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Family Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat #2

Amendment to Personal Data Questionnaire

#6. Family Status

Amending prior answer to update daughter's age and new status as a graduate student:

Age: Twenty-two (22)

Child's occupation: Graduate student

#29. Report of previous candidacy for elective, judicial, or other public office

Amending prior answer to clarify offering for a previous judicial office:

Yes, offered candidacy for Family Court, Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 2 in 2018, withdrew

#47 Named party in civil proceedings

Supplementing prior answer to explain civil litigation:

- (a) 05/02/11: 2011-CP-07-01985, Foreclosure action filed on primary residence
Case dismissed on 12/01/11 with home being sold in a short sale

To place this event in proper context I would state that approximately one year previous to the filing of this action I was working as the senior litigator in a local law firm. One of the partners met with me to explain the firm was hemorrhaging from expenses as the firm was heavily dependent on real estate closings and was suffering from the national recession. The partner explained I was the highest paid associate and had to be let go in their effort to stay afloat.

Given the national and local economy I was not able to quickly secure employment and decided to start my own practice. While this turned out to be a blessing and very rewarding in the long run, at the time my income was drastically reduced and my wife and I quickly realized we were not going to be able to continue to service our mortgage. We immediately contacted the mortgage company and worked to prepare and list our home for sale, located a buyer and negotiated a short sale. Thereafter, the mortgage company dismissed the action.

(b) 04/19/16: 2016-CV-07-10300381, Eviction action against law firm
Case dismissed on 05/05/16 with firm relocating out of office complex

Myself and another Attorney had been sharing office space in a commercial office complex for several years wherein the written lease had long since expired. The office complex was purchased out of foreclosure by a Tennessee investment group. At that time the property manager approached us and indicated the new owners wished to secure new long-term written leases for the complex tenants and asked if we were interested. We indicated that we were of course interested and asked him to provide us a copy of the proposed lease. Several days later, the property manager was walking through our office space with new tenants that he had signed to a lease on the space.

I believe the property manager/new owners expected protracted litigation over the commercial space given our long-term possession of the property and thus filed a preemptive eviction action. Rather than litigate, the Attorney that I was sharing the space with and I put our energy into locating new office space and relocating our respective businesses. The eviction action was thereafter dismissed within two (2) weeks of having been filed.



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