

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT – Martin County Industrial Development Authority – Please Print

Check One: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Dr.

Name: Matthew R. Abes

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By Donna Gordon at 2:00 pm, Nov 19, 2024

Residence Address: 3816 S. Kanner Hwy Apt. 1422 Stuart, FL 34994
Street - City - Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____
(if different) Street - City - Zip Code

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

Are you a registered voter in Martin County? Yes No ✓

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

Telephone numbers: daytime (954)-646-6570 alternate: _____ alternate: _____
Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: Abesmr1@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: _____

DATES: _____

PLACES (city/state): _____

SENTENCES OR FINES: _____

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.

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: University of Florida, Bachelors of Business Administration
University of Miami, Juris Doctorate, 2022

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Employment Experience: Mlachek Law 2023-2024
Cole, Scott, Kissane 2022-2023

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board in making this appointment: _____
None. I am looking to gain community experience.

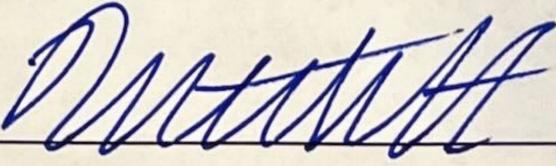
Community Experience and Affiliations: _____
None. I am a Member of the Martin County Bar Association.

Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces on which you have served: _____
Young Lawyers Division - Florida Bar

Do you or any member of your immediate family work for Martin County or hold a position that might conflict with your duties for this Board/Committee/Task Force? If yes, please explain: _____
No.

REFERENCES: Please list two references:
Scott Knopka - (772) - 221-7757 - SKnopka@Mlachek-law.com
Pam Lewis - (772) - 221-7757 - PLewis@Mlachek-law.com

- Appointee may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a Financial Disclosure Statement as part of the appointment process.
- Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing and that the facts stated in it are true. (Pursuant to Section 92.525 Florida Statutes, falsifying this application is a Third-Degree Felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment and up to a \$5,000 fine.)
- Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (The County). Section 112.313(3) and (7), Fla. Stat.

→ Signature:  Date: 11/19/2024

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 by Friday, December 6, 2024. All information submitted becomes public record. If you have any questions, please call (772) 221-1352 or send email to tdgordon@martin.fl.us.

Matthew R. Abes

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida

May 2023

EXPERIENCE

MRACHEK, FITZGERALD, ROSE, KONOPKA, THOMAS & WEISS, P.A., West Palm Beach, FL

Associate Attorney

Aug. 2023 – Present

Represent Clients in connection with all aspects of complex commercial litigation. Research and draft legal pleadings, motions, briefs and memoranda relating to both state and federal proceedings. Manage cases in various areas of law, including contract law, construction, guardianship and probate proceedings. Conduct discovery and document review in preparation for litigation, primarily researching and drafting memoranda and pleadings for both trial and appellate proceedings.

Cole, Scott, & Kissane, P.A., West Palm Beach, FL

Law Clerk & Associate Attorney

Sep. 2022 – Aug. 2023

Practiced in the areas of personal injury litigation, including auto accident defense, premises liability, as well as condominium and homeowner's association defense, negligent security, professional liability, and personal injury protection. Second-chaired jury trials to successful verdict with substantial involvement in jury selection, opening statements, and witness examinations. Conducted and defendant depositions. Drafted and argued substantive motions, briefs, and memoranda. Handled mediations and settlement conferences.

NationsBenefits, LLC., Plantation, FL

Summer Law Clerk

May 2021 – July 2021

Conducted legal research on compliance issues with focus on healthcare transactions, M&A, reimbursement issues, federal programs and commercial payor contracting, in-network and out-of-network reimbursement disputes, ERISA, HIPAA, licensure and regulatory matters. Researched and wrote manuals outlining all medical, legal, and protective policies within the organization. Maintained updated knowledge of healthcare legislation and regulations; tracked new regulations and wrote updates.

Daniel Weiss Law, Miami, FL

Summer Law Clerk

May 2020 - Aug. 2020

Researched case law and wrote memoranda within the firm's practice areas including litigation, corporate, real estate, and employment law. Assisted Senior Counsel in advising businesses and entrepreneurs through all stages of their corporate life cycle. Assisted in negotiating contracts, drafting business formations, planning intellectual property protections, and structuring strategic transactions. Drafted articles of incorporation, bylaws and ground leases. Researched and drafted legal memoranda on contractual matters, commercial disputes, corporate fraud investigations, and real estate litigation.

EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

University of Miami, School of Law, Coral Gables, FL

Juris Doctorate

May 2022

Honors: CALI Excellence for the Future Award
Dean's List (three semesters)

Activities: Charles C. Papy, Jr. Moot Court Board
Miami Law Student Ambassador

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration

May 2018

Honors: Dean's List (four semesters)
Golden Key National Honor Society

Activities: President, Men's Lacrosse Team