



CITY OF FORT PIERCE

100 NORTH US HWY 1
FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34950
(772) 467-3065 fax (772) 467-3841

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

Name of Board or Boards for which you are applying: Civil Service Appeal Board

Name: <u>Jovona Parker</u>	Phone: <u>772-999-1453</u>
Home Address: <u>5130 E Portofino Landings #205</u>	How long at this address? <u>3 yrs</u>
City/Zip Code: <u>Fort Pierce, FL 34947</u>	
Are you a citizen of the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Occupation:	
Do you own a business that operates within the City of Fort Pierce? If yes, list the address and nature of said business:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Do you now or in the future plan to do business with the City of Fort Pierce? If yes, in what capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are you employed by a business that is located within the City of Fort Pierce? If yes, state the business and location:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have special training or knowledge in the area of: Architecture: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Engineering: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Real Estate Brokering: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Contracting: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Land Development: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Other: Describe your education, background, training and knowledge – (feel free to attach a resume): <u>I have a juris doctorate</u>	
Are you currently a member of a Commission-appointed board/committee? If yes, please specify:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <u>city Planning Board</u>
Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, what was the nature of the crime(s) you were convicted of:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Referred by:	Applicant Email Address: <u>JovonaParkerLaw@gmail.com</u>
Date: <u>5/10/19</u>	Applicant's Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>

APPLICATIONS EXPIRE 6 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF SUBMISSION. PLEASE REAPPLY AS OFTEN AS DESIRED.
Please return form to: City Clerk's Office – 100 North US Hwy 1, Fort Pierce, Florida 34950
fax (772) 467-3841 or via email at lcox@city-ftpierce.com

JOVONA I. PARKER, ESQ.

5130 E. Portofino Landings Blvd. #205, Fort Pierce, FL 34947 • 772-999-1453 • jvonaparkerlaw@gmail.com

Dedicated and results-driven legal professional with proficiency for critical thinking, and an ability to analyze complex legal issues. Effective and efficient problem solver with exceptional legal research and writing skills.

EXPERTISE

- Client Advocacy & Trial Preparation/Practice
 - Legal Research & Writing
 - Analytical & Logical Reasoning
 - Case Management
 - Effective Oral & Written Communication
 - Public & Private Housing Litigation
 - Knowledge of Substantive Law & Legal Procedure
 - Civil Litigation
 - Family Law
 - Guardianship/Guardian Advocacy
 - Consumer Law
-

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FLORIDA RURAL LEGAL SERVICES, INC. – FORT PIERCE, FL

Supervising Associate, 2016 – Present

Provide legal advocacy to diverse client caseload through participation in all aspects of civil litigation and unified family court cases including, but not limited to client interviews, factual investigations, comprehensive legal research, discovery, preparation of pleadings, negotiations, mediation, trial advocacy, and legal counsel. Effective and efficient case management, and active participation in impact litigation in the areas of private and public housing, family law, consumer defense, and individual rights. Other specific duties include but are not limited to:

- Providing legal advice to individual clients
- Handling a variety of civil legal proceedings
- Active participation in impact litigation
- Community outreach and education initiatives
- Extensive written & oral advocacy
- Supervision of Individual Rights Sealing/Expungement Clinic

COMPREHENSIVE OFFENDER REHABILITATION EDUCATION PROGRAM – FORT PIERCE, FL

Probation Officer, 2014 – 2016

Provide offender case management, referrals, recommendations, and assessments. Conduct offender screenings for further evaluation, facilitate the completion of court ordered sanctions for conditional release and comprehensive assessments. Confer with court personnel and program advocates during and after the criminal court proceedings. Attend specialty court hearings providing status updates for

mental health court, drug court, and family court diversion programs. Successfully provided monthly supervision and case management for over 200 offenders through efficient time management, and organization. Specific duties included but were not limited to:

- Perform on-going interviews regarding progression on conditional release
- Prepare and submit quality summary reports outlining defendant conditions and progression
- Continuously review and provide status updates on sentenced incarcerated defendants for immediate reporting upon release
- Prepare affidavits/petition for Violation of Probation for any violation of conditional release
- Monitor changes in local, state, federal laws and regulations regarding sentencing guidelines

WAY OF LIFE, TCM. – ORLANDO, FL

Director of Compliance & Community Affairs 2012 – 2014

Facilitate and maintain compliance with Agency for Healthcare Administration regulation through the development of strategies for accountability, including communication and enforcement of federal guidelines, policies and procedures for targeted case management. As well as the implementation of training, orientation and coaching programs. Other duties included but were not limited to:

- Monitoring, appraising and reviewing case manager client files
- Development of trainings, employee manuals and agency policy based on regulations
- Compile data and quality assurance reports
- Develop and review service plans and treatment plans
- Coordinate referrals for healthcare agencies, mental health providers and client supports
- Manage complex cases
- Review changes in local, state, and federal regulations

EDUCATION

Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University College of Law

Orlando, Florida

2010 – 2014 Evening Program

Juris Doctor, August 2014

- **President**, Marshall-Bell Law Society

Indian River State College

Fort Pierce, Florida

2005 - 2009

Bachelor of Science – Business Administration, June 2009

Indian River State College

Fort Pierce, FL

2003 – 2005

Associate of Arts – Social Science/Economics

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

The Florida Bar
September 2016

United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
November 2016

Saint Lucie County Bar Association
2016 to Present

Port Saint Lucie Bar Association
2018 to Present

Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association
2016-2018

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee, Member	11/2017 – Present
Lincoln Park Advisory Committee, St. Lucie County Roundtable, Member	2/2017 – Present
Bridges to Prosperity, Member at Large	2016 -Present
Villages Coalition of Youth Activities, Member	2016 – Present
We Leap – Teen Domestic Violence Prevention, Member at Large	2017-2018
Human Trafficking Coalition of the Treasure Coast, Member at Large	2018 – Present
Lincoln Park Main Street Committee, Board Member	2019 – Present
City of Fort Pierce, Planning Board, Member	2018 – Present

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION

CITY OF FORT PIERCE ANNUAL JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR
WE LEAP TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS SYMPOSIUM
STEP BOOTCAMP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA –
PANEL DISCUSSION ON VOTING RIGHTS
COMMON GOOD INITIATIVE BUS TOUR THROUGH OBSTACLES
RESTORING THE VILLAGE YOUTH SYMPOSIUM
EPIC – COMMUNITY EVENT
UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR
HOPE, HEAL, HELP COMMUNITY SUMMIT

LINCOLN PARK MAINSTREET – FREE HOUSING SEMINAR
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE BACK TO SCHOOL RESOURCE FAIR
BOYS TO MEN EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT
REENTRY SUMMIT
IRSC PANEL DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY POLICING, RACE AND THE LAW
4TH ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
EPIC IMPACT COMMUNITY AWARDS

REFERENCES

VALENCIA Y. STUBBS, ESQ. - MANAGING ATTORNEY
FLORIDA RURAL LEGAL SERVICES, INC.
121 N. 2ND STREET, 4TH FLOOR
FORT PIERCE, FL 34950
561-352-0872

ANGELA THOMPSON, ESQ.– SUPERVISING ADVOCATE
FLORIDA RURAL LEGAL SERVICES
121 N. 2ND STREET, 4TH FLOOR
FORT PIERCE, FL 34950
561-985-2199

REGINALD B. SESSIONS, ESQ – CITY COMMISSIONER
100 NORTH U.S. 1
FORT PIERCE, FL 34950
772-467-3065
RSESSIONS@CITY-FTPIERCE.COM