

# JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FORUM

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

PRESENTED BY THE NORTH TAMPA BAR ASSOCIATION

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Group 7

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

Adversity-has taught me perseverance, determination, humility, and the rewards that can be reaped with grit and hard work. Adversity has shaped me into an individual who can maintain a professional composure regardless of the stressors encountered, sharpened my analytical, problem solving, and decision making abilities.

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

I am seeking to continue in my service to the community by becoming judge because I believe that my unique perspective, background, and experiences would greatly benefit the bench and thus the community at large. I believe I have the proper temperament, personality, and experience needed to serve on the bench.

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

I've immersed myself within the community, I have visited the jails and Stark Prison including Death Row, I have visited many local shelters and resource centers, I have been fortunate to appear before a variety of judges, which has afforded me with an opportunity to observe and adapt to different judicial philosophies, temperament, and strategy.

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

Experience: My life long experiences as a community servant; as a police officer, teacher, and prosecutor are what sets me apart from any other candidate on the ballot. Diversity: I am the ONLY candidate whose experiences encompasses all 3 professions, have overcome the disability of epilepsy, and am a first generation American.

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

My temperament and personality can be described as reflective, resilient, disciplined, and composed. All characteristics are vital for the judiciary who often encounter citizens in their worst hour and at a time when they are most stressed and confused.

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

As an officer I gained an invaluable perspective pertaining to criminal law and mental health, and the integral interaction of law enforcement and the community. As a teacher, I observed first hand the importance of communication between law officials and educators. As a prosecutor I served in six speciality units with over 100 bench trials.

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