



Appointments Questionnaire

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Governor's office and, where applicable, The Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL.** Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in black ink.**

11/1/22

Name: Mr.	Mercer	Clarke	Date Completed
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	MR./MRS./MS./DR.	FIRST	MIDDLE/MAIDEN
		LAST	

Section 1- General Information

List all your places of residence for the last ten (10) years.

Address	City & State	Dates: From / To
4880 Hammock Lake Dr., Coral Gables, FL	33156	1984/2014
7015 Charles Str., St. Augustine FL	32080	2015/present

List all your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood

Address	City & State	Dates: From / To

Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? (Exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes No

If "Yes" give details:

Date	Place	Nature	Disposition

Section 2- Education and Background

High School: Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA
 (Name) (Location)

Year Graduated: 1962

List all postsecondary education institutions attended:

Name	Dates	Degree Received
Wasdington and Lee University	1962-1966	BA Economics
University of Florida Law School	1968-1971	Juris Doctor

Are you or have you ever been a member of the armed forces of the United States? Yes No

If "Yes" List:

Dates of service: 1966-1968

Branch or component: Army

Date & type of discharge: September 1968 Honorable

Concerning your current employer and for all of your employment during the last ten years, list your employer's name, business address, type of business, occupation or job title, and period(s) of employment.

Employer's Name & Location	Type of Business	Occupation Title	Period
Clarke Silvergate, PA	Law practice	President/shareholder	1993-2017

Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local governmental agency in Florida?

Yes No

If "Yes", identify the position(s), the name(s) of the employing agency, and the period(s) of employment:

Position	Employing Agency	Period of Employment

Do you currently hold an office or position (appointive, civil service, or other) with the federal or any foreign government? Yes No

If "Yes", please list:

Have you ever been elected or appointed to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "Yes", state the office title, dates in office, level of government (city, county, district, state, federal), and whether you were elected or appointed (if appointed, by whom):

Office Title	Dates in Office	Level of Government	Election or Appointment
Board member South Anastasia Design Review Board	2019 to present	County	Appointment

If your service was on an appointed board(s), committee(s), or council(s):

- (1) How frequently were meetings scheduled: monthly if applications pending
- (2) If you missed any of the regularly scheduled meetings, state the number of meetings you attended, the number you missed, and the reasons(s) for your absence(s).

Meetings Attended	Meetings Missed	Reason for Absence
All scheduled		

Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes No

If "Yes" give details:

Date	Nature of Violation	Disposition

Have you ever been suspended from any office by the Governor of the State of Florida? Yes No

If "Yes", list:

Title of Office: _____ Reason for suspension: _____
Date of suspension: _____ Result: Reinstated Removed Resigned

Have you previously been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes No

If "Yes", list:

(1) Title of Office: _____

(2) Term of Appointment: _____

(3) Confirmation Result: _____

Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes No

If "Yes", explain:

License/Certificate	Title/Number	Date Issued	Issuing Authority	Disciplinary Action/Date

Section 3- Possible Conflicts of Interest

Have you, or businesses of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment?

Yes No

If "Yes", explain:

Name of Business	Your Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to Agency
Clarke Silvergate	President/shareholder	Attorney/client

Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parents(s), siblings(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment?

Yes No

If "Yes", explain:

Name of Business	Relationship to You	Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to Agency

Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the past five (5) years? Yes No

(1) Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes No

(2) Name of agency or entity you lobbied and the principal(s) you represented:

Agency Lobbied

Principal Represented

Are there any possible conflicts of interest that could affect your ability to serve as a gubernatorial appointee?

No

If you agree, please type or write your initials for each of the following statements:

(1) If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws. MKC

(2) If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. MKC

Section 4- References and Experience

State your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for this appointment:

My tenure on the SADRb has provided experience and insight into issues relating to land use in the county and the positives and negatives of development.

Please list specifically any degree(s), professional certification(s), or designations(s) related to the subject matter of this appointment:

Board Member South Anastasia Design Review Board

Please list any awards or recognitions you have received relating to the subject matter of this appointment:

Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupational, civic, or fraternal organizations) you have held or hold relating in the last 10 years:

Name of the Association	Role	Dates of Membership

Do you know of any reason why you will not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or will be appointed? Yes No

If "Yes", explain:

List three persons who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Include a current telephone number. Exclude your relatives and members of the Florida Senate.

Name	Organization	Phone Number
George Jacunski	Retired Colonel, US Army	904-377-1561
Ned Skinner	Retired banker	515-208-1714
Earl Powell	Trivest (ret.)	305-798-0734

In the following space, please explain why you want to serve as a gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful:

St Johns County is an idyllic place for many reasons including the relaxed lifestyle, quality of schools, well maintained water venues, controlled development and a neighbors-help-neighbors mentality. I'd like to keep it that way. After college I served as an officer in the US Army then, after law school, began working for, and became senior partner in, a large Miami law firm. In 1993 I started my own firm which continues a successful practice to this day. I served as president of the Miami-Dade County Defense Bar Association and on the board of the International Association of Defense Counsel. I've had a fair amount of leadership experience and would like to put it to good use.

Section 5- Certification and Signature

I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By checking this box and typing my name below I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature.

/s/ Mercer K. Clarke
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

Please save this document to upload with your board application.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email Appointments@eog.myflorida.com

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