

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR BOARD APPOINTMENT**

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To advise the County of any changes please contact Christine Coble  
by telephone at 606-5300 or by e-mail at CobleC@leoncountyfl.gov



Applications will be discarded if no appointment is made after two years.

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TOWNHOUSE 41

City/State/Zip: TALLAHASSEE FL 32301

Do you live in Leon County? Yes If yes, do you live within the City limits? Yes

Do you own property in Leon County? No If yes, is it located within the City limits? No

For how many years have you lived in and/or owned property in Leon County? 3.00 years

Are you currently serving on a County Advisory Committee? No

If yes, on what Committee(s) are you a member?

Have you served on any previous Leon County committees? No

If yes, on what Committee(s) are you a member?

Are you interested in serving on any specific Committee(s)? If yes, please indicate your preference

1st Choice: 2nd Choice: Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

What cultural arts organization do you represent, if any?

N/A

If not interested in any specific Committee(s), are you interested in a specific subject matter? If yes, please note those areas in which you are interested:

**If you are appointed to a Committee, you are expected to attend regular meetings.**

How many days permonth would you be willing to commit for Committee work? 4 or more

And for how many months would you be willing to commit that amount of time? 6 or more

What time of day would be best for you to attend Committee meetings? Day, Night

**(OPTIONAL)** Leon County strives to meet its goals, and those contained in various federal and state laws, of maintaining a membership in its Advisory Committees that reflects the diversity of the community. Although strictly optional for Applicant, the following information is needed to meet reporting requirements and attain those goals.

Race: Other

Sex: Female

Age: 25

Disabled? No

District:

**In the space below briefly describe or list the following: any previous experience on other Committees; your educational background; your skills and experience you could contribute to a Committee; any of your professional licenses and/or designations and indicate how long you have held them and whether they are effective in Leon County; any charitable or community activities in which you participate; and reasons for your choice of the Committee indicated on this Application.**

I HAVE A B.A., MAGNA CUM LAUDE, IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM MERCER UNIVERSITY. I ATTENDED WASHINGTON AND LEE SCHOOL OF LAW BEFORE TRANSFERRING AND COMPLETING MY J.D. AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW.

MY STRONGEST SKILLS ARE RESEARCH AND WRITING AND I WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMITTEE BY EXTENSIVELY RESEARCHING THE POLICIES THAT HAVE SUCCEEDED AND FAILED IN COUNTIES (THAT ARE SIMILAR TO LEON IN DEMOGRAPHICS AND SIZE) ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ASSIST IN DRAFTING THE MISSION, POLICY, AND PROCEDURES BEST SUITED TO ACHIEVE LEON'S LONG RANGE PLANNING AND BUDGETING GOALS.

I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA BAR SINCE 25 SEPTEMBER 2013. I AM LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN LEON COUNTY.

I AM PRESIDENT OF A 501(C)(3) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION CALLED PETAGON INT'L, INC, AND A

MEMBER OF THE CAPITAL AREA ANIMAL NETWORK. AS PI PRESIDENT, I PARTICIPATE IN A RANGE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING DELIVERING 1,000 POUNDS OF PET FOOD TO LOCAL ANIMAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AM IN CHARGE OF PI'S PRO BONO PROGRAM WITH FSU LAW. I CREATED A 20-HOUR MODULE ON THIRD-DEGREE FELONY DOGFIGHTING FOR LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS THROUGH THE RESPECT ANIMALS PROJECT (RAP). I CREATED AND PRESENT AN ACCREDITED CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION COURSE ON DOGFIGHTING FOR MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA BAR. I WAS A TEACHING ASSISTANT IN JUVENILE JUSTICE AT THE FSU COLLEGE OF LAW IN SPRING 2014. I AM CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF COORDINATING TWO EVENTS BETWEEN PI & FSU LAW THIS FALL. ONE FEATURES STEVEN WISE, PRESIDENT OF THE NONHUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT, AND THE OTHER IS THE FIRST SOUTH EASTERN ANIMAL LAW SYMPOSIUM (SEALS).

I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES COMMITTEE BECAUSE MY PRIMARY FOCUS IS ON ANIMAL WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF ANIMAL INTERESTS. I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS BECAUSE MY SECONDARY FOCUS IS ON GENDER AND THE LAW. MY FORTHCOMING PAPER IN THE GEORGETOWN JOURNAL ON POVERTY LAW AND POLICY FOCUSES ON SEX TRAFFICKING OF AMERICAN MINORS, AND I WAS A WOMEN'S STUDIES MINOR IN UNDERGRAD.

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References (you must provide at least one personal reference who is not a family member):

Name: GARRICK PURSLEY Telephone: 469.878.9331  
Address: 425 W. JEFFERSON ST., TALLAHASSEE, FLA. 32306

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Name: BILL BLOCKER Telephone: 850.322.8744  
Address: 2727 MAHAN DRIVE, MS 3, TALLAHASSEE, FLA. 32308

**IMPORTANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**  
**AS A MEMBER OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW ANY APPLICABLE LAWS REGARDING GOVERNMENT-IN-THE-SUNSHINE, CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS, AND PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE. THE CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THESE APPLICABLE LAWS INCLUDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES, CIVIL FINES, AND THE VOIDING OF ANY COMMITTEE ACTION AND OF ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. IN ORDER TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THESE LAWS AND TO ASSIST YOU IN ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ORIENTATION PUBLICATION [www.leoncountyfl.gov/bcc/committees/training.asp](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/bcc/committees/training.asp) BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION IS DEEMED COMPLETE.**

Have you completed the Orientation? Yes

Are you willing to complete a financial disclosure form and/or a background check, if applicable? Yes

Will you be receiving any compensation that is expected to influence your vote, action, or participation on a Committee? No  
If yes, from whom?

Do you anticipate that you would be a stakeholder with regard to your participation on a Committee? No

Do you know of any circumstances that would result in you having to abstain from voting on a Committee due to voting conflicts? No  
If yes, please explain.

Do you or your employer, or your spouse or child or their employers, do business with Leon County? No  
If yes, please explain.

Do you have any employment or contractual relationship with Leon County that would create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict with regard to your participation on a Committee? No  
If yes, please explain.

All statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Carly Elizabeth Souther

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- EDUCATION THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LAW** Tallahassee, FL  
**Juris Doctor**, May 2013
- Honors: Charles R. Mathews Scholarship for Geriatrics Research  
Book Award—Human Trafficking  
Certificate of Outstanding Pro Bono Service
- Activities: Vice President, Student Animal Legal Defense Fund  
Volunteer, Pets Ad Litem  
Presenter, The Florida State University, College of Medicine “9th Annual Research Fair”  
Cuban American Bar Association
- WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW** Lexington, VA  
**First-year Juris Doctor coursework**, 2010-2011
- Honors: Omicron Delta Kappa  
Book Award—Professional Responsibility
- Activities: Southwest Virginia Innocence Project
- MERCER UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS** Macon, GA  
**Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude***, December 2009
- Major/Minor: Political Science; Women and Gender Studies
- Honors: Top Ten Percent  
Atlantic Sun First-Team Academic All-Conference, 2006 – 2009
- Activities: Women’s Cross Country  
Panelist, Georgia Political Science Association Conference, 2008  
Coordinator, Women’s Awareness Projects  
Volunteer Docent, Macon’s Children Museum  
Students’ Health and Welfare Centres Organisation, South Africa, Summer 2008
- Abroad: St. Peter’s College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, January - August 2009  
UCT Medical School, University of Cape Town, South Africa, May - August 2008
- ARTICLES** *Victims, Not Vixens: Prostituted Children and the Case for Preemption*, 21 GEORGETOWN JOURNAL ON POVERTY LAW & POLICY (forthcoming 2014), available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2309558>.  
*Human v. House: A Combat for Couture Command of Luxury Labels*, 24 DEPAUL JOURNAL OF ART, TECHNOLOGY & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW 49 (2013).  
*Factors Associated with Implementation of the POLST Paradigm: Results from a Survey of Florida Physicians*, 14 CARE MANAGEMENT JOURNALS: JOURNAL OF LONG TERM HOME HEALTHCARE 247 (2013) (with Juliana J. Matthews).
- EDITORIAL** Ad hoc Reviewer (selected), *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*
- HONORARIA PETS AD LITEM, Respect Animals Program**, Spring 2014 Tallahassee, FL  
Developed 20-hour module on third-degree felony dogfighting for Leon County Schools
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS**, Fall 2013 Washington, DC  
Identified laws, policies, and regulations impacting emergency preparedness; updated Training Kit for the *Public Health Law and the Law: Emergency Preparedness Session*” at the FSU College of Medicine

- EXPERIENCE** **PETAGON INTERNATIONAL, INC.**, 2014 – present Tallahassee, FL  
*President, Board of Directors*  
Supervise activities of Petagon at state, national, and international levels, including establishment of emergency pet food bank, and advocacy of proposed International Convention for the Protection of Animals (ICPA); present ICPA proposal to councils; oversee FSU Law *pro bono* program
- FLORIDA’S AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**, 2013 – present Tallahassee, FL  
*Assistant General Counsel*, August 2013 - present  
Practice includes all aspects of Medicaid Managed Care, at both state and federal levels, with particular focus on contracts law and statutory interpretation; experience includes:
- Counsel to largest procurement in United States history (\$36 billion)
  - Provide frontline support to Division of Finance; advise bureau chiefs and administrators on all matters related to contract management and capitation rates
  - Identify problem areas of contract and draft amendments to resolve issues
  - Extensive knowledge of Medicaid Fair Hearing process and child health insurance program
- Intern*, Summer 2013  
Reviewed vendors’ responses to Agency’s Invitation to Negotiate in procurement of Statewide Medicaid Managed Care; evaluated submitted bids or proposals; performed redactions for HIPAA compliance
- THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LAW**, Spring 2014 Tallahassee, FL  
Second chair, Juvenile Justice; assisted Professor Mary L. Pankowski in all aspects of course preparation
- THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**, Fall 2013 Tallahassee, FL  
*Research Fellow*, Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law  
Compared Certificate of Need (CON) programs nationwide to update Lewin Group’s Policy Brief (2006); assessed impact of CON on Florida’s health care safety net
- MYERS AND ASSOCIATES**, Summer 2012 Tallahassee, FL  
Summer associate in civil litigation firm; handled new and pending Medicare secondary-payment claims; drafted briefs, complaints, pretrial motions, memoranda, and discovery requests and responses in litigation involving family law, real property, contracts, and constitutional issues
- 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**, Summer 2011 Monroe, GA  
Assisted Chief Judge John Ott in all aspects of trial practice, including attending oral arguments, conducting legal research, and drafting orders on fair debt collection and credit reporting practices
- GREG SOUTHER CONSULTING AND TRAINING**, 2006 - present Monroe, GA  
Revised two editions of book on lender compliance with federal and state laws, including Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and Fair Credit Reporting Act; edit monthly publications on consumer issues
- STATE FARM INSURANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES**, Summers 2006 - 2011 Monroe, GA  
Conducted over 400 inspections for home and property product line; tailored automobile, life, health, and liability quotes around customer needs; discussed annuity contracts and investment strategies with agent; opened State Farm Bank accounts; assisted agent with auto, home mortgage, and home equity financing
- PROGRAMS** Speaker, “Dogfighting, Ethics, and the Law,” Continuing Legal Education course for the Florida Bar, Summer 2014
- MEMBERSHIP** The Florida Bar, admitted in 2013  
American Bar Association  
Animal Legal Defense Fund  
Capital Area Animal Network
- LANGUAGES** Spanish, intermediate; French, beginner