

SHELLEY, Michael

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This application form is required as part of the City Commission Group IV Vacancy application submittal. The completed application **MUST** accompany your letter of interest, current resume, photograph, and City of Miami Beach oath. You may attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide the required information. See the Notice of Commission Vacancy for additional information.

Shelley	Michael		
_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ Middle Initial	
5637 La Gorce Drive	Miami Beach	Florida	33140
_____ Home Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code
305-798-5522	michael@shelleylawfirm.com		
_____ Cellular Telephone	_____ Email Address		
The Shelley Law Firm, LLC	_____ Lawyer		
_____ Business Name	_____ Occupation		
500 South Pointe Drive, Suite 140	Miami Beach	Florida	33139
_____ Business Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code

• Have you been a resident of Miami Beach for a minimum of one year? ☒ Yes ☐ No

• Are you a registered voter in Miami Beach? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): 110056803

• Are you presently a registered lobbyist with the City of Miami Beach? ☐ Yes ☒ No

• Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ Yes ☒ No

• Have you been issued a violation(s) of the City of Miami Beach Code that remains open or pending?
☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain in detail: _____

• Do you currently owe the City of Miami Beach any money? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain in detail: _____

- In what organization(s) in Miami Beach do you currently hold membership?

La Gorce / Pinetree HOA

Member

Organization Name

Position

Organization Name

Position

- List all properties owned or in which you have an ownership interest in Miami Beach:

My residence (owned with my wife); one condominium at Yacht Club and two commercial rental properties at The Courts and Cosmopolitan (through my wife and her parents)

- How long have you lived in Miami Beach? Continuously since 2013; born at Mount Sinai (1968)

- Have you served on any City of Miami Beach Board(s) or Committee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, which Board(s) or Committee(s)?

What were your contributions to the Board(s) or Committee(s)?

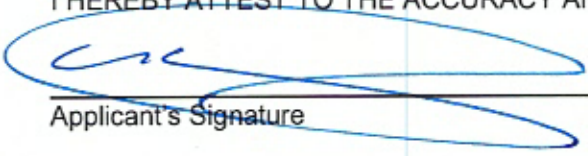
- Why are you interested in serving on the City Commission? I am a 3rd generation resident of Miami Beach. My family has a long history of living in this community, and now that I have established my family and my career, I wish to contribute to my hometown through public service. I have considered running for this position in the past, and I feel the time is right to seek this position.

- How does your education and/or experience complement the powers and duties of the City Commission?

I am an attorney, so my duty is to represent my clients and uphold the law. As a commissioner, my duty is to all residents of Miami Beach. I pride myself on knowing the laws, and when I encounter an issue that is unfamiliar, I educate myself as much as possible. I believe in due process and equal protection and these beliefs are particularly important for all public servants.

- Will you run for a City Commission seat in 2019? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Undecided

I HEREBY ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY AND TRUTHFULNESS OF THIS APPLICATION.


Applicant's Signature

12/20/2018
Date

NOTE:

The completed application MUST accompany your letter of interest, current resume, photograph, and City of Miami Beach oath. You may attach additional sheets to provide the required information.

The completed application along with all accompanying materials may be submitted via:

- Email to RafaelGranado@miamibeachfl.gov
- Hand delivery to the Office of the City Clerk, 1700 Convention Center Drive, First Floor
- Postal mail to City of Miami Beach, Office of the City Clerk, Attention: Rafael E. Granado, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139

PUBLIC RECORD:

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this application and everything attached to it is a public record. The materials you provide will be posted on the Office of the City Clerk's Election webpage and will be available for inspection. If you are an individual listed in Section 119.071, F.S., whose home address is exempt from disclosure, the City Clerk will maintain that confidentiality if you submit a written request.

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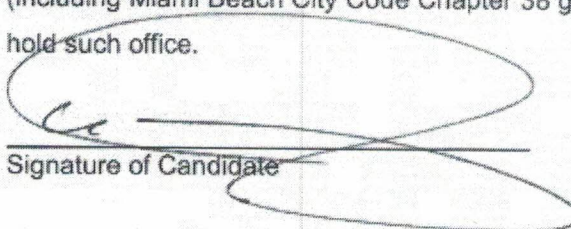
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

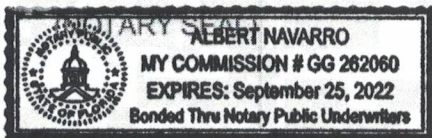
Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared MICHAEL SHELLEY to me well known who, being sworn, says that he/she is seeking appointment to the Office of City Commissioner (Group No. IV) for the City of Miami Beach, Florida; that he/she is a qualified elector of said City residing within the City at least one year before applying for this office; that his/her legal residence is:

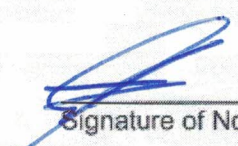
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Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County, Florida; that he/she is qualified under the ordinances (including Miami Beach City Code Chapter 38 governing "Elections") and Charter of said City to hold such office.


Signature of Candidate

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 20TH day of DECEMBER, 2018, by _____.




Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

ALBERT NAVARRO
Name of Notary Typed, Printed, or Stamped

Personally Known ☒ OR

Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____



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MEMBERSHIPS

The Florida Bar (#999016)	U.S. Northern District Florida
U.S. Northern Dist. Illinois (pro hac)	U.S. Middle District Florida
U.S. Eastern Dist. New York (pro hac)	U.S. Southern District of Florida
U.S. Northern Dist. Ohio (pro hac)	11 th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals
State of North Carolina (pro hac)	State of Ohio (pro hac)
Martindale-Hubbell AV Rated (since 2012)	Florida Trend Legal Elite (2014)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Since admission to Florida Bar)

The Shelley Law Firm, LLC

Miami Beach, Florida

2014-now

I am an AV-rated trial and appellate lawyer representing commercial transportation companies for comprehensive transactional, regulatory, labor and employment, and insurance issues. A sizeable section of this practice includes representing commercial transportation companies and other contractors with the federal government, in tort and contract claims in both state and federal courts, and before federal departments and agencies. Another significant element of my practice is representing lawyers and other professionals in the defense of malpractice claims. I frequently publish and lecture through various professional associations about the issues and trends involved in my practice areas.

Klein Glasser Park Lowe & Pelstring, P.L.

Miami, Florida

2009-2014

I was a partner of this multi-office Florida law firm (formerly known as Stephens Lynn Klein) where I was I represented lawyers, physicians, accountants, and other professionals in the defense of malpractice claims. I also defended corporations, including commercial transportation companies and contractors with the federal government, against tort and contract claims in both state and federal courts.

**Alvarez Sambol Winthrop &
Madson, P.A.**

Miami, Florida

2006-2009

I was the managing attorney of the South Florida office of a statewide law firm representing commercial transportation, construction, health-care and insurance companies in litigation (especially catastrophic loss claims from inception through trial). I helped open this office from one lawyer and temporary staff person into a full-service office with five lawyers and 10 staff employees.

The David Singer Law Firm

Miami, Florida

2005-2006

I represented Plaintiffs in medical negligence, nursing home abuse, extra-contractual, products liability, and all other tort-based actions.

Wicker Smith, P.A.

Miami, Florida

2001-2005

I represented hospitals and physicians in defense of medical negligence cases from inception through trial. I also represented insurers in complex coverage analyses in construction litigation and represented governments and corporations in labor and civil rights litigation.

Butler Burnette & Pappas, P.A.

Tallahassee, Florida

1998-2001

I helped open the North Florida office of this statewide insurance defense firm, and defended complex liability cases for insurers and corporations including: class actions, mass torts, medical negligence, construction, labor, civil rights, bad-faith and extra-contractual actions. I also investigated and prosecuted insurance fraud, and prosecuted and defended complex subrogation cases.

Barrett Hoffman & Hall, P.A.

Tallahassee, Florida

1994-1998

I represented hundreds of clients in actions based on medical negligence, bad-faith, extra-contractual, products liability, environmental tort, employment discrimination, and automobile negligence.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Prior to admission to Florida Bar)

Slepin & Slepin, P.A.

Tallahassee, Florida 1991-1994

I drafted briefs in appeals to Florida Supreme Court and District Courts of Appeal in administrative, medical negligence, and workers compensation actions.

The Miami Herald

Miami, Florida 1987-1991

I reported and edited professional, collegiate and high school athletics, including the Miami Dolphins, Miami Heat, FIU and the University of Miami.

EDUCATION

Florida State University

Honors:

Tallahassee, Florida

Juris Doctorate, May 1993

Book Awards: Complex Litigation / Advanced Civil Procedure, Spring of 1993; Advanced Criminal Procedure, Fall of 1992

Oxford University

Oxford, England

St. Edmund Hall, Summer 1992

Florida International University

Honors:

Miami, Florida

B.S., Journalism and Communications, May 1990

Outstanding Graduate

Sigma Delta Chi (Journalism) Scholarship

Faculty Scholar

Advisor to President Modesto Maidique (1986-1988)

Advisor to VP of Biscayne Bay campus (1988-1990)

Senator, College of Arts & Sciences, Stud. Govt. Assoc.

Chairperson, Student Union Board of Governors

Resident Assistant, Biscayne Bay campus residence hall

Sports and News Editor, The Sunblazer

Men's Tennis Team

Extra-Curricular:

TRIAL EXPERIENCE / ADR

First chaired 18 trials, second chaired six trials. All trials involved complex medical, liability, and/or insurance issues in state or federal courts. Successfully litigated to conclusion, either through trial, arbitration, or mediation dozens of multi-million dollar cases involving catastrophic injuries, and hundreds of others.

Since 2016, I have been certified by the Florida Supreme Court as Circuit-Court Civil Mediator.

REPORTED DECISIONS

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Hilliard v. Akal Security, Inc., 2014 WL 12599825 (N.D. Ohio Oct. 21, 2014)
Rodriguez v. Akal Security, Inc., 534 Fed.Appx. 921 (11th Cir. 2013)
Offen v. Intercontinental Hotels, 141 So.3d 571 (Fla. 3d DCA 2013), 2012 WL 12893732 (Miami-Dade Cir. Ct. June 12, 2012)
Francis v. Silva, 2013 WL 1334549 (S.D.Fla., Mar. 29, 2013)
Rodriguez v. Akal Security, Inc., 2013 WL 435947 (S.D.Fla. Feb. 4, 2013)
Suarez v. Benihana, 88 So.3d 349 (Fla. 3d DCA 2012)
Delgado v. Prudential Ins. Co. of America, 2012 WL 668147 (S.D.Fla., Feb. 29, 2012)
Denis v. Commerce Ins. Co., 2010 WL 374769 (S.D.Fla. Feb. 3, 2010)
Wilson v. DollarThrifty, 286 Fed.Appx. 640 (11th Cir. 2008)
Ibarra v. Izaguirre, 985 So.2d 1117 (Fla. 3d DCA 2008)
Am. Surety & Casualty v. Lake Jackson Pizza, 788 So.2d 1096 (Fla. 2001)
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Carnesi v. Ferry Pass United Methodist Church, 770 So. 2d 1286 (Fla. 1st DCA 2000)
Peznell v. Doolan, 722 So. 2d 881 (Fla. 2d DCA 1998)

PUBLICATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Without Caps, Will Medical Malpractice Claims Rise?	Daily Business Review, May 23, 2014, Board of Contributors
Insurance of Last Resort? Can a Carrier Sue Its Assigned Defense Counsel When a Case Settles Above Policy Limits?	Florida Defense Lawyers Association, Trial Advocate Quarterly, Winter 2014
Geometric Anomalies in the Tri-Partite Relationship	Florida Liability Claims Conference, Orlando, 06/13
Jury Verdicts	Daily Business Review: Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, July 26, 2012
Gaining the Best Settlement in Automobile Injury Cases	NBI Seminar, Miami, 07/08
Commercial Premises: New Legislation to Help Protect Your Business	PCCP Claims Conference, Orlando, 11/06
Jury Verdicts	Daily Business Review: Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, March 6, 2006
Unfair Settlement Practices	Mealey's Litigation Report, Insurance Bad Faith, 12/00
Ethics for Special Investigations	Mealey's Litigation Report, Insurance Bad Faith, 09/00; Awareness (SIU magazine), Summer 2000
Insurance Fraud	Lorman Educational Systems, 12/00
Fraudulent PIP Claims	DIF-SIU Annual Conference, 06/00
Diminution of Property Value	Lorman Educational Systems, 09/99
Comparison of Injury Law, FL & GA	Florida Association of Paralegals, 11/97
Collateral Sources	Florida Association of Paralegals, 05/97

REFERENCES

Available upon request



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December 20, 2018

VIA EMAIL: RafaelGranado@miamibeachfl.gov

Rafael E. Granado
City of Miami Beach
Office of the City Clerk
1700 Convention Center Drive, First Floor
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

RE: Application for City Commission Group IV vacancy

Dear Mr. Granado:

Please accept this as my application for the vacancy for the City Commission, Group IV. I have enclosed the Application, Oath, my current CV, and a photograph.

I also want to take this opportunity to further explain to you, and to all who will consider my application, my desire and my qualifications to serve on the City Commission.

The City of Miami Beach is the home of my past, my present, and my future.

My grandparents lived in Miami Beach before World War II and they raised my mother in their home on Flamingo Drive. They were committed to the future of this city and donated to the construction of Mount Sinai Medical Center. Their names, Harold Michael and Betty Shelley, are on a plaque in the lobby as one of the many charter life members of Mount Sinai. Later, I would be born at that hospital. The wealth they once enjoyed evaporated over the years, and I began working at age 14, and I have not stopped since.

One of my goals in life was to attain a level of personal and professional success that would honor my family name. And I believe in that I have succeeded. As a lawyer, I am "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell, which means I have been recognized by my peers and the judiciary as being preeminent in legal abilities and ethical standards. I have assisted individuals throughout my almost 25-year legal career, from obtaining fair compensation for misfortune caused to clients by the selfish or negligent acts of others to protecting clients' hard-earned assets from fraudulent claims. I am a product of public education, from elementary school through graduate school, and having spent my entire life in Florida, I embrace the diversity that is unique to our community and our state.

After living in Miami Beach for a number of years, my wife, Cori, and I purchased our dream home on La Gorce Drive in 2016 as we intend to keep Miami Beach our home for the rest of our lives. Together, we have raised our son Alex, who will graduate in 2020 from Florida State University. He, also, is interested in public service, and worked this summer on Mayor Levine's gubernatorial campaign. Our home is the biggest investment we have ever made, and clearly we believe in the future of Miami Beach.

The City has had great leadership in the past, from preserving its rich architectural history to investing in the infrastructure needed to keep it a top global destination. As someone who lives and works in Miami Beach, I see where we need to continue honoring our past while building toward the future. To me, public safety is the paramount responsibility of City government. I commend our police department for always acting promptly and professionally to my calls for assistance in the past. I believe that regardless of the zip code or the price of a home, each and every resident and visitor should feel safe and secure, whether inside their residence or walking on the sidewalk, at daytime and at nighttime. So, ensuring our law enforcement agencies are not lacking for any resources, and that streets are safe and well-lighted, is fundamental. Our government must protect from environmental threats, also, and in that regard the City has taken the right step in building pumping stations and reinforcing sea walls. But, additional steps must be taken to ensure the City's resilience to hurricanes, such as putting critical utility lines underground. I remember vividly last year the Herculean efforts of the line workers in restoring power throughout our City after Irma, but I also thought that we must find a way to make us less vulnerable to the destructive power of these storms, which will come again and again.

The responsibility of City government is great, and I believe that our best leaders are also our most invested leaders. Those who live in this City, work in this City, and have raised, or are raising, their families in this City. These positions should not be sought out by persons seeking gainful employment, or a pension, or other securities. These positions should be sought by persons who wish to volunteer their time, their experience, and their expertise to enriching the City, not themselves. I do not profess to know everything. In fact, I am quite humble in my knowledge and pride myself on learning as much about an issue as I possibly can before formulating any deep opinions. I believe keeping an open mind is critical in any position of responsibility, whether it be parenting, lawyering, or serving in government. As I stated in my application, I believe foremost in due process and equal protection under the law. To me, these principles are my North Star. So, if I am afforded the privilege of serving on the Commission, I will always ensure that all individuals are fairly recognized and represented. This City has great wealth and great opportunities for those who seek wealth, and the City Commission must continue to be a forum where people from all walks of life know that they can be, and are, treated fairly and equally.

Rafael E. Granado
December 20, 2018
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I appreciate the opportunity to submit my candidacy for this position and welcome any questions you may have for me.

Sincerely,

Michael Shelley
MICHAEL SHELLEY

MS/bks
Enclosures