

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FORUM

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Group 30

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What is the source of your value system?

My value system is born from my family and their American journey as refugees, my faith, my military service and the accumulation of my life's failures and successes. Each one of those components has helped mold the values that I hold dear and that I strive to live by each and every day.

Why do you want to be a judge?

Service. Service to others is a driving force in my life and becoming a judge is the next step in fulfilling that purpose. As an attorney, I was very successful but what motivates me is not financial, it is service. I want to be a Judge to make a difference, to work hard for others and to further honor the oath I made to our profession.

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

Experience!: I have practiced in State and Federal court. I worked in business law, bankruptcy, entertainment and personal injury. I have a Bachelor's, Master's, J.D and LL.M. I have been a reporter, a paratrooper, a corporate employee, a law professor, an entrepreneur, a motivational speaker and most recently a leader at the Sheriff's Office.

What distinguishes you from the other candidates?

I am a purpose and duty driven person. After justice and equality, I believe that being a Judge is more about serving the public and the attorneys that come before it than anything else. You will know that you and your clients will be treated with the highest respect you deserve no matter who you are, where you come from or what you look like.

How do you describe your temperament and personality?

Compassion, equality for all, decisiveness, respect for all and faithfulness to the law. Every case will get my full attention, deference to the attorneys that are managing it and compassion and civility to its litigants. My courtroom will be a place that attorney's look forward to working in and the parties feel like they were treated fairly.

What would make you a competent judge?

My legal and life experience, temperament, belief in ethical behavior, education, integrity, dedication to service and my love for the law. I became a lawyer to make a difference and becoming a judge is the living embodiment of that purpose. I am fully dedicated to becoming the best judge possible and one Hillsborough County will be proud of.

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