

## MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARD

NAME OF BOARD: PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION DATE: AUGUST 18, 2021

APPLICANT NAME: ERNEST HEMSCHOT

EMAIL: ernest@hemschot.com

STREET ADDRESS: 8432 SW 109TH ST.

CITY: OCALA ZIP: 34481 HOME PHONE: 973-951-7350 WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: RETIRED PREVIOUS OCCUPATION: ATTORNEY AT LAW

REGISTERED VOTER:  Yes  No HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY?  Yes  No

REFERENCES:	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
1.	<u>ROBERT GRECO</u>	<u>35 LENOX ROAD, WAYNE, NEW JERSEY 07470</u>	<u>973-694-9129</u>
2.	<u>SANDY DIGLIO</u>	<u>5 PATERSON PLACE, NEWTON, NEW JERSEY 07860</u>	<u>973-383-4796</u>
3.	<u>ED SZABO</u>	<u>978 RT. 521, NEWTON, NEW JERSEY 07860</u>	<u>973-383-9440</u>

(PLEASE DO NOT USE COMMISSIONERS AS REFERENCES)

PRESENT/PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT RELATING TO THIS ADVISORY BOARD:

NONE WITH THIS ADVISORY BOARD.

PRESENT/PREVIOUS VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS:

30 YEARS AS AN ATTORNEY HANDLING NUMEROUS PLANNING AND ZONING APPLICATIONS.

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE MONTHLY TO PREPARE FOR AND ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS?

25-30 HOURS

LIST ALL COUNTY AND CITY BOARDS (MARION COUNTY OR ELSEWHERE) ON WHICH YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY SERVED (INCLUDE DATES OF SERVICE):

MEMBER, MARION COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT-	CURRENTLY SERVING
MEMBER, MARION COUNTY LICENSE REVIEW BOARD-	2016-2018*
MEMBER, NEWTON (NJ) PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD-	2014-2016*
CHAIR, SUSSEX COUNTY (NJ) MENTAL HEALTH BOARD-	2010-2016*

\*DATES APPROXIMATE

RETURN FORM TO: MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
601 SE 25TH AVE., OCALA, FL 34471

PLEASE CALL THE COMMISSION OFFICE AT (352) 438-2323 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR APPLICATION.

*I authorize Marion County to contact my references and I understand that all statements made on this application may be verified by Marion County, including background checks. In addition, I understand that any misstatements or material omissions on my application may result in my removal from my appointed position.*

*By signing this application, the applicant agrees to attend at least one (1) advisory board seminar within six (6) months from the date of his or her appointment.*

SIGN: Ernest Hemschot

RECEIVED BY BCC: MARION COUNTY BCC

PRINT: ERNEST HEMSCHOT

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\* This application will be kept on file for a period of one year from date receipt by the Board of County Commissioners. Should a vacancy occur on the board to which you have applied, you will be notified.

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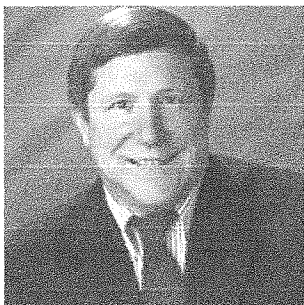
Bio for Ernest Hemschot, 8432 SW 109<sup>th</sup> St., 973-951-7350

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I am originally from Sussex County, New Jersey. I am a graduate of William Paterson College in Wayne, New Jersey, with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration Magna Cum Laude; a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana State University; and a Juris Doctorate in law from Rutgers University Law School. My career involved working as an Assistant Prosecutor in Warren County, New Jersey, where I headed up the Narcotics Task Force; a County Detective in Passaic County, New Jersey conducting felony investigations; and a Senior Assistant Prosecutor and Police Academy Instructor in Passaic County.

I was then a solo general practitioner with the Law Office of Ernest Hemschot in Newton, New Jersey. I am admitted to the bar in New Jersey, New York and Washington, DC. I was also an Adjunct Professor of Law at Sussex County Community College and was the Chairman of the Sussex County Mental Health Advisory Board. I served for several years on the Town of Newton Planning and Zoning Board, where we heard anything from complex planning and development applications to simple variances from the zoning code. I have been a Director with the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce (GNCC), and I have been honored with the GNCC award for New Member of the Year in 2011 and Volunteer of the Year in 2013. I also served as a Trustee for the Sussex County Historical Society, and President of the Stillwater Historical Society. When I retired and moved to Ocala in 2016, I volunteered with Habitat for Humanity building low income homes, and I was a member of the Marion County License Review Board, which as you know investigates complaints against contractors. I am also a licensed New Jersey and Florida Realtor.

I currently sit on the Marion County Zoning Board of Adjustment, which I enjoy. However, my real expertise is in Planning. I enjoyed my time on the Town of Newton Planning and Zoning Board, and I think I would be a very good fit for Marion County's Planning and Zoning Commission. Either way I will continue to enjoy serving the citizens of Marion County. I believe that Marion County is a wonderful place to live and work, and I plan to continue to work hard to keep it that way.



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# Ernest Hemschot, III

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**Accomplished Attorney** recognized for ability to combine expert analytical, investigative, organizational, negotiation, and courtroom litigation skills to prepare strong prosecution for felony criminal trials. Committed civic leader with 25 years in state and private practice. Impeccable integrity.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Private Attorney**, Law Offices of Ernest Hemschot, Newton, NJ, 2003–2016

Manage and represent individual clients in general civil practice law including civil litigation, estate planning, consumer law, real estate, finance, contracts and debt collection. Research/draft memorandum on legal issues and review documents; prepare briefs, motions, pleadings, discovery, and findings.

**Adjunct Professor of Law**, Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies, Sussex County Community College, Newton, NJ, 2003–2015

Teach criminal law, justice, court procedures and investigation; business law and civil litigation. Effectively blended theory with practical applications; promote mentor-mentee model for learning in small class sizes.

**Associate Attorney**, Mattleman, Weinroth and Miller, Clifton, NJ, 2002–2003

Served as expert providing timely legal advice via a legal services plan covering all of New Jersey.

**Supervising Assistant Prosecutor**, Warren County, NJ, 1999–2001

Served as Chief of Narcotics Unit. Directed daily operations and administrative functions as well as interrogations, investigations and prosecutions. Reported directly to County Prosecutor. Oversaw 10 direct employees: lieutenant, sergeant, detectives, and administrative staff. Responsible for budget planning.

- Conducted legal research on complex issues; prepared and filed pleadings, briefs, motions and memoranda; handled serious/complex prosecutions in felony court.

**Private Attorney**, Law Office of Ernest Hemschot, Branchville, NJ, 1996–1999

Handled civil and criminal cases and municipal court proceedings as a solo attorney. Zoning and land use.

**Associate Attorney**, Laddey, Clark and Ryan, Sparta, NJ, 1995–1996

Managed cases in land-use/planning for developers. Served as legal representative for town boards.

**Senior Assistant Prosecutor and Police Academy Instructor**, Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Paterson, NJ, 1989–1995

Worked directly with multiple agencies including law enforcement, courts and administration. Served as full-time prosecutorial representative for local law enforcement agencies; responsible for handling indictable investigations and inquiries.

- Established and developed entire unit dedicated to seizure of assets used in criminal activity.
- Seized in excess of \$1M worth of property per year.
- Recognized as expert on asset seizure/forfeiture and criminal law throughout state of NJ.
- Fulfilled demanding government/state public speaking scheduling on asset seizure, criminal investigations and prosecutions.
- Authored articles for the NJ Law Journal; frequently quoted as an expert.
- Conducted attorney/police training and instruction; apprised personnel of relevant changes in criminal law and procedure through in-service training and consultation.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York • Washington, DC • New Jersey

## **EDUCATION**

**Juris Doctorate (JD)**, Rutgers University Law School

**Master of Science (MS)**, Criminal Justice, Indiana State University

**Bachelor of Science (BS)**, Criminal Justice, William Paterson University, Magna cum Laude

## **REFERENCES**

Professor William McGovern, (former supervisor), Newton, NJ. 973-300-2182.

Robert A. Warmington (former First Assistant Prosecutor), Boonton, NJ. 973-734-0500.

Robert L. Greco, Wayne (retired police officer), Wayne, NJ. 973-715-7428.