



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(D)1

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss, and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 17, 2009

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Nominations for Appointment to
the Children's Trust by the
Governor

Kay M. Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

It is recommended that the Board consider the nomination of candidates for the gubernatorial appointments to the Children's Trust to fill two (2) vacancies caused by the term expirations of Josee Gregoire and Pamela Lillard.

The Board of County Commissioners' adoption of Ordinance 02-247 provides for the creation of a thirty-three (33) member Children's Trust for the purpose of funding improvements for the children of Miami-Dade County in the areas of health, development, safety, parental responsibility, community responsibility and other necessary and important children's services.

Section 2-1522 of the Code establishes that seven (7) members of the Children's Trust be appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida from a list of candidates recommended by the Board of County Commissioners. The County Commission is to submit to the Governor the names of at least three (3) persons to fill each vacancy. Therefore, the Commission is to submit the names of at least six (6) persons to the Governor to fill the two existing gubernatorial vacancies.

The Office of the Chair has received expressed interest from the following seven individuals seeking to serve as a member of the Children's Trust:

- **Pamela Godwin Lillard (incumbent)**
- **Josee Gregoire (incumbent)**
- **Joseph P. George, Jr.**
- **Hon. David Krane**
- **Prakash S. Kumar**
- **Omar Malone**
- **Dr. Johnathan W. Rose, Ph.D.**

Attached is a ballot for the Commission's use if the Board should choose to forward only six of the seven candidates to the Governor. Also attached for your information and review are copies of the resumes and letters of recommendation for each nominee.

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Attachments

COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT
Miami-Dade County, Florida

February 17, 2009

CHILDREN'S TRUST

**CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT BY GOVERNOR
(VOTE FOR SIX 6)**

Pamela Godwin Lillard (incumbent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Josee Gregoire (incumbent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph P. George	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hon. David Krane	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prakash S. Kumar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Omar Malone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Johnathan W. Rose, Ph.D.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Commissioner _____
(Please *sign ballot*)

Commission District Number _____

Pamela Godwin Lillard

Education

Miami Dade Community College

Candidate for AA degree in Social Work-graduation year 2009

Miami Dade Community College

vocational degree- Emergency Medical Tech and Firefighter
1997-98

Miami Killian Senior High

High School Diploma-Class of 83

Professional experience

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Dept

Position: Firefighter/EMT

Assigned to technical rescue truck, which includes- rope rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue, auto extrication and structural collapse; also driver certified, bike medic, Homestead Speedway certified, and airport qualified.

3/97 – current

Eric Buermann, P.A.

Miami, FL

Position: Paralegal/legal assistant

12/84 - 2/97

Larkin General Hospital

South Miami, FL

Position: PBX Operator/Visitor Relations

6/83 – 5/84

**Additional
professional/
volunteer
activities**

Women of Tomorrow (mentor & scholarship program) Miami, FL

Position: Visit various high schools monthly to motivate, inspire and empower young women to live up to their full potential through mentoring.

2004 - current

State of Florida Guardian Ad Litem Program

Position: Guardian Ad Litem, serve as an independent advocate/voice for children within the dependency/foster care system

89 - 97

People's Burn Foundation

Indiana

Position: volunteer yearly as counselor at Brave Hearts Camp (a rehabilitative week long camp for child burn survivors) Serve on the Brave Hearts Camp Committee.

8/04 - current

Voices For Children

Position: Fundraising for the benefit of abused and neglected children to ensure that every child has a Guardian Ad Litem representing them

91 - 95

Parenting and Beyond television series

Participated in two different airings of the series to discuss fire safety and hazards of carbon monoxide during fires. A series hosted by Cheryl Ladd, which explores all aspects of parenthood - the care, and development of children from conception through the teens, to adulthood

2005

Girl Scouts of America

Participated in Bal Harbor Islands & Eastern Shores Annual Mentoring Campout

Metro Dade Fire Fighters IAFF Local 1403

Position: Union Trustee

1/06 - current

**Additional
professional/
volunteer
activities**

America's Female Firefighters, Inc., a Florida non-profit corporation (mission of organization is to raise and expend funds for the benefit of burn survivors by the production of the America's Female Firefighters Calendar)

Position: Secretary/Director

2/04 - current

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department Urban Search & Rescue Task Force (FL-TF1)

Position: Rescue Specialist/Canine Handler

11/98 - current

Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations

Position: Real Estate Sales Associate

8/87 - current

awards

4/92 Commendation- Outstanding Service to the Court, Guardian Ad Litem Program

7/97 Outstanding Recruit- Firefighters Local 1403

references

Joni Goodman, Director
Guardian Ad Litem Program
305.638.6861

Pam Edwards, School Liaison
Women of Tomorrow
305.371.3330

Shawn Longerich, Executive Director
People's Burn Foundation
317.685.2331

Eric Buermann, P.A.
305.577.0976

Personal

Native Floridian, Resident of Dade County 41 years
13 yr old daughter

Pamela G. Lillard
13955 SW 192 Street
Miami, FL 33177
305.799.0119
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Chairman Dennis Moss
Office of the Chair
Board of County Commissioners
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Suite 220
Miami, FL 33128

January 2, 2009

Re: Children's Trust Governing Board of Miami-Dade County

Dear Chairman Moss:

I would first like to thank the County Commissioners for its prior selection in recommending my appointment to The Children's Trust Governing Board of Miami-Dade County. It truly has been an honor to serve on this Board, and in this capacity.

Coming into the Board during a most critical time for its survival, I had to quickly learn the ropes and roll up my sleeves to help keep The Children's Trust alive and thriving for the betterment of all the citizens of Dade County. When the dust settled, it was clear that all of the hard work of our Founding Chairman David Lawrence and so many other caring people paid off. We had achieved an extraordinary milestone in the history of our community. After just five years of the Children's Trust in operation and during the most difficult economic times, the people of Miami-Dade voted to tax themselves to reauthorize The Children's Trust in perpetuity.

The New Year brings more challenges for The Children's Trust, as the economic climate has significantly impacted the budget; however the need for quality services continues to rise. The Children's Trust is hard at work once again to ensure that the people of Miami-Dade whom have given their trust are served with the highest standard of excellence.

My term will end this March, however it is my strong desire to be reappointed, and with that, I am asking for the vote of the Commissioners to once again be considered in the selection process for this reappointment.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity and am very proud to have served on The Children's Trust Governing Board of Miami-Dade County.

If I can answer any further questions or provide additional information please don't hesitate to contact me 305.799.0119.

Sincerely,

Pamela G. Lillard

cc. Shania L. Moore, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners
Muriel Jeanty, Clerk of the Board, The Children's Trust

Enclosure

Joseph P. George, Jr.

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Miami, Florida 33125

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Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel for the Third District Court of Appeal
Region for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, Florida.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS:

- The Supreme Court of the United States
- The State of Florida
- The District of Columbia
- The United States Tax Court
- The United States Court of Appeal for the Armed Forces
- The United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- Federal Bar of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

EDUCATION:

- Juris Doctor, May, 1985, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University
Birmingham, Alabama
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, March, 1977, University of Florida
- Certified Legal Guardian, 1990, Dade County

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

August, 2007-Present: Office of Criminal Conflict & Civil Regional Counsel for
the Third Region of Florida, 305-325-3000.

January, 1999-August, 2007: Private law practice, Joseph P. George, Jr., P.A., 305-670-6706.

December, 1998-January, 1999: Executive Assistant, Anthony R. Abraham Enterprises,
6600 S.W.57th Ave., Miami, FL 33143, 305-665-2222.

March, 1991-December, 1998: Court Monitor, General Master and Staff Counsel, 16th
Judicial Circuit, Monroe County Courthouse Annex,
500 Whitehead Street, Key West, FL; 305-292-3422.

SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

--Member of statewide Legal Services Subcommittee of the Task Force on Child Protection of the
Florida Department of Children & Families.

--One of nine (9) court designated attorneys in Miami-Dade County representing individuals
(minors and adults) subject to the *Baker Act* (Florida Mental Health Law) and the *Marchman Act* (Hal S.
Marchman Alcohol & Other Drug Services Act of 1993) from 2000 – 2007; legal guardian for children.

--Former general master and de jure public guardian for the 16th Judicial Circuit in a government
law practice as guardianship and mental health hearing and operations officer, judicial investigator and
legal auditor managing the probate, guardianship, mental health and substance abuse division for the
Florida State Court System for Monroe County.

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RECENT HONORS AND AWARDS

- Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel for the Third District Court of Appeal for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, appointed by the Governor
- Vice chair, Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation, appointed by Speaker of Florida House of Representatives
- Participant, Florida Statewide Drug Control Summits
- Dade County Bar Association Pro Bono “Probate and Guardianship” Award
- 11th Judicial Circuit Certificate of Appreciation for work as Guardian Advocate
- Florida Bar Certificate of Meritorious Public Service

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

--“The Hal Marchman Alcohol and Other Drug Services Act of 1993,” prepared for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Mental Health Project Jail Diversion Expansion Program and presented as part of the 40-Hour Training Course for several law enforcement agencies throughout Florida in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

--“Legal Rights of Adults,” prepared and presented for the Florida Bar Speakers Bureau.

--“How To Help Someone With A Substance Abuse Program,” prepared and presented for the Dade County Bar Association as part of the 2004 “Clergy and the Courts” lecture series.

--“Who Is the Client? – Ethics in Guardianship,” prepared and presented for the Florida Legal Education Association.

--“What A Lawyer Does,” school presentation for Florida Bar Speakers Bureau.

SOME SPECIAL INTEREST MEMBERSHIPS

- National & Florida State Guardianship Associations
- Cuban American Bar Association
- National & Florida Alliances for the Mentally Ill
- National & Florida Academies of Elder Law Attorneys
- Several specialized sections of the Florida Bar and specialized divisions of the American Bar Association (including several leadership positions).

MY PHILOSOPHY OF THE LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE

The law brings order into our lives...using the law in the service of those who are less fortunate adds a measure of equality to both the order and the lives it affects.

A complete list of Professional Experience, Memberships, Honors and Awards, Publications and Presentations is available on request.

Joseph P. George, Jr.

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

Memberships:

- Florida Department of Children & Families Legal Services Subcommittee of the Task Force on Child Protection (2008)
- Florida Office of Drug Control Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (2008)
- Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, Third District Court of Appeal Region (2007-2011)
- Miami-Dade County Mayor's Mental Health Task Force (2007)
- Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation, Vice-Chair (2003-2007)
- United States/Cuba Legal Forum (2002-2006)
- Cuban American Bar Association (CABA)(2002-2008)
- Florida Supreme Court Commission on Fairness Guardianship Committee (1999-2003)
- Florida Statewide Public Guardianship Office (SPGO) Curriculum Committee (2000-2003)
- Director, South Florida Guardianship Association (1999-2007)
- Director, Florida State Guardianship Association (1992-1999); Chair, Standards & Ethics Committee (1992-2003); Member (2007)
- Director, Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys (1998-2000)
- Adjunct Professor, Miami-Dade Community College, Guardianship Certification Training (1999-2002)
- Adjunct Professor, Florida Keys Community College, Guardianship Certification Training (1997-1999)
- State of Florida District 11-B Health & Human Services Board (1996-1998)
- Florida Attorney General's Victims of Crime Act Review Team, Monroe County (1997-1998)
- Florida Bar-Sections: Government Lawyer – Chair (1999-2000); Real Property, Probate & Trust Law - Executive Council (2008), Probate Rules Committee and Guardianship Committee; City, County and Local Government Law; Family Law; and Elder Law - Executive Council and Guardianship Committee (1994-2003); Speakers Bureau (1997-2007)
- Florida Bar Government Lawyer Section Guardianship Education Task Force (1999-2003)
- American Bar Association (ABA)-Divisions: Government & Public Sector Lawyers; Judicial Administration; Real Property, Probate & Trust Law; Tort & Insurance Practice (1995-2008)
- Dade County Bar Association: Probate, Guardianship, Baker Act and Internal Court Procedures Committees (1994-2007); Chair, Statewide Guardianship Subcommittee (2000-2003)
- South Miami-Kendall Bar Association (1999-2008)
- National & Florida Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (1994-2008)
- Florida Guardianship Education Coalition (1996-2004)
- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (1994-2001)
- Florida Alliance for the Mentally Ill (1993-2001)
- National Guardianship Association (1994-1999)
- Operation Stand-By (1997-2008) and Operation Handshake (1998) of the Florida Bar Military Affairs Committee

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MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS (Page 2)

Awards:

- Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners Certificate of Appreciation as Mayoral Mental Health Task Force Member (2007)
- Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation Certificate of Appreciation (2007)
- Florida Statewide Drug Control Summit 2006 Participant (June 7, 2006)
- Dade County Bar Association "Put Something Back" Program Pro Bono "Probate & Guardianship" Award 2005 (May 13, 2005)
- Florida Statewide Drug Control Summit 2005 Participant (May 10, 2005)
- Eleventh Judicial Circuit Certificate of Appreciation as Guardian Advocate (February 10, 2005)
- The Florida Bar Certificate of Meritorious Public Service for Probate Rules Committee Service from 1998 – 2004 (June 24, 2004)
- Miami-Dade County Juvenile Justice Center School Certificate of Appreciation (November 2003)
- South Miami-Kendall Bar Association Certificate of Pro Bono Services (June 2003)
- Metropolitan Dade County Team Metro Citizens Academy Certificate (April 1, 2003)
- Florida State Guardianship Association Certificate of Appreciation as Ethics & Standards Committee Chair (August 2002)
- Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity Certificate of Recognition (July 2002)
- Internal Procedures Subcommittee of the Probate & Guardianship Committee of the Dade County Bar Association Exceptional Service Award (June 2002)
- Eleventh Judicial Circuit & DCBA "Clergy & The Courts 2002 Lecture Series" Certificate of Appreciation (May 2002)
- Dade County Bar Association Certificate of Merit for Volunteer Services (May 2002)
- Area Agency on Aging for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties Alliance for Aging Certificate of Appreciation for Volunteer Service (January 2002)
- Eleventh Judicial Circuit Judicial Certificate of Appreciation (June 2001)
- Dade County Bar Association Certificate of Merit (May 2001)
- Area Agency on Aging for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties Alliance for Aging Certificate of Appreciation for Volunteer Service (February 2001)
- Eleventh Judicial Circuit Judicial Certificate of Appreciation (September 2000)
- Eleventh Judicial Circuit Administrative Probate Judge Commendation (August 2000)
- The Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorney's Certificate of Appreciation (July 2000)
- ABA TIPS Program Scholarship for "Emerging Liability Issues in Schools, Nonprofits and Religious Organizations" (June 2000)
- Eleventh Judicial Circuit & DCBA "Clergy & The Courts 2000 Lecture Series" Certificate of Appreciation (June 2000)
- The Florida Bar Government Lawyer Section Outstanding Service Award (June 2000)
- Eleventh Judicial Circuit & DCBA "Put Something Back" Pro Bono Service Award (April 2000)
- Habitat for Humanity Outstanding Support Award (March 2000)

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- AARP Foundation/National Training Project/ The Florida Institute for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., and the Area Agency on Aging for District 5, "Training of Trainers Program," certification (February 2000)
- The Florida Department of Children & Families District 11-B Health & Human Services Board "Commitment To Excellence" Award (December 1998)
- The Florida State Guardianship Association "Dedicated Service" Award (1997-1998)
- Monroe County Estate Planning Council, "Best Statewide Promoter for 1998" Award (July 1998)
- Monroe County and City of Key West Mayoral "Proclamation of Elder Law Month" for the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)(May 1998)
- Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Mayor Emeritus "Save The Books Initiative" Team Commendation (1998)
- The Florida Department of Children & Families District 11-B Health & Human Services Board "Commitment To Excellence" Award (December 1997)
- The Florida State Guardianship Association "Dedicated Service" Award (1996-1997)
- Monroe County Chief Judge "Guardianship Education Training Program" Commendation (1997)
- The Florida Bar President's "Pro Bono Service" Award (1997)
- Mayoral "Proclamation of Elder Law Week" for NAELA (1997)
- Key West Rod & Gun Club Volunteer Service Award (1996)
- The Florida State Guardianship "Volunteer Service" Award (1995-1996)
- Monroe County Mayoral "Honorary Conch" Certification (1992)

Updated 12-15-08.

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PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

“The Hal S. Marchman Alcohol and Other Drug Services Act of 1993,” for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project Jail Diversion Expansion Program for the Crisis Intervention Team 40-Hour Training Course for the Miami Police Department at City of Miami Police Department (October 16, 2007).

“The Hal S. Marchman Alcohol and Other Drug Services Act of 1993,” for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project Jail Diversion Expansion Program for the Crisis Intervention Team 40-Hour Training Course for the Multi-Agency Law Enforcement Agencies at Nova University/Kendall Campus (March 29, 2007).

“The Hal S. Marchman Alcohol and Other Drug Services Act of 1993,” for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project Jail Diversion Expansion Program for the Crisis Intervention Team 40-Hour Training Course for the Pinecrest Police Department at Pinecrest, Florida (February 20, 2007).

“The Hal S. Marchman Alcohol and Other Drug Services Act of 1993,” or How to Help Someone You Know Has a Serious Substance Abuse Problem Find the Treatment He or She Needs to Stay Sober, as part of the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association Pro Bono Law Week Recognition Seminars at Coral Reef Senior High School, Miami, Florida (May 3, 2006).

“The Hal S. Marchman Alcohol and Other Drug Services Act of 1993,” for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project Jail Diversion Expansion Program for the Crisis Intervention Team 40-Hour Training Course for the Miami Beach Police Department at Miami Beach, Florida (March 23, 2006).

“The Hal S. Marchman Alcohol and Other Drug Services Act of 1993,” or How to Help Your “Party Animal” Friend Find the Treatment He or She Needs to Stay Sober, as part of the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association Pro Bono Law Week Recognition Seminars at Coral Reef Senior High School, Miami, Florida (May 2, 2005).

“Legal Rights of Adults, and A Primer on the Hal S. Marchman Alcohol & Other Drug Services Act of 1993,” for The Florida Bar Speakers Bureau, for the “Roving Leaders Alternative Educational Center” of the Miami-Dade County Public School System, at the Bethel Apostolic Temple (February 25, 2005).

“How to Help Someone With a Substance Abuse Problem,” for “The Clergy and the Courts 2004 Lecture Series,” for the 11th Judicial Circuit and Probate & Guardianship Committee of the Dade County Bar Association at the Dade County Courthouse, Miami, Florida (May 5, 2004).

“Everything I Always Wanted to Know About Civil Commitment for Substance Abuse, But Didn’t Know How to Ask,” for the program “The New Era – It’s Not Just Ethics Anymore, Issues in Ethics, Professionalism, Substance Abuse and Mental Health,,” for The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee at the Tampa Airport Marriott, Tampa, Florida (March 12, 2004).

“Who Is The Client? – Ethics in Guardianship,” for “The Guardianship Team 2004” Program for the Florida legal Education Association, Inc. (FLEA) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Tampa, Florida (February 14, 2004).

“A Primer on the Hal S. Marchman Alcohol & Other Drug Services Act of 1993,” for the South Florida Guardianship Association at the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged at Douglas Gardens, 5200 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida 33137 (February 4, 2004).

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"A Primer on the Hal S. Marchman Alcohol & Other Drug Services Act of 1993," for The Florida Bar Speakers Bureau, at the Miami-Dade County, Juvenile Justice Center School (November 26, 2003).

"A Primer on the Hal S. Marchman Alcohol & Other Drug Services Act of 1993," for the South Florida Guardianship Association at "The Maze: Turning Problems Into Solutions in Caring for our Clients," at the Jackson Plaza Assisted Living Facility (May 30, 2003).

Committee Report, "Guardianship Monitoring in Florida: Fulfilling the Court's Duty to Protect Wards," as a member of the Committee on Guardianship Monitoring of the Supreme Court Commission on Fairness (May 1, 2003).

"The Hal S. Marchman Alcohol and Other Drug Services Act of 1993," or How to Help Your "Party Animal" Friend Find the Treatment He or She Needs to Stay Sober, as part of the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association Pro Bono Law Week Recognition Seminars at Palmetto Senior High School, Pinecrest, Florida (April 29, 2003).

"Guardianship Task Force Mock Trial of In Re Pumel Dailey, Alleged Incapacitated," representing the State of Florida, for the First Annual Institute of the Alliance for Human Services for Miami-Dade County at Renaissance Miami Biscayne Bay Hotel, Miami, Florida (October 10, 2002).

"Reduced Cost Medication Programs," for "The Clergy and the Courts 2002 Lecture Series," for the 11th Judicial Circuit and Probate & Guardianship Committee of the Dade County Bar Association at the Dade County Courthouse, Miami, Florida (May 1, 2002).

"Drinkin' & Druggin' 101," as part of the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association Pro Bono Law Week Recognition Seminars at Palmetto Senior High School, Pinecrest, Florida (April 30, 2002).

"What a Lawyer Does," presentation on behalf of The Florida Bar Speaker's Bureau at Pine Lake Elementary School, Perrine, Florida (April 23, 2002).

"Government Guardianship in Florida: Ensuring Access & Protection to the Vulnerable." In ACTIONLINE, Vol. XXIII, No. 3, The Florida Bar, Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section Newsletter (Summer-Fall 2001).

"Civil and Criminal Protections for Vulnerable Adults," in the Coalition to Stop Adult Abuse of Miami-Dade County education conference on Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence at the Kovens Conference Center of Florida International University, North Campus, Miami, Florida (May 22, 2001).

"Drinkin' and Druggin' 101," as part of the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association Pro Bono Law Week Recognition Seminars at Palmetto Senior High School, Pinecrest, Florida (April 30, 2001).

"Government Guardianship in Florida: Ensuring Access & Protection to the Vulnerable," in A Collaborative Response to Elder Abuse; a program sponsored by the University of South Florida College of Public Health in cooperation with the Government Lawyer Section of the Florida Bar, at the Kovens Conference Center at Florida International University, Miami, Florida (August 14, 2000).

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"What is the Probate Process," in the "The Clergy and the Court 2000 Seminar Series," for the 11th Judicial Circuit and Probate & Guardianship Committee of the Dade County Bar Association at the Dade County Courthouse, Miami, Florida (May 25, 2000).

"The Road Less Traveled." The Government Lawyer Reporter, Vol.VII., No.3 (Spring 2000).

"Who Is The Client? – Ethics in Guardianship," panelist and presenter in "The Guardianship Team 2000" Program for the Florida Legal Education Association, Inc. (FLEA) at the Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel, Tampa, Florida (May 12, 13, 2000).

"Ethics Translates to the Bottom Line," The Florida Guardian, (March/April 2000).

"What is a Preneed Guardianship, Voluntary Guardianship and Rule 5.900-Expedited Judicial Intervention Concerning Medical Treatment Procedures?," in the "Living Wills That Work" Program at the Kovens Conference Center for The Elders Institute of the Southeast Florida Center on Aging of Florida International University (March 15, 2000).

"Poised at the Millenium." The Government Lawyer Reporter, Vol. VII., No.2 (Winter 1999).

"An American Citizens View of Our Legal System." The Government Lawyer Reporter, Vol.VII., No.1 (Fall 1999).

"Ask the Judge," Panel Discussion on Key Guardianship Issues in, "Sense & Sensitivity: The Building Blocks of Professionalism," at the Deerfield Beach Hilton, Deerfield Beach, Florida for the Florida State Guardianship Association 12th Annual Conference, (August 7, 1999)(Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach County local practices represented).

"Practicing with Professionalism in the Keys," Panel Moderator in The Keys to Professionalism, at the Holiday Inn Beachside, Key West, Florida (Sponsored by the ABA Government & Public Sector Lawyers Division, and The Florida Bar Government Lawyer Section, in cooperation with The Florida Bar Military Affairs Committee, May 7, 1999).

"10 Tips for Government Lawyers to Spurn 'Spam,'" The Government Lawyer Reporter, Vol. VI., No. 3 (Spring 1999).

"Preneed Guardianship, Voluntary Guardianship and Rule 5.900 – Expedited Judicial Intervention Concerning Medical Procedures," in Planning for Incapacity (Miami & Tampa, Florida: Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee Course Book No. 4553R, February 4, 5, 1999).

"Surcharge of Guardians-Attorney's Obligations and Guardian's Liability," at the Stetson University College of Law 12th Annual Elder Law Seminar, at the DoubleTree Resort, Miami, Florida (October 23, 1998).

"Balancing Interests in Working Together to Protect the Elderly and Disabled," at the Caregiver's Seminar Series, Florida Keys Community College, Key West, Florida (September 14, 1998).

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"Private Guardians And Public Guardians Working To Prevent Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation," at the Florida State Guardianship Association 11th Annual Conference at the Hyatt Sarasota, Sarasota, Florida (August 29, 1998).

"Ideas for Future Leadership Institutes," at the American Bar Association Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division, in partnership with the Florida Bar Government Lawyer Section, Advancing The Public Bar II: A Leadership Institute, San Francisco, California (April 25, 1998).

"Elder Law Update (How the Government Practices Elder Law)," at the Monroe County Estate Planning Council 5th Annual Symposium at the Sombrero Beach Country Club, Marathon, Florida (March 28, 1998).

"Balancing the Law, Ethics and Medicine in Treating Patients who Cannot Give Informed Consent," at the Caregiver's Seminar Series, Florida Keys Community College, Key West, Florida (March 16, 1998).

"How to Keep the Probate Lawyer Out of Jail," at the St. Thomas University School of Law Second Annual Criminal Law Symposium, co-sponsored with the Florida Bar Criminal Law Section, St. Thomas University, Miami, Florida (February 20, 1998).

"Elder Law & Guardianship in the Florida Keys," at the Monroe County Inter-Agency Council, Bachelor Officers Quarters, Trumbo Point, Key West, Florida (February 4, 1998).

"Legalities & Ethics in Caring for the Elderly," at the Caregivers Seminar Series, Florida Keys Community College, Key West, Florida (November 1997).

"Court Operations: General Probate - Issues and Answers," with Chief Judge Charles A. Davis, at the Quarterly Conference of the Florida Association of Court Clerk's and Comptroller, organized by the Florida Institute of Government at the Wyndham Harbor Island Hotel, Tampa, Florida (September 1997).

"Attorney General Clears Guardianship Fog," The Florida Guardian, Vol. 7, No. 11 (September 1997).

"Court Operations: General Probate - Clerk of the Court Function's," at the Annual Summer Conference of the Florida Association of Court Clerk's and Comptroller, organized by the Florida Institute of Government at the Omni International, Orlando, Florida (June 1997).

"Administering Florida's Probate Division - Till Death Do Us Part," at the Annual Business Meeting of the Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges at the PGA Resort & Spa, West Palm Beach, Florida (June 1997).

"The Criminalization of Medicaid Estate Planning," at the Monroe County Estate Planning Council 4th Annual Symposium at the Cheeca Lodge, Islamorada, Florida (March 1997).

"Incapacity and Guardianship," for the Barnett Bank & Trust Company program series, Wealth Protection & Estate Management on TCI Channel 5 in Key West, Florida (March 1997).

"Rights of the Ward and Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of Elderly Persons and Disabled Adults," at the First Annual Be An Angel of a Guardian, Investing in the Fabric of Our Community, Guardianship Training Seminar, Florida Keys Community College, Key West, Florida (February 1997).

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“General Masters: A Masterful Tool in Florida’s Judicial System.” The Government Lawyer Reporter, Vol.V., No.2 (Winter 1997).

“Investigate Before You Invest,” The Florida Guardian, Vol. 6, No. 4 (August/September 1996).

“Sources of Legal Ethics,” The Florida Guardian, Vol. 6, No. 2 (April/May 1996).

“Guardians Beware! A Taxonomy of Scams,” The Florida Guardian, Vol. 5, No. 11 (December 1995).

“Viatical Settlements: Investing in Death,” The Florida Guardian, Vol. 5, No. 10 (November 1995).

“A Judicial Alternative: General Masters In Guardianship And Other Involuntary Commitment Proceedings,” for the Florida State Guardianship Association 8th Annual Conference at the Harley Hotel in Orlando, Florida (October 14, 1995).

“Ethical Considerations in Guardianship,” The Florida Guardian, Vol. 5, No. 2 (March 1995).

“Guardianship, Soup to Nuts: A View from the Bench,” with Judge Gary L. Vohnof, in Beyond Guardianship - Determining and Dealing with Incapacity in Your Everyday Practice (Miami, Florida: Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee Course Book No. 7417, January, 1995).

“Ethics And Principles: Essentials of Guardianship,” for the Florida State Guardianship Association 7th Annual Conference at the Westin Hotel, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (November 5, 1994).

“The Court Monitor – Here, There, Not Everywhere (!?),” for the Florida State Guardianship Association 6th Annual Conference at the Tampa Airport Marriott, Tampa, Florida (November 5, 1993).

GUARDIANSHIP IN MONROE COUNTY: Investing in the Fabric of Society (Key West, Florida: 16th Judicial Circuit, 1991).

Updated 10-16-07.

BIOGRAPH
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JOSEPH P. GEORGE, JR., is the Criminal Conflict & Civil Regional Counsel for the Third District Court of Appeal for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties (A/K/A Regional Counsel 3 or RC3). He was formerly in private practice in Miami, Florida, from 1999 to 2007 with a focus on probate, guardianship, trusts, mental health and substance abuse law, management and litigation. From 1991 to 1998 he served as Probate and Guardianship Court Monitor, Probate and Guardianship General Master, Baker Act Special Master and Staff Counsel for the 16th Judicial Circuit, Monroe County and authored the book, "Guardianship in Monroe County, Investing in the Fabric of Society." Mr. George was an inaugural member of the Miami-Dade County Mayoral Task Force on Finding Alternatives to Jailing the Mentally Ill. Before joining the Office of Regional Counsel he was one of the nine (9) court designated attorneys serving Miami-Dade County representing individuals subject to the *Baker Act* (the "Florida Mental Health Law") and the *Marchman Act* (the "Hal S. Marchman Alcohol & Other Drug Services Act of 1993") and was Vice-Chair of the Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation created by the Florida Legislature to oversee the state's publicly funded substance abuse and mental health systems (from 2003 to 2007). He is past Chair of the Government Lawyer Section of the Florida Bar and served on the Supreme Court Commission on Fairness Guardianship Subcommittee. He is a member of the statewide Legal Services Subcommittee of the Task Force on Child Protection of the Department of Children & Families and past member of the Legislative Advocacy Committee of the statewide Health & Human Services Board of the Florida Department of Children & Families. He is a member of the Executive Council of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section and Guardianship Committee thereof. He is a member of the Dade County Bar, the South Miami-Kendall Bar and Cuban American Bar Association. He received his B.A. Degree in Psychology from the University of Florida and J.D. from Cumberland School of Law, Samford University. He is admitted to practice in Florida State and Federal courts, the United States Tax Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, in Washington, D.C. and in the Supreme Court of the United States of America.



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December 15, 2008

Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman-Elect, Miami-Dade County
Board of County Commissioners
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 320
Miami, Florida 33128

Re: Vacancy on The Children's Trust Board

Dear Commissioner Moss,

It is with great pleasure I write to recommend Regional Counsel Joseph P. George, Jr. as one of your choices for the existing gubernatorial vacancy on the Board of Directors of The Children's Trust. Joe is the recent appointee of Governor Crist to the position of Regional Counsel. He heads the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, a state agency serving the areas of Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. I work with Joe and have known him for over 10 years.

The Office of Regional Counsel deals directly with outcomes for the children by providing counsel in delinquency cases (where the public defender cannot) and dependency cases (child abuse). Based on this alone, Joe George should be on the board of The Children's Trust. But Joe George is so much more than that.

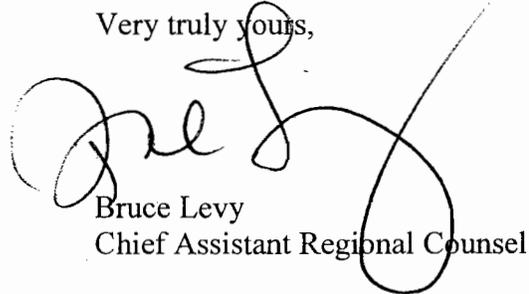
Over the years, Joe has become an expert in the areas of mental health and substance abuse; two areas critical in dealing with the problems of our children. His awards, membership and publications are evidence to the time he has devoted to his state and community.

As a former circuit judge, who served twelve years in the juvenile court, and a past member of the Children's Services Council, I feel qualified to recommend Joe for this position. His concern for the welfare of children and families is the driving force in his life and he works tirelessly for this cause. His serving on the board of The Children's Trust seems to me to be the perfect marriage of Joe's philosophy, desire and energy.

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I honestly feel Joe George would be a tremendous addition to The Children's Trust Board and ask that you give him the serious consideration he deserves.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Levy". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bruce Levy
Chief Assistant Regional Counsel

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Activities: Involved in community Development programmes,such as Environmental, Public Housing , Poverty eradication etc.,through the major NGO's.

As an erstwhile,American Red Cross volunteer,participated in assisting the affected victims of the Society,all across the Nation.

As an Independent contractor for FEMA,during hurricane"WILMA"
helped the society during the needy hours.

General: Owner-"Business Circle",-trade consult for Silk and linens

Present : Member-Miami International Press club,freelance columnist and writer.

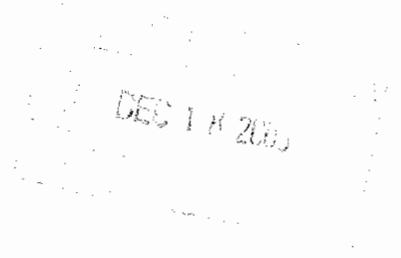
Board Member- Collins Park Neighborhood Association.

New World symphony/SMG,Miami Beach,hospitality division,employee.

Education: Holds a Law and a Science Degree from Mysore Universty-India.

Age: 62 years

Others: With a prime motto-"service to Humanity is service to God",loves to serve the community in various capacities.



December 15, 2008

Miami-Dade County
Board of County Commissioners
111 NW 1st Street Suite 320
Miami, FL 33128

Attn: Dennis Moss, Chairman-Elect

Dear Mr. Moss:

Prakash Kumar has asked me to write a letter of recommendation for him to serve on the Children's Trust Board of Directors as a Gubernatorial appointment. Mr. Kumar serves on the Board of Directors for the Collin's Park Neighborhood Association and will soon be starting his third year as a Board Member. He has the distinction of being the only board member, other than me, to have never missed a board meeting. In fact he is always early and helps with set up details if needed. He is quiet and shy but reads everything regarding our city. He always knows what is going on in the neighborhood and has been a good source for our organization on anything relative to printed articles or press releases that might impact our neighborhood and its quality of life. Prakash is an asset to our Board.

Thank you,

Ray Breslin, president
P: 305 772-5665,
email: rbreslin@collinspark.us

C: Prakash Kumar

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Miami Beach FL. 33140

Johnathan W. Rose, PhD., MBA, MS, MS-Ed.
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Education

Capella University- Minneapolis, MN.

Regional Accreditation from North Central Association on Institutions of Higher Education.

Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.): Health Care Administration. Dissertation examines economic impact of Federally funded health care; Published by UMI in 2000

Masters of Business Administration (MBA):

Masters in Education (MS): Specializing in University Educational Administration.

Nova Southeastern University- Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Regional Accreditation from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Master of Science (MS): Management

Barry University- Miami, FL.

Regional Accreditation from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Bachelor of Science (BS): Business.

Professional Experience

Group R&R: A University Management Firm

1998 to present

Title: President

A management firm working with graduate and professional students, educational leaders and administrators in higher education as well as political and civic leaders on planning, administrative, financial and technological college/university issues.

Additionally, we represent graduated professional students in the areas of financial planning, budgeting, and contracts.

Nova Southeastern University (NSU)

(NSU is the result of the 1994 merger between Nova University and Southeastern University, creating the 11th largest private institution in the United States)

1988-1998

- **Title: Vice Chancellor for Operations, Health Professions Division,**
- **Chief Executive Officer, NSU's Academic Medical Centers and**
- **President of Southeastern University Foundation Board-1987-1993**
Reported directly to Provost and Board
Attended monthly Board of Trustee meetings to deliver reports and represent HPD
Attended monthly Board of Governors meetings and annual retreats
Daily contact and communication with board members in a complex political environment on issues of policy and administration
Directly responsible to the board for approval of major projects and capital expenses

The Health Professions Divisions of the University is comprised of six colleges, which are;

- **College of Medicine**
- **College of Dentistry**
- **College of Pharmacy**
- **College of Optometry**
- **College of Basic Medical Science**
- **College of Allied Health: which houses four degreed programs 1-Physician Assistant, 2-Occupational Therapy, 3-Physical Therapy, and 4-Master's Public Health**
- **Additional Responsibility for**
- **The University Academic Medical Centers**
- **The complete management/responsibility for \$75ml new campus construction and design**

Capital Campaigns & Fund Raising:

- **President of Southeastern University Foundation Board 1987-1993**
- **Directed and approved multiple campaigns**
- **Set up and initiated annual student (fund raising) sports competition**
- **Continual interface with business, community, and political leaders.**
- **Initiated and developed a \$5 million dollar gift from local hospital district for a complete state-of-the-art radiology center on campus**
- **Developed a half million-dollar gift for creation of University's free standing Women and Children's Center.**
- **Annual Fundraising events and campaigns, which provided funds for scholarship and other student needs**

Master and Strategic Planning Activity

- **Chancellors Council, included future programs and future directions**
- **President's Council**
- **Dental School Task Force, Chair Financial Committee. First new dental college to open in U.S. in 20 years**
- **University's financial growth and security**
- **Enrollment Management**
- **Policies and Procedures**
- **State and Federal monies including capitation and tuition**
- **Research Committee- Vice Chairman**
- **IRB Committee**
- **Faculty / Staff development and retention**
- **Building and Grounds- including complete responsibility and management of \$75 million campus build out**
- **Accreditation Committee (SACS)**
- **University Health Insurance Selection Committee**

Reporting Departments

- **Human Resources**
- **Campus Public Safety**
- **Building and Grounds**
- **Engineering**

- Finance
- Admissions (shared with and directed by provost)
- Purchasing
- Information Technology
- University's academic medical centers
- Student Housing
- Book Store
- Food Service
- Communications, including phone systems and IT internet and extranet networking

Routine interface with federal, state and local elected officials and community business leaders for:

- Educational standards and accreditation
- Financial partnering and co-venture
- Funding
- Research grants
- Student state capitation allotment
- Development events

Chief Executive Officer of the University Academic Medical Centers.

Responsibilities included:

- Master Planning and Strategic Planning for primary healthcare delivery
- Externship, internship and residency programs
- Community and external relations guaranteeing service to a widely diverse population.
- All operational and financial policies
- Hospital /Medical Center relations
- Budget review and approval
- Financial projections and expectations

Completed Major Projects

- Managed the design, build out and relocation of the University's new Health Professions Division campus. This project totaled \$75 million dollars and was over 1 million developed square feet, including auditoriums, library, research and clinical laboratories, medical clinics, admissions, bursar, faculty and administrative offices, fully wired for voice and IT, cafeteria, and a free-standing parking structure serving 6 colleges.
- Complete review of all management policies and procedures
- Redesign and update of all communications systems (voice, digital and electronic)
- Planned and executed the build out for a \$5 million dollar on campus state-of-the-art radiology center
- Design of student and staff health maintenance organization (HMO)
- Negotiated and managed complete \$2 million dollar systems update of PCs and network
- Oversaw conversion of a small hospital (which had been closed and boarded up for years) into a freestanding Women and Children's Center

American Medical International (AMI) A multi-national hospital corporation.
1984-1988

Title: Vice President, South Florida Region

Reported to Regional Vice President. Multi-national Hospital Corporation with network of six South Florida acute care hospitals and MCO. Responsible for the six south Florida acute care hospitals in areas of:

- **Continual interface with political and governmental leaders**
- **Managed care contracting and all financial review and approval**
- **Out-patient program development**
- **Physician contracting**
- **Hospital Joint Venturing**

Teaching, Appointments and Curricula

Teaching Experience

- **NSU, Assistant Professor College of Optometry**
Courses:
Public Health Policy
Legal and Financial Issues in Healthcare
- **NSU, Associate Professor College of Medicine**
Courses:
Public Health Policy
Legal and Financial Issues in Healthcare
Managed Care
Healthcare Policy
- **NSU, Associate Professor College of Allied Health & Public Health**
Courses:
Public Health Policy
Legal and Financial Issues in Healthcare
Managed Care
Healthcare Policy

Lectures

- **National Association of Pharmacists, Annual Continuing Education Meeting:**
Guest lecturer: Future Trends for Institutional Pharmacists in the Managed Care Environment.
- **Dade County Osteopathic Association:**
Guest Lecturer: Physician Contracting
- **Dade & Broward County Optometric Association Members:**
Guest Lecturer: Healthcare Reimbursement and Medical Billing
- **Nova Southeastern University College of Medicine:**
Guest Lecturer: Medical Jurisprudence
Guest Lecturer: Current Issues in Practice Management
- **Multiple Healthcare Topic Issues to professional Associations**

Course Design

- **Nova Southeastern University: Master's Public Health Program**
Title: Public Health Policy

- **Capella University: Healthcare Administration Program**
Title: Medical-Legal Issues
- **Capella University: Healthcare Administration Program**
Title: Long Term Care Crisis

Appointments

- **Board Member: Dade County Health Policy Authority.**
- **Board of Trustee member; Barry University/Miami Shores Charter School**
- **Children's Genetic Disease Foundation Board member**
- **Task Force Member: North Miami-Dade Community Health Initiative.**
- **United States House of Representatives Task Force on Aging**
- **United States Senate Subcommittee for Managed Care**
- **Broward County Healthy Start program.**
- **Florida Rural Health Technology Initiative.**
- **AMI Hospital Corp University and College Alliance.**

DR. TERRI ROSE
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22, December 2008

Dear Chairman Moss,

Please accept my nomination of Dr. Johnathan Rose for consideration to serve as a Board member for The Children's Trust.

I am certain you will receive the names of many fine applicants for this important board position. However you will not meet a more dedicated and giving parent and professional than Dr. Rose. That combined with his life long service and dedication to our community truly makes him an ideal consideration.

Yours Truly,



Terri Rose, O.D., F.A.A.O.

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omalone1@fdlaw.net

**Work
Experience:**

Partner April 2004-Present
Freidin • Dobrinsky, P.A. Miami, FL

Represent seriously injured victims and their families in personal injury, wrongful death litigation individuals, governments, corporations and insurance companies. Represent victims in product liability, mass tort and class action litigation throughout the state of Florida and around the country. Successfully obtained various multi-million and million dollar jury verdicts.

Supervisory Trial Attorney May 1994 - April 2004
Federal Public Defender, Southern District of Florida Miami, FL

Represented individual and corporate defendants in all phases of criminal litigation. Represented defendants in cases involving alleged violations of federal law, including, fraud, tax evasion and narcotics. Successfully represented the CEO of a major title insurance company in a tax evasion prosecution. Represented the CEO of a major life insurance company in the then largest bankruptcy fraud prosecution in the United States. Over forty (40) federal cases tried to a verdict.

Associate Aug. 1991 - April 1994
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom New York, NY

Participated in all phases of major litigation practice, including representing corporations in litigation arising from claims of securities fraud, breached contracts, licensing agreements and trademark infringement. Participated in resolving internal disputes among shareholders, directors and management. Participated in the representation of corporations and individuals in connection with grand jury investigations involving possible criminal law violations.

Activities: (Board of Directors) Dade County Bar Association; (Board of Directors) Miami Dade Justice Association; (Board of Directors) Children's Home Society; (Board of Directors) Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services; (Mentor) Leadership Academy of the 100 Black Men of South Florida.

BAR ADMISSIONS: Florida/New York/New Jersey

EDUCATION:

Legal **Texas Southern University** Houston, TX
Juris Doctorate, 1990, Salutatorian
Magna Cum Laude

Activities: **Law Review, Editor-in-Chief**
Phi Delta Phi

College **Grambling State University** Grambling, LA
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science 1987
Who's Who Among Students in Colleges and Universities
Cum Laude; President's List 1986-1987



December 22, 2008

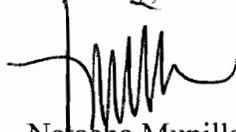
Chairman-Elect Dennis Moss
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Dear Chairman-Elect Moss:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter of recommendation for Omar Malone (resume attached) in consideration of the gubernatorial appointment to the Children's Trust Board of Directors. I've worked with Omar for the last two years on the Miami Bridge board. His knowledge, passion and advocacy for children's issues will provide the Children's Trust a valuable asset.

Should you need additional information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 305-669-1776.

Sincerely,



Natacha Munilla
Vice President

Encl.

Resume of Hon. David Krane

I have been a Supervisory Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals in Miami, Florida for the last three years. In this position, I have had experience in the vast Medicare program of benefits. I have an extensive knowledge of the various medical benefits and the eligibility requirements as well as the requirements for payments to providers. I am well aware of the need to stay within the parameters of what the program provides and what can be allotted.

I was a managing attorney (District Counsel) for the Department of Veterans Affairs for almost six years. Prior to that I was an Assistant District Counsel for several years. As District Counsel (later changed to Regional Counsel). I represented the Department throughout Missouri and a part of Illinois. I advised top management at medical centers, clinics, regional offices, outreach centers, and national cemeteries. In the course of my six years in this endeavor, I gained intimate knowledge of the many programs administered by the VA. This included such diverse matters as hospitalization and outpatient care of veterans, educational benefits, housing loans, compensation and pension and, burial benefits. I rendered opinions on all of these matters and many related issues.

Prior to my appointment as an Assistant District and District Counsel, I was the Chief Guardianship Attorney for the VA in Chicago. I represented the VA in the Probate Court on all VA matters involving incompetent veterans and incompetent VA beneficiaries as well as minor beneficiaries. In addition to setting up conservator and guardianship estates for these beneficiaries, I mustered whatever benefits were due them.

Besides requiring an excellent knowledge of VA benefits of all kinds, this position also required an expansive knowledge of Social Security, Railroad Retirement, general welfare, food stamps, and other types of benefits. During this period, I became somewhat of an authority in this area and authored a chapter for the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education for a book entitled "Counseling Senior Citizens and the Handicapped." I continued to write updates for over twenty five years. The publication's name evolved over the years becoming "Counseling the Elderly and Disabled" and various other titles. I also lectured as a faculty member and participated in videos produced for the Illinois State Bar Association on related subjects such as involuntary hospitalization and guardianship procedures.

I was the President of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in the State of Illinois for two years after serving as Vice-President for two years. As such, I acquired knowledge of the various social programs affecting families and children. I interacted with high level Department of Children and Family Service officials, general welfare officials, and leaders of other welfare related agencies. I understood the limitations and pressures of their work and sought to coordinate our efforts as a not for profit volunteer organization with them for the benefit of our common beneficiaries who were abused and neglected children.

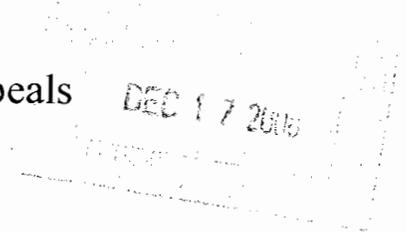
I have also had experience in serving on other boards including the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in Lisle, Illinois and the West Suburban Humane Society in Du Page County, Illinois.

My current address is 555 Crandon Blvd, Apt.51, Key Biscayne, Florida 33149 and my office telephone number is 305-415-7355



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December 15, 2008

Chairman-Elect Dennis Moss
Board of County Commissioners
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RE: Recommended Appointee to Children's Trust Board of Directors

Dear Mr. Moss,

I am pleased to submit the name of David Krane for consideration as a recommended appointee to the Children's Trust Board. Judge Krane has an extensive record of civic accomplishment. He was active for a period of nine years with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) both as a volunteer advocate and as Chair of the Illinois Board. He also served as a fire and police commissioner for 13 years and as a member of the board of a humane society.

Judge Krane's dedication, integrity and energy will serve the Board well. His knowledge of legal, medical, and children's issues, I believe, makes him an exceptional candidate for this position.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur W. DePrez".

Arthur W. DePrez

Enclosure: Resume