

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT – Martin County Library Board of Trustees – Please Print

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Name: Lieselot K. Whitbeck

Residence Address: 32 N. River Road, Stuart, FL 34996

Street - City - Zip Code

Mailing Address: Same

(if different)

Street - City - Zip Code

Commission District in which you reside: 1^{dg} Staff will complete.

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

Telephone numbers: daytime: 203-382-3387

alternate: _____ alternate: _____

~ Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: Lieselot.whitbeck@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: N/A

DATES: N/A

PLACES (city/state): N/A

SENTENCES OR FINES: N/A

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.

Length of time lived in Florida? 5.5 years

Involvement with the Martin County Library System to date: Regular patron; active Libby user; since

early 2022, parent of a young child who visits the library weekly (often more than once per week) & active

participant in weekend activities for toddlers; since Jan 2023, backup volunteer at the Book Depot; since

approx Jan 2025, legal volunteer supporting the library's citizenship classes.

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What, in your opinion, is the real purpose for having a public library system in the community? _____

Advancing literacy, providing a welcoming community space for all members of the community

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: JD from University of Virginia; BA from Washington University in St. Louis

Employment Experience: Immigration attorney (various firms and organizations) 2014 - Present;

Licensed to practice law in Florida and DC.

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board in making this appointment: _____

Community Experience and Affiliations: Book Depot volunteer - Jan 2023 to present.

Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces on which you have served: N/A

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:

Dana Odwazny, 772-486-7566

Ashley Braden Knowles, 772-349-5440

- 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: 09/29/2025

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 **by Friday, October 10**, 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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Experience



Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP
6 years 6 months



Senior Attorney
Jul 2024 - Present · 1 year 3 months

Miami metropolitan Area

Associate

Apr 2019 - Jun 2024 · 5 years 3 months

Miami Metropolitan Area

US and global immigration attorney who finds solutions to international mobility challenges. Focused on advising corporations on matters of immigration law, including but not limited to: work permit requirements and processes, business traveler visa requirements and processes, and issues of general immigration compliance.

Admitted to practice law in Florida & DC.



Associate Attorney

Erickson Immigration Group

Jan 2017 - Mar 2019 · 2 years 3 months

Arlington, Virginia

Member of the Global team, providing global migration management services to international corporations relocating employees to Europe, the Americas, Asia, and Australia.

- Partnered with business leads to facilitate their global workforce mobility strategies by providing immigration policy guidance and direct immigration support
- Coordinated temporary assignments and permanent relocations, assisting employees and business units from initial inquiry through assignment conclusion

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Associate Attorney

Tievsky Immigration Law

May 2016 - Dec 2016 · 8 months

Reston, Virginia

Attorney at a business-focused immigration law firm, specializing in the international mobility of high skilled individuals.



Associate Attorney

Law Office of James A. Roberts

Jun 2015 - Apr 2016 · 11 months

Fairfax, Virginia

Attorney at a boutique immigration law firm providing a full range of immigration services.

- Specialized in assisting asylum seekers from the Middle East, North Africa, and the Sahel
- Supervised administrative and legal support staff



Legal Fellow - Office of International Students and Scholars

University of Delaware

Sep 2014 - May 2015 · 9 months

Advised university staff and student on issues of immigration compliance, including the development and modification of internal policies and procedures.

- Supported, advised, and trained HR professionals across the university on immigration processes and requirements
- Consulted with international students and their advisors, providing detailed guidance on time sensitive matters
- Supervised non-immigrant program management and compliance



International Support Services, Immigration Law Extern

Virginia Tech

Jan 2014 - May 2014 · 5 months

Blacksburg, VA

- Prepared employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant visa petitions for a major research university including applications for PERM, H-1Bs, TNs, J-1s, and other categories



Legal Intern

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Jun 2013 - Jul 2013 · 2 months

Philadelphia, PA

- Represented the government in hearings before the Immigration Court
- Researched and analyzed inadmissibility and eligibility issues including: criminal convictions, complex fraud, hardship, persecutor bars, firm resettlement, and prosecutorial discretion
- Wrote responses to motions filed with EOIR and the BIA



Legal Intern

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

May 2012 - Aug 2012 · 4 months

Tacoma, WA

- Represented indigent clients in hearings before the Immigration Court
- Prepared, argued, and won cancellation of removal case
- Interviewed potential clients, researched immigration consequences of criminal convictions, evaluated options for relief, and provided guidance for pro se representation
- Wrote brief for successful BIA appeal



Licensing Assessor

Financial Markets Authority of New Zealand

Mar 2011 - Jun 2011 · 4 months

Wellington, New Zealand

- Implemented new regulatory regime for financial advisors, assessing applications and guiding applicants through the process



Adjudications Officer

US Citizenship and Immigration Services

Jun 2008 - Oct 2010 · 2 years 5 months

Boston, MA

- Adjudicated applications for immigration benefits based on statute, regulations, policy, case law, and personal discretion
- Wrote legal decisions and other legal and administrative documents
- Identified fraudulent applications and potential national security concerns
- Lead adjudicator for visa regressed employment based adjustment cases, reached out to employers to facilitate transnational labor force integration
- Interviewed applicants, specializing in individuals with...

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Refugee Resettlement Intern

International Institute of Connecticut

May 2007 - Aug 2007 · 4 months

Bridgeport, CT

- Coordinated housing, medical and social services for newly arrived refugees
 - Worked daily with 13 families from Myanmar, Somalia, Eritrea, Burundi and Congo
 - Provided employment services to clients and networked with prospective employers
 - Facilitated communication between clients and social service providers
 - Identified, prioritized and met the daily, varied needs of clients
 - Maintained case files detailing services provided to each client
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Education



University of Virginia School of Law

Juris Doctor (J.D.)

Activities and Societies: Virginia Journal of International Law, Head Executive Editor; AILA Law Student Member, 2013 Conference Volunteer; Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Memorialist



Washington University in St. Louis

Bachelor of Arts - BA · Immigration Studies & Anthropology



School for International Training

Study Abroad · Fiji: Multiculturalism and Social Change

Volunteer Experience



Host Family Liaison

AFS Intercultural Programs USA

Jun 2024 - Present · 1 year 4 months



Book Depot Volunteer

Friends of the Library

Jan 2023 - Present · 2 years 9 months

Assist community members and patrons of a large used bookstore that supports the local library system. Process donations, shelve new books, recommend books to

customers, and generally promote the love of reading in my local community.



Board Member

Nova Labs

Oct 2016 - Oct 2018 · 2 years 1 month

Science and Technology

Served as a board member for a membership-driven all-volunteer makerspace in Northern Virginia. Our community is on the leading edge of 3D printing, robotics, quadcopters, drones, Arduino and Raspberry Pi projects, as well as involved in preserving and teaching older crafts including fiber arts, wood working, and metal working.

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