

# JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FORUM

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

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## 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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**What is the source of your value system?**

Just as the Florida Constitution's preamble states that the people of Florida are "grateful to Almighty God for our constitutional liberty" and Declaration of Independence states that the signers are "appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions," I am personally held accountable to the same Supreme Judge.

**Why do you want to be a judge?**

I want to serve the people by upholding the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary, as a judge should impartially apply the law as it is written by the legislature.

**What have you done over the years to prepare yourself specifically for judicial service?**

Preparation for judicial service is a lifetime preparation, where daily in my professional and personal life, I choose to treat others with respect, be transparent and honest, listen well, and be accountable. As an attorney, I have represented both sides in a diverse range of matters and have sought to diligently handle all of my clients' matters.

**What distinguishes you from the other candidates?**

I serve families and individuals with probate and estate planning services. As for my pro bono work, I have served veterans, Gold Star families, and first responders. It is important to learn from unbiased sources about the judicial candidate as an attorney. My clients' public testimonies speak louder than my words.

**How do you describe your temperament and personality?**

To impartially answer this question, my clients' public testimonies reference my personality and include the following quoted comments: "Professional," "dedicated," "thorough," "pleasant personality," "personable," "patient," "caring," "courteous," and "considerate."

**What would make you a competent judge?**

In my opinion, competence is a demonstrated measure of excellence in a particular area. To excel in an area, one needs to demonstrate knowledge, commitment, teachability, and a passion. I strive to do my best as to demonstrating the aforementioned attributes, and my professional history attests to such.

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