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Abigail “Abby” F. Jorandby

*Fort Pierce City Attorney
Candidate Report*

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Cover Letter and Resume

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October 12, 2018

City of Fort Pierce
100 N. U.S. Highway 1
Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

Re: City Attorney Position for the City of Fort Pierce

Dear Sir or Madam:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this cover letter and enclosed resume for your consideration for the City Attorney Position for the City of Fort Pierce, Florida.

By way of introduction, I am licensed Florida Bar Attorney since 2001 with comprehensive and significant knowledge of local government and municipal law. That is, since 2009, I have worked for two municipal law firms in Palm Beach County, Florida. Of recent, my clients include the City of Palm Beach Gardens, the Town of Lantana, the West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority and the West Palm Beach Arts & Entertainment District.

To begin, on behalf of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, my duties include attendance at City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Code Enforcement meetings. At the City Council and Planning and Zoning meetings, I act as legal counsel to both Council/Board members and staff in order to ensure efficient and productive meetings. As the Code Enforcement attorney, I prosecute all code enforcement cases before the Special Magistrate ranging from violations of the maintenance and appearance code to violations of the Florida Building Code and the International Property Maintenance Code. As such, I work with all City departments and with the various members of staff in preparing their individual testimony before the Special Magistrate. As for development in the City, I have worked on two of the largest developments in Palm Beach County known as Avenir and Alton. Once again this requires me to work with staff and developers regarding planning needs.

On behalf of the Town of Lantana, my duties include attendance at Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Code Enforcement meetings. One notable development project that I have worked on for the Town of Lantana is that of the redevelopment of the property known the A.G. Holley State Hospital. The "A.G. Holley", as it was informally called, was a state hospital opened in 1950 and which was recently closed in 2012. In 2014, a developer purchased 70 ± acres of the property and is currently in the process of redeveloping the same into a mixed-use development. As part of this process, I

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have worked with the developer in processing the required comprehensive plan amendment and re-zoning and, more recently, in processing the appropriate site plans for the project.

The West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority is an independent special taxing district. On their behalf, I attend monthly board meetings, as well as conduct all legal work including the review of contracts, interlocal agreements, and competitive purchasing documents. Two notable projects I have completed include the preparation and filing of trademark applications and the creation of a non-profit organization now known as the West Palm Beach Arts & Entertainment District. For both the West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority and the West Palm Beach Arts & Entertainment District, I provide legal advice and guidance to both board members and staff in regard to the formulation of agency practices and procedures.

In sum, the position that I have held since 2009 with these various municipalities and agencies has afforded me the opportunity to be well-versed in the areas of municipal planning and development, Florida Public Records law and Sunshine law.

I understand from the City Attorney position advertisement that the City of Fort Pierce is looking for an individual who values team work and problem solving and who is a proven leader and manager. It is my opinion that I exhibit these exact qualities. I lead by example and I am always available to every member of staff. I have high expectations of myself and of my work product and I take pride in implementing the priorities of my client. I believe I have the requested broad spectrum of municipal law coupled with the ability to work with a team in order to achieve the success that the City of Fort Pierce seeks.

Please review my enclosed resume for additional details regarding my background. I am certain that you will find that I exhibit a powerful combination of proven legal expertise and solid communication skills. These skills combined with a strong sense of professional integrity have contributed significantly to my successes and achievements. I thrive on challenges and will spend the time and effort it takes to do well.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Abigail Forrester Jorandby', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Abigail Forrester Jorandby, Esq.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

The Lohman Law Group, P.A., West Palm Beach, Florida, July 2014 to present

- *Assistant General Counsel*, July 2014 to present
 - Assistant Legal Counsel to the Town of Lantana, the City of Palm Beach Gardens, the West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority and the West Palm Beach Arts & Entertainment District.
 - Work directly with City Managers, Elected Officials, Board Members and Municipal Staff regarding general municipal issues.
 - Attend Council meetings, Planning and Zoning Board meetings, and Development Review Committee meetings as legal counsel providing advice as board governance and application of appropriate legislation.
 - Conduct land planning review, public contract negotiations, legal representation of Police and Fire Departments, interpretation and application of applicable Federal, State and Municipal rules and regulations, code enforcement prosecution, and drafting of Local Government Ordinances and Resolutions.
 - Prepare and file Trademark/Copyright Applications on behalf of municipal clients.
 - Provide legal representation of municipal clients for litigation matters including appellate matters.

Corbett, White & Davis, P.A., Lantana, Florida, October 2009 to July 2014

- *Assistant General Counsel*, October 2009 to July 2014
 - Assistant Legal Counsel to the firm's eleven municipal clients located in Palm Beach County, Florida.
 - Clients included the Town of Manalapan, Village of Royal Palm Beach, Town of Palm Beach Shores, City of Atlantis, Village of Tequesta, Town of Mangonia Park, City of Palm Beach Gardens, West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority and Town of Lantana.
 - Advised both elected officials and municipal staff regarding legal issues pertaining to municipal law, planning and zoning and land use matters.
 - Prosecuted and defended over Thirty-Five Hundred Code Enforcement cases from initial stages to hearing.
 - Prepared Appellate Briefs and Foreclosure Defense on behalf of the municipalities.
 - Prepared and filed Civil Forfeiture Proceedings on behalf of Client Police Departments.

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The Keane Law Firm, Chartered, Stuart, Florida, January 2008 to October 2009

- *Estates and Trust Associate*, January 2008 to October 2009
 - Legal Counsel concentrating in Estate and Trust Litigation, Guardianships, and Probate and Trust Administration.
 - Conducted client consultations, depositions and all pre-suit discovery.
 - Represented clients before Probate Courts in St. Lucie, Martin and Palm Beach County.

Office of the State Attorney, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Orlando, Florida, August 2001 to January 2008

- *Assistant State Attorney*, August 2001 to January 2008
 - *Appellate Attorney*, Special Prosecution Unit
 - Researched and drafted State appellate briefs, State responses to petitions for belated appeal and motions for post-conviction relief.
 - *Felony Lead Trial Division Attorney*, Felony Bureau
 - Prosecuted all levels of felony crimes including habitual violent offenders with over 30 jury trials to verdict.
 - Conducted numerous interviews and depositions of witnesses and victims in anticipation of trial.
 - Trained, supervised, and mentored junior attorneys to develop their trial and advocacy skills.
 - *Juvenile Lead Trial Division Attorney*
 - Managed and supervised Juvenile Bureau Unit and staff.
 - Duties included responsibility for all charging decisions on cases filed by local law enforcement agencies, review of evidence to determine accurate filing of criminal charges and prosecution of the cases before the Juvenile Court.
 - *Traffic Trial Division Attorney*
 - Prosecuted all misdemeanor traffic offenses from intake to trial phase.

EDUCATION

***Stetson University*, LL. M. in Elder Law with Honors, December 2016**

- Received the highest grade in Long Term Care Planning Course, Fall Semester 2015.

University of Florida, Levin College of Law, Gainesville, Florida, Juris Doctor, May 2001

- Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Law and Public Policy*
- Student Legal Intern in the Virgil Hawkins Civil Clinic
 - Represented indigent clients in divorce proceedings.
- Recipient of the Anson A. Bigelow Memorial Scholarship and Bernard Heeke Foundation Scholarship

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, B.A., Spanish, Summa Cum Laude, August 1998

- Golden Key National Honor Society
- Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society

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- Phi Eta Sigma National Freshman Honor Society
- Presidents and Deans List

PUBLICATIONS

- “Armed and Dangerous at 80: The Second Amendment, the Elderly, and a Nation of Aging Firearm Owners”, *Journal of Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, October 2016

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

- Member in good standing of the Florida Bar Association, *Admitted 2001*
- Member in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar Association, *Admitted 2016*
- Member in good standing of the United States District Court of Appeal, Southern District of Florida, *Admitted 2009*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association
- Member of the Indian River County Bar Association
- Chair of the Palm Beach County Bar Lawyers for Literacy Committee *2013-2015*
- Volunteer ESOL Teacher for *El Sol Jupiter’s Neighborhood Resource Center 2014-2015*
- Florida Professional Guardian Training Completed 2018 *Registration Pending*

LANGUAGES

- Fluent in Spanish
- Conversational in Italian

PERSONAL HOBBIES

- Certified Yoga Instructor
- Hobbies include cooking, reading, gardening and hiking

Candidate Introduction

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EDUCATION

List your degrees:

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EXPERIENCE

Briefly list your experience.

I have been a licensed Florida Attorney since 2001. I began my career as an Attorney in the State Attorney's Office in the Ninth Judicial Circuit for Orange and Osceola Counties. As an Assistant Attorney, I conducted traffic, misdemeanor and felony trials. At the State Attorney's Office, I handled my own vertical prosecution unit, where I reviewed, filed and prosecuted my own cases. I supervised two assistants and worked with victim advocates in that position. I held that position for more than one year and in that time, I handled approximately one thousand juvenile cases. Following my time with the State Attorney's Office I worked as an associate attorney in the field of probate litigation for a boutique Estate and Trust Firm in Martin County.

Since 2009, I have worked exclusively in the field of local government law. Initially, I worked for one of the largest local government law firms in Palm Beach County, Corbett & White, P.A. The firm represented ten municipalities and an independent special district. In that position, I was the assistant general counsel to the following: City of Atlantis, Town of Manalapan, Village of Royal Palm Beach, Village of Tequesta, Town of Mangonia Park, Town of Palm Beach Shores, City of Palm Beach Gardens, West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority and the Town of Lantana. For these clients, I prosecuted code enforcement cases, attended Planning and Zoning meetings, Architectural Review Committees, Planning Review Committees and Council/Commission Meetings. I worked directly with staff from the Clerk's Office, Planning and Zoning Department, Police Department, Building Department and Fire Department. I also interacted and worked with residents and private developers as it related to their projects and/or concerns. In 2014, the firm underwent a change, and since that time I have worked for the Lohman Law Group where I have continued to represent the Town of Lantana, City of Palm Beach Gardens and the West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority. Recently, on the behalf of the West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority, I assisted in the formation of the non-profit West Palm Beach Arts & Entertainment District.

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BACKGROUND

- 1. Describe the community where you work or have worked recently? Include the population. If you are a private sector, please describe your law firm.**

Currently, I work for three very different communities.

The first community is that of the Town of Lantana. The Town has approximately 10,423 residents and is known as a “little fishing village.” The Town has a diverse ethnic community including the largest Finnish population in the United States.

The second client, the West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority, is located in the City of West Palm Beach. The City has approximately 100,000 residents. The City is truly a growing business and residential district. I work predominately with the business district and more recently with the new created West Palm Beach Arts & Entertainment District.

The third client is that of the City of Palm Beach Gardens. The City has approximately 50,000 residents and is a growing metropolitan city. The City is known for its vast green spaces mixed with the commercial and residential areas.

- 2. Tell us how many employees in the organization and how many employees do you or did directly supervise? Tell us how many attorneys did you supervise?**

The Town of Lantana has 100 employees. I do not supervise any of the employees but I do work and have close relationships with the various departments including Public Works, Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement and the Police Department.

The West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority has approximately ten employees. I do not supervise any of the employees but I do work and have close relationships with all of the employees.

The City of Palm Beach Gardens has 500 employees. I do not supervise any of the employees but I do work and have close relationships with the various departments including Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement, Building, Engineering, Police, Recreation and Fire Rescue. I do have one legal assistant who I have worked with since 2009.

I have not supervised any attorneys; however, I have trained numerous attorneys, including those who had recently passed the Florida Bar, during my tenure at the State Attorney’s Office.

As a supervisor I would always maintain an “open-door policy” and endeavor to create a professional environment built on teamwork.

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- 3. Tell us how much of the legal work was performed by your staff versus the work which was contracted out to outside counsel.**

In my current firm, all work, excluding the majority of litigation, is handled by the attorneys. That is, my current clients have insurance counsel which handles the majority of litigation where damages are claimed. Therefore, I handle all day to day legal work for my clients including attendance at public meetings, contract review, planning and zoning review, code enforcement, drafting of all legal documents and any other legal matters that may arise.

- 4. Tell us what the most significant legal issues are that your organization faces.**

The City of Palm Beach Gardens has been involved in several lawsuits including election issues and annexation issues all of which require specialized knowledge. The Town of Lantana has been in the process of developing one of the largest parcels of property within the Town as mixed-use development.

GENERAL, MANAGEMENT STYLE AND EXPERIENCE

- 1. Tell us about yourself and why are you interested in Fort Pierce?**

I am a Florida native and I have lived in Florida all my life, in particular, southeast Florida. I attended Florida schools and Florida is my home. The City of Fort Pierce is a familiar neighbor. I have litigated cases in the St. Lucie County Courthouse and I have attended the Green Market. I have watched the growth of the City over the years and I am excited to see the new opportunities coming on board. Thus, I am interested in partnering with the City to achieve new success.

- 2. Describe what do you believe the most important attributes are of a successful City or County Attorney?**

The successful City Attorney must be reliable, available and organized. This individual has to be prepared to provide the guidance and direction in order to effectively accomplish the City's goals.

- 3. Tells us your approach to handling law suits filed against your city/town/county?**

My approach to any lawsuit is to first determine what are the allegations and then work with any related department and staff to determine any possible exposure by the City. I believe strongly in working to resolve a matter prior to incurring the costs of litigation; however, sometimes litigation can be the only option.

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4. Describe your management style.

I would describe my management style as clear, direct and goal oriented. I like to set forth the parameters of the project and determine the role that each person will take in order to complete the project.

5. Tell us what information you feel is important for elected officials to have and how you communicate with them. How do you communicate with elected officials?

Similar to my management style, I like to be direct and clear when working with elected officials. I provide the information I have and assist in formulating a plan to implement the desired outcome.

6. Tell us what you think the elected officials would say about you? What would the City Manager say about you?

My elected officials would describe me as dependable and readily available. I like to be punctual and I am always prepared for my meetings with elected officials. My City Managers would state similar reviews and include that when I receive a particular project it is completed quickly and efficiently.

7. Tell us what your strengths are?

I am focused and goal oriented. I am a high achiever and I demand high quality work. I complete projects quickly and efficiently. I pride myself in having an open-door policy and that I am available to everyone.

8. Tell us what your weaknesses are?

I am very critical of myself and I take any mistake personally. I have high expectations of myself and my work.

9. Describe your greatest achievement (success)? Tell us about it.

I have had several notable achievements in my career. However, one of my greatest is that of working with a severely disabled witness in a criminal trial. I was a Felony Prosecutor and the young man, an essential witness for my case, was about twenty years of age but had an understanding of an eight-year-old. The charges were numerous counts of Carjacking with a Firearm and Aggravated Assault with a Firearm. I worked closely with him to prepare him for trial but his mother remained concerned that he would get nervous and not be able to testify. The day before the trial, the Judge allowed me to bring him to the courtroom to see the environment and to become familiar with the surroundings. We talked about the different people who would be listening to him and the importance of telling the truth. Nonetheless, I did not know how he would react in front of the jury. In

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the end, I was able to qualify him as a witness and his testimony resulted in the defendant pleading guilty before the jury could even deliberate. He was so proud of himself.

10. Describe your greatest failure (or mistake) of your career? What did you learn from it?

My greatest failure involved a code enforcement hearing for one of my clients. The hearing was ultimately successful for the client; however, I was not happy with how some of the testimony was presented. I knew I needed to implement better witness preparation strategies. I took immediate action to review the process with the code supervisor and we have subsequently implemented these strategies with success.

11. Describe the approach you use when you find an employee's work is not satisfactory and you feel you may have to terminate the individual's employment. Provide an example of a situation where you had to fire someone.

If an employee's work is not satisfactory then I address it immediately, in private (if possible) and in person. I approach the matter as a time of education. Perhaps the individual did not understand the assignment? I like to seek clarification as to what actually happened first and then educate as to why we cannot proceed as such. Once I have a clear understanding of the employee's position, I then explain the reason the work has to change and I attempt to educate that person as to why we have to do it differently.

I have never fired any individual. In my experience, the Human Resource department has actually terminated an individual. However, I have been involved in the termination of various individuals in that I have had to provide background as to the issue that resulted in the termination. I have always approached the matter as truthful as possible. I understand the serious nature of such issues and I strive to ensure that everyone who has to make that decision has as much information as possible prior to making that determination.

12. Explain what you would do and hope to achieve during the first six months on the job.

My first six months on the job would start with a review of the current status of the City departments and any emergent issues for the City. I would like to engage and develop relationships with all City departments and address as many urgent issues as possible. Once the initial review is completed, I envision working with the Mayor, City Commission, City Manager and staff to accelerate any future goals and implement any required changes to accomplish the same.

13. Describe how you work with the media, assuming you do.

I have not worked with the media as of recent. However, I believe that when an event occurs where media coverage is anticipated, one must immediately develop the appropriate

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response and be direct and out front with the City's message.

14. Tell us what do you do in your leisure time?

I like to cook and bake, read, do yoga and recently I have gotten the hiking bug. In my down time, I enjoy being with family and friends.

15. If you have ever done anything that would embarrass our client if it became public knowledge, please tell us about the incident.

None.

16. Is there anything in your background that would embarrass our client if it became public knowledge?

No.

17. When it becomes known in your community that you are a finalist in Fort Pierce, are there any community activists that are likely to contact our client with "the dirt" on you?

No.

REASON FOR WANTING TO LEAVE CURRENT OR MOST RECENT JOB?

I have been working as assistant general counsel for the past nine years and I am ready to step into the role as the City Attorney. Hence, I am seeking to work for the City of Fort Pierce as the City Attorney.

SIX ADJECTIVES OR PHRASES I WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE MYSELF

I would describe myself as efficient, prompt, thorough, detail oriented, resourceful, and hardworking.

CURRENT / MOST RECENT SALARY

\$124,000.00

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CB&A Background Checks

**Background Check Summary for
ABIGAIL "ABBY" FORRESTER JORANDBY**

Criminal Records Checks:

Nationwide Criminal Records Search	No Records Found
County	
Palm Beach County, FL	No Records Found
Martin County, FL	No Records Found
Orange County, FL	No Records Found
State	
Florida	No Records Found

Civil Records Checks:

County	
Palm Beach County, FL	No Records Found
Martin County, FL	No Records Found
Orange County, FL	No Records Found
Federal	
Florida	No Records Found

Motor Vehicle

Florida	No Records Found
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Credit

Excellent

Bankruptcy

No Records Found

Education

Confirmed

Employment

Lohman Law Group (2014 – Present)
Corbett White & David (2009 – 2014)
9th Judicial Court (2001 – 2008)
Confirmed

The Keane Law Firm (2008 – 2009)
Verifications Pending

Florida Bar Number

Member in Good Standing
Bar #512362

**Background Check Summary for
ABIGAIL “ABBY” FORRESTER JORANDBY**

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1681-1681Y, credit and bankruptcy information are very sensitive and should not be used in the consideration of hiring. The information is included for each candidate because we do not want you to be surprised if third parties raise what they consider to be a concern.

**Background Check Summary for
ABIGAIL "ABBY" FORRESTER JORANDBY
Personal Disclosure**

Personal Disclosure Questionnaire


Name of Applicant: Abigail Forrester Jorandby

The following questions are designed so that we will be able to make full disclosure to our client concerning your background. Please answer them honestly. Cutting corners or misrepresenting your past will result in you being eliminated from all further searches conducted by this firm. We understand that frivolous charges are sometimes made and that charges do not mean you were guilty. We also understand that you may have been wronged and needed to seek compensation. The bottom line is that we want to be certain that our client is fully informed. If you have any questions, please contact us for clarification.

Please explain any yes answers on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Have you ever been charged or convicted of a felony?
Yes No
2. Have you ever been accused of or have been involved in a domestic violence or abuse incident?
Yes No
3. Have you ever declared bankruptcy or been an owner in a business that did so?
Yes No
4. Have you ever been the subject of a civil rights violation complaint that was investigated or resulted in a lawsuit?
Yes No
5. Have you ever been the subject of a sexual harassment complaint that was investigated or resulted in a lawsuit?
Yes No
6. Have you ever been convicted of driving while intoxicated?
Yes No
7. Have you ever sued a current or former employer?
Yes No
8. Do you have a personal My Space, Face Book or other type of Web Page?
Yes No
9. Do you have a personal Twitter Account?
Yes No
10. Is there anything else in your background that, if made public, would cause you, our client or our firm embarrassment if it came to light through the press or any other mechanism?
Yes No
11. Please provide a list of any lawsuits in which you are or have been a party either as plaintiff or defendant.
None.

Attested to: _____


Signature of Applicant

Please email this form via PDF DOCUMENT to Lynelle@cb-asso.com or via fax to (888) 539-6531 **no later than 5:00 PM PST 11/01/18.**

(Note: Please be sure to sign the form with your actual signature if you are sending Fax or PDF Document)

CB&A Reference Notes

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Max Lohman - Attorney, Loman Law Group, FL 561-373-0278

Mr. Lohman has worked closely with Ms. Jorandby from 2009, but has been her supervisor since 2014. As the attorney who trained Ms. Jorandby, Mr. Lohman has found her to be a very intelligent, analytical individual who remains poised under pressure. She is knowledgeable in all aspects of municipal law. As contracted counsel for multiple cities, Mr. Lohman fully trusts Ms. Jorandby to handle the many issues their office has stewardship over. She is an asset for Mr. Lohman and those they serve.

Ms. Jorandby is Mr. Lohman's associate and legal assistant for the City of Palm Beach and Town of Lantana. As such she has assisted in all facets of litigation, general day to day contract review and all other municipal responsibilities. Often when he is unable to attend various city council meetings, she will attend in his stead. As an experienced prosecutor, Ms. Jorandby is adept when speaking to diverse groups of people. When addressing an elected body, she knows when to listen attentively, offering advice when needed. One of her many talents is to analyze data quickly before offering well thought out counsel. She is confident and poised, without being condescending. Mr. Lohman is unaware of an instance where Ms. Jorandby's expert advice was not aligned with his or unaccepted by those they counseled.

Often dealing with the legalities involved with high growth areas, Ms. Jorandby has extensive experience and knowledge in development, redevelopment and environmental law. As the planning and zoning attorney for the City of Palm Beach Gardens, she has played an active role. One of her many attributes which has made her so successful in this area, is her willingness to seek expert advice when necessary. She gathers information, is detailed in her process allowing the best decisions to be reached. Another of her strengths is her ability to work efficiently with a team of diverse personalities. She has strong interpersonal skills, quickly earning the respect of those on her team. Mr. Lohman has confidently delegated many projects in this area to the strong leadership of Ms. Jorandby.

Ms. Jorandby is well versed in the area of constitutional law. For example, when a lawsuit was filed over the use of various homes in the downtown area by different ethnic groups for their religious worship, it led to an investigation by the Department of Justice. She assisted Mr. Lohman in drafting an ordinance, which met all legal requirements, while ensuring the constitutional rights of all parties. Another example of Ms. Jorandby's experience and expertise occurred when the City of Palm Beach Gardens was sued by Sears Company over an antiquated civil rights claim. Ms. Jorandby's skills in negotiating and her ability to remain calm under pressure were of great benefit when addressing Sear's high caliber legal team. Ms. Jorandby is astute and easily able to navigate a potentially volatile situation. Another example of her skills in municipal law occurred when she and Mr. Lohman were asked how to legally address a pet store who was selling animals bought from animal mills. With Ms. Jorandby's knowledge and expertise she efficiently helped draft an ordinance successfully shutting down the illegal practices of the pet store.

As a City Attorney himself, Mr. Lohman knows the qualities necessary to be successful in this position. Ms. Jorandby has those qualities. She makes good decisions and is thorough in all she

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does. He is confident in her abilities to step into the role of a City Attorney and trusts her implicitly. For example, while Mr. Lohman was on vacation the City of Palm Beach had an election suit presented to them. Ms. Jorandby executed all actions required in addressing this suit, while keeping Mr. Lohman apprised of all details. She was flawless and professional throughout the trial, smoothly covering every aspect of the procedure. Ms. Jorandby is a highly skilled and talented lawyer who has extensive experience and knowledge of municipal law. Though reluctant to lose her valuable skills, he is confident she will be as much of an asset to wherever she serves as she has been to Lowman Law Group. She is an excellent candidate for any city attorney position.

Words or phrases used to describe Abigail Jorandby:

- Extraordinary intellect,
- Courteous,
- Unimpeachable character,
- Integrity,
- Warm, and
- Personable.

Strengths: Highly skilled, well versed on municipal law, with a pleasant demeanor.

Weaknesses: None identified.

Maria Marino – Mayor, City of Palm Beach Gardens, FL 561-906-8222

Ms. Marino has worked with Ms. Jorandby since 2017. Ms. Jorandby is a very skilled attorney with excellent communication and interpersonal talents. As a confident yet humble individual she knows how to be forthright while maintaining a respect for others positions. She has been an asset to the city leadership offering valuable, well thought out advice.

Though limited in the amount of time Ms. Marino has interacted with Ms. Jorandby, she has been very impressed with her knowledge base. As an inquisitive individual Ms. Marino has asked many questions pertaining to municipal law which Ms. Jorandby addresses with ease. When confronted by something she is not as confident in, she will put in extra effort to gather detailed information, ensuring the best possible answer. She is respectful and responsive.

Ms. Jorandby is very good at building consensus. During council meetings she is attentive, listening carefully to all parties before offering legal advice. Her presentations of information are clear and concise allowing all to easily understand what is said. Even in a contentious environment, Ms. Jorandby remains calm and composed often helping all parties to come to a mutual agreement. Ms. Marino has appreciated Ms. Jorandby's skill in balancing the need to be firm at times yet diplomatic at others. She has been a valuable participant in city leadership.

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Ms. Marino confidently endorses Ms. Jorandby as an excellent candidate for any city or county attorney position. Her patience and professionalism are just some of her extensive qualities making her of great benefit anywhere she serves. She is an asset to the City of Palm Beach Gardens and will be missed.

Words or phrases used to describe Abigail Jorandby:

- Knowledgeable in municipal law,
- Pleasant demeanor,
- Patient,
- Thorough researcher,
- Detailed, and
- Responsive.

Strengths: Highly skilled and personable attorney.

Weaknesses: None identified.

Carl Woods – Vice Mayor, City of Palm Beach Gardens, FL 561-301-7023

Around 2016 Mr. Woods began working with Ms. Jorandby. With an extensive knowledge of municipal law and her excellent interpersonal skills, Ms. Jorandby is a valuable part of city leadership. She is professional and polite in every setting. Her willingness to address and answer any issue presented, is highly appreciated and respected by all who are part of city management.

Ms. Jorandby participates in Mr. Woods' weekly agenda review meetings where everything which will be debated during council meetings is discussed. Often there are fifteen to twenty department heads in attendance. When she is asked a question, he has found her responsive and knowledgeable. She is well versed on the city codes and charter. As she presents or responds, Ms. Jorandby is clear and easily understood by all. One of her most admirable qualities which make her such a valuable part of city leadership is her friendly, approachable nature allowing for smooth flow of information.

Like most cities, the City of Palm Beach Gardens has continuous encounters with land use and development. Ms. Jorandby is well versed in the judicial challenges entailed and has been of great value when negotiating and interacting with environmental agencies and developers. Knowing how to balance respect for those you are addressing while maintaining a firm stand, is one of many talents she offers when striving to ensure all legalities are covered.

Although the city's water and electric are contracted with outside sources, all other utilities are handled within. With up to 800 employees there have at times been labor and contract challenges.

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Ms. Jorandby has proven adept when assisting in all debates and renegotiations. In addition, she is also astute and knowledgeable when handling any labor and personnel disputes.

As the city performs a deep background check on every individual employed, Mr. Woods is confident Ms. Jorandby reflects the type of professional she portrays. She is as an educated individual with good etiquette. Her extensive knowledge of all aspects of municipal law, along with her excellent interpersonal skills have made her an asset to the City of Palm Beach Gardens. Mr. Woods is confident she will be of equal benefit to any city or county seeking a talented attorney.

Words or phrases used to describe Abigail Jorandby:

- Good demeanor,
- Professional,
- Educated,
- Knowledgeable,
- Remains calm under pressure, and
- Approachable.

Strengths: Highly skilled, knowledgeable, experienced City Attorney.

Weaknesses: None identified.

Ron Ferris – City Manager, City of Palm Beach Gardens, FL 561-799-4112

Since around 2008, Mr. Ferris has worked closely with Ms. Jorandby. She is a very talented attorney well versed in all aspects of municipal law. Mr. Ferris has valued her communication and negotiation skills in many areas of management he has stewardship over. As a consummate professional, she conducts herself as such in all situations while maintaining a friendly and approachable demeanor.

Ms. Jorandby's extensive experience, along with her willingness to thoroughly research any legal issues, makes her an excellent advisor for Mr. Ferris. For example, in the past the code enforcement department was experiencing trouble with how codes were read and then how infractions were processed. Their lack of knowledge and training led to an increase turnover in personnel. Ms. Jorandby put extensive effort in researching, planning and implementing training programs. She then helped all code enforcement personnel learn how to read the code and then accurately process the code in the field. Due to her efforts and expertise, the department has less personnel change over and operates at a high level of performance.

Mr. Ferris has appreciated Ms. Jorandby's additional expertise in the area of city ordinances. When a citizen expressed a desire to place a memorial in a city park, Mr. Ferris turned to Ms. Jorandby

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for help, realizing there were no current ordinances to address the issue. With extensive skill in how to efficiently research such a project, she assisted in writing an ordinance to include all details such as the purchase and installation of a monument. Thanks to Ms. Jorandby's tireless efforts the city now has a process and procedure written into law for any future endeavors along these lines.

The City of Palm Beach Gardens has its share of growth and development. Ms. Jorandby has proven adept in handling all legal aspects in this area. Willing to equally listen to each party involved in land use negotiation, she calmly and smoothly handles the diverse personalities. Her knowledge of codes and zoning allows her to be an expert in negotiating and resolving conflicts.

Ms. Jorandby participates in weekly agenda review meetings with all city leadership and department heads. Often as the lead attorney present, she interacts with ease with all those in attendance. Offering well thought out, accurate advice, in addition to how thoroughly she is prepared with supportive documentation for each meeting, are just some of the many talents she brings. She is adept in leading those involved to come to a mild conclusion when disagreements arise. She is respected and appreciated as an integral part of the community and all decisions made by leadership.

Mr. Ferris is confident Ms. Jorandby would be a valuable addition to any city leadership as their city attorney. She brings with her a valuable set of talents and skills from extensive knowledge of all aspects of municipal law, to her friendly approachable nature. She has been an asset to Mr. Ferris and his department and will be of great benefit to whoever employs her.

Words or phrases used to describe Abigail Jorandby:

- Professional,
- Strong moral character,
- Good communicator,
- Intelligent, and
- Knowledgeable.

Strengths: Experienced, hardworking, willing to research areas she is not as strong in when pertaining to municipal law.

Weaknesses: None identified.

Mo Thornton – Town Manager, South Palm Beach, FL 561-797-4132

In 2013 Ms. Jorandby was a contracted attorney for the City of Atlantis where Ms. Thornton was a member of the city leadership. Knowledgeable in all aspects of municipal law, Ms. Jorandby was a valuable addition to the city leadership. With excellent interpersonal skills, she is confident, articulate and approachable. Her talents were highly appreciated by Ms. Thornton and her staff.

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As an attorney, Ms. Jorandby has a unique personality. Willing to listen attentively is a valued skill earning the respect of all who work with her. Her calm approachable demeanor allows for easy transfer of information and interaction within different departments. During various city meetings she adeptly offers expert legal advice. When asked a question she is unable to answer, Ms. Jorandby willingly puts the extra effort in gathering all necessary data, and responds in a timely manner to ensure the best possible outcome. Whenever contention occurs within city leadership, she will diplomatically hold firm on her legal counsel while respectfully addressing all parties involved.

Ms. Thornton respects Ms. Jorandby's professional advice, deferring to her when deciding whether a case needed litigation. Ms. Jorandby first looks for alternative legally feasible solutions if possible. However, when prosecuting a case, she remains calm and articulate, willing to be firm when the situation requires. Ms. Thornton admires Ms. Jorandby's attention to detail. She is thorough in her preparations ensuring all documents and details are covered.

Knowledgeable in all areas of municipal law, Ms. Jorandby's expertise was utilized in labor negotiations. Once again, her talents in communication and attention to detail allowed for smooth interactions and resolutions. With their own water and sewer departments, Ms. Thornton relied on Ms. Jorandby's expertise in working on the liens and contracts. Another area where her prowess in municipal law was utilized was with code enforcement. Her understanding of city codes and how to legally enforce them was routinely depended on. Once again Ms. Jorandby was of great benefit in bringing resolutions to any code enforcement issue.

Ms. Thornton was saddened when Ms. Jorandby changed legal firms which resulted in her not being able to continue as legal counsel for the City of Atlantis. Ms. Thornton is confident Ms. Jorandby will be a valuable addition to any city or county attorney position she holds. She will bring with her extensive knowledge and experience along with excellent interpersonal skills.

Words or phrases used to describe Abigail Jorandby:

- Hardworking,
- Dedicated,
- Personable,
- Confident, and
- Knowledgeable.

Strengths: Highly skilled in municipal law and good interpersonal skills.

Weaknesses: None identified.

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Barbra Chabre – Executive Assistant, City of Palm Beach Gardens, FL 561-799-4138

As legal assistant for the city, Ms. Chabre has worked with Ms. Jorandby since 2008. Ms. Jorandby is smart and personable. Possessing an extensive knowledge of municipal law along with other diverse experiences, she brings a valuable set of skills to her position as Assistant City Attorney. Her interpersonal abilities allow her to be approachable. She is respected and liked by city leadership and staff.

Ms. Jorandby's experience goes beyond municipal law adding to her value as an attorney. She offers a unique perspective. Well versed in city government and the judicial issues entailed, Ms. Jorandby confidently can address any legal question posed. When confronted with something she is not as versed in, she consistently puts in the extra effort required to ensure all information and data is accurate and detailed. She is well known for her quick responses which are greatly appreciated by all seeking her advice.

When interacting with elected officials, she is professional and shows respect for diverse personalities and the positions they hold. Her calm cordial demeanor makes her easy to approach yet when the situation requires, she is firm. One of the prime areas of focus for the city deals with land use and development. With a large planning and zoning department, Ms. Jorandby is very active, attending all meetings. Annexation of land is routinely seen on the city agenda. She is well versed in all judicial matters pertaining to this area and offers excellent legal counsel. Another area Ms. Jorandby has been of great value is in code enforcement. Her understanding and expertise are heavily relied on.

Ms. Jorandby is an experienced, dedicated individual with extensive knowledge valuable to any city or county attorney position. She has been an asset to the City of Palm Beach Gardens and will be of great benefit to any place her legal prowess is employed. Though Ms. Chabre is reluctant to lose Ms. Jorandby's talents, she fully endorses her as an excellent candidate

Words or phrases used to describe Abigail Jorandby:

- Good interpersonal skills,
- knowledgeable,
- Creative,
- Solution oriented, and
- Interacts well with people.

Strengths: Strong knowledge of municipal law and excellent interpersonal skills.

Weaknesses: None identified.

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Dyvonnda Thurston - Attorney, Office of State Attorney, FL 407-625-1999

In 2004, after graduating from the school of law, Ms. Thurston began working for Ms. Jorandby at the State Attorney's office. Ms. Jorandby at the time was the second in seniority in the office often taking most of the felony case load. She is a patient highly educated individual with many valuable talents in the field of law. As a mentor for Ms. Thurston she was one of the greatest influences in Ms. Thurston's career. Presently working as a prosecuting attorney, Ms. Thurston attributes her success to the training of Ms. Jorandby.

Ms. Jorandby has many talents which make her a capable lawyer. She possesses excellent interpersonal skill, able to communicate and relate to diverse groups of people from small settings to large. Her ability to be differential, whether speaking with an elected official or a defendant, is impressive. In the court room, Ms. Jorandby is intelligent, organized and calm. Some of her other valuable skills are her ability to listen attentively then to respond quickly with intelligent data. Her speech is clear and concise. Though having a quiet demeanor, she is firm when the situation warrants, making her position clear.

Another valuable skill Ms. Thurston gives credit to Ms. Jorandby for, is the knowledge of how to prepare for any type of legal case. Ms. Jorandby willingly puts effort and time into researching, gathering data and organizing it. She seeks input and expert advice ensuring her client's interests are thoroughly taken care of. Often the cases she and Ms. Jorandby worked on were search and seizure which require a great deal of reading through lengthy documents. Ms. Jorandby is adept in spotting the pertinent information required for the case in a timely manner. When possible, she will cleverly look for other solutions to prevent unnecessary litigation.

Ms. Jorandby is very good with contract law. For example, when handling probation cases, she is efficient in covering all necessary aspects of the client's contract including making it enforceable. Attainable goals are established, explained, and due dates set. Ms. Jorandby skillfully then drafts the contract, making it easily understood by the parolee with clearly explained means of enforcement. Another valuable aspect of Ms. Jorandby's personality is her ability to show compassion while setting clear expectations. She is passionate in her belief everyone has a right to improve and should utilize that right to become better.

During her tenure in the State Attorney's office, Ms. Jorandby displayed excellent managerial skill. She led by example. Professional in all aspects of her life, conducting herself with confidence and poise always remaining approachable. She showed sincere care for those she supervised and mentored. Her efforts were well regarded and her talents respected.

Ms. Thurston holds Ms. Jorandby in the highest regard. Her tutelage was beneficial in helping Ms. Thurston to become the skilled attorney she is today. She is confident Ms. Jorandby would be an asset to any city or county attorney position, bringing with her extensive experience and valuable skills.

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Words or phrases used to describe Abigail Jorandby:

- Prepared,
- Polite,
- Creative,
- Pleasant personality,
- Strong, and
- Assertive when needed.

Strengths: An intelligent, experienced, skilled attorney with wonderful interpersonal skills.

Weaknesses: None identified.

Karen Jorgensen - Attorney, Office of State Attorney, FL 561-909-9895

Upon graduating from law school, Ms. Jorgensen worked with Ms. Jorandby from 2006 until 2008. Ms. Jorandby was her trial partner and senior attorney during their tenure for the State Attorney's office. As a highly skilled, knowledgeable attorney, Ms. Jorandby is an excellent mentor. Leading by example, she works hard, is intelligent and possesses valuable interpersonal skills. Ms. Jorgensen attributes her continued success as an attorney to the example and attention Ms. Jorandby gave her during her early years as a new lawyer.

As a knowledgeable attorney, Ms. Jorandby is adept in various areas of the law. For example, she efficiently handled many fourth amendment violations which dealt with the legal issues of search and seizure cases. Comfortable in the courtroom, Ms. Jorandby remains calm and collected even during the most volatile of situations. Able to speak clearly and articulately is another of her strengths. She conducts herself professionally at all times, whether in front of a client or judge. Able to balance assertiveness while remaining respectful, is a valuable talent.

During pretrial conferences, Ms. Jorgensen admired how adeptly Ms. Jorandby was able to negotiate various claims in front of a judge and jury. Leading by example she knows how to thoroughly prepare, willing to put the extra effort into researching, ensuring all details are addressed and documented. Ms. Jorgensen attributes her ability to prepare adequately for her cases to the standard Ms. Jorandby set.

Another area Ms. Jorandby has experience in is development and land use. Her expertise and ability to thoroughly review contracts, willing to give extra effort to detail, results in the best possible decisions. With strong interpersonal skills she is able to address the diverse groups of people involved. She is ethical and trustworthy, able to quickly gain the confidence of those she is working with.

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Even though Ms. Jorgensen has not had the privilege of working with Ms. Jorandby for some time, she is confident in Ms. Jorandby's abilities. She is a confident, experienced lawyer with a talent for relating to diverse personalities making her an excellent mentor. With her extensive and varied experience, she is an ideal candidate for any city or county attorney position.

Words or phrases used to describe Abigail Jorandby:

- Nicest person,
- Thoughtful,
- Knowledgeable,
- Honest,
- Calm, and
- Good demeanor.

Strengths: Experienced attorney with excellent interpersonal skill.

Weaknesses: None identified.

Laura Purcell – Administrative Assistant, State Attorney Office, FL 321-848-3305

In 2003 while working for the Juvenile division, Ms. Jorandby was Ms. Purcell's manager. She is an excellent manager able to mentor those around her. Ms. Jorandby is an attorney with a unique set of valuable talents. Though a young attorney at the time, Ms. Purcell found Ms. Jorandby to be confident and intelligent. She was an asset for the department, balancing compassion and understanding for those she interacted with.

Possessing strong interpersonal skills, Ms. Jorandby easily interacts with diverse personalities making her a valued individual in her department. As a good communicator, she is clear and articulate able to express information in a manner easily understood by whomever she addresses. Working with the type of cases inherent in juvenile law, Ms. Jorandby has the ability to compassionately interact with victims, perpetrators and parents. She balances understanding with adherence to the law. When confronted with an area she is less versed in, she will research for information and documentation ensuring she has the most accurate data before making any decision or offering any advice. Ms. Jorandby gathers expert opinions and is always open to creative and alternative solutions. She cared about her clients always giving her best effort.

Ms. Jorandby is an excellent manager. She sets clear expectations and leads by example. When Ms. Purcell helped to prepare Ms. Jorandby for trial, she found her approachable and patient. She has a unique ability to critique while remaining kind, always fostering a positive environment in a challenging department. Ms. Purcell found Ms. Jorandby sometimes too soft when on occasion an employee was released from their position. Over their time working together however, she

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watched her grow, gaining managerial strength and experience. Ms. Jorandby is respected to this day for her efforts and skills.

Ms. Purcell has confidence in Ms. Jorandby's continued endeavors to increase her knowledge in all areas of law while continuing to grow as a leader. She was an asset to the juvenile department. The staff she managed and those individuals she served, respected her as a person and lawyer. She will be a valuable attorney for any city or county bringing strong interpersonal skills along with varied experience.

Words or phrases used to describe Abigail Jorandby:

- Knowledgeable,
- Compassionate,
- Open minded,
- Trustworthy,
- Good listener, and
- Communicator.

Strengths: Good management style able to relate and mentor those around her.

Weaknesses: None identified.

Crystal Gibson – Services Director, City of Palm Beach Garden, FL 561-799-4174

While serving as clerk for the Town of Lantana in 2009, Ms. Gibson met Ms. Jorandby who was working as a contracted attorney. Later they worked closely together for The City of Palm Beach Gardens in the area of code enforcement. Ms. Jorandby is a very skilled knowledgeable lawyer with extensive experience. She is approachable and always willing to assist offering sound legal advice. Ms. Gibson has appreciated Ms. Jorandby's many abilities and talents in bringing the area of code enforcement to a high level of performance.

Offering excellent communication and interpersonal skill, Ms. Jorandby is attentive and responsive to the needs of the department. Remaining patient and professional when confronted with angry disrespectful citizens is a talent Ms. Gibson greatly admires in Ms. Jorandby. She navigates diverse groups of people with ease when addressing any issues pertaining to city codes. When speaking with elected officials she is professional, respectful yet firm, adhering to the law. Ms. Gibson has admired Ms. Jorandby's ability to protect city leadership ensuring they are given intelligent detailed advice before decisions are made. She willingly will give extra effort in researching legal alternatives in order to offer creative solutions to protect the city, while providing fair resolutions to citizens.

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Ms. Jorandby is a skilled prosecutor handling all code cases. She is intelligent, organized and efficient in court. Anytime Ms. Gibson needs legal advice, Ms. Jorandby will come with examples to address her questions, applying her extensive experience and knowledge. When needing to review and clarify some of the existing city codes, Ms. Gibson sought Ms. Jorandby's expertise. Ordinances were written, presented to city council and training was established to help clarify all codes. Through Ms. Jorandby's efforts, Ms. Gibson's department operates confidently and smoothly.

Another area of attention Ms. Jorandby has been of great help with, was in dealing with stipulation agreements. When an individual violates a code, instead of going to court they have the option to sign an agreement called a stipulation agreement. Ms. Jorandby assists in drafting the agreement which includes setting timetables for the client, whether a fine is applied or not while ensuring all legal aspects are covered. She then presents all agreements for review by the magistrate before any parties sign to ensure enforceability. With her extensive knowledge and attention to detail, these stipulation agreements have allowed citizens to avoid the expense of litigation.

Ms. Gibson has enjoyed a good team relationship with Ms. Jorandby and thoroughly endorses her as an excellent candidate for any city or county attorney position. Her integrity and understanding of the political atmosphere in city government, showing respect for those she serves, is a valuable trait. In addition, possessing strong communication and interpersonal skills make her a strong manager who motivates those around her to excel in their positions. She has been an asset to Ms. Gibson and the code enforcement department of the City of Palm Beach Gardens.

Words or phrases used to describe Abigail Jorandby:

- Knowledgeable,
- Team player,
- Patient,
- Integrity,
- Ethical, and
- Professional.

Strengths: Strong, knowledgeable in all areas of municipal law, possessing excellent interpersonal skill.

Weaknesses: None identified.

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Palm Beach Post, The (FL)
February 20, 2018

Judge quits case involving Gardens ballot questions

Author: Sarah Peters

A judge set to rule on four controversial Palm Beach Gardens ballot questions has stepped aside after a city attorney accused the judge of bias. Voters will decide the four questions -- two of which would relax existing term limits -- in the March 13 election, provided the new judge finds they are all "clear and unambiguous."

Judge Jeffrey Dana Gillen expressed doubt that the questions met that standard. "I'm concerned that the electorate is not getting the message. They need to know what they're voting about," Gillen said at a Feb. 9 scheduling conference.

A week later, Palm Beach Gardens Attorney R. Max Lohman moved to have Gillen disqualified. Gillen stepped aside Saturday and a new judge will hear the case at a date to be announced. The legal battle began when Sid Dinerstein, a former Palm Beach County Republican Party chairman, sued the city, clerk and Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher to block the questions from going to voters in March. He argued the questions are misleading. If the new judge throws out any questions, the election will proceed, but voters will be notified that their votes for the tossed questions won't count. The ballots cannot be changed or reprinted.

Gillen's questions speaking to the merits of the case during a scheduling conference were "highly prejudicial" and showed a bias against city clerk Patricia Snider, Lohman wrote in a Feb. 15 filing. Gillen granted Lohman's request to step down Saturday afternoon in an email to the attorneys. The judge is not allowed to deny the allegations, reject them as unfounded or comment on them at all except "obvious misunderstandings, misconceptions or misstatements," Gillen wrote in his order granting Lohman's request for a new judge.

Gillen previously quizzed city attorney **Abigail Jorandby** about the timing of the election, public-notice requirements, the number of words used in the ballot summary and the implications of throwing out one of the questions -- all of which were inappropriate for a scheduling conference, Lohman wrote.

Most of the judge's comments centered on the first of four ballot questions. The city has said the question merely cleans up an outdated city charter that has some conflicts with state law. If approved, it would also remove requirements in the charter that the city manager be a resident and undergo yearly performance reviews by the council, among other things.

Lohman wrote that Gillen's "blatant prejudging" and profuse apologies for exceeding the scope of a scheduling conference proved the city wouldn't get a fair hearing. Dinerstein said he's not happy about the recusal of the judge, but it shouldn't matter. "The ambiguity of the questions speaks for itself to every judge," he said.

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<https://www.lohmanlawgroup.com/press>
2018



In The News

City of Palm Beach Gardens prevails in lawsuit brought by Sears, Roebuck and Co.

In a true "David vs. Goliath" legal battle, R. Max Lohman and **Abigail Jorandby** successfully defended the City's procedures and the constitutionality of its actions in the law suit brought by Sears.

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April 17, 2018

Sears to Forbes and Palm Beach Gardens: pay our \$2.1M legal tab for mall sublease lawsuit

City resolution preventing anchor tenants from subleasing their space without approval was ruled unconstitutional

Author: Amanda Rabines

[CB&A Note: **Abigail Forrester Jorandby** is not specifically mentioned in this article but it explains the case that she helped win for the city as shown on previous page.]

The Sears store at Gardens Mall in Palm Beach Gardens

After winning a four-year legal battle over plans to sublease part of its store at the Gardens Mall in Palm Beach Gardens, Sears, Roebuck & Co. wants its landlord and the city to pay \$2.1 million in legal fees.

The litigation dates back to 2014, when Sears sued the mall owner, Forbes/Cohen Florida Properties LP, for blocking its plans to sublease the second floor of the department store to Dick's Sporting Goods.

A year later, Sears added the city of Palm Beach Gardens to the lawsuit, citing that a city resolution preventing anchor tenants from subleasing their space without their landlord's approval.

R. Max Lohman, a Jupiter lawyer who represents the city, told the Palm Beach Post that the amount is "ludicrous" and "laughable." He said he billed the city about \$79,000 in total costs.

Sears, meanwhile, said it was billed \$1.5 million from Denton law firm in Chicago and about \$600,900 in attorneys' fees from the Richman Greer law firm in West Palm Beach, according to the newspaper. Another \$27,000 was billed for additional costs, including depositions, travel fees and subpoenas.

Over the summer, Sears successfully appealed a Palm Beach Circuit Court judge's ruling that favored Forbes and the city of Palm Beach Gardens. The state appellate court ruled that the city resolution is unconstitutional.

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2018

Yoga Alliance

About **Abigail Jorandby**

I am a Registered Yoga Teach (RYT) with Yoga Alliance. I trained with Scott Feinberg and Mary Veal at Kula Yoga Shala in Jupiter, Florida, and obtained my 200 Hour certification in June 2015. I like to create a peaceful environment, an oasis for my students to connect with mind, body and breath.

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2017

ABIGAIL FORRESTER JORANDBY, ESQ.

Abigail “Abby” Jorandby is a native Floridian and an alumnus of Florida Atlantic University (B.A. Spanish), University of Florida (J.D.) and Stetson University (LL.M in Elder Law).

She is a member of both the Florida Bar (2001) and the District of Columbia Bar (2016).

Abby began her practice as an Assistant State Attorney in Orlando, Florida and later entered into private practice working in the fields of probate, estate and trust litigation and municipal law.

A keen interest in Elder Law and the needs of the Elderly and disabled led her to obtain her LL.M in Elder Law from Stetson University.

She graduated in 2016 with High Honors from the program and her article “Armed and Dangerous at 80: The Second Amendment, the Elderly and a Nation of Aging Firearm Owners” was accepted for publication in the Elder Law Issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Abby resides in Vero Beach and enjoys spending time with her family, friends and King Charles Cavaliers.

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November 11, 2016

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Author: **Abigail Forrester Jorandby**

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Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County Annual Report 2012

Published by Noelle Smith
January 6, 2015

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Palm Beach Post, The (FL)

August 17, 2014

Municipal law different conflict for Lohman

Author: Tony Doris Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

[CB&A Note: Only the information relevant to **Abigail Forrester Jorandby** is listed below.]

Some would call the city attorney's job combat duty, but R. Max Lohman, known around City Hall as Max, knows the difference.

Lohman, the 46-year-old, crew-cut veteran of six years as Palm Beach Gardens' general counsel and eight as Lantana's, came to municipal law practice after 16 years as a Naval officer and helicopter pilot, ending with the rank of lieutenant commander and a tour of duty as U.S. Naval Academy professor of warfare strategy and tactics.

The Palm Beach Gardens City Council this month voted to retain Lohman indefinitely. The council is scheduled to discuss next month whether to open the post to outside applicants, but judging from their comments, there appears to be little support for anything but keeping Lohman, who recently left the firm of Corbett, White and Davis to form Lohman Law Group with associate **Abigail Jorandby**, on the city's team.

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The Florida Bar News

November 15, 2013

THE LAWYERS FOR LITERACY

Committee of the Palm Beach County Bar Association showed its thanks this Thanksgiving season by hosting a Bear and Book Drive to benefit the 15th Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program. “It makes us happy to know that every child who participates in our local National Adoption Day program will receive a book and a bear,” said **Abby Jorandby**, Lawyers for Literacy chair.

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February 28, 2012

**TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHORES
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY MEETING**

[CB&A Note: Only the information relevant to **Abigail Forrester Jorandby** is listed below.]

Assistant Town Attorney **Abigail Jorandby** explained that the ordinance being considered tonight was discussed by the Planning and Zoning Board previously.

It tightens up the landscaping requirements for corner fences and walls higher than 3 feet. She opined that this captures the possible 4’11” wall that could have escaped without landscaping.

Ms. Jorandby reminded the board that they will be making a recommendation to the town Commission regarding Ordinance O-1-12.

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January 22, 2008

The Side Bar

NEWSLETTER OF THE MARTIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Abigail Jorandby joined the Law Offices of Gregory G. Keane, P.A.

Attorney **Jorandby** has 7 years Litigation experience and will concentrate on Will & Trust Contests and Contested Guardianships

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