

VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD – REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MAGISTRATES

Pasco County is currently seeking individuals interested in serving as a Special Magistrate to the 2009 Value Adjustment Board. Section 194.035, Florida Statutes, allows the appointment of Special Magistrates for the purpose of taking testimony and making recommendations to the Value Adjustment Board. A Special Magistrate must be a member of the Florida Bar with no less than five years experience in the area of ad valorem taxation to hear petitions regarding exemptions, classifications, transfers of assessments limitation differences, or a certified real estate appraiser having not less than five years experience in real property valuation to hear issues of real property valuation or a designated member of a nationally recognized appraisers' organization having not less than five years experience in tangible personal property valuation to hear issues regarding the valuation of tangible personal property. In addition, applicants for Special Magistrates must have adequate knowledge of applicable law so as to render a decision immediately following the hearing based upon the evidence presented. It is not necessary that a Special Magistrate be a resident of Pasco County.

Pursuant to the Pasco County Value Adjustment Board Rules of Procedure and the Contract for Services of Special Magistrate, a Special Magistrate is required to render a written recommendation no later than twenty (20) days following their last scheduled hearing. The VAB Rules and the Contract for Services of Special Magistrate shall be enforced.

The rate of compensation for Special Magistrates is \$125 per hour for presiding over scheduled hearings, deliberating results, and drafting, editing and finalizing recommended orders. Special Magistrates are not compensated for travel, postage, faxes, etc. Special Magistrates are not compensated for training unless specifically directed by the VAB to attend the training.

If you are interested in serving as a Special Magistrate, please submit an outline of your experience in general real estate and taxation matters,(include copies of licenses, certifications or designations upon which your qualifications are based,) via mail or in person to the Clerk to the Value Adjustment Board, Board Records Department, East Pasco Government Center, 14236 6th Street, Room 201, Dade City, Florida, 33523.

The Value Adjustment Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received and to waive any technical informalities as may be considered to be in the best interest of Pasco County. The deadline for submitting letters of interest is 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2009.

If you have any questions please contact the Board Records Department at (352) 521-4347.