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R.B. Shore, Clerk
Value Adjustment Board
Attn: Vicki Tessmer
P.O. Box 25400
Bradenton, Florida 34206

Re: Value Adjustment Board Special Magistrate

Dear Ms. Tessmer:

In response to the Value Adjustment Board's advertisement for special magistrates, I am enclosing my resume.

I have been a member of the Florida Bar since 1992 and I am Board Certified in City, County and Local Government Law. I have served as a Value Adjustment Board special magistrate for two years – one year in Pasco County and two years in Hillsborough County. These two counties have provided me the opportunity to hear a broad range of petitions including large agricultural properties for agricultural classification, churches, governmental use properties, multiple facets of homestead exemption issues, and exemptions based on disability, historic properties, widowhood, and senior status. In addition, I was the VAB designee to hear "good cause" requests for late-filed petitions and hearing reschedule requests in both counties in 2012.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information or if you have any questions about the information provided with this response. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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2010 – Present

Ms. Buenaventura has been Board Certified by the Florida Bar in City, County and Local Government law since 2003. Her practice focuses on local and regional government, land use and growth management, eminent domain, real estate, condominium and homeowners associations, ad valorem taxation, public procurement, and sunshine and public records law. Ms. Buenaventura serves as General Counsel to Tampa Bay Water and as Special Magistrate to the Hillsborough County and Pasco County Value Adjustment Boards.

Tampa Bay Water, A Regional Water Supply Authority Clearwater, Florida

Senior Assistant General Counsel, 1997 – 2010

Represented the Agency and provided legal advice to the Board of Directors and Agency staff in contract negotiations and drafting, development of intergovernmental agreements, procurement, public records and sunshine law compliance, construction claims and disputes, land use, eminent domain, real estate, water supply protection, and permitting. Participated in the negotiation, development and drafting of the interlocal agreement and related documents that created the Agency. Directed and supervised the Agency's acquisition of over 200 parcels by negotiation and eminent domain for the construction of an interconnected water supply system.

Office of the Attorney General Tampa, Florida

Assistant Attorney General, 1994 - 1997

Represented the Florida Department of Transportation in eminent domain proceedings for road improvements including case preparation, settlement negotiations, mediation and trial.

Department of Environmental Protection Tallahassee, Florida

Assistant General Counsel, 1992 - 1994

Drafted, reviewed and negotiated contracts and grant agreements; reviewed leases, deeds and easements for state lands; and represented the Department in administrative hearings, state courts, and before the Governor and Cabinet in environmental matters including permitting, enforcement actions for the protection of state-owned natural resources, and rule drafting and promulgation.

George F. Young, Inc. St. Petersburg, Florida

Land Planner, 1987 - 1989

Prepared site evaluations; designed site plans; represented clients at local government public hearings and in permitting processes; and counseled clients regarding compliance with land development regulations.

EDUCATION

University of Florida, Juris Doctor 1992

University of Virginia, Bachelor of City Planning 1987

University of South Florida, Graduate Certificate in Public Management 1998

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Admitted to the Florida Bar in 1992

Board Certified in City, County and Local Government Law since 2003

Member, American Institute of Certified Planners since 1999

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