

NOTICE AND AGENDA
CEDAR KEY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
510 3RD STREET, CEDAR KEY, FL32625

SPECIAL MEETING
April 20, 2022
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge and Prayer
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Interview of Candidate for Legal Council
5. General Manager Report
6. Attorney Report
7. Commissioner Comments
8. Public Input
9. Adjourn

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above-referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based.

LAW OFFICE OF

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*SUPREME COURT CERTIFIED MEDIATOR
COUNTY, CIRCUIT & APPELLATE COURTS

*BOARD CERTIFIED
CITY, COUNTY &
LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW

Transmitted via U.S. Mail and e Mail to chad@ckwater.org

April 7, 2022

Chair and Members of the Board of Commissioners
Chad Wisdom, General Manager
Cedar Key Water and Sewer District
510 3rd Street
Cedar Key, Florida 32625

RE: Legal Counsel Position

Dear Chair, Members of the Board of Commissioners, and Mr. Wisdom:

Please accept this as my letter of interest for your consideration of my qualifications to serve as the District Legal Counsel. I am Board Certified in City, County and Local Government Law, and have been Board Certified in this area of the law since 1996. Attached, please find a copy of my resume detailing experience representing local governmental entities. I have, also, represented state governmental entities, as Assistant General Counsel to the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (predecessor to the Department of Environmental Protection), and as General Counsel to the Florida Department of State.

I currently serve as the District Legal Counsel to three Independent Special Districts, created by the Florida Legislature and operating under a Charter much like the Cedar Key Water and Sewer District. They are the Homosassa Special Water District, the Lake Apopka Natural Gas District and the Citrus County Mosquito Control District. These Districts are governed by Boards of Commissioners to whom I report. The Commissioners of the Homosassa Special Water District and the Citrus County Mosquito Control District are elected to office, while three of the Commissioners of the Lake Apopka Natural Gas District are elected City Commissioners, and two of the Commissioners are appointed by the member cities.

Each of these Independent Special Districts are governed by the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes applicable to Independent Special Districts, including, to name a few, the Government in the Sunshine Law, Public Records Law, Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act and Uniform Special District Accountability Act. As Legal Counsel for these Districts, I attend

regular monthly and special Board meetings, provide legal counsel to the Boards of Commissioners, and work closely with the Executive Directors and agency managerial staff.

In the past, I have served as Assistant City Attorney to the City of Altamonte Springs, the City of Cocoa Beach, the City of Deltona and the City of Dunnellon. While in those positions, I dealt with a wide range of issues related to public utilities, as well as issues relating to land use and municipal governance.

I would be pleased to meet with you as our schedules may permit, if you feel I am a good candidate for the position. I am available for such a meeting between now and April 27th, and after May 10th. Between April 27th and May 10th, I will be out of the state, and will be available by telephone or through a virtual format, such as Zoom. Please let me know if you would like a list of references or any additional information.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carole Joy Barice". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Carole Joy Barice, Esquire

Encl.

CAROLE JOY BARICE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CAROLE JOY BARICE, P.A.
Nobleton, Florida
Attorney-Private Practice
January 2018 – Present

Sole Practitioner. Government Law; Land Use and Environmental Law. General Litigation, Real Property, Contracts and Administrative Law. Board Certified in City, County and Local Government Law. Retained as Legal Counsel to Lake Apopka Natural Gas District, Homosassa Special Water District and Citrus County Mosquito Control District; Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator, Appellate, County and Circuit Courts.

McGEE & MASON, P.A.
101 South Main Street
Brooksville, Florida 34601
August 2004-January 2018

Land Use and Environmental Law; Government Law; Administrative Law; Appellate Practice; Real Property; Contracts; General Litigation. Board Certified in City, County and Local Government Law. Retained as Legal Counsel to City of Dunnellon, City of Weeki Wachee, Lake Apopka Natural Gas District, Homosassa Special Water District, Citrus County Mosquito Control District and Lake County Water Authority; Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator, Appellate, County and Circuit Courts.

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Altamonte Springs, Florida
Wekiva/Ocala Large Conservation Area Project Coordinator and Southeast Division Attorney
September 2003-August 2004

Land Conservation; Legal Counsel to Field Offices in United States Southeast Division. Real Property, Land Acquisition, Government Grants, Contracts, Administrative Law, and Environmental Law. Legal, Scientific and Environmental multidisciplinary approach to ecosystem protection. Coordinating team of scientific professionals with Federal, State, Regional, Local Government and Private entities on Policy, Regulation and Land Acquisition.

CAROLE JOY BARICE, P.A.
Longwood, Florida
Attorney-Private Practice
October 2002 – August 2004

Sole Practitioner. Land Use and Environmental Law. General Litigation, Real Property, Contracts and Administrative Law. Board Certified in City, County and Local Government

Carole Joy Barice (continued)

Law. Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator, County and Circuit Courts. Special Master, Orange County Code Enforcement.

FOWLER, BARICE, FEENEY & O'QUINN, P.A.
Orlando, Florida
Attorney - Private Practice
December 1984 – October 2002

General litigation; registered lobbyist; Board Certified in City, County and Local Government Law. Areas of practice include Administrative and Local Governmental Law, Environmental Law, Real Property, Eminent Domain and Condemnation, Contracts, Federal Antitrust, Civil Rights, Professional and Occupational Licensing; Retained as Legal Counsel to City of Altamonte Springs, City of Deltona and City of Cocoa Beach; Special Counsel to City of Ocoee; Member East Central Florida Regional Planning Council 1992 - 1999; Retained as Hearing Officer for the City of Orlando; Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator, County and Circuit Courts; member Florida Energy 2020 Commission 2000 – 2002.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Tallahassee, Florida
General Counsel, Chief Cabinet Aide, Florida Department of State
June 1983-November 1984

Supervision of legal department of Department of State and active legal representation of the Department and Secretary of State in judicial and administrative legal proceedings, state and federal forums. Representative and policy advisor to state Cabinet officer in Executive and Legislative matters involving 12 state agencies administered by the Governor and Cabinet. Primary responsibility for policy direction and coordination between Governor and Cabinet and agency directors.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Tallahassee, Florida
Senior Cabinet Aide, Senior Attorney
August 1979 - June 1983

Legal representation of the Department of State. Policy advisor to state Cabinet officer. Primary responsibility for Environmental and Regional Planning matters.

ATTORNEY -PRIVATE PRACTICE

Tallahassee
December 1978-August 1979
Sole Practitioner. General litigation, Environmental and Administrative litigation, Legislative lobbyist.

Carole Joy Barice (continued)

STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
Tallahassee, Florida
Assistant General Counsel,
June 1976 - December 1978

Environmental and Administrative Law. Representation of the agency in judicial and administrative legal proceedings, state and federal forums, trial and appellate phases. Legal pleadings, briefs, discovery, extensive use of expert witnesses, oral argument, settlement negotiations. Cases involved air pollution, water pollution, dredge and fill, public drinking water, personnel, contracts, performance bonds and leases. Legal Counsel to District branch offices.

17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA BROWARD COUNTY
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Assistant State Attorney, Intern
March 1975 - June 1975

Criminal Law. Misdemeanors.

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS

Florida Bar Certified CITY, COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW
Florida Supreme Court Certified Appellate, County and Circuit Court MEDIATOR
Northern, Southern and Middle Federal District Courts, Florida
United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Atlanta
Michigan Bar, June 25, 1979
Florida Bar, June 1, 1976
Alaska Bar, 1999

APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Florida Energy 2020 Commission, 2000 – 2002
East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 1992 - 1999 Secretary/Treasurer
Florida Bar City, County, Local Government Certification Committee, 2009-2015
City, County and Local Government Law Certification Exam 1997 Appeal Panel
Florida Board of Bar Examiners 1999 Passing Standard Review Study Panel
Capital Tiger Bay Club
Orlando Tiger Bay Club
Florida Economics Club
Williams Inn of Court, Secretary
Orange County Bar Association
Seminole County Bar Association

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Hernando County Bar Association
Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers
Citrus/ Hernando Inn of Court
Florida Bar Grievance Committee Fifth Judicial Circuit

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Anthony House Shelter for the Homeless, Zellwood
Legal Aide Pro Bono Service; Founding Director and Vice President and Secretary
Church of the Annunciation, Longwood
 Eucharistic Minister and Minister to the Sick, Hospitals and Homebound
Hospice of the Comforter, Patient Volunteer
Florida Audubon Society
 Center for Birds of Prey; Docent, Volunteer
Teen Court Hernando County
American Cancer Society Brooksville Relay for Life
 Hernando County Bar Association Team Coordinator

EDUCATION – DEGREES AND HONORS

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, School of Law
 Florida State University at Tallahassee
 Juris Doctor with Honors Degree - 1975
 Upper 15% scholastic rank
 Law Review

OXFORD UNIVERSITY, Brasenose College
 Oxford, England
 International Law Studies - Summer 1974

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY
 Madison, New Jersey
 Post Graduate Employment Oriented Courses - 1971

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AT GAINESVILLE
 Gainesville, Florida
 Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry - 1970

PERSONAL

Married to Charles S. Lee, Director of Advocacy, Audubon Florida

**Cedar Key Water and Sewer District
General Manager Report
April 20, 2022**

- 1. Interview 1st candidate for legal counsel for the district.**
- 2. Board to specify removal and replacement of names on the checking account.**
- 3. Approval to purchase budgeted truck.**