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Derek A. Schroth, JNC Chair (2019)
Fifth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission
Bowen & Schroth, PA
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Re: Redacted Application of Jennifer Lester Bass for Nomination to the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judge

Dear Mr. Schroth:

Upon review of the above cited application, it appears information is missing or not correct.

The Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interest (pages 27-34) shows the applicant had a negative net worth as of September 27, 2015 of “\$-27,141.80”. My calculation using Excel shows the applicant’s negative net worth was (-\$46,866.98) using the data provided on the form. See attached my calculations. It is possible I did not figure right, so please check it yourself. It appears the applicant’s insolvency is understated by almost \$20,000.

The applicant’s net worth (insolvency) does not include \$304,000.34 in Joint and Several Liabilities. Is that exclusion permitted under the JNC Rules or Ethics Rules?

Part E - Interests in Specific Businesses, the applicant did not disclose an interest in BASS CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. The 2015 and 2016 Annual Reports shows Jennifer Bass is a Director, see attached. The address for Bass Construction Group, Inc. appears to be the home of Jennifer Bass. The Articles of Incorporation (Feb-02-2002) show Jennifer Bass as a Director. The Florida Department of State shows Bass Construction Group, Inc. is an active Florida profit corporation. Husband Brandon Bass also appears as a Director of Bass Construction Group, Inc.

While not part of the JNC application, the Form 1 filed by the applicant in 2012 is incomplete and does not show any liabilities, but does show income from Bass Construction Group, Inc.

The applicant’s 2013 Form 1 fails to show in Part F interest in Bass Construction Group, Inc. The applicant’s 2014 Form 1 fails to show in Part F interest in Bass Construction Group, Inc.

Sincerely,

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