

Executive Summary

Board of Governors Meeting, December 6, 2023

New Business

President Cerio will be presenting the consideration of a new General Counsel & Chief Legal Officer Brian Newman under new business at the December 6, 2023 Board of Governors Meeting.

BIO

Brian Newman earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Florida State University, graduating law school cum laude in 1993. Immediately after graduation, Brian practiced law in the private sector for twenty-five years before joining the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) as an Administrative Law Judge in 2019. Brian was elevated to Deputy Chief Judge at DOAH in 2021 and became Director and Chief Judge in 2022.

In private practice, Brian regularly represented private interests before various state agencies, and was lead counsel in dozens of cases tried at DOAH. Cases Brian tried include insurance rate disputes, the challenge of rules regulating insurance rate making, and bid protest disputes. Brian served in various firm leadership roles in private practice, including law firm president and member of the firm's executive council.

Brian is active in Florida Bar activities and served as Chair of the Administrative Law section of the Florida Bar in 2019. Brian is a regular speaker at Florida Bar continuing education events, and is the founder of the DOAH Trial Academy, a week-long trial school sponsored by the Florida Bar and DOAH. Brian was nominated by the Florida Bar, and currently serves, on the Judicial Nominating Commission for the Second Judicial Circuit. In 2022, Brian became a courtesy professor at the Florida State University College of Law, teaching trial advocacy.

Brian has lived in Tallahassee for over 36 years, has been married to his wife, Jacqui, for 26 years, and has two adult children.

Consideration of new General Counsel & Chief Legal Officer

ACTION ITEM

- New Contract
- Contract Amendment
- Other – New Business

CONSENT ITEM

- Contract Amendment
- Existing Contract Extension
- Existing Contract Additional Spend
- Previous Board Approval _____
- Other _____

Action Items: Items requiring detailed explanation to the Board. When a requested action item is a day to day operational item and/or unanimously passed through committee it may be moved forward to the board on the Consent Index.

- Move forward as Consent:** This Action item is a day-to-day operational item, unanimously passed through committee and qualifies to be moved forward on the Consent Index.

Consent Items: Items not requiring detailed explanation to the Board of Governors. Consent items are contract extensions, amendments or additional spending authorities for items previously approved by the Board.

Item Description	Consideration of new General Counsel & Chief Legal Officer
Purpose/Scope	
Contract ID	N/A
Budgeted Item	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Procurement Method	N/A
Contract Amount	N/A
Contract Terms	N/A
Board Recommendation	Staff recommends the Board of Governors review and approve Brian Newman as Citizens new General Counsel & Chief Legal Officer with a January 3, 2024 start date.
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