

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT – Martin County Business Development Board – **Please Print**

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Name: Mario G. Menocal

Residence Address: 909 SE Madison Ave., Stuart, FL 34996

Street/City/Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____

(if different)

Street/City/Zip Code

Commission District in which you reside: 2^{dg} Staff will complete.

Are you available year round to attend meetings? ☒ yes ☐ no If **no**, what months **are** you available?

Telephone numbers: daytime: 786-546-5827 alternate: _____ alternate: _____

~Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: mario.menocal@gmail.com

Have you ever pled guilty or “no contest” to a crime, been convicted of a crime, had adjudication withheld, prosecution deferred, been placed on probation, received a suspended sentence or forfeited bail in connection with any offense (except minor traffic violations)? Please show all convictions, including driving while intoxicated (DUI) convictions. ☐ yes ☐ no If yes, please provide the following information:

TYPE OF OFFENCES: Disturbing the peace, trespassing on gov't property, and loitering

DATES: 1986 to 1988 approx.

PLACES (city/state): Miami, Florida

SENTENCES OR FINES: Probation

A conviction record does not necessarily disqualify you for consideration. Factors such as age at time of offense, nature of violation, and rehabilitation will be considered. The Martin County Board of County Commissioners retains the right to remove, at will, any appointee to a Board or Committee with or without cause.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: A resume is recommended to be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application. Resume or letter of qualifications attached? ☒ yes ☐ no

Education: (See attached resume)

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Employment Experience: (See attached resume)

Other experience you feel would like the Commission to know about you: _____

Active Duty in the US Nave 1988 to 1992.

Community Experience and Affiliations: None.

Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces on which you have served: None.


Do you or any member of your immediate family work for Martin County or do you or a company that you are an officer or employee of have an existing contract with Martin County? If yes, please explain:

No.

REFERENCES: Please list two references:

Jennifer Kerr, 305-796-3675 Mike Kissner, Esq., 772-794-1918

- Applicant may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a Financial Disclosure Statement as part of the appointment process.
- Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Sections 112.313(3) and (7), Florida Statutes. However, upon full disclosure by the Applicant, the conflict may be waived at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners by a supermajority vote. Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes.

→ Signature:  Date: 08/14/2025

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 **by Friday, August 15**, 2025. All information submitted becomes public record. If you have any questions, please call (772) 221-1352 or send email to dgordon@martin.fl.us.

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SUMMARY

Seasoned business attorney with more than 13 years of experience advising domestic and international clients and over 15 years of experience in the construction and international business sectors.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Block & Scarpa, Attorneys at Law, Stuart, FL (Sept. 2020 to Present)

Attorney focused mainly litigation of complex commercial, real property, construction, and other matters at the trial and appellate levels, along with some transactional and intellectual property matters.

The Law Offices of Mario G. Menocal, P.A., Miami, FL (Mar. 2014 to Sept. 2020)

Started my own law firm, focusing mainly on commercial disputes, civil rights, and personal injury litigation at the trial and appellate levels, along with some general counsel, transactional and probate work. My clients include individuals and businesses from the U.S. and Latin America.

Chapman Smith & Associates, PLC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Jan. 2013 to Mar. 2014)

Worked for a solo practitioner in civil litigation drafting a variety of civil court papers, including summary judgment, complaints, settlement agreements, answers and affirmative defenses, motions to strike, motions to dismiss, mediation statements; Drafted discovery (interrogatories, request for production); I prepared for and attended depositions; attended client meetings and mediations, hearings in shareholder and partnership disputes, contract disputes and commercial evictions, and wage claims.

11th Judicial Cir. Complex Business Litigation Div., Miami, FL (Jan. 2012 to Jan. 2013)

Drafted memoranda of law for the presiding judge on complex questions of law dealing with breach of contract, intellectual property, discovery in camera inspections, analysis for motions to compel and analysis on forum non conveniens on an international breach of contract claim.

Nuera Communications, Inc./Audiocodes, Inc., (Oct. 1999 to Sept. 2009)

- Senior Pre-Sales Engineer for the Caribbean and Latin America; Lod, Israel; Miami, FL: Designed complex technical proposals for multi-million dollar data and voice networks for the world's largest communications companies; presented technical proposals (in English and Spanish) to CEOs, corporate executives, managers, and engineers.
- Senior Worldwide Consulting Engineer, San Diego, CA; Paris, France; Miami, FL: Assisted telecommunications operators with data and voice networking equipment integration, testing and performance analysis for projects in over 30 countries; awarded Exceptional Service Award in 2002 and Outstanding Service Award in FY 2006.

ACT Networks, Inc., Miami, FL, Professional Services Engineer (Apr. 1999 to Oct. 1999)

Provided field support for ACT's high-end data networking and voice communications products to ACT's Latin American bank and internet service provider customers.

Integration Serv. International, Ltd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL, (Dec. 1997 to Apr. 1999)

ISI, Ltd. was a satellite communications services integrator working throughout Latin America. While employed there I designed satellite earth stations for long distance voice services and supervised their installation throughout Latin America and the Caribbean; I designed the

infrastructure for electrical distribution, data and voice network, emergency power subsystem, and satellite communications platform; I negotiated contracts with local contractors for emergency power systems installation and infrastructural improvements.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

LANGUAGES: Fluent in Spanish and can both read and write at a high level; proficient in French.

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY: Expert in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Power Point, and Adobe Acrobat, and computer networking and the internet in general.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Former United States Navy Engineman 3rd, SIMA Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Honolulu, HI (1989-1993). Volunteer, Miami Rights Restoration Project (2008) and Hands Across Miami (2006-2007), and the Dade County Bar's Put Something Back program (2012-2017).

EDUCATION

University of Miami School of Law: Juris Doctor, May 2012 -G.P.A.: 3.417, *cum laude*

- Law Review: *University of Miami Business Law Review*
- Honors: (i) Dean's Merit Scholarship Recipient; (ii) Book Award and CALI Excellence Award in Commercial Law II; (iii) Won Jury Trial – Litigation Skills I
- Thesis: ON PATENT POLICY AND THE STRICTLY CONSTRUED WRITTEN DESCRIPTION
- Clinical: Bankruptcy Assistance Clinic (Jan. 2011 to May 2011)
- Internship: Office of the Public Defender for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida (Aug. 2011 to Nov. 2011)

University of Florida Executive MBA Program, Master of Business Administration, Apr. 2005 -G.P.A.: 3.670 (earned while working and travelling full-time).

Florida International University, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Dec. 1995 - G.P.A.: 3.280 / Major G.P.A.: 3.390

- Honors: Dean's List 5 Semesters; Florida-Georgia Alliance for Minority Participation Scholarship Recipient.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Florida Bar: Member since Sept. 2012
- U.S. Federal Court for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida: Member since Sept. 2013.