
Application for Appointment to Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Position

Applicants appointed by the Board of Supervisors will be required to take an oath of office. All applications will be kept on file for one year from the date of application.

Public Records Act

Applications are public records that are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. Information provided by the applicant is not regarded as confidential except for the addresses and phone numbers of references and the applicant's personal information including home and work addresses, phone numbers and email address.

Form 700 Conflict of Interest Code

[California Fair Political Practices Website](#)

Please note that appointees may be required by state law and county conflict of interest code to file financial disclosure statements.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Napa County Deferred Compensation Board of Control: Submitted

Category of Membership for Which You Are Applying

at large position

Profile

Andrew

First Name

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Middle Initial

Higgins

Last Name


Email Address


Home Address

Apt 266

Suite or Apt

Napa

City

CA

State

94558

Postal Code

Which supervisorial district do you reside in? *

☒ District 4

To find your supervisorial district go to <https://www.countyofnapa.org/2051/Find-my-supervisor-and-district> and enter your address.


Primary Phone

County of Napa
Employer

Attorney IV - Deputy Public
Defender
Job Title

Attorney
Occupation

Education/Experience

BA - Art History, University of Arizona, 1998 JD - University of Arizona, 2002 Masters - Art History, Lindenwood University, expected May 2022

Name and occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married. (For conflict of Interest purposes)

Resume

Upload a Resume

Letter of Recommendation or Supplemental
Attachments

Professional or occupational license, date of issue, and expiration including status

Members of the state bars of Arizona (effective 2002) and California (effective 2010).

References: Provide names and phone numbers of 3 individuals who are familiar with your background.

David Petz, Chartered Financial Consultant, Fraternal Insurance Counselor. [REDACTED] Eric Jacobs, MBA, Accredited Portfolio Management Advisor, Accredited Investment Fiduciary. [REDACTED]
Ronald Abernethy, Napa County Public Defender, [REDACTED]

Community Participation

Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve and, in your opinion, how you feel you could contribute.

I have lived in Napa County for approximately six years and intend to remain here for the remainder of my career. During this time, I have worked in the Office of the Public Defender as a Deputy Public Defender. While, regrettably, I did not have an interest in planning for my long term financial future prior to moving to Napa, I now consider it a priority. This interest developed as several of my best friends are financial planners in a variety of capacities. While explaining my situation to them, it became apparent to me how valuable and important a resource the Deferred Compensation benefit is. As an active learner, I began to engage in individual study of the program, and also initiated conversations with a variety of county employees. With some employees who are less familiar with the program, the conversations gave me an opportunity to espouse the programs benefits. With those more familiar with the program, it provided the opportunity to ask questions and continue to develop my understanding. I do not have a formal education in investment or financial planning, and for this Board I consider that to be an asset. Over time, I have developed a sense of the importance of this benefit, the importance of educating people on this benefit when appropriate, and studying the variety of offerings to develop an effective portfolio for myself. I contribute the maximum possible amount to the 457 program and I expect this practice to continue until my retirement. I can offer the perspective of someone who has a sense of the strengths and weaknesses of the program and its offerings, not through the prism of a formal education, but the prism of one who comes from the same place as the majority of the workers in this county, and I very much wish to effectively advocate for the program and offerings that can optimally benefit the employees of my home county.

Nature of activity and community location

My community participation since the time I have moved to Napa has been minimal, admittedly. I consider my job to be a service to the community in many ways, but I would like to do more.

Other County Board/Commission/Committee on Which You Serve/Have Served

n/a

Public Actions that may impact Credit Rating (List all court or other public administration actions impacting your credit rating within the past ten (10) years)

n/a

Electronic Signature Agreement

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please Agree with the Following Statement

By checking the "I agree" box below, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

☒ I Agree

Andrew T Higgins

Electronic Signature (First M. Last)

Andrew T Higgins

Date

11/30/2021



WORK EXPERIENCE

Napa County Public Defender's Office. – Napa, CA 2016
Deputy Public Defender, Level IV to current

Mendocino County Public Defender's Office. – Ukiah, CA 2010
Chief Deputy Public Defender 2014-present, (Level II 2010-2012, Level III 2012-2014) to 2016

Higgins & Higgins, P.C. – Tucson, AZ 2003
Criminal Defense Attorney to 2010

- ♦ Handled hundreds of misdemeanor and felony cases from origination to adjudication.
- ♦ Responsible for billing, advertising, client acquisition.
- ♦ Researched, drafted, and argued over one hundred evidentiary motions.
- ♦ Researched and filed appeals when necessary.
- ♦ Represented clients in over sixty jury trials in misdemeanor and felony criminal matters.
- ♦ Lead trial counsel: Felonies (aggravated assault, drug possession for sale, felony DUI)
Complex misdemeanors (DUI, Domestic Violence)
Secondary trial counsel: Major felonies (1st degree murder, agg. assault on a police officer)

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PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Arizona State Bar 2002

California State Bar 2010

United States Federal Bar, District of Arizona 2003

EDUCATION

Lindenwood University - St. Charles, MO Expected
Masters in Art History May 2022

University of Arizona College of Law – Tucson, AZ
Juris Doctor May 2002

University of Arizona – Tucson, AZ
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art History May 1998

Outside Interests: University of Arizona athletics, Renaissance art, international travel, wine.