

## Application Form

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### Profile

Ms. Jennifer E Shirkey  
Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

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Email Address

130 Leonard Court  
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Harrisonburg VA 22801  
City State Postal Code

### How many years have you been a resident of Harrisonburg?

50

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Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Flora Pettit PC Attorney / Shareholder  
Employer Job Title

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**Demographics** - *(Submission of this information if voluntary and will not subject you to any adverse treatment should you chose to not complete)*

### Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

### Gender

Female

### What is your age?

50+ years old

### Are you reapplying for a current position you hold? \*

No

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### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Harrisonburg Electric Commission (HEC): Submitted

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### Interests & Experiences

Ms. Jennifer E Shirkey

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

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I believe serving our community is a key civic duty as well as a privilege. Becoming a Commissioner would be an opportunity to give back in a new and exciting way by assisting with a core piece of our community's infrastructure.

**What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?**

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I have served as the leader of several large local nonprofits over the years. All three of my children have attend Harrisonburg City Public Schools, and my husband and I have been active with with the school system. Harrisonburg is my lifetime home, and it's where my heart is.

**What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?**

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I have deep experience with a wide variety of legal matters and have worked hard to develop a strong, supportive network of community relationships. Having served as an advisor to scores of our local businesses and institutions through the years and as an owner-shareholder in my own firm for many years, I'm well familiar with the role of governing boards and what organizations need to function effectively. Although I do not have a engineering background, I'm fascinated by technical subjects and believe I could learn quickly if needed. My husband is an electrical engineer, and we share a strong interest in how our national and local energy needs can best be met in an affordable and sustainable manner both in the short and long term.

**Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Boards and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:**

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I have not previously served on a governmental body myself, although I have served as specialty legal counsel to a number of municipalities and school boards. I currently serve as Assistant Commissioner of Accounts for the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, which a court-appointed position responsible for supervising executors and other court-appointed fiduciaries to ensure they're properly carrying out their legal responsibilities.

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**EPSAC Applicants only**

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**Bike/Pedestrian Subcommittee Applicants only**

# Jennifer Erdman Shirkey

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## Professional experience

Flora Pettit PC, Shareholder 2004–present

Estate planning and administration, employee benefits, tax, and business law

- Assist families with estate planning and administration matters on a daily basis and resolve estate conflicts
- Counsel institutional fiduciaries on a wide variety of estate and trust matters
- Develop wealth transfer plans for numerous business owners with an emphasis on tax, succession and philanthropic issues

Assistant Commissioner of Accounts for Harrisonburg/Rockingham County 2014–present

Judicially appointed position charged with supervising executors, trustees, and other court-qualified fiduciaries in completing their assigned duties

Wharton Aldhizer & Weaver, P.L.C., Associate and Partner 1997–2004  
Estate planning and administration, employee benefits, tax, and business law

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit 1996–1997

Law Clerk to the Honorable H. Emory Widener, Jr.

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## Education

Washington and Lee University School of Law 1993–1996

- J.D. *summa cum laude*
- Order of the Coif
- Ranked among top 3 in class
- Washington and Lee Law Review Editorial Board

James Madison University 1990–1993

- B.A. *summa cum laude*, with distinction in English
- Graduated in 3 years, 4.0 GPA
- Studies included strong concentrations in accounting, economics, and paralegal courses

Turner Ashby High School 1986–1990

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- Ranked first in class
  - Daily News-Record Leadership Award
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### **Professional service and honors**

- The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) Fellow
  - Virginia Bar Association—Wills, Trusts and Estates Section (Council and Legislative Committee)
  - Virginia State Bar—Trusts and Estates Section Board of Governors (Past Chair and Member)
  - Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bar Association (Past Secretary)
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### **Civic service**

- Bridgewater Retirement Community—Board member
  - JMU Foundation—Board member
  - The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County—Past Chair
  - Rotary Club of Harrisonburg—Past President
  - Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce—Past Board member
  - Wildlife Center of Virginia Foundation—Past Board member
  - Rockingham Memorial Hospital Foundation—Past Board member
  - Harrisonburg Education Foundation—Past Board member
  - Shenandoah Valley Technology Council—Past Board member
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### **Family**

- Spouse: Aaron Shirkey, an engineer with Merck
- Children: George (age 20), Alexander (age 18), Jane (age 14)