Name and address - Include Zip Code)**
- Jon W. Ellis, TSgt, USAE, NCOIC, Separations/Retirements

**Special Additional Information**
- For use by authorized agencies only

**Type of Separation**
- Release From Active Duty

**Separation Authority**
- API 36-2208

**Narrative Reason for Separation**
- None

**Member Requests Copy 4 Earned**

**DD Form 214, NOV 88, EN**
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 15th 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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>(Last, First, Middle)</th>
<th>(Prior)</th>
<th>HOME / CELLULAR TELEPHONE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Trierweiler, Walt L.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MAILING ADDRESS</th>
<th>BUSINESS TELEPHONE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(850) 413-6584</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CITY, STATE, COUNTY, ZIP</th>
<th>EMAIL ADDRESS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:witrier@centurylink.net">witrier@centurylink.net</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

POSITION APPLIED FOR: Public Counsel

DATE AVAILABLE: February 20, 2023
COUNTY PREFERENCE: Leon

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. _WLT________

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. _WLT

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. _WLT________
# EDUCATION

Pursuant to Joint Policy and to verify education, once employed you must submit an official college transcript reflecting the highest level of education and/or coursework completed or conferment of degree to Human Resources.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SCHOOL</th>
<th>DID YOU GRADUATE?</th>
<th>NAME AND ADDRESS</th>
<th>MAJOR / MINOR</th>
<th>DEGREE RECEIVED</th>
<th>MONTH / YEAR GRADUATED</th>
<th>IF NO DEGREE, # OF HRS. EARNED</th>
<th>QTR</th>
<th>SEM</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>High School</td>
<td>YES ♦</td>
<td>James S. Rickards High School, 3013 Jim Lee Road, Tallahassee, FL</td>
<td>High School Diploma</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>College / University</td>
<td>YES ♦</td>
<td>Florida State University</td>
<td>Political Science / Military Science</td>
<td>Bachelor of Science</td>
<td>April, 1984</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Graduate / Professional</td>
<td>YES ♦</td>
<td>Florida State University College of Law</td>
<td>Law</td>
<td>Juris Doctor</td>
<td>May, 1991</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>YES ♦</td>
<td>The University of Virginia School of Law</td>
<td>Law</td>
<td>Master of Laws</td>
<td>May, 2004</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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, 32399-0860 | Phone number: (850) 413-6189 |
| Employment Dates: June / 15 / 2016 to _ / _ / _ |
| 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 Blainstone Road | Supervisor’s Title: Deputy General Counsel |
| City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-027 | Phone number: 850-488-8500 |
| Employment Dates: April / 1 / 2011 to June / 14 / 2016 |
| 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 94%. 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 Hemitage Blvd | Supervisor’s Title: Partner/Owner |
| City, State, Zip: Tallahassee, Florida, 32308 | Phone number: (850)671-1890 |
| 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  
**Supervisor:** Colonel Charles D. Hayes, Jr., U.S. Army ret  
**Supervisor’s Title:** Chief, Tort Claims Division  
**Phone number:** (301) 677-7009  
**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 Mili, District of Washington/TF-KCR, 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  
**Supervisor:** Roy Young and Ken van Assenderp  
**Supervisor’s Title:** Senior Partners  
**Phone number:** (850) 222-7206  
**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  
**Supervisor:** Lieutenant Colonel Giles Criders  
**Supervisor’s Title:** Battalion Commander  
**Phone number:** N/A  
**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 duty 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.].

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Judge L. Clayton &quot;Clay&quot; Roberts</td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:robertsc@1dca.org">robertsc@1dca.org</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Commissioner Julie Brown</td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:Julie.brown@fgcc.gov">Julie.brown@fgcc.gov</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Mr. Scott McPherson, former CO-CIO</td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:Scottwmcperson@earthlink.net">Scottwmcperson@earthlink.net</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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:** Trierweiler, Walter Lee
   - **Department, Component and Branch:** Army/RA/JA
   - **Social Security Number:** [Redacted]

4a. **Grade, Rate or Rank:** LTC
   - **Pay Grade:** 005

7a. **Place of Entry into Active Duty:** Tallahassee, Florida
   - **Home of Record at Time of Entry:** (City and state, or complete address if known)

8a. **Last Duty Assignment and Major Command:** U.S. Army Claims SVC of JA
   - **Station Where Separated:** Fort Meade, MD 20755-5076

9. **Command to Which Transferred:** N/A

11. **Primary Specialty:** 27A 5S Judge Advocate Gen - 15 yrs 6 mos // 11A Infantry - 23 yrs 6 mos // Nothing Follows

12. **Record of Service:**
   - **Date Entered Ad This Period:** 1984 04 28
   - **Separation Date This Period:** 2008 07 31
   - **Net Active Service This Period:** 0009 03 03
   - **Total Prior Active Service:** 0011 06 15
   - **Total Prior Inactive Service:** 0003 05 15
   - **Foreign Service:** 0005 02 06
   - **Sea Service:** 0000 00 00
   - **Effective Date of Pay Grade:** 2005 03 01

13. **Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized:**
   - Meritorious Service Medal (5th Award) // Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award) // Armys
   - Achievement Medal (2nd Award) // Army Superior Unit Award // 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:**

15a. **Member Contributed to Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program:** No
   - **High School Graduate or Equivalent:** Yes

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

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)
   - **Nearest Relative:** (Name and address - include ZIP Code)

20. **Member Requests Copy 6 Be Sent To:** FL
    - **Director of Veterans Affairs:** X Yes No

21. **Signature of Member Being Separated:**
    - **Official Authorized to Sign:** (Typed name, grade, title and signature)

22. **Special Additional Information:**
    - **Type of Separation:** Retirement
    - **Character of Service:** Honorable
    - **Separation Authority:** AR 600-8-24, PARA 6-13C (1)
    - **Separation Code:** RBD
    - **Reentry Code:** NA
    - **Dates of Time Lost During This Period:** None

23. **Dates of Time Lost During This Period:**
    - **Member Requests Copy 4 (Initialed):** WLT
WALT TRIERWEILER
wltrier@centurylink.net

Professional Experience

**Florida Public Service Commission, Tallahassee, FL.**  
_June 2016-Current_  

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


Education

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


**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.

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.
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
April 11, 2023

Chair Joe Gruters
525 Knott Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Chair Gruters,

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,

Clay Yarborough