

Sheriff



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Judicial Nominating Commission  
Bill Voges, Chairperson  
275 Clyde Morris Blvd.  
Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Dear Commission Members

I am writing to support the appointment of Nancye Rogers Jones for the Seventh Judicial Circuit Judgeship recently vacated by Judge John Doyle. Ms. Jones is currently an Assistant County Attorney who handles Sheriff's Office litigation concerning adverse personnel actions and workers' compensation/risk management issues. ~~She has never lost a case!~~ Additionally, she handles most of the civil liability cases against the Sheriff's Office, such as false arrest, excessive force and auto accident negligence cases.

From 1991-2000, Nancye served as Legal Advisor to the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, providing legal guidance for the Sheriff and more than 400 deputies. She was sole counsel on all civil forfeiture and bond estreature litigation on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, participated in the preparation of state and federal civil cases for trial and acted as liaison between Sheriff's Office and outside counsel on major litigation matters. Additionally, she wrote legal opinions, contracts, leases, ordinances, legislative bills and mutual aid agreements and provided legal updates on all matters concerning law enforcement officers.

Nancye is well rounded both professionally and in her personal life. She is devoted to her family, Volusia County Sheriff's Major Robert Jones, and their two children.

During my 36 years in law enforcement, I have worked very closely with members of the judiciary and the legal community and I know of their daily challenges. I can say without hesitation that Nancye is exceptionally qualified and has the temperament necessary for this honorable position. She has good judgment, knows the law, the balance of justice and her ethics and morals are above reproach. I am confident that she would have a positive influence on both our county and the legal community.

If I can provide additional information or answer any questions you may have, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben F. Johnson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ben F. Johnson  
Sheriff

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