

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES
ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION FORM

Please return the signed and completed application form and a recent resume to: City of Pembroke Pines, City Clerk's Office, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33025.*

***NOTE: YOUR RESUME MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.**

Please type or use dark ink to complete this form.

Applicant Name Kristen L. Palacio

Race* White National Origin* Hispanic

Occupation Attorney

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Subdivision Pembroke Shores

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Length of Residence in Pembroke Pines 2 9
 (if applicable) Years Months

Length of Time as Business Person in
 Pembroke Pines (if applicable) Years Months

Are you a registered voter? Yes Pembroke Pines District No. 4 Precinct No. X423

Do you have a criminal record? NO If yes, please explain.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? NO If yes, please explain.

Do you have any criminal charges pending? NO If yes, please explain.

Do you have any relatives employed by the City? NO If yes, please state name(s):

Are you aware of any potential conflict of interest that may arise from your serving on this/these board(s)? NO If yes, please explain.

Does your business, or your employer have any contractual relationship with, or do any business with the City? NO If yes, please explain.

Do you have monies owed to the City that are delinquent? NO If yes, please explain.

Do you have any pending code violations relating to property owned by you in the City? NO If yes, please explain.

Do you have any violations relating to other City codes? NO If yes, please list:

*The responses to these items is optional. The City is interested in providing for cultural diversity on its Advisory Boards and Committees, and seeks this information solely in order for the City to further its goal to provide for diversity on its Advisory Boards and Committees.

Which board or committees are of interest to you? Please indicate up to three preferences by ranking. Please denote your first choice with a "1," etc. Please place a number adjacent to any board or committee for which you wish to be considered. If you do not place a number next to a board or committee, the City Commission will not be able to consider you for that board or committee.

<u> </u> Arts & Culture Advisory Board	<u> </u> Affordable Housing ¹
<u> </u> Board of Adjustment	<u> </u> Charter High School Advisory Board ²
<u> </u> Economic Development Board	<u> </u> Education Advisory Board
<u> </u> Environmental Advisory Board	<u> </u> Planning & Zoning Board
<u> </u> Police and Fire Pension Fund Board	<u> </u> Citizens Committee/Hurricane Prep (Ad Hoc)
<u> </u> Diversity & Heritage Advisory Board	<u> </u> Social Media Committee (Ad Hoc)
<u> </u> 1 Charter Review Board ³	<u> </u> Public Art Committee (PAC) New
<u> </u> Budget Committee (A.Castillo)	

¹You must complete the "Supplement to Application for Affordable Housing Committee."

²Representative of Educational or Business sector of the Community

³This Board is convened once every five years

Please provide a brief statement outlining why you wish to serve on the board(s) you have indicated above.

As a resident of Pembroke Pines, I value the progress that Pembroke Pines has made and continues to make. I hope to utilize my background, training, and skill set to assist the city in making critical decisions that can affect the lives of all residents and ensure the city's integrity for future years. Enclosed is my resume, outlining my experience and community involvement.

I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true and complete. Permission is granted to the City of Pembroke Pines to investigate and verify criminal and credit history and any information provided on this and successive documents completed for purposes of my appointment to the City Board or Committee. In return for consideration of my application, I release any person who provides information pertaining to me from all claims or liabilities that might otherwise result from such information or opinions.


Applicant's Signature

7/6/22
Date

Applications for board and committee vacancies are accepted throughout the year. For additional information, please call the City Clerk's Office at (954) 450-1050.

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Attorney

Kim Vaughan Lerner LLP, Fort Lauderdale, FL

June 2015 - Present

Attorney at Kim Vaughan Lerner LLP, a minority-owned law firm litigating and resolving complex commercial, tort, employment, insurance, and shareholder and partnership disputes, throughout the United States, South America, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean, representing clients from a wide variety of industries including manufacturing, accounting services, retail merchandising, aviation, and telecommunications.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- All Florida state courts
 - U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Broward County Hispanic Bar Association, President
 - Hispanic Lawyers Committee, Broward County Bar Association, Past Chair
 - Cuban American Bar Association, Briefs Committee
 - Broward County Bar Association
 - Broward County Bar Association, Publicity and Publications Committee
 - Broward County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section
 - The Florida Bar, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - The Florida Bar, Voluntary Bar Committee
 - The Florida Bar, Leadership Academy Alumna
 - Broward Sheriff's Office, Social Justice Task Force, Member
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Association Law Group, Miami, FL

Attorney, January 2015 – May 2015

- Attorney at Association Law Group, a leading and nationally recognized boutique law firm dedicated to the representation of hundreds of homeowner and condominium associations throughout the State of Florida as general counsel, and on association matters including collections and foreclosures, evictions, contract negotiations, interpretation and enforcement of governing documents and Florida Statutes, conducting annual meetings and elections, and general corporate matters.

Children and Families Clinic, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Clinical Extern Placement, January 2014 – April 2014

- Produced and submitted, under Attorney supervision, income withholding orders, report and recommendations of the General Magistrate, final judgments, and motions to compel.
- Finalized parenting plans and marital settlement agreements.
- Researched legal matters involving equitable distribution, marital and non-marital assets, appreciation in value of non-marital assets, and supportive relationships.

- Attended mediations, motion calendar hearings, and trials involving dissolution of marriage, timesharing, and equitable distribution issues. Additional trials attended comprised of petitions for injunction for protection/restraining orders, termination of parental rights, and status trials involving children in foster care.

Mestre Law Firm, Coral Gables, FL

Law Clerk, May 2013 – July 2013

- Structured various litigation motions and petitions, including an ex-parte motion for an injunction to prevent the biological mother from secretly contacting the minor adopted child, contrary to the Final Judgment of Adoption.
- Conducted in-depth research involving jurisdictional issues pertaining to domestication of foreign judgments, the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, subject matter jurisdiction as well as federal income tax dependency exemptions.
- Examined and reviewed, under attorney supervision, documents and hearings from a Guardian Ad Litem perspective.

Manuel Vazquez, P.A., Coral Gables, FL

Law Clerk, May 2013 – July 2013

- Drafted prevailing answer brief in a breach of contract case within the Third District Court of Appeals.
- Constructed civil complaint regarding shareholder's rights, accounting in equity, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duties.
- Performed research pertaining to administrative agency complaints, mental impairments and permanent alimony, homeowner's right to enforce the covenant of right of first refusal, and breach of contract.

ACGG Development Group, Coral Gables, FL

Regional Project Manager, May 2004 – June 2011

- Overall responsibility for sales and leasing operations for over 1,000 units in multiple communities.
- Coordinated efforts with title companies, mortgage specialists, realtors, sales personnel, and contractors to ensure timely delivery of condominium units to purchasers and timely delivery of loan and title documents.
- Trained and supervised sales and leasing staff; assisted with sales negotiations, and reviewed and approved sales contracts and leases.
- Handled human resource functions, including employee evaluations, compensation reviews, benefit enrollment, employee hiring, counseling, coaching, and termination.

Villas De Tuscany Condominium Association, Inc., Sunrise, FL

Board Member, December 2007 – March 2012

- Board Secretary for 234-unit residential community; maintained association's minutes and official records as required by Florida Statutes.
 - Organized, led, and participated in unit-owner meetings and board meetings.
 - Prepared annual budget.
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EDUCATION

Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Juris Doctor, May 2014

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, Psychology, December 2008
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, December 2008

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Fluent in spoken and written Spanish