

# JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FORUM

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

PRESENTED BY THE NORTH TAMPA BAR ASSOCIATION

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

My value system comes from my parents. My dad was a dry cleaner and my mom stayed home to raise children and then went on to college after the children were older. It was there I learned my work ethic, the necessity and value of community service and the golden rule, of doing unto others as you would have done unto you. I carry these values today.

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

Being a judge should be the ultimate community service. Tampa has afforded me the opportunity to have a successful law practice and to raise my family in a wonderful area. I want to use my skills and life experiences to give back as a judge who applies the law and treats litigants in the courtroom fairly while protecting our community.

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

\*35 years of law practice \* Supreme Court Certified Civil Mediator  
\*Code Enforcement Special Magistrate \* Lifetime community volunteer \* Performed pro bono legal work for military members and animal welfare and rescue groups \*Board member of local charities

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

\*35 years of legal experience \* Life experience of wife/ ex-wife, mother of 3 grown children, and dealing with family issues of alcoholism, drug abuse and mental illness \* Extensive diverse community service over a lifetime, not just prior to a campaign  
\*Recognition from the Fl. Supreme Court for pro bono work with military and veterans

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

I have an easy going personality and enjoy engaging with people. I make well-reasoned decisions and am calm under pressure. People describe me as patient even-keeled. I am serious when the situation calls for it. I am able to put aside personal feelings and keep my emotions in check.

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

My 35 years as an attorney , my extensive life experience and lifetime commitment to community service combined with my patient temperament, ability to understand, engage and to empathize with people and to apply the law to the facts to reach a fair decision would make me a competent judge.

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