



MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members
Board of County Commissioners

Date: March 1, 2005

From: Honorable Harvey Ruvin
Circuit and County Courts

Subject: Appointment of Replacement
Member to the IRP

Kay Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

Please select one nominee listed on the attached ballot to fill a vacancy on the Independent Review Panel (IRP).

Section 2-11.43 of the Miami-Dade County Code provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint one panel member from a slate of three (3) qualified persons submitted by the Miami-Dade County Bar Association.

Mr. John Thornton, Jr. resigned from his position as the Miami-Dade Bar Association's representative on the IRP on December 31, 2004. The Bar Association has submitted the names of *Michael R. Band*, *Edward I. Golden*, and *Paul M. Stokes*, as qualified candidates from which a replacement can be selected

The Bar Association's letter of recommendation and the resume of each candidate is attached for your review.

Attachments

KS:llc



ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT
Miami-Dade County, Florida

MARCH 1, 2005

INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL

APPOINTMENT TO REPLACE JOHN THORNTON, JR.
Vote (✓) for One

Michael R. Band	<input type="checkbox"/>
Edward I. Golden	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul M. Stokes	<input type="checkbox"/>

Commissioner _____
(Please sign ballot)

Commission District Number _____

HEATHER M. VIN
Chief of the Clerk and County Clerk
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 17-202
Miami, FL 33128
305-375-5126

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123 NORTHWEST FIRST AVENUE
SUITE 214
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128-1895
TELEPHONE (305) 371-2220

December 8, 2004

Clerk of the County Commission
Metropolitan Dade County
111 N. W. First Street #210
Miami, Florida 33128

Re: Independent Review Panel

Sir:

Enclosed is our letter to the County Commission with the names of our nominees for the Independent Review Panel.

We have also enclosed sufficient copies for Mayor Alvarez and each of the Commission members.

Sincerely yours,


JOHNNIE M. RIDGELY
Executive Director

Enclosures

CC: Eduardo I. Diaz, Ph.D., Executive Director

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December 8, 2004

The Honorable Joe A. Martinez
Chair, Board of County Commissioners
Metro Dade County
111 N. W. First Street, 2 Floor
Miami, Florida 33128

Re: Independent Review Panel

Dear Chairman Martinez:

It is the pleasure of the Dade County Bar Association to nominate Michael R. Band, Edward I. Golden and Paul M. Stokes for consideration by the County Commission as our representative to the Independent Review Panel.

Enclosed are biographical sketches of our three nominees. These candidates have assured us that they will furnish their social security numbers if appointed.

If you need further information, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Johnnie M. Ridgely
Executive Director

Enclosures

CC: Clerk, Board of County Commissioners
All Members, Board of County Commissioners
The Hon. Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Michael R. Band
Edward I. Golden
Paul M. Stokes
Robert J. Fiore, President DCBA

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MICHAEL R. BAND
2601 S. Bayshore Drive
Suite 1600
Miami, Florida 33133
(305) 860-7037

EDUCATION

University of Florida College of Law, J.D. 1976
University of Florida College of Arts and Sciences, B.A., 1974

PROFESSIONAL

ADORNO & YOSS, P.A.
October 2000 - present
Partner
White Collar Criminal Defense, Complex
Civil Litigation

ZACK KOSNITZKY, P.A.
January 1999 - October 2000
Partner
White Collar Criminal Defense, Complex
Civil Litigation

OFFICE of the STATE ATTORNEY
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI, FLORIDA, 1981 - 1999

Chief Assistant State Attorney (Major Crimes)
July 1993 - January 1999
Supervising the prosecution of the most complex, significant and sensitive cases
in Dade County. Responsible for the training of the legal staff. Oversight
Domestic Violence Division, Career Criminal Division.

Acting Chief Assistant State Attorney (Operations)
January 1997 - 1998
Responsibilities include supervision of County Court division, Juvenile division,
Domestic Violence division and the Child Support Enforcement division,
personnel matters including hiring, advancements, performance reviews;
legislative affairs; and overseeing a \$43 million budget

Deputy Chief Assistant State Attorney
Supervisor of the felony division of the State Attorney's Office

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Trial Attorney, Major Crimes Division
Prosecutor of complex, sensitive and capital cases

Division Chief
Prosecutor of homicide cases. Supervised a team of felony trial attorneys

Organized Crime / Public Corruption Unit
Investigation and litigation including electronic surveillance (wiretapping), grand jury investigations, public corruption

OFFICE of the UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Special Assistant United States Attorney
Trial Assistant, litigated major racketeering case; led grand jury probe of police officer related civil rights violation

OFFICE of the STATE ATTORNEY
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ORLANDO, FLORIDA, 1978 - 1981

Career criminal prosecutor; Trial attorney

Statewide Grand Jury
Assistant legal advisor (3rd and 4th Statewide Grand Jury)

INSTRUCTOR IN TRIAL ADVOCACY

Basic Prosecutor - Public Defender Course
University of Florida
Advance Prosecutor Training
Florida State University

BAR ACTIVITIES

Commissioner (former), Eleventh Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission (Governatorial appointment)

The Florida Bar Criminal Law Section; Chair (1998-1999) Executive Council, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair-elect

The Florida Bar Rules of Criminal Procedure Committee; subcommittee chair (former)

The Florida Bar Grievance Committee, Chair (former)

The Florida Bar Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee; Vice Chair

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Dade County Bar Association; Board of Directors; (executive committee), Chair of Criminal Courts Committee (former); Chair of Judicial Fall Committee (former)

Bugene P. Spellman American Inn of Court

Eleventh Judicial Circuit Committees:

- Pretrial Release
- Jail over crowding
- Court Reporter review

Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., Board of Directors

SEMINARS

Prosecutors and Defenders "Pressures and Professionalism" Ethics and Professionalism in the Pretrial Stages of Criminal Prosecution and Defense (panelist) (1996) Florida Bar Convention

National Conference of Investigative Reporters and Editors (panelist) (1995)

American Bar Association 20th National Conference on Professional Responsibility - "Ethical Obligations of Criminal Prosecutors" (panelist) (1994)

Dade County Bar Association - Lawyers and the Media (panelist) (1986)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

City of Miami Beach: Mayor's Transition Team, Mayor's Blue Ribbon Diversity Committee

Temple Beth Shalom: Vice President, Board of Trustees, School Board (chair), feeding the homeless on Miami Beach

La Gorce-Pine Tree Homeowners Association, Vice President, Board of Directors

Community Council for Jewish Elderly, Board of Directors

Jewish Community Services, Board of Directors

Anti-Defamation League, Board of Directors

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL - AV rated

WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN LAW

EDWARD I. GOLDEN

Edward I. Golden was born in New York City on December 1, 1945. He received his B.A. undergraduate degree from the University of Miami in 1966 and his juris doctorate degree from the University of Miami School of Law in May, 1977. He was admitted to The Florida Bar in April, 1978.

Mr. Golden is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Dade County Bar Association and has served on the Board in previous years; has served on numerous committees and was Chair of the Probate & Guardianship Committee of the Association from July 1, 2995 through June 30, 1998. Mr. Golden has also served on numerous committees of The Florida Bar.

He is a past president of the Hurricane Club of the University of Miami.

Mr. Golden is the senior partner of Golden & Cowan.

Stokes McMillan & Maracini P.A.

Attorneys and Paralegals

Paul M. Stokes

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Miami, FL 33131



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Position	Areas of Practice	Memberships
Education	Affiliations	

Paul M. Stokes, born on July 16, 1948, in Miami Beach, grew up in South Florida, and was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1971. He graduated from Duke University in 1968, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with a B.A. degree in history, and from the University of Chicago Law School in 1971, with a J.D. degree, Order of the Coif.

Since 1986, he has been Board Certified as a specialist in Wills, Trusts and Estates by the Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education. He is a member of the Tax Section and the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law of the Florida Bar, and a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Following law school, he served as a law clerk for the Hon. Milton Pollack, District Court Judge in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. He commenced the practice of law with the law firm of Smathers & Thompson in Miami in 1972, was later made a partner in that firm, and continued as a partner with the international firm of Kelley Drye & Warren

LLP when it merged with Smathers & Thompson in 1987. In 1999, he left Kelly Drye to form what is now Stokes McMillan & Maracini P.A.

His practice areas cover estate planning, private client services, federal estate, gift and generation skipping transfer taxes, estate administration (including decedent's estates, trust estates and guardianships), and related litigation.

His community involvement has included service on the Probate and Guardianship Committee of the ~~Dade County Bar Association~~ for which he served as chair for several years, on the Board of Directors of the Dade County Bar Association, in the Masters Program in Estate Planning at the University of Miami School of Law, as an adjunct professor, on the Permanent Judicial Council of the Tropical Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA), on the Board of Regents of Trinity International University, on the Visiting Committee of the University of Chicago Law School, and the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Miami Springs, as an Elder, and on the Board of Greater Miami Youth for Christ

Current Employment Position(s):

Attorney

Areas Of Practice:

Estate Planning
 Federal Estate and Gift Taxation
 Gift and Generation Skipping Transfer Tax
 Contested Wills
 Trust Litigation
 Estate Litigation
 Guardianships
 Private Client Services

Certifications/Specialties:

Wills, Trusts and Estates Lawyer, Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education

Bar Admissions:

Florida, 1971

Education:

University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois, 1971
 J.D., Order of the Coif

Duke University, 1968
 B.A., with a degree in history
 Honors: Magna Cum Laude
 Honors: Phi Beta Kappa

Professional Associations and Memberships:

Dade County Bar Association, 1990-1993, 1994-1996 and 1998-2001
 Board of Directors

Past Employment Positions:

Hon. Milton Pollack, District Court Judge in U.S. District Court ,
Southern District of New York, Law Clerk, 1971 - 1972

Smathers & Thompson, Partner , 1972 - 1987

Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, Partner, 1987 - 1999

Birth Information:

July 16, 1946, Miami Beach, Florida

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