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Maria Miserendino
Procurement Agent
Village of Wellington
12300 Forest Hill Boulevard
Wellington, Florida 33414

Re: Letter of Interest
Special Magistrate
LOI No. 011-26/MM

Dear Ms. Miserendino:

Please accept this Letter of Interest for appointment as a Special Magistrate for the Village of Wellington pursuant to LOI No. 011-26/MM.

I have been a member of the Florida Bar since 1997 and have nearly three decades of legal experience, including extensive experience presiding over municipal code enforcement hearings. I currently serve as a Special Magistrate for multiple South Florida jurisdictions, including Palm Beach County, the City of Miami, the Town of Surfside, the City of Hollywood, and the City of Dania Beach. In these roles, I regularly conduct hearings, administer oaths, evaluate evidence and testimony, and issue written findings and orders in accordance with Chapter 162, Florida Statutes and applicable municipal ordinances.

In addition to my service as a Special Magistrate, I serve as an arbitrator with several dispute resolution organizations, including the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), National Arbitration and Mediation (NAM), and DeMars & Associates. I also serve as an arbitrator in the Florida Bar Fee Arbitration Program and as a member of a Florida Bar Grievance Committee. These roles involve presiding over hearings, evaluating evidence and testimony, and issuing decisions in quasi-judicial proceedings, experience that closely parallels the duties of a Special Magistrate.

I also serve as Senior Instructor and Business Law Coordinator at Florida Atlantic University, where I teach courses in business law and ethics. This academic role further reinforces my commitment to fairness, due process, and the careful application of the law in administrative proceedings.

I previously submitted an application in response to the Village's prior Special Magistrate solicitation and remain very interested in serving the Village in this capacity. I would welcome the opportunity to assist the Village in the fair and efficient administration of its Code Compliance process.

Attached please find my resume, proposed hourly rate, and Florida Bar Certificate of Good Standing for your consideration. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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RICHARD S. GENDLER, MTX, J.D., LL.M., J.S.D.

Special Magistrate | Arbitrator | Quasi Judicial Officer

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Summary

Florida licensed attorney in good standing with nearly thirty years of legal experience and extensive service as a Special Magistrate for five South Florida jurisdictions, including Miami, Hollywood, Surfside, Dania Beach, and Palm Beach County. Experienced in conducting quasi-judicial hearings pursuant to Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, administering oaths, evaluating sworn testimony and documentary evidence, and issuing written findings of fact and conclusions of law. Recognized for impartiality, procedural fairness, and efficient docket management.

Special Magistrate Appointments

City of Miami – Special Magistrate (May 2025 – Present)

- Preside over code enforcement hearings pursuant to Chapter 162 and City ordinances.
- Impose fines, liens, and other remedies to enforce compliance.

City of Hollywood – Special Magistrate (2024 – Present)

- Conduct hearings on violations of building, zoning, and public safety codes.
- Impose penalties and enforce compliance through legal remedies.

Town of Surfside – Special Magistrate (2022 – Present)

- Hear code and zoning violation cases.
- Administer oaths, issue findings of fact, and levy enforceable sanctions.

City of Dania Beach – Special Magistrate (2026 – Present)

- Preside over code enforcement hearings pursuant to Chapter 162, Florida Statutes.
- Conduct evidentiary hearings and issue written orders.
- Impose fines and compliance deadlines as authorized by law.

Palm Beach County – Special Magistrate (2018 – Present)

- Conduct quasi judicial hearings enforcing county codes and ordinances.
- Issue binding orders, levy fines, and lien property for unresolved violations.

Arbitration and Neutral Service

- FINRA Arbitrator (2020 – Present)
- NAM Arbitrator (2024 – Present)
- National Center for Dispute Settlement Arbitrator (2021 – Present)
- Florida Bar Fee Arbitrator (2025 – Present)
- DeMars & Associates Arbitrator (2022 – Present)

Conduct evidentiary hearings, evaluate testimony and documentary evidence, and issue written arbitration awards.

Academic and Legal Experience

Florida Atlantic University – Senior Instructor, Business Law (2014 – Present)

Richard Gendler, LLC - Nearly thirty years of legal practice in administrative, regulatory, and litigation matters.

Education

- J.D., University of Miami School of Law
- J.S.D., Thomas Jefferson School of Law
- LL.M., Florida State University College of Law
- MTX, Florida Atlantic University
- B.A., University of Hartford

Bar Admission & Licensure

- Florida Bar (In Good Standing Since Admission)
- U.S. District Court (Southern and Middle Districts of Florida)
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court (Southern District of Florida)
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals (Eleventh Circuit)

MEMBER PROFILE

Richard Steven Gendler

Member in Good Standing

Eligible to Practice Law in Florida

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County: Broward

Circuit: 17

Admitted: 03/19/1997

10-Year Discipline History: None

Law School: University of Miami School of Law, 1992

Advanced Degrees:

Area

Degree

Business Law

Florida State University,
College of Law, LL.M.

International Taxation and
Financial Services

Thomas Jefferson School
of Law, J.S.D.

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Committees:

Committee**Office Term**

17th Judicial Circuit Grievance
Comm "D"(GR)

07/31/2028

Practice Areas:

Bankruptcy
Debtor and Creditor
Estate Planning
Tax

Languages:

Spanish

Federal Courts:

Florida Southern District Bankruptcy Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
U.S. Tax Court
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

Firm:

Gendler & Gendler, PLLC

Firm Size:

2-5

Firm Position:

Private Law Practice

Firm Website:

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