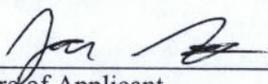


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City of Leesburg Appointed Boards & Commission Application

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Business Address: 550 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778			
Business Telephone Number: (352) 742-4066			
Position: Assistant State Attorney			
Education, Training Or Experience Related To The Activities Of The Advisory Body To Which Appointment Is Sought:			
Law Degree, 2 and 1/2 years as a state prosecutor, I believe my legal experience could make me useful to any board, see resume for more			
Professional Organizations/Membership: Florida Bar, Lake County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Association of Lake County, Christian Legal Society see resume for more			
Have You Served On A City Board Or Committee In The Past?		Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes - Dates Served:		Not in Leesburg, FL	
Name of Board or Committee:		see resume for more	
Interested in the following			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Library Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historic Preservation Board
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planning Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater Leesburg CRA
	Carver Heights & Vicinity CRA		General Employees Retirement Board of Trustees
	Fire Department Pension Board of Trustees		Police Department Pension Board of Trustees
	Other (Specify):	Leesburg regional Airport Advisory Board, any Charter Review type committee	
I will attend meetings in accordance with the adopted policies of the City of Leesburg. If at any time my business or professional interests conflict with the interests of the Advisory Body, I will not participate in such deliberations.			
Signature of Applicant: 		Return To: City Clerk's Office City of Leesburg P.O. Box 490630 Leesburg, FL 34749-0630	

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RESUME

EXPERIENCE

Office of the State Attorney, Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida

Assistant State Attorney, Lake County, Tavares, FL

August 2007- present

- FELONY PROSECUTOR

January 2010 - present

Prosecuted hundreds of felonies, including drug cases, economic/property fraud, and violent crimes including domestic violence. Conducted all phases of a case, including investigation, filing decision, first appearance, arraignment, plea negotiations, motion hearings, jury trial/non jury trial, sentencing, and violation of probation proceedings.

- JUVENILE PROSECUTOR

August 2007 - December 2009

Prosecuted thousands of delinquency cases, including sexual assaults and gun cases. Represented the State Attorney on the Lake County Juvenile Justice Council, Lake County Domestic Violence Task Force, Truancy Intervention Partnership Program, Children in Need of Services Staffing Committee, Children's Advocacy Center Case Staffing Committee, Lake County Shared Services Network, and Safe Climate Coalition.

Received the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency's Statewide Distinguished Judicial Service Award in 2009 for public service as a prosecutor and to the criminal justice system

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, admitted September 2008
- Florida Bar, admitted September 2007
- Florida Bar's Juvenile Court Rules and Procedure Committee Member (until 2012)
- Lake County Bar Association, September 2007 -present

EDUCATION

Florida State University

Tallahassee, FL

JD, May 2007

- Judicial Extern to the Honorable Kenneth B. Bell, Florida Supreme Court Justice
- FSU Student Body Attorney General
- Dean's List (Fall 2004)
- Business Law Review
- Book awards (highest grades) in Torts and Constitutional Law II

University of Florida

Gainesville, FL

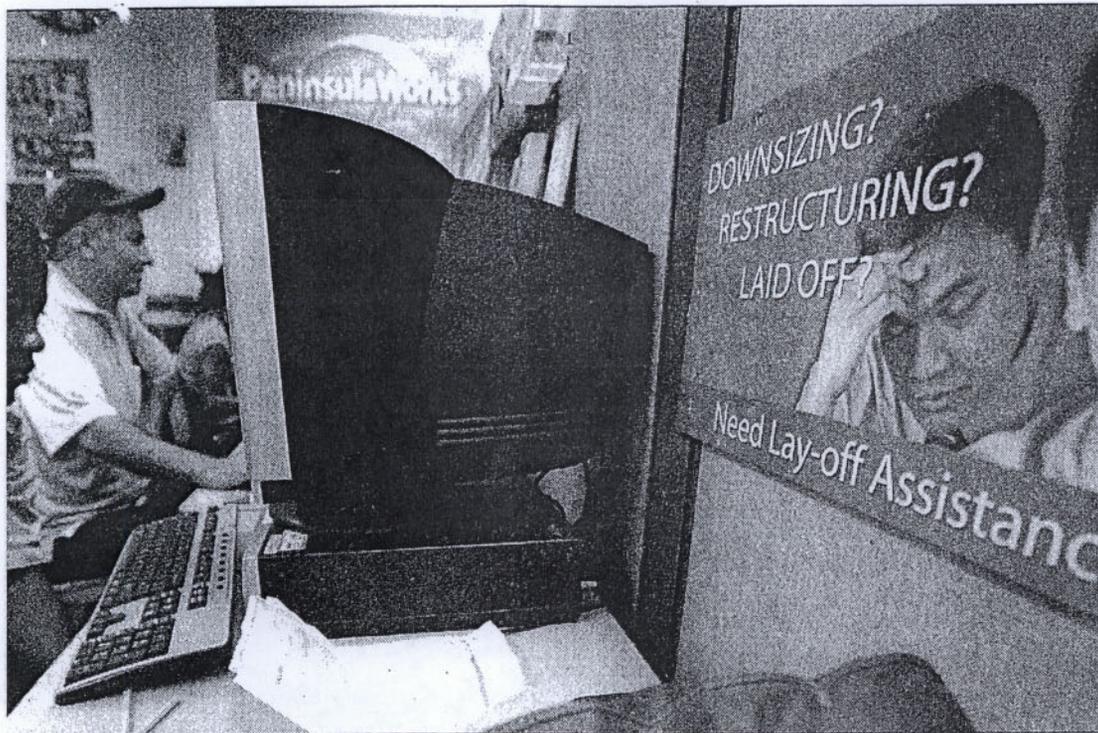
BA in Environmental Science (with Honors), May 2004,

Minor in Agricultural Law and Certificates in Public Affairs & International Relations

- UF Hall of Fame (inductee- class of 2004)
- Outstanding Graduating Male Leader (class of spring 2004)
- Morris K Udall Scholar (federal scholarship for environmental Service)
- Honor Court Justice & Traffic Court Justice
- President of the UF School of Natural Resources and Environment Student Council

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Umatilla First Baptist Church Kindergarten Teacher
- Lake County Teen Court (Received Outstanding Volunteer Award 2008)
- City of Mount Dora Northeast Community Redevelopment Development Advisory Committee Member
- Lake County Impact Fees Committee Member
- Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee



PAUL SAKUMA / AP

ment on computers at JobTrain, an educational and training institution that also offers career counseling and Menlo Park, Calif., Thursday. New jobless claims fell slightly last week while the number of people receiving e, a sign the job market's recovery will be long and bumpy.

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The program however has languished elsewhere in the face of opposition from businesses, a shortage of money for program expenses such as training and counseling, and a lack of interest on the part of unemployed wage-earners.

Business opposition often focuses on the taxes that employers pay to provide unemployment insurance.

"They're paying for the privilege of financing someone who would be going into business against them," said David Clough, lobbyist for the National Federation of Independent Business in New Hampshire, where a bill to establish self-employment aid died this year over fears about its impact on the state's unemployment trust fund.

Legislation ratifying the 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement allowed states to offer such aid, an idea widely used in Europe and Canada. In the U.S., the idea's historians say, the late-Sen. Edward Kennedy and Oregon's Ron Wyden, then a congressman and now a senator.

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The program was designed to help those workers considered "dislocated" — meaning they weren't likely to get their old jobs back. These primarily white-collar and service sector workers could use their transferable skills to start their own businesses.

Seven of the states that offer self-employment assistance started their programs in the 1990s, and the programs remain small, rarely approaching the federal limit of 5 percent of those drawing unemployment benefits in a state.

California once offered the aid, but state officials report there was little interest and the program lapsed in 1998. Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey say numbers are down.

"We can't say for sure," said spokeswoman Marcela Ospina Maziarz of the New Jersey labor department in an e-mail exchange. "It is possible that people may see a bigger risk to start a business in this economy."

Maryland's program is expected to remain steady. Data from New York, the largest state with such a program,

Circuit honors prosecutor

MILLARD K. IVES
Staff Writer

TAVARES — An assistant state attorney in Florida's Fifth Judicial Circuit has been honored by the Florida Council on Crime

and Delinquency for his work with juveniles.

James Argento, a juvenile prosecutor who works mostly out of the Lake County



Argento

Courthouse, received the 2009 Distinguished Service Award for Judicial at the council's recent 80th Annual Criminal Justice Institute banquet in Naples last month.

The 27-year-old Argento was honored for personally having gone out in the Lake and Sumter county areas to fight crime by taking a message of personal responsibility to the children.

This includes lecturing and marching parades to promote crime delinquency efforts.

"Although Mr. Argento is only 27 years old, his involvement in the community has made him mature beyond his years," according to the banquet program booklet. "He truly cares about the victims of crimes as well as the defendants themselves to rehabilitate the juvenile program.

Sitting at his desk one recent afternoon, Argento said he was humbled by the award.

"This is a great honor, when there are so many great prosecutors out there," he said.

Argento was nominated by state probation officer Latoya Bailey and he initially won the award from the local chapter on the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, which then nominated him for the statewide award.

He competed against prosecutors and judges nominated by 37 Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency chan-