



**CIRCUIT COURT  
THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

**J. THOMAS MCGRADY**  
CHIEF JUDGE

**HELEN SKIDMORE**  
JUDICIAL ASSISTANT

**March 2, 2011  
MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** All Florida licensed physicians who wish to be considered for appointment as a member of Guardianship Examining Committees or Developmental Disabilities Examining Committees in Pasco and Pinellas Counties

**From:** J. Thomas McGrady, Chief Judge

**Subject:** Appointment of Guardianship Examining Committee & Developmental Disabilities Examining Committee Members

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The Sixth Judicial Circuit, for Pasco and Pinellas Counties, has a critical need for additional doctors to serve on guardianship examining committees and developmental disabilities examining committees. I hope that you will seriously consider this service and soon complete and return the attached application.

In case you are not familiar with these committees, the committee members serve to protect the rights and safety of some of our most vulnerable citizens. A physician is one of three members required by law to be on every committee. Courts appoint guardianship examining committees to examine persons who are alleged to be incapacitated. The examination looks at the physical and mental health, and functional ability of the alleged incapacitated person. The Court also needs physicians on developmental disabilities examining committees to examine persons who may have mental retardation and need residential services. Additional information about service on a committee is available on the Sixth Judicial Circuit website at: <http://www.jud6.org/LegalCommunity/CourtContractedServices.html>.

You may use the attached application to apply for service on one or both committees, in Pasco County or Pinellas County, or in both. If you have any questions about the application or service on a committee, please contact the Court Counsel's Office at (727) 582-7424.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request. I trust that you will find service on examining committees gratifying. To help ensure public safety and to protect the due process rights of persons who may need treatment services, the citizens of Pasco and Pinellas Counties urgently need your skills. I hope that you will apply.

Sincerely,

J. Thomas McGrady  
Chief Judge