

Application for Service

Profile

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Middle Initial

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Question applies to multiple boards

I am a registered voter in the Town of Palm Beach (Initial below)

ECC

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Appointment to the Architectural Commission (ARCOM), Landmarks Preservation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Recreation Advisory Commission, & Underground Utilities Task Force (UUTF) requires the applicant to be a registered voter in the Town of Palm Beach. Please attach a copy of BOTH SIDES of your Voter Registration card with your application. Failure to provide the required copy of the voter registration card shall be grounds for rejection of the application.

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VERIFIED - KMC

Upload a Voter Registration Card (Front)

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Upload a Voter Registration Card (Back)

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning and Zoning Commission: Submitted

In what area of town do you live?☒ North

Interests/Experience

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

Why are you interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission?

I wish to continue my service on the Commission as a voting member as I believe this is an important time for planning issues in the Town and I hope to continue to offer my expertise in planning and zoning. As a full-time resident with children attending school on Palm Beach, I am absolutely committed to carrying out the mission of the Commission in a thoughtful and diligent manner.

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Why are you interested in serving on the Landmarks Preservation Commission?

N/A

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How many meetings of the Planning and Zoning Committee have you attended in the last year?

All scheduled meetings.

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Are you willing and available to attend meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission as described below? Please select all that apply. *

- ☒ Meetings which last a full day (9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or even later)?
- ☒ Meetings on consecutive dates?
- ☒ Meetings which might be scheduled for multiple dates within the same month
- ☒ Meetings scheduled year-round

Please indicate if there are any periods of time for which you will be unavailable for meetings.

None.

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If you have served on any boards/commissions/committees in the Town of Palm Beach or elsewhere, please list them and include details such as length of service, attendance record, etc.

Town of Palm Beach Planning and Zoning Commission 2017 to present - alternate member. I have also served as a Chair Person of a Florida Bar Committee, as past President of the Federal Bar, and on numerous local Bar Committees and charitable organizations for the past 20 years.

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Do you have any experience in requesting comprehensive plan amendments or zoning approvals from the Town of Palm Beach or other jurisdictions? (Please explain.)

I have experience with handling and litigating zoning issues in the Town of Palm Beach, and the municipalities of Manalapan and Ocean Ridge. These have included handling zoning approval matters for clients, as well as litigating zoning issues.

Are you a member of any of the following organizations? (Check all that apply)

- ☒ Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce
- ☒ Palm Beach Civic Association
- ☒ Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach

Present Occupation

Attorney

No. of years

38

Past occupation(s)

N/A

No. of years

N/A

Please provide details regarding your educational background:

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. - B.A. with Honors, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

Do you have a degree in, or have you taken courses in, any of the following fields of study: (Check as many as are applicable) *

- ☒ Law

Upload a Resume

Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a crime other than minor traffic violations?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

If you are currently serving on a Town board, commission, or committee, please identify in the space below and check the "I Agree" box indicating that you will resign from that position if you are appointed to the position you are seeking in this application.

I agree that I will resign from the board, commission, or committee if I am appointed to the position I am seeking in this application.

☒ I Agree

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

Why do you feel that you are qualified to serve on the Town’s Planning and Zoning Commission?

In addition to my current service and experience on the Commission. I have been and remain interested and focused on planning and growth issues in the Town and spend considerable time following Town developments in these areas so as to better serve on the Commission and to better understand the issues facing the Town and its residents. I am particularly focused on the current zoning code review process as well as the impact of House Bill 59 on our Comprehensive Plan. I have a solid understanding of the Town's Comprehensive Plan as well as related statutory enactments and applicable case law. I have experience in handling matters under Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes, including the Bert Harris Act. I have handled matters involving plats and zoning issues in the Town of Palm Beach and have familiarity with the Town Ordinances and Comprehensive Plan. I feel that with this background and being a long-term resident, I am qualified to continue to serve.

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In the event you are applying to be a Regular Member and you are not successful, will you accept appointment as an Alternate Member should the Town Council wish to appoint you as an Alternate Member?

☒ Yes ☐ No

To enable Town Council to consider potential conflicts of interest, please list the family members who live and/or work in the Town of Palm Beach, including your spouse, parents, siblings or children.

Spouse - Maura Ziska Christu, Esq. / Children - Caroline Christu and Ella Christu

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Physically Disabled

☐ Yes ☒ No

I hereby certify that I have read the sections of the Town Code of Ordinances for the particular board/commission/committee that I have selected above and have noted the description of the board/commission/committee and its members' duties, and further I have read the regulations concerning absences and conflicts of interests. I certify the information given by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any falsification of material facts will be grounds for rejection of this application of dismissal after appointment.

☒ I Agree

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

Please provide a copy of BOTH SIDES of your Palm Beach County Voter Registration card, which shows your Town of Palm Beach address, with your application.

Please note that Commission applications will expire on December 15 of each year.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning and Zoning Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Town Council in all matters relating to municipal planning and development. The Commission is required to follow the concepts and contents of the Town's comprehensive land use plan in all planning, zoning and development related deliberations and decisions. The Commission shall also have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by Ordinance. The members of the Commission must be registered voters in the Town of Palm Beach. The seven regular members serve for terms of three years. Three alternate members of the Zoning Commission may be appointed by the Town Council who serve when called upon by the Chair of the Commission in the absence of any regular member.



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Eric Christu is a partner in the West Palm Beach office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is Chair of the Intellectual Property Practice Group. Eric and the Shutts IP Practice Group handle all aspects of patent, trademark, copyright, trade secrets, and other intellectual property matters.

A Martindale-Hubbell AV® rated attorney, Eric has regularly been named one of the *Best Lawyers in America*® and was one of the first to be designated by The Florida Bar as Board Certified in Business Litigation. Eric specializes in complex commercial and business disputes, with a focus on intellectual property, construction and real estate issues. He also regularly handles matters involving banking, corporate, and probate disputes in state and federal courts. His active trial practice includes recent cases involving complex intellectual property issues, partnership disputes, and probate & trust litigation.

Eric has served as a member of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on Court-Annexed Mediation for the Southern District of Florida, past-President of the Palm Beach County Federal Bar Association, and past-Chair of the Florida Bar Business Litigation Certification Committee.

Practice Areas

Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy

Intellectual Property

Litigation

Securities Fraud Litigation

Construction

Accolades

- Florida Bar Board Certified in Business Litigation (since 1996)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Rated
- "Top Lawyer," *Palm Beach Illustrated*, 2021
- "Top Lawyer," *Jupiter Magazine*, 2022
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, Top Lawyers in South Florida, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1984
- University of Minnesota, B.A. with honors, 1981

Bar Admissions

Florida

Colorado

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida

Professional and Civic

- Palm Beach Civic Association, Director
- Palm Beach County Federal Bar Association, Past President

Eric C. Christu

- Florida Bar Business Litigation Certification Committee, Past Chair
- American Bar Association's Forum on the Construction Industry, Past Member, Division Steering Committee
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, ad hoc Advisory Committee on Court-Annexed Mediation (2009-2014)
- Member – American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- Town of Palm Beach Planning and Zoning Commission - Voting Member (Current)