

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

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

Name: Kate Bradford

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By Donna Gordon at 3:47 pm, Feb 19, 2020

Residence Address: 4289 SE Boxleaf Pl - Stuart - 34997
Street - City - Zip Code

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

Commission District in which you reside: 4th Staff will complete.

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

Telephone numbers: daytime: 462-7984(w) alternate: 834-1155(c) alternate: _____
~ Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: KateBradford3@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: ↓

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. 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? 17 years

Involvement with the Martin County Library System to date: frequent user

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Why do you wish to serve on the Library Board of Trustees? I am interested in participating in the development of policy and the creation of services in response to the community's needs.

What, in your opinion, is the real purpose for having a public library system in the community? The library is more than a repository for books. I believe it is a resource for our community members to connect, learn, socialize, and develop themselves. In other words, the community's college.

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: Bachelor's degrees in Political Science and Women's Studies, Juris Doctor awarded in 2006, graduate work in Criminal Justice

Employment Experience: Previously practiced criminal defense, now employed as an Assistant Professor at Indian River State College.

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board in making this appointment: Experience with evaluating innovative best practices and long-term planning, also experience reading/understanding policy

Community Experience and Affiliations: Previously served on the Board for Pace Center and held leadership positions with the Junior League and the PTA. Currently active in service to my church.

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 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:

① Elliot Paul, 772-370-6257 - President, Elliot Paul & Co Auctions

② Binney Gaffrey, 858-442-9948 - Head of School, The Pine School

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- Applicants 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: 2-19-20

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 by Friday, March 20, 2020. All information submitted becomes public record. If you have any questions, please call (772) 221.1352 or send email to dgordon@martin.fl.us.

KATE BRADFORD, ESQ.

4289 SE BOXLEAF PLACE, STUART, FLORIDA 34997, 772-834-1155 KATEBRADFORD3@GMAIL.COM

OBJECTIVE

Attorney turned college professor with ten years of practical experience representing criminal defendants, now teaching future criminal justice professionals at both the associate and bachelor levels.

EXPERIENCE

8/13/2014 TO PRESENT

Indian River State College

Ft. Pierce, FL

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

- Preparing, instruction, and grading all class coursework
- Assigning final grades
- Maintaining regularly scheduled hours to meet with students
- Using data and assessment tools in the evaluation and improvement of course instruction
- Engaging in activities to improve student learning, retention, and completion; for example, creating the Criminal Justice Club for students to participate in outside of class
- Serving the community; for example, serving as a leader within the Junior League of Martin County
- Serving effectively on multiple college committees; for example, co-chairing the professional learning committee Online Teaching and Learning
- Developing and maintaining course management and content for Quality Matters
- Assisting with Departmental projects and programs; for example, hosting the Fourth District Court of Appeal on campus for oral arguments

3/21/2016 TO PRESENT

Florida Association for Women Lawyers

Martin and St. Lucie County, FL

FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

- Founded new chapter of the organization for St. Lucie County
- Serving as the current President of the chapter
- Organizing and running regular membership meetings
- Developing the first lactation room for the 19th Judicial Circuit Court in St. Lucie County
- Previously served as Chapter Representative for Martin County chapter, which included attending quarterly statewide board meetings to represent the chapter, providing regular chapter reports statewide, and being actively involved in the local chapter

9/18/2015 TO 8/1/2016

Pace Center for Girls Treasure Coast

Ft. Pierce, FL

BOARD MEMBER

- Volunteering time and effort to raise money and build the funding base for the Center
- Providing resources, support and advocacy for moving the Center and the organization's mission forward
- Advocating on behalf of the Center with foundations, corporations, legislators and government policy makers
- Ensuring positive public relations and image
- Recruiting Center Board members
- Monitoring the Center's Board's performance
- Membership on an additional working committee

5/1/2012 TO 8/13/2014

Kate Bradford, Attorney at Law

St. Petersburg, FL

ATTORNEY SOLE PROPRIETOR

- Owned and operated sole proprietorship specializing in the representation of criminal defendants in both county and circuit courts in multiple jurisdictions
- Successfully fulfilled a continuing contract with the Office of the Regional Counsel in the Fourth District by representing clients in capital circuit, dependency, and juvenile cases
- Managed billing and account services for multiple private clients, the state of Florida, and for private agencies

7/13/2010 TO 4/30/2012

Office of the Public Defender in the Sixth
Judicial Circuit

Clearwater, FL

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER

- Provided effective representation for indigent individuals charged with misdemeanors, mental civil, juvenile delinquencies, and felonies
- Represented clients in advisories, bond hearings, arraignments, pretrial conferences, and at jury trials
- Maintained working relationship with clients in person, by phone, and through mail
- Researched, prepared, and argued a variety of legal motions, including but not limited to Motions to Suppress, Motions in Limine, and Motions to Dismiss

EDUCATION

MAY 13, 2006

Stetson University College of Law

Gulfport, FL

JURIS DOCTOR

- Completed Leadership Development training program
- President of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers at Stetson
- Conceived and maintained a mentoring program between students and active attorneys that is still in place

AUGUST 22, 2003

Miami University

Oxford, OH

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

- Graduated with Honors in Women's Studies
- President of the Association of Women Students

REFERENCES

References are available on request.