

**THOMAS J. ANSBRO**

**6631 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Margate, Florida 33063**

**Telephone: (954) 651-2070**

**[tansbro814@gmail.com](mailto:tansbro814@gmail.com)**

**July 12, 2022**

**THOMAS J. ANSBRO, P.A.**  
**6631 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Street**  
**Margate, Florida 33063**  
**Telephone: (954) 651-2070**

July 12, 2022

Mr. Jeff Gomez, Purchasing Supervisor  
Village of Wellington  
Purchasing Division  
12300 Forest Hill Boulevard,  
Wellington, Florida 33134

Subject: Request for Letters of Interest ("LOI")  
"Special Magistrate Services"

Dear Mr. Gomez:

This letter is to serve as my response to the referenced LOI. As detailed in it and my résumé, I am an experienced Florida local municipal government attorney, serving as the in-house City Attorney for the City of Dania Beach, Florida from 1998 to December 2021. I have a clear understanding of the services sought, since I have been rendering the services to various South Florida cities in Broward and Palm Beach Counties for a number of years as a Special Magistrate.

I have extensive prior municipal Code Compliance experience arising from my employment with the City of Fort Lauderdale when I created the City's first "Code Enforcement Board" Ordinance and presented hundreds of cases before that Board. I later served as a Code Enforcement Board counsel when I worked as an assistant City Attorney for the City of Plantation. I attended and advised that Board for several years at each of its monthly meetings. I currently serve as the Code Compliance Special Magistrate for the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, the City of Wilton Manors and the City of Hollywood and have done so a number of years for those cities. I also serve as a Code Compliance and Parking Citation Special Magistrate for the City of Boca Raton and have done so since March of 2016. I also provide Parking Magistrate services for Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. Also, in April 2021, I began providing Special Magistrate services to the City of Parkland and since January of this year, I was selected and have served as a Code Special Magistrate on a monthly basis for the City of Coral Springs. I also preside as Special Magistrate for Wilton Manors and Hollywood for special set hearings related to "forty year" compliance cases and vacation rental cases for both those cities. I assist the City of Coconut Creek in presiding over Code Compliance fine mitigation hearings as well. Also, I was recently selected by the City of Dania Beach to provide Special Magistrate services for their Code Compliance Hearings.

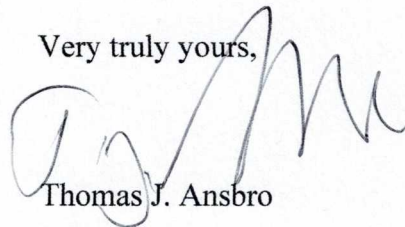
I am able to bring to the Village my in-depth experience for Code Compliance hearings. I believe I have the temperament to preside over and conduct your Village's hearings in a fair, impartial and professional manner. I am fully aware of your City's commitments to protect and improve the quality of life, safety and appearance of the Village for your residents, visitors and businesses and I will continue to bring my many years of municipal government law experience to assist the Village of Wellington.

July 12, 2022  
Page Two

I have no disciplinary history with the Florida Bar or any other state bar associations.

Thank you sincerely for your consideration of my application.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas J. Ansbro', written over the typed name.

Thomas J. Ansbro

Enclosures:   Résumé  
                  Florida Bar – Certificate of Good Standing



**THOMAS J. ANSBRO**  
**6631 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Street**  
**Margate, Florida 33063**  
**(954) 651-2070**

I serve as a Special Magistrate for the cities of Boca Raton, Parkland, Coral Springs, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Wilton Manors and Hollywood. I preside over Code Compliance hearings for them and, for Boca Raton and Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, I preside over parking citation appeal hearings as a Special Magistrate. I also preside in that capacity for Wilton Manors and Hollywood for special set hearings for "forty year" compliance cases and vacation rental cases for those cities, respectively. I also was appointed by Boca Raton as its Civil Service Board attorney and as the Unsafe Structures Board attorney for Coral Springs. I assist the City of Coconut Creek in presiding over Code Compliance fine mitigation hearings, as well. I have recently been appointed to serve as Special Magistrate for the City of Dania Beach.

## **Public Sector Experience**

### **City Attorney**

City of Dania Beach, Florida  
January 1998 to December 2021

I was the in-house City Attorney and served in that capacity since October 1, 2005. However, I served as the Dania Beach City Attorney continuously for over twenty (20) years, beginning in January 1998, when I was associated with the law firm of Brinkley Morgan, when the firm and I were selected at that time to serve as outside (City Attorney) counsel. In January, 2001, I transferred to the law firm of Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Cole & Bierman, P.L., where I continued to serve as the Dania Beach City Attorney until beginning full-time employment in that capacity with the City in 2005. As the chief legal advisor, I attended all City Commission, Planning and Zoning Board, Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Board and Charter Review Board meetings. I served as the legal advisor to the City Commission, City Manager, Department Heads, and monitored outside legal counsel (such as labor counsel and litigation matters).

### **City Attorney for City of Dania Beach**

Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Cole, & Bierman, P.L.  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
2001 to 2005

### **City Attorney for City of Dania Beach**

Brinkley Morgan  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
1998 to 2001

### **Assistant City Attorney for City of Plantation**

Brinkley Morgan  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
1994 to 1998

### **Deputy City Attorney, Assistant City Attorney, and City Prosecutor**

City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
1976 to 1988

### **Special Magistrate for Code Compliance**

- Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea (2012 to present)
- City of Hollywood (2014 to present)
- City of Wilton Manors (2016 to present)
- City of Boca Raton (2017 to present)
- City of Parkland (2021 to present)
- City of Coral Springs (February 2022 to Present)
- City of Dania Beach, Florida (Appointed July 2022)

## **Private Sector Experience**

### **Associate General Counsel**

Florida Atlantic University  
Boca Raton, Florida  
1990 to 1996

As Associate General Counsel, I assisted the General Counsel in providing advice to the University President, administrators, college deans, faculty members, staff and student organizations on a variety of legal matters. I drafted and negotiated University contracts, prepared legal memoranda and issued legal opinions for the University. I also served as the legal advisor to the FAU Institutional Review Board.

### **Attorney**

Goldberg & Young, P.A.  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
1988 to 1990

I conducted litigation and represented private sector clients in zoning, commercial and Code Enforcement matters in municipalities, counties and agencies in the Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach County areas.

### **Private Practice**

Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
1974 to 1976

I primarily conducted a general civil practice (principally consisting of zoning, landlord-tenant and marital matters, as well as contract work).

## **Education**

### **Juris Doctorate**

University of Florida

### **Bachelors of Art in English**

Loyola University Chicago

## **Professional Affiliations**

### **Florida Bar**

### **Broward County Bar Association**

### **Admitted to practice in:**

All Florida state courts  
United States 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals

United States District Court, Southern District  
United States Supreme Court



# The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle  
Executive Director

850/561-5600  
[www.FLORIDABAR.org](http://www.FLORIDABAR.org)

State of Florida     )

County of Leon     )

In Re: 0187513  
Thomas Joseph Ansbro Jr.  
6631 NW 22nd St  
Margate, FL 33063-2117

I CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING:

I am the custodian of membership records of The Florida Bar.

Membership records of The Florida Bar indicate that The Florida Bar member listed above was admitted to practice law in the state of Florida on **December 20, 1974**.

The Florida Bar member above is an active member in good standing of The Florida Bar who is eligible to practice law in the state of Florida.

Dated this 24th day of **June, 2022**.

Cynthia B. Jackson, CFO  
Administration Division  
The Florida Bar

PG:R10  
CTM-187518

