

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** December 03, 2019  
**Department:** Criminal Justice Commission  
**Submitted For:** Criminal Justice Commission

**EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**MOTION AND TITLE: Staff recommends motion to approve:**

A) Appointment of one new member to the Criminal Justice Commission as follows:

<u>Appoint</u>	<u>Seat No.</u>	<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Term</u>
Lauren Whetstone	24	Private Sector	Economic Council	01/01/2020-12/31/2022

B) Reappointment of four members to the Criminal Justice Commission as follows:



<u>Reappoint</u>	<u>Seat No.</u>	<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Term</u>
George Elmore	20	Private Sector	Economic Council	01/01/2020 -12/31/2022
Douglas Duncan	21	Private Sector	Economic Council	01/01/2020 -12/31/2022
Barbara Cheives	23	Private Sector	Economic Council	01/01/2020 -12/31/2022
Rachel Docekal	29	Private Sector	Economic Council	01/01/2020 -12/31/2022

**SUMMARY:** The CJC is comprised of 32 members including elected officials and representatives from private and public sectors. Ten private sector members are nominated for three-year terms by the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. (Council), and appointed by the Board. The Council has nominated Mr. George T. Elmore, Mr. Douglas Duncan, Ms. Barbara Cheives for their third and final terms and Ms. Rachel Docekal for a second term. The Council has nominated Ms. Whetstone as a new appointment replacing Barry Krischer who resigned from the CJC on September 23, 2019. Mr. George Elmore has disclosed that he is employed by Hardrives of Delray, Inc., which frequently bids on County Engineering contracts. There is one current engineering contract in place. The CJC provides no regulation, oversight, management, or policy setting recommendations regarding or related to this contract. Disclosure of this contractual relationship is being provided in accordance with the provision of Section 2-443 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. The Board has 32 seats, 31 seats currently filled and a diversity count of Caucasian: 23 (76%), African-American: 8 (26%) and Hispanic: 0 (0%). The gender ratio (female: male) is: 12:19. The five nominees include two Caucasian males, one African-American female and two Caucasian females. Countywide (DMC)

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:** The Board of County Commissioners approved the Criminal Justice Commission’s Ordinance as codified in the Palm Beach County Code Chapter 2, Article V, Division 5. The Board created the 32-member Commission to study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal and private agencies within the County.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Nomination Letter from the Economic Council
2. PBC Code, Sections 2-216 – 2-221 (CJC)
3. 2019 CJC Membership list
4. Board/Committee Application and Biography of Mr. George T. Elmore
5. Board/Committee Application and Biography of Mr. Douglas Duncan
6. Board/Committee Application and Biography of Ms. Barbara Cheives
7. Board/Committee Application and Biography of Ms. Rachel Docekal
8. Board/Committee Application and Biography of Ms. Lauren Whetstone

<b>Recommended by:</b>	 _____ Department Director	10-22-19 _____ Date
<b>Legal Sufficiency:</b>	 _____ Assistant County Attorney	10-22-19 _____ Date

## II. REVIEW COMMENTS

### A. Other Department Review:



August 26, 2019

Board of County Commissioners  
Palm Beach County  
Attn: Kristina Henson  
301 N. Olive Avenue  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Ms. Henson,

The Economic Council would like to nominate the following people for the five designated seats on the Criminal Justice Commission, the term beginning on January 1, 2020 and running through December 31, 2023:

Re-Appointment to Seat 29, Ms. Rachel Docekal  
Re-Appointment to Seat 20, Mr. George Elmore  
Re-Appointment to Seat 21, Mr. Douglas Duncan,  
Re-Appointment to Seat 23, Ms. Barbara Cheives  
New Appointment for Barry Krischer, Ms. Lauren Whetstone

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to let us know

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele", is positioned above the typed name.

Michele Jacobs  
President/CEO  
Economic Council of Palm Beach County

DIVISION 5. - CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION<sup>[15]</sup>

Footnotes:

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**Editor's note**—Ord. No. 88-16, adopted Aug. 16, 1988, effective Aug. 29, 1988, amended this Code by adding provisions designated by the editor as ch. 2, art. V, div. 5, §§ 2-216—2-221.

Sec. 2-216. - Created.

There is hereby established an advisory commission to be known as the "Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission," herein referred to as the "Criminal Justice Commission." The Criminal Justice Commission shall be comprised of twenty-one (21) public sector members and eleven (11) private sector members for a total commission of thirty-two (32) members in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Board of County Commissioners for advisory commissions as follows:

(a) Public Sector Membership.

- (1) Mayor or Commission member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.
- (2) Palm Beach County Sheriff.
- (3) State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit.
- (4) Public Defender, 15th Judicial Circuit.
- (5) Clerk of the Palm Beach County Circuit Court.
- (6) Chief Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit.
- (7) Administrative Judge, Juvenile Division, 15th Judicial Circuit.
- (8) Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of investigation, West Palm Beach.
- (9) Senior Agent, Drug Enforcement Administration, West Palm Beach.
- (10) Member, Palm Beach County School Board.
- (11) Member, Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation.
- (12) Member, Palm Beach County League of Cities.
- (13) District IX Juvenile Justice Manager, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.
- (14) Representative of Police Chiefs Association.
- (15) Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), West Palm Beach Field Office, U.S. Treasury Department.
- (16) Chief, West Palm Beach Police Department.
- (17) Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections, 15th Judicial Circuit.
- (18) Supervisory Special Agent, Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
- (19) President, Crime Prevention Officers' Association.
- (20) United States Attorney, Southern District of Florida or Assistant U.S. Attorney, West Palm Beach.

(21) Member, Palm Beach Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

The term of membership for the Public Sector members will be for the duration of their position entitling them to sit as a member of the Criminal Justice Commission.

- (b) Private Sector Membership.
  - (1) Ten (10) persons will be nominated by the Palm Beach County Economic Council, but not necessarily members of the Economic Council, and said nominations will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida for approval. These members shall be representative of all segments of Palm Beach County, Florida.
  - (2) One (1) at-large member of the local clergy nominated by the Criminal Justice Commission and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
- (c) Maximum Number of Boards. The maximum number of Boards that an individual member appointed by the Board of County Commissioners may serve on at one (1) time shall be three (3), except that no individual may serve on more than one (1) board, if doing so would violate Article II, Section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution, which prohibits dual office holding.
- (d) Terms of Office. Private Sector members shall be appointed for a three-year term, with said term commencing on January 1 for the first year of appointment and expiring on December 31 of the third year. Beginning on or after March 1, 2013, no private sector member shall be appointed or reappointed to the Criminal Justice Commission for more than three (3) consecutive three-year terms. Existing members' terms shall end on December 31st of the year in which their term expires.
- (e) Vacancies. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term, and shall not count toward the member's term limits.
- (f) Residency. All members of the Criminal Justice Commission must be residents of Palm Beach County at the time of appointment or nomination and while serving on the Criminal Justice Commission. Exemptions to this requirement are allowed when circumstances warrant outside technical/professional representation, or if statute or other rule specifies. Appointed members of the Criminal Justice Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing body.
- (g) Qualification as a Candidate. Criminal Justice Commission members shall not be prohibited from qualifying as a candidate for elected office.
- (h) Sunshine Law and State Code of Ethics. Criminal Justice Commission members shall comply with the Sunshine Law and State Code of Ethics. However, that portion of a meeting of a duly constituted Criminal Justice Commission at which members of the Commission discuss active criminal intelligence information or active criminal investigative information that is currently being considered by, or which may foreseeably come before, the Commission is exempt from F.S. § 286.011, as amended or replaced and § 24(b), Art. I of the Florida State Constitution, as amended or replaced, provided that at any public meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission at which such matter is being considered, the Commission members publicly disclose the fact that the matter has been discussed. Reasonable public notice of all Criminal Justice Commission meetings shall be provided. All meetings of the Criminal Justice Commission shall be open to the public at all times and minutes shall be taken at each meeting.
- (i) Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. Criminal Justice Commission members appointed under subsection (b)(l) and (2) of this section are to comply with the applicable provisions of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics as codified in Sections 2-441 through 2-448 of the Palm Beach County Code.
- (j) Annual Narrative Report. The Criminal Justice Commission shall submit an annual narrative report to the Board of County Commissioners.

(Ord. No. 88-16, § 1, 8-16-88; Ord. No. 89-3, § 1, 3-21-89; Ord. No. 90-38, § 1, 10-16-90; Ord. No. 92-14, § 1, 5-28-92; Ord. No. 92-25, § 1, 9-15-92; Ord. No. 93-1, § 1, 2-1-93; Ord. No. 93-

35, § 1, 12-21-93; Ord. No. 95-6, § 1, 3-21-95; Ord. No. 2014-003, § 1, 3-11-14; Ord. No. 2016-017, § 1, 3-1-16)

Sec. 2-217. - Objectives.

The Criminal Justice Commission is established to study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal and private agencies within the County. This purpose shall include the study of the health and human services and educational systems, among others, as they pertain to criminal justice or crime prevention. The Criminal Justice Commission shall make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on policies and programs designed to accomplish the following objectives:

- (a) To provide overall coordination to law enforcement and crime prevention efforts in the County;
- (b) To provide an efficient, cost effective and timely criminal justice system in the County; and
- (c) To effect the reduction of crime in the County on a permanent basis.

(Ord. No. 88-16, § 2, 8-16-88)

Sec. 2-218. - Authority.

The Criminal Justice Commission shall have the following authority and powers:

- (a) To review, research and evaluate existing systems and programs within the scope of the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (b) To establish task forces or subcommittees to study in detail key aspects of programs and systems within the scope of the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (c) To adopt from time to time rules and bylaws providing for the governance of the Criminal Justice Commission, which rules and bylaws will be adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (d) To establish an executive committee by the majority vote of the members of the Criminal Justice Commission, which executive committee will have such powers and authority as delegated by the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (e) To review and comment on all grant requests for programs and systems within the scope of the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (f) To make recommendations on modifying, creating or abolishing public and private systems and programs within the scope of the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (g) To make recommendations on modifying, creating or abolishing legislation, ordinances or regional or county-wide comprehensive plans dealing with systems and programs within the scope of the Criminal Justice Commission;
- (h) To assist the consolidation of systems and programs within the scope of the Criminal Justice Commission when approved by the Board of County Commissioners;
- (i) To request members of all agencies within the auspices of the Board of County Commissioners, to provide the Criminal Justice Commission in a timely manner with all data and information requested by the Criminal Justice Commission, to appear at any meeting or hearing requested by the Criminal Justice Commission, and to otherwise work in cooperation and good faith with the Criminal Justice Commission in pursuing the Criminal Justice Commission's objectives;
- (j) To enter contracts and hire personnel as required to pursue the objectives of the Criminal Justice Commission, subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners; and

- (k) To take all acts reasonably required by the Criminal Justice Commission in the exercise of the authority set forth above and the pursuit of the Criminal Justice Commission's objectives.

(Ord. No. 88-16, § 3, 8-16-88)

Sec. 2-219. - Operation.

- (a) Travel Expenses, Reimbursement and Approval Authority. Members of the Criminal Justice Commission shall serve without compensation, but may be eligible for travel reimbursement for only those expenses which are incurred for travel outside Palm Beach County which is necessary to fulfill Criminal Justice Commission member responsibilities provided sufficient funds have been budgeted and are available as set forth in PPM CW-O-038. No other expenses are reimbursable except documented long distance phone calls to the liaison County Department. Any approved travel reimbursement shall be subject to those actual expenses at the rate or rates established by State law and County travel policy. Approval authority for pre-authorized Criminal Justice Commission member travel is designated to the County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator and shall be in accordance with County wide Policy and Procedures memoranda (PPM) CW-F-009.
- (b) The Criminal Justice Commission shall operate with such funding and staffing as the Board of County Commissioners shall approve from time to time. Without prior approval, the Criminal Justice Commission shall have no authority to incur expenses for which Palm Beach County, Florida, would become liable.

(Ord. No. 88-16, § 4, 8-16-88; Ord. No. 2014-003, § 2, 3-11-14)

Sec. 2-220. - Staff cooperation and support.

The staff of the Board of County Commissioners, including but not limited to the County Administrator, the County Attorney and the Public Safety Department of the County, are hereby charged with the responsibility to furnish to the Criminal Justice Commission such records, documents, reports and other data on criminal justice matters which, in the opinion of the Criminal Justice Commission, are reasonably necessary in order that the Criminal Justice Commission may fulfill the duties required of it hereunder. Support services for the Criminal Justice Commission shall be made available by the Public Safety Department.

(Ord. No. 88-16, § 5, 8-16-88)

Sec. 2-221. - Administration.

The Criminal Justice Commission shall employ an executive director who shall hire such other administrative, professional and clerical assistance as necessary to carry out its duties authorized by this article, and as provided for in the Criminal Justice Commission's budget, reviewed and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The County Administrator shall have oversight of the executive director who will be selected by the Criminal Justice Commission and County Administrator and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The goals and performance evaluations of the executive director shall be accomplished jointly by the County Administrator and the Criminal Justice Commission. The Public Safety Department will be responsible for providing financial oversight in managing agreements, contracts, revenues and expenditures for the Criminal Justice Commission.

(Ord. No. 88-16, § 6, 8-16-88; Ord. No. 2016-017, § 2, 3-1-16)

Sec. 2-222. - Compliance with uniform policy for advisory boards and commissions.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Seat #</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Dave Kerner	1	MEMBER, PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Ric Bradshaw	2	PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF
Dave Aronberg	3	STATE ATTORNEY, 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Carey Haughwout	4	PUBLIC DEFENDER, 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Sharon R. Bock	5	CLERK OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
Krista Marx	6	CHIEF JUDGE, 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Kathleen Kroll	7	ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE, JUVENILE DIVISION
Justin Fleck	8	SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE IN PALM BEACH COUNTY OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Marcia Andrews	9	PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
Tina Polsky	10	MEMBER, LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
Keith James	11	MEMBER, LEAGUE OF CITIES
Gregory Starling	12	CIRCUIT 15 MANAGER, DISTRICT 9, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
Stephen Stepp	13	REPRESENTATIVE, PALM BEACH COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION
Robert Shirley	14	SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT, FEDERAL BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS & EXPLOSIVES*
Frank Adderley	15	CHIEF, WEST PALM BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
Kimber Heddon	16	CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATOR, FLA DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS, 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT*
Frank Mercurio	17	SPECIAL AGENT SUPERVISOR, FLA DEPT. OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
Sheldon Burkett	18	RESIDENT AGENT IN CHARGE, PALM BEACH COUNTY OFFICE OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION



**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

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William Dames	19	PRESIDENT, CRIME PREVENTION OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
George T. Elmore	20	PRIVATE SECTOR
Douglas Duncan	21	PRIVATE SECTOR
Kevin Jones	22	PRIVATE SECTOR - CLERGY
Barbara Cheives	23	PRIVATE SECTOR
Vacant	24	PRIVATE SECTOR
Lee Waring	25	PRIVATE SECTOR
Christina Morrison	26	PRIVATE SECTOR
Joseph Ianno, Jr.	27	PRIVATE SECTOR
Gerald F. Richman	28	PRIVATE SECTOR
Rachel Docekal	29	PRIVATE SECTOR
Nellie King	30	MEMBER, PALM BEACH COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS
Randolph K. Johnson, Sr.	31	PRIVATE SECTOR
Ellen Cohen	32	ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, WEST PALM BEACH
Donald Fennoy		EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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**Section I (Department):** (Please Print)

Board Name: Criminal Justice Commission Advisory  Not Advisory

At Large Appointment or  District Appointment / District #: \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Appointment: 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Years. From: January 1, 2020 To: December 31, 2022

Seat Requirement: Private Sector Seat #: 20

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or  to complete the term of \_\_\_\_\_ Due to:  resignation  other

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**Section II (Applicant):** (Please Print)

**APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT**

Name: Elmore George T.  
Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: Hardrives of Delray, Inc

Owner  Employee  Officer

Business Name: Hardrives of Delray, Inc.

Business Address: 2101 South Congress Avenue

City & State Delray Beach, FL Zip Code: 33445

Residence Address: 1320 North Ocean Boulevard

City & State Gulf Stream Florida Zip Code: 33483

Home Phone: (561) 274-2116 Business Phone: (561) 278-0456 Ext. 200

Cell Phone: (561) 704-5463 Fax: ( )

Email Address: gteharvey@aol.com

Mailing Address Preference:  Business  Residence

Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If Yes, state the court, nature of offense, disposition of case and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minority Identification Code:  Male  Female  
 Native-American  Hispanic-American  Asian-American  African-American  Caucasian

Section II Continued:

**CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS:** Pursuant to Article XIII, Sec. 2-443 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, advisory board members are prohibited from entering into any contract or other transaction for goods or services with Palm Beach County. Exceptions to this prohibition include awards made under sealed competitive bids, certain emergency and sole source purchases, and transactions that do not exceed \$500 per year in aggregate. These exemptions are described in the Code. This prohibition does not apply when the advisory board member's board provides no regulation, oversight, management, or policy-setting recommendations regarding the subject contract or transaction and the contract or transaction is disclosed at a public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. To determine compliance with this provision, it is necessary that you, as a board member applicant, identify all contractual relationships between Palm Beach County government and you as an individual, directly or indirectly, or your employer or business. This information should be provided in the space below. If there are no contracts or transactions to report, please verify that none exist. Staff will review this information and determine if you are eligible to serve or if you may be eligible for an exception or waiver pursuant to the code.

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<u>2013529/2013529A</u>	<u>Engineering &amp; Public Works</u> <u>Construction Coordinator</u>	<u>Site Work, Concrete/Paving</u> <u>Roebuck Road</u>	<u>3/19/18-12/31/2019</u>

(Attach Additional Sheet(s), if necessary)  
OR

NONE

NOT APPLICABLE/  
(Governmental Entity)

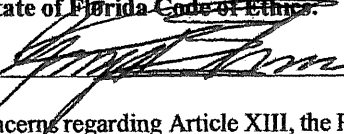
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 By attending a live presentation given on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

AND

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Guide to the Sunshine Amendment & State of Florida Code of Ethics.

\*Applicant's Signature:  Printed Name: George T. Elmore Date: October 10, 2019

Any questions and/or concerns regarding Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, please visit the Commission on Ethics website [www.palmbeachcountyethics.com](http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com) or contact us via email at [ethics@palmbeachcountyethics.com](mailto:ethics@palmbeachcountyethics.com) or (561) 233-0724.

Return this FORM to:

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 West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
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**Section III (Commissioner, if applicable):**

Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Florida's Public Records Law, this document may be reviewed and photocopied by members of the public.

Revised 01/14/2014

## **RESUME – GEORGE ELMORE**

George T. Elmore came to Florida in 1947 from New Castle, Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Miami and later served in the Korean Conflict. He founded Hardrives, Inc. in 1953. Currently he serves as the President of this highway construction and land development company.

Mr. Elmore is currently serving as a Director on the Boards of United Way, Boy Scouts of America, WPBT-Channel 2, Kravis Center, Palm Beach County Council of the Arts, Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach Community College Foundation, and Palm Beach Historical Society. Mr. Elmore is past President and Director of the Florida East Coast Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America, past President of the FAU Foundation, and past President of Crisis Line Information and Referral Services, Inc. He is a Founding member and past Chairman of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County. He has been a CJC member since January 1999.

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Name: Duncan Douglas  
Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: Owner  Employee  Officer

Business Name: Roth and Duncan, P.A.

Business Address: 515 N. Flagler Drive, Suite 325

City & State: West Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33402

Residence Address: 1130 Breakers West Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: 33411

Home Phone: (561) 793-6007 Business Phone: (561) 655-5529

Cell Phone: (561) 723-3383 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: dougducan325@gmail.com

Mailing Address Preference:  Business  Residence

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\*Applicant's Signature: [Signature] Printed Name: Doreen Duncan Date: 3/29/17

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## RESUME - DOUGLAS DUNCAN

Douglas Duncan was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 27, 1953. He received his B.A. from Ripon College where he graduated cum laude and thereafter received his J.D. cum laude in 1980 from Hamline University. His activities included the Silver Gavel Honor Society; recipient, Book Award in Criminal Law; member Hamline University Law Review; and editor, Criminal Law Newsletter, The Florida Bar. Mr. Duncan was admitted to the Florida bar in 1980 and in 1981 the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida including Trial Bar and U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th and 11th Circuits. In 1990 he was also admitted to bar for the U.S. Supreme Court. He is currently practicing law in West Palm Beach in the areas of criminal defense, litigation, trial practice and appellate practice.

Since 1985 Mr. Duncan has authored many works such as the "Fourth Amendment Standing of An Automobile Passenger", "What a Lawyer Is Ethically Required to do When a Criminal Defendant Intends to Lie at Trial", "Defense Counsel's Ethical Obligation To Disclose Or Not Disclose Prior to Sentencing That the Client Has a Prior Conviction", "Case law Authority for Downward Departures from Career Offender Enhancement--Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines" and "Battered Woman Syndrome and Jury Instructions".

In addition, Mr. Duncan's extensive involvement in the community has led him to serve as the Treasurer for the Florida Bar from 1992-1993; Secretary 1993-1994; Chairperson Elect 1994-1995; Chairperson 1995-1996 and Member Executive Council, 1990-1993, 1993-1996 and 1997-, Criminal Law Section. In 1988 and 1989 he was the Chairperson of the Criminal Law Section of the Florida Academy of Trial Lawyers. Mr. Duncan has also been a member and Chairperson of the Palm Beach County Criminal Court Advisory Committee. In 1989 & 1992 he was a member and Chairperson of the Continuing Legal Education Criminal Law Committee and in 1982 he was Vice-Chairman of the Appellate Practice Committee. He also served as the Vice-Chairman for the Continuing Legal Education, Criminal Law Committee, Fourth Judicial District and American Bar Associations. In addition to being an active member of the Florida Bar and the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, Mr. Duncan became the President-Elect of the Palm Beach County Association of Criminal Defense Lawyer in 2001.

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Seat Requirement: Private Sector Seat #: 23

\*Reappointment or  New Appointment

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Completion of term to expire on: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section II (Applicant):** (Please Print)

**APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT**

Name: Cheives Barbara  
Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: Owner  Employee  Officer

Business Name: Converge & Associates Consulting

Business Address: 1977 Brandywine Road #203

City & State West Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33409

Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address Preference:  Business  Residence

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**AND**

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\*Applicant's Signature: [Signature] Printed Name: BARBARA CHEIVES Date: 9/19/19

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**President of Converge &  
Associates Consulting  
CJC member since 2005**

Barbara Cheives is the President and CEO of Converge & Associates Consulting. Converge specializes in race and ethnic relations consulting and Cultural Competency Training. Barbara's consulting expertise includes law enforcement and public safety; media; education; and corporations.

Barbara served as the first Executive Director of Toward A More Perfect Union in Palm Beach County. TMPU is a non-profit initiative that addresses the critical impact of race and ethnicity in a diverse community.

Among the clients of Converge & Associates are International Speedway Corporation; Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office; Broward County Children's Services Council; Florida Department of Juvenile Justice; Florida Network of Youth and Family Services; The City of West Palm Beach and the YWCA of Palm Beach County.

Additionally, Barbara is a certified Ethics Trainer providing training for the Palm Beach State College Center for Applied Ethics.

She serves on the National Board of the Institute of Community Peace in Washington, DC. She is Immediate Past President of National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. West Palm Beach Chapter and the Co-Chair of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Social Justice Ministry. Barbara is an alumna of Leadership Palm Beach County, from the Class of 2002.

Barbara's community appointments include Past Chair of the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission. She served on the West Palm Beach Mayor's Transition Team where she chaired Neighborhood Improvement and Community Outreach. She was also appointed as a Commissioner to the statewide 2007 Blueprint Commission of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

She has received numerous honors and awards, most notably the March of Dimes Woman of Distinction Award, United Way of Palm Beach County Volunteer of the Year and the American Cancer Society Lifesaver Award.

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Name: Docekal Rachel  
Last First Middle  
Occupation/Affiliation: Lyrae Group, LLC  
Owner  Employee  Officer

**Business Name:**  
Lyrae Group, LLC  
**Business Address:** 9835-16 Lake Worth Road, Suite 193  
City & State Lake Worth, FL Zip Code: 33467

**Residence Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*Applicant's Signature:  Printed Name: RACHEL DOCEKAL Date: 9.23.19

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**Rachel Pappert Docekal, MBA, Ed.D** has extensive experience in enterprise building, governance, business and program development, fund development, customer and community relations, social media, and the creation, launch, and management of brands. Rachel is a seasoned leader with specialized knowledge in for-profit and nonprofit sectors.

As an accomplished writer, polished speaker, experienced leader, respected trainer and successful motivator with excellent facilitation and interpersonal skills, Rachel focuses on the improvement and acceleration of marketing and philanthropy programs. She has a gift for aligning organizational goals with core missions while ensuring sustainability, which led her to establish The Lyrae Group in 2015.

A dedicated wife and mother of two daughters, Rachel has found the delicate balance between enjoying personal fulfillment while achieving her professional passion. Named one of *South Florida Business Journal's 25 Most Influential Women of 2012*, Rachel also finds time to give back to her community and its surrounding areas through volunteering:

- Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Executive Committee Member
- Northern Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, Chair-Elect
- Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, Trustee
- Executive Women of the Palm Beaches
- Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, Member
- Leadership Palm Beach County, Focus Class Member, 2013
- Trained Guardian Ad Litem for Palm Beach County
- Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Member
- Frequent National FOX News Radio Contributor

Her education includes a Bachelor of Arts from Chatham College in three areas: communications, biology and secondary education. She went on to earn a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in marketing from The Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh and a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in conflict resolutions from Nova Southeastern University.

Over the course of Dr. Docekal's more than 20-year career in branding, marketing and fund development, she has worked for a variety of for-profit and nonprofit organizations, including serving as the CEO of the Hanley Center Foundation; Nova Southeastern University, the University of Pittsburgh, and the South Florida Science Museum. As CEO of the Hanley Center Foundation, she was responsible for board and donor relations and creating fund development strategies to support Hanley's lifesaving programs and capital



expansion. During her time at the NSU, Dr. Docekal led advancement during the planning and construction of the campus's 110,000-square foot Jim & Jan Moran Family Center Village.

Rachel's passion for helping organizations is reflected in the intentional way she selected the name of her own firm. "Lyrae" is the possessive form of the word "Lyra," originating from the Latin term "lyre" referring to the musical instrument known as a harp.

A small constellation visible in the northern night sky is said to represent the lyre from the legend of the Greek god Orpheus. The harp-shaped constellation's most notable star, Alpha Lyrae, - better known as Vega -- just happens to be one of the brightest stars in the sky.

Much like the determined mythological character Orpheus, "Lyrae" individuals have a deep inner desire to use their abilities in leadership and exhibit great personal independence particularly when focusing on large, important issues. Rachel and her team are prepared to lend their stellar qualities to your organization's next project.

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Name: Whetstone Lauren  
Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: Owner  Employee  Officer

Business Name: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Business Address: 777 South Flagler Drive Suite 300 East

City & State West Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33401

Residence Address: 18701 Breezewood Court

City & State Jupiter, FL Zip Code: 33458

Home Phone: (561) 889-6862 Business Phone: (561) 650-7971 Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (561) 655-6222

Email Address: whetstonel@gtlaw.com

Mailing Address Preference:  Business  Residence

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\*Applicant's Signature: *Lauren Whatstone* Printed Name: Lauren Whatstone Date: 8/28/19

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 Criminal Justice Commission  
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 West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
[alorr@pbcgov.org](mailto:alorr@pbcgov.org)

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## Lauren R. Whetstone

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Lauren R. Whetstone is a litigation shareholder in the firm's Palm Beach County offices. She focuses her practice in the areas of complex commercial litigation and securities litigation. Lauren has broad experience representing domestic and international clients in state and federal courts, as well as before the American Arbitration Association and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. She has litigated matters involving contract disputes, business torts, products liability for manufacturers, securities class actions, shareholder and partnership disputes, corporate formation, and real estate litigation.

### Concentrations

- Business disputes
- Multi-district litigation and class actions
- Real estate litigation
- Complex commercial litigation
- Pharmaceutical, medical device & health care litigation
- Securities litigation

### Capabilities

Litigation | Securities Litigation | Real Estate Litigation | Pharmaceutical, Medical Device & Health Care Litigation | Commercial Litigation

### Experience

#### Representative Matters

- Defeated prior shareholder's claims of entitlement to shares in privately held pharmaceutical company, winning summary judgment in favor of the pharmaceutical company in federal court.
- Served on team for defense of medical device manufacturer in multi-district litigation on claims based on failure to warn, design defects, and manufacturing defects, including extensive motion practice involving expert witnesses and the merits of claims on motions for summary judgment.
- Defended three levels of related financial institutions against fraud and negligence claims

brought by customer of foreign joint venture, resulting in directed verdict in favor of defendants after a one-week jury trial in federal court.

- Successfully defended brokerage firm employer in federal court against claims of disability discrimination and wrongful termination by employee, and also sought affirmative relief on behalf of employer to enforce promissory note, resulting in summary judgment in favor of employer on both the employee's discrimination claims and employer's promissory note claims, which was affirmed by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Successfully litigated exclusive distribution agreement on behalf of materials purchaser against supplier under long-term exclusive distributorship agreement.
- Resolved matters for closely held corporations involving shareholder and internal disputes.
- Successfully defended developer against purchaser's claims under the Interstate Land Sales Act and the Florida Condominium Act, and successfully enforced contract against purchaser, after two-week bench trial in federal court, and obtained an award of fees for developer.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of developer enforcing real estate contracts against multiple claims by purchasers.
- Successfully defended against derivative suit involving stock options backdating, resulting in a voluntary dismissal with prejudice by the plaintiff.
- Defended and resolved class action suits involving mergers and companies "going private."
- Represented investment firm in multidistrict litigation involving Ponzi scheme allegations.

## **Recognition & Leadership**

### **Awards & Accolades**

- Listed, *Daily Business Review*, Professional Excellence Award, "On the Rise," 2018
- Listed, *Super Lawyers* magazine, *Florida Super Lawyers*, "Rising Star," 2017-2019

### **Professional & Community Involvement**

- Board of Directors, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County, Inc., 2018-Present
- Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Emerging Leaders Program, 2018-Present
- Member, American Bar Association

## **Credentials**

### **Education**

- J.D., *cum laude*, University of Florida Levin College of Law

- *Order of the Coif*
- Board Member, *Florida Law Review*
- Book Awards: Appellate Advocacy, Securities Regulation
- Honors: Legal Research and Writing, Appellate Advocacy
- Research Assistant for Dean Stuart R. Cohn
- Recipient, Atwood Dunwoody Academic Scholarship
- B.S.B.A., Finance, *cum laude*, University of Florida
- B.S., Public Relations, *cum laude*, University of Florida
  - President's Honor Roll
  - Dean's List
  - Golden Key National Honor Society
  - National Society of Collegiate Scholars

### **Admissions**

- Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

### **News, Insights & Events**

August 29, 2018 PRESS RELEASE

#### **Lauren R. Whetstone Appointed to Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Board of Directors**

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June, 2015 PUBLISHED ARTICLE

#### **Floridas Valedictorians from 2000 Make Their Mark Somewhere Else**