

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FORUM

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

PRESENTED BY THE NORTH TAMPA BAR ASSOCIATION

13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Group 9

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What is the source of your value system?

My moral compass

Why do you want to be a judge?

I am in Court nearly every day usually several times a day and I love attending Court with my clients and the reward of the smile on their faces when we achieve the goal set forth. I want to bring that experience to the bench to both parties in an accessible and approachable environment.

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

I have come to own three different law firms over the past 26 years and I am so fortunate to have practices in the three core areas of the law - civil, family and criminal. I also travel around the State of Florida giving me the opportunity to see how other counties courtrooms are run. I have daily experience in the three core areas of the law.

What distinguishes you from the other candidates?

I am in court almost every single day, usually several times a day in the three core areas of the law. I am friendly, approachable and want to maintain a comfortable courtroom.

How do you describe your temperament and personality?

That is easy. I am a people person. I had three children within four years and I love children. I was just a girl who wanted to be an attorney. I love my job and the law and now I want to bring my experience and warm personality to the bench. I am tough though when applicable.

What would make you a competent judge?

My experience. my love for the law, and my work ethic.

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