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BOARD/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Please type or print clearly

Name of Board/Committee Economic Development Technical Advisory Committee
Check one: Full Member Position
 Alternate Member Position

Name Joseph M. Mason, Jr.
(Your name must be listed as it appears on your voter registration card)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR COUNTY RECORDS AND BECOMES PUBLIC RECORD UPON SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU QUALIFY FOR AN EXEMPTION TO THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION, PURSUANT TO F.S. 119.07, PLEASE STATE THE BASIS OF YOUR EXEMPTION. YOUR FAILURE TO ANSWER FULLY AND TRUTHFULLY ALL QUESTIONS COULD RESULT IN YOUR APPLICATION BEING DENIED OR YOUR SUBSEQUENT REMOVAL FROM ANY BOARD/COMMITTEE IF APPOINTED.

Address Post Office Box 1900
City Brooksville, Florida Zip 34605-1900
Telephone (352) 848-5170 (cell) (home) (352) 796-0795 (business)
E-mail address JoeMason@McGeeMasonLaw.com

Are you a resident of Hernando County? Yes

Voter Registration Number 104435367

Education See attached Résumé
(Please include any certificates, awards, diplomas, degrees, professional license numbers, etc.)

Employment History See attached Résumé
(Attach a resume if available)

Licenses or Certificates Held Florida License to Practice Law (TFB No. 108545)
District of Columbia License to Practice Law (D.C. Bar No. 155010)

Have you ever previously applied for a position on any County Board/Committee? See * below.

If yes, please state the Board(s)/Committee(s) you applied for, when you applied, and whether you were appointed.

*Never applied, but served often at the request of, or invitation by, the County. See attached Résumé.

Have you ever been convicted, plead guilty or no contest, or entered into PTI for a felony or 1st/ 2nd degree misdemeanor? No
Answering yes does not automatically disqualify you for consideration.

If yes, what charges? N/A

Are you currently involved as a defendant in a criminal case? No

If yes, what charges? N/A

Have you ever been named as a defendant in a civil action suit? No

If yes, when and describe action. N/A

Please state your reasons for applying to this Board/Committee As a fifth generation Hernando Countian, I want to see balanced development. As a 42-year development attorney, I hope that my experience can provide relevant insight to the Economic Development Technical Advisory Committee discussions.

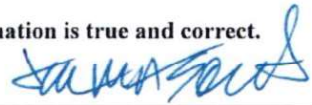
Please list three character references of persons NOT related to, NOT an employer, NOT an employee of you or your company, and whom you have known at least one (1) year. Please include addresses and phone numbers.

1. John R. Mitten, former County Commissioner Telephone: (352) 585-1609
2. Morris Porton, Business Leader Telephone: unlisted (will provide if needed)
3. Clifford E. Manuel, Jr., Development Engineer Telephone: (352) 796-9423

I hereby request consideration as a committee/board appointee. It is my intention to familiarize myself to the duties and responsibilities of the office to which I may be appointed, and to fulfill the appointment to the best of my ability, exercising good judgement, fairness, impartiality, and faithful attendance. By my signature below, I hereby authorize Hernando County to check my references and my background, including, without limitation, obtaining a criminal history check. I also agree to file a Financial Disclosure form as required by State law, if applicable, and abide by provisions of the State Sunshine Law.

I hereby swear and affirm, under Penalty of Perjury, that the above information is true and correct.

Applicant's signature _____



(Please direct all inquiries to the County Administrator's Office at 754-4002.)

MARCH 22, 2024

Completed applications may be submitted to the County Administrator's office, 15470 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, Florida 34604, or faxed to 352-754-4025 Attention: Jessica Wright.



Hernando County Background Consent / Release Form

As a volunteer applicant, I understand and acknowledge that an investigative report may be compiled on me. This report may include information regarding any criminal records, and from various public and private sources including law enforcement agencies at the Federal, State or County level, courts record repositories, sexual offender registries and any other source required to verify information that I have voluntarily provided.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Legal Name: Joseph Madison Mason, Jr.

Date of Birth: December 16, 1943

Other Names Used: Joseph M. "Joe" Mason, Jr.

(Legal Name) First M.I. Last

Dates Used (from/to): _____

Home Phone #: (352) 796-0795 (office)

Cell Phone #: (352) 848-5170

E-mail Address: JoeMason@McGeeMasonLaw.com

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes No

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Current Address: Post Office Box 1900 (101 South Main Street)

City, State, Zip : Brooksville, Florida 34605-1900 (34601-3336)

Time at this address: 40+ Years _____ Month

Previous Address: Post Office Box 907 (Suite 200, 1 East Jefferson Street)

City, State, Zip : Brooksville, Florida 34605-0907 (34601-2622)

Time at this address _____ Years 18 Month

By signing below, you hereby authorize, empower and release from all liability, without reservation, any agency contacted by Hernando County to furnish the above-mentioned information. You further authorize ongoing procurement of the above-mentioned information at any time during your relationship with Hernando County. You agree that a fax or photocopy of this authorization is to be considered and accepted with the same authority as the original.

Applicant's Signature

MARCH 22, 2024

Date

JOSEPH M. MASON, JR. *

* ALSO ADMITTED IN:
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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(1916 - 2005)

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March 22, 2024

RÉSUMÉ

JOSEPH MADISON MASON, JR.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date and Place of Birth: December 16, 1943
Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida

Married: To the former Katherine Anne Vaughan (DOM: 12/30/72)

Children: Mary Katherine Meyer (Mrs. Benton B.)
Celia Anne McCray (Mrs. Andrew B.)

Grandchildren: McLaurin Elizabeth Meyer (DOB 12/19/08)
Brennan Mason Meyer (DOB 08/18/11)
Madison Louise McCray (DOB 05/09/19)

EDUCATION

Hernando High School, Brooksville, Florida (1961)

University of Florida: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
(Major in Banking and Finance), May, 1965

University of Florida: Juris Doctor (with honors), December, 1967

University of Florida: Enrolled in Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program
(no certificate or degree), Spring, 1968

JURISDICTIONS WHERE LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW

Florida: Admitted 1968
District of Columbia: Admitted 1969
United States District Court, Middle District of Florida
United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
United States Tax Court

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Florida Bar (1968 - _____)
The District of Columbia Bar (1969 - _____)
American Bar Association (1972 - 1998; 2014 - 2016)
Hillsborough County Bar Association (1992 - 1986)
Tri-County (Citrus, Hernando, and Sumter Counties) Bar Association (1982 - 1986)
Hernando County Bar Association (1982 - _____)
Citrus-Hernando American Inn of Court (Master) (Charter Member 2000 - 2020)
Phi Delta Phi Professional Legal Fraternity (1966 - _____)
Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity (1964 - _____)

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Private Practice:

McGee & Mason, P.A.
101 South Main Street
Brooksville, Florida 34601-3336
July 1, 1999 - _____

Joseph M. Mason, Jr., P.A.
101 South Main Street
Brooksville, Florida 34601-3336
January 1, 1999 - June 30, 1999

Mason & Merritt, a partnership of professional associations
101 South Main Street
Brooksville, Florida 34601-3336
January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998

Merritt & Mason, P.A.
101 South Main Street
Brooksville, Florida 34601-3336
January 1, 1985, through December 31, 1997

McGee, Mason, & Luckie
Suite 200, 1 East Jefferson Street
Brooksville, Florida 34601
July 1, 1984, through December 31, 1984

McGee & Mason, P.A.
Suite 200, 1 East Jefferson Street
Brooksville, Florida 34601
July 1, 1982, through June 30, 1984

Shackelford, Farris, Stallings & Evans, P.A. (now: Gray Robinson, P.A.)
Tampa, Florida
July 17, 1972, through June 30, 1982
(Associate, 1972 - 1977; Stockholder/Principal, 1977 - 1982)

Corporate Counsel:

Florida Mining & Materials Corp.
Brooksville and Tampa, Florida
Special Project (Public offering of stock)
April through June, 1972

Hernando State Bank (thence SunTrust Bank, Nature Coast, now Truist Bank)
Brooksville, Florida
Special Project (Chartering of affiliate bank)
January through March, 1972

United States Military:

United States Naval Reserve
Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps, USNR
Active Duty: October, 1968, through December, 1971
Staff Judge Advocate, Commander Carrier Division Nine:
 May, 1970, through December, 1970
 May, 1971, through December, 1971
Command Judge Advocate, USS Oriskany (CVA 34):
 April, 1970, through December, 1971
Staff Attorney, Investigations Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General:
 March, 1969, through March, 1970
U.S. Naval Training Center:
 U.S. Naval Justice School
 December, 1968, through February, 1969
U.S. Naval Reserve Officer Training School
 October, 1968, through December, 1968

United States Government:

Securities & Exchange Commission
Washington, D. C.
Trial Attorney, Division of Corporate Regulation
June, 1968, through September, 1968

State Government:

Office of Bill McCollum
Florida Attorney General
Transition Team (2006 - 2007)

Municipal Government:

City of Weeki Wachee
City Attorney (2002 - 2020)

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES

The Florida Bar:

Member (Chair, 1985 - 1986), Grievance Committee "A" for the
Fifth Judicial Circuit (1983 - 1986)
Member (Chair, 1986 - 1987), Clients' Security Fund Committee
(1982 - 2002)

Member (Chair, 1990 - 1992), Judicial Nominating Commission,
Fifth Judicial Circuit (1988 - 1992)
Member, Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee, Fifth Judicial
Circuit (1989 - 1999)
Member, Professional Ethics Committee (1991 - 1993)
Member, Legal Education and Admission to Practice Committee (1981)
Delegate, All Bar Conference (all sessions, 1990 - 1997)
Member, The Florida Bar Speakers Bureau (1997 - 2002)

Hernando County Bar Association:

President (1988 - 1989 and 2001 - 2002)
Vice-President (1987 - 1988, 2000 - 2001, and 2020 - 2022)
Secretary-Treasurer (1986 - 1987)
Chair, Liberty Bell Award Committee (1990 - _____)
Law Week Committee (1986 - Date; Chair, 1989 and 2002)
Chair, American Cancer Society Relay for Life Program (2004 - 2006)
Legislative Liaison for Local Law Library Funding (2004)
Bench/Bar Liaison Committee (2009 - 2012); Chair (2010 - 2012)

Citrus-Hernando American Inn of Court (became inactive in 2020):

Member, Organizing Committee (1999 - 2000)
Charter Member (Master) (2000 - 2020)
Pupilage Group Co-Leader (2008-2009; 2013-2014)

PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES TO THE DISADVANTAGED

Withlacoochee Area Legal Services, Inc. (WALS) [a Legal Services Corporation (LSC) provider]:

Director (2000 - 2004)
President (2002 - 2004)
Member, Legal Services Corporation, Inc., Florida Region 3
Transition Council (2002 - 2003)

WALS, Central Florida Legal Services, Inc. (CFLS), and Greater Orlando Area Legal Services, Inc. (GOALS) [each a LSC provider]:

Member, and Chair, Joint Board LSC Region 3 Consolidation Task Force (2003)

Legal Advocacy Center of Central Florida, Inc. [formerly known as WALS, and, from 2004 until it's dissolution, a non-LSC provider; voluntarily dissolved in 2020]:

Director (2004 - 2020)
President (2004 - 2005)
Executive Committee (2004 - 2016)
Chair, Personnel Committee (2005 - 2012)
Chair, Nominating Committee (2018 - 2020)
Bylaws Committee

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. [formerly known as CFLS (the survivor of the 2004 merger of GOALS into CFLS), and a LSC provider for 12 counties]:

Director (2004 - _____)
President (2004 - 2005)

Executive Committee (2004 - 2016); Chair (2004 - 2005)
Chair, Personnel Committee: Member (2005 - 2019); Chair (2005-2012)
Executive Director Search Committee: Member (2016; Chair, 2019 - 2020);
Bylaws Committee (2015 - 2018)
Nominating Committee, Chair (2018 - _____)
Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee: Member (2020 - _____)

Legal Aid Educational and Supportive Services, Inc. (LAESS) (voluntarily dissolved in 2022):
Organizing Member, Board of Directors (2009 - 2022)

Awards:

Pro-Bono Publico Attorney of the Year Award for Hernando County (2006)
The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award (2014)

BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITY

Hernando State Bank (thence **SunTrust Bank, Nature Coast**; now **Truist Bank**):
Part-Time Employee (High School and University vacations, 1956 - 1968)
Member, Board of Directors (1973 - 1993)
Executive Committee (1973-1993)
Special Counsel (1972 - 1993)

Hernando Banking Corporation (merged into SunBanks, Inc., 1985):
Member, Organizing Board of Directors (1981 - 1985)
Executive Committee (1981 - 1985)
General Counsel (1981 - 1985)

Florida Bankers Association:

Member, Legislative Liaison Contact Bankers Committee (1981 - 1984)
Founding Member, Conference of Florida Bank Counsel (1983)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Florida Annual Conference, United Methodist Church:
Legal Advisory Council (2006 - 2010)

Gulf Ridge District, Florida Annual Conference, UMC:
District Legal Advisor (2006 - 2010)

First United Methodist Church of Brooksville, Inc. (now, as of December 15, 2023, **First Methodist Church of Brooksville, Inc., a Global Methodist Church**):
Vice-Chair, Administrative Council (2006 - 2008)
Chair, Executive Committee (2003)
Administrative Board (1986 - 1988)
Church Council (1997 - _____)
Finance Committee (1989, 1997 - 2003); Chair (1997 - 2003)
Member, Committee on Lay Leadership
(formerly Nominating Committee) (1993 - 1996; 2003 - 2004)
General Chair, Budget Campaign (1987 and 1988)

Growth and Planning Committee (1990 - 1991)
Chair, Claim the Flame Fund Drive (1991)
Chair, Raise the Roof Campaign (2001)
Coordinator, Connectional Giving (2004 - 2023)
Co-Chair, Debt Reduction Task Force (2009 - 2011)
Member, Brooksville Common Development Committee (2011 - 2015)
Member, Committee on Denominational Affiliation (2022 - 2024)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Leadership Florida (1991 - Date):

Member, Cornerstone Class X (1991 - 1992)
Member, Advanced Leadership Committee (1993-1994)
Member, Statewide Community Initiative (1993-1994)

Hernando County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.:

Director (1984 - 1992)
Executive Committee (1988 - 1992)
Member, Governmental Affairs Committee (1984 - 1986)
Divisional Vice-President for Governmental Affairs (1986 - 1988)
President-Elect (1988 - 1989)
President (1989 - 1990)
Chair, Hernando County/West Hernando/Ridge Manor Chambers
Merger Committee (1988 - 1991)
Corporate Secretary (1991 - 1992)
President/CEO Search Committee (1991)
Leadership Hernando Organizing Director and President (1990)

Leadership Hernando, Inc.:

Incorporator (1990)
Board of Directors (1990 - 1992)
Chair (1990 - 1992)

Hernando County Business Alliance:

Counsel (2017 - _____)

Hernando County Committee of 100, Inc.:

Member (1982 - 1992)
Director (Ex Officio) 1989 - 1990

Hernando County Local Disaster Mitigation Strategy Working Group:

Member and Chair (1998 - 1999)

Hernando County Disaster Local Mitigation Strategy Planning Committee:

Member and Chair (1998 - 1999)

Hernando County Disaster Mitigation Advisory Committee:

Member (1994 - 1997)

Hernando County Land Use Planning Task Force:

Member and Chair (1985 - 1991)

Hernando County Comprehensive Planning Citizens Advisory Committee:

Member (1985 - 1991)

Chair (1985 - 1986)

Hernando Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (now The ARC Nature Coast, Inc.):

Member (1983 - 1992)

Director (1984 - 1989)

Vice-President (1985)

President (1986 and 1987)

Kiwanis Club of Brooksville, Inc.:

Member (1982 - Date)

Director (1983 - 1989)

Chair, Boy Scouts of America Building Committee (1984 - 1985)

Chair, Citizenship Services Committee (1985 - 1986)

Member, Community Affairs Committee (1991 - 1993)

Member, Youth Services Committee (1995 - 1998)

Member, Community Service Committee (1999 - 2002)

Member, Youth Services Committee (2009 - 2010)

Forty-One (41) Years Perfect Attendance

Brooksville Kiwanis Club Foundation, Inc.:

Member (1998 - Date)

Director (2002 - 2006)

President (2002 - 2003)

Vice-President (2003 - 2004)

Investment Committee Chair (2004 - 2006)

Florida Kiwanis Foundation Youth Activities Center Management Committee:

Founding Member (1985 - 1992)

General Counsel (1985 - 1992)

Regional Healthcare, Inc. (formerly Lykes Health Systems, Inc.): Corporate parent of Hernando Healthcare, Inc., and Spring Hill Community Hospital, Inc.

Chair, Organizing Board of Directors (1986 - 1993)

Chair, Executive Committee (1986 - 1993)

Chair, Nominating Committee (1986 - 1993)

Hernando Healthcare, Inc. (formerly Lykes Memorial Hospital, Inc.): Corporate licensee of Brooksville Regional Hospital (formerly Lykes Memorial Hospital)

Chair, Board of Directors (1984 - 1993)

Chair, Executive Committee (1984 - 1993)

Chair, Hospital Joint Conference Committee (1984 - 1993)

Spring Hill Community Hospital, Inc.:

Corporate licensee of Spring Hill Regional Hospital

Chair, Organizing Board of Directors (1987 - 1992)
Chair, Executive Committee (1987 - 1993)
Chair, Organizing Hospital Joint Conference Committee (1990 - 1993)

The Enrichment Centers Inc. of Hernando County:

Chair, Founding Board of Directors (Regional Healthcare, Inc.) (1986 - 1993)
Vice-Chair, Administrative Council (2006 - 2007)
Member, Executive Director, Search Committee (2020 - 2021)
Member, Board of Directors (2000 - _____)
General Counsel, (2000 - _____)

Epsilon Zeta [of Sigma Nu, University of Florida] Home Association, Inc.:

Director (1974 - _____)

Sigma Nu [National] Educational Foundation, Inc.:

Director (2009 - 2018)
Member, Executive Committee (2013 - 2016)
Secretary (2014 - 2016)
Chair, Scholarship, Grant, and Loan Committee (2015 - 2017)

White Star Foundation of Florida, Inc.:

Founding President (1982 - _____)
Member and Chair, Founding Board of Directors (1982 - _____)
Member and Chair, Founding Scholarship Awards Committee (1982 - _____)

Hernando Community Blood Bank, Inc.:

Member, Building Fund Committee (1988 - 1991)

Hernando County Education Foundation:

Member, BrainQuest (2000) Committee

Gulf Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America:

Executive Board (1994 - 2014)
Nominating Committee (1995 - 1996)
Properties Committee (1995 - 1996)

Withlacoochee District, Gulf Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America:

District Council (1995 - 1997)
Nominating Committee (1997 - 1999)

COLLEGIATE ACTIVITIES (University of Florida)

Sigma Nu Fraternity, Epsilon Zeta Chapter (at University of Florida):

Comptroller (1962 - 1965)
Chancellor (1965 - 1966)

Business Administration Student Organization Council (BASOC):

Member (1963 - 1965)
President (1964 - 1965)

Football Block Seating Committee:

Member (1963 - 1965)
Chair (1964 - 1965)

Finance Society of America, University of Florida Chapter:

Member (1962 - 1965)
President (1964 - 1965)

University of Florida Law Review:

Member (1966)

John Marshall Bar Association:

Member (1965 - 1967)
Director (1966)

Student Traffic Court:

Justice (1964 - 1966)

Student-Faculty Disciplinary Committee:

Student Member (1967 - 1968)

Honor Court:

Chief Assistant Attorney General (1966)
Candidate (unsuccessful) for Chancellor (1966)

Student Government President's Cabinet:

Secretary of Legal Affairs (1966 - 1967 and 1967 - 1968)

Student Government Election Campaigns:

Presidential Campaign Director (Successful, 1967)
Presidential Campaign Manager (Successful, 1968)
Chancellor of the Honor Court Candidate (Unsuccessful, 1966)

Gator Growl:

Assistant Director (1966)
Producer/Director (1967)

Honors and Awards:

Florida Blue Key
Omicron Delta Kappa
University of Florida Hall of Fame
Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities (1966 - 1967 and 1967 - 1968)
Florida Bankers' Association Scholarship (1963 - 1964 and 1964 - 1965)
Florida Law Center Scholarship (1966 and 1967)

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March 22, 2024

Hon. Jeffrey Rogers, P.E.
County Administrator
15470 Flight Path Drive
Brooksville, Florida 34604-6823

Via E-Mail
administration@hernandocounty.us

Re: Hernando County
Economic Development Technical Advisory Committee

Dear Jeff:

Enclosed is my application for a full member position on the Hernando County Economic Development Technical Advisory Committee. The County has long needed to move vigorously for economic, and, in particular, industrial, development, and I am happy to see that, in the last several years, significantly greater attention has been given to the issue.

As a fifth (5th) generation Hernando County resident, it is long been my goal to see a balanced mix of development in the County, and the industrial base of our business community can certainly use assistance in expanding its profile. As an attorney with over 40 years of land development experience, I hope to be able to provide relevant input to that effort, if the Board sees fit to appoint me to the Committee.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this matter, or if you need any further information from me regarding my application, please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,



JOSEPH M. MASON, JR.

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