



**Candidate Questionnaire - Circuit Judge
August 2024 Primary Election**

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What forms of voluntary professional and community service have you been involved with in Southwest Florida in the past? Currently?

I have in the past and do currently volunteer with Community Cooperative. They are an organization whose mission is to eliminate hunger and homelessness in southwest Florida. I am currently the board of directors president for the Southwest Florida Church of Christ and a volunteer board of director of the Zach Martin Memorial Foundation. Further, I am an active member of the Lee County Bar Association. I often work in the community through an organization called HOPE worldwide. HOPE worldwide is an international charity who, through volunteers, delivers sustainable high-impact, community-based services to vulnerable communities due to poverty, disease or disasters.

What has been your greatest accomplishment in your legal career?

The greatest accomplishment in my legal career has been to successfully represent clients in complex and high-stakes litigation and negotiations that have had a significant personal impact for my clients. Also, the way I have been able to serve the community of southwest Florida by upholding justice in challenging situations.

Which of the various types of matters that have or would come before you as a Circuit Judge would present the least challenge for you? Why?

As a Circuit Judge, the types of matters that would come before me that would present the least challenge would be matters where the law is well-established and there is little room for interpretation or debate. I am well skilled managing heavy caseloads and therefore do not anticipate that have efficient case management and procedural fairness will be a challenge

Which of the various types of matters that have or would come before you as a Circuit Judge would present the greatest challenge for you? Why?

As a Circuit Judge, the types of matters that would come before me that would present the greatest challenge would be where the legal issues presented have limited

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precedent in the law or even conflicting precedent. This would require me to interpret statutes and constitutional provisions in new contexts. Also, cases involving children and people with disabilities require dealing with sensitive issues while still having empathy but ensuring that there is due process of law and the protection of each parties' rights. In all matters, I will apply the legal principles rigorously and exercise judicial discretion while maintaining fairness and impartiality.

Who are your judicial role models? Why?

Justice Samuel Alito is one of my judicial role models. I respect his adherence to conservative legal principles. His opinions reflected excellent and meticulous legal analysis on a wide range of legal issues. He believed in checks and balances among the branches of government and protected freedom of speech and religion. Sandra Day O'Connor is also a judicial role model. She, as well as Justice Alito, could navigate complex legal issues and focus on legal precedent and the rule of law. She was a pragmatic Justice who could balance individual rights with government issues and the needs of society.

What are the pros and cons of serving as a judge as compared to practicing law?

The pros of serving as a judge include having decision-making authority that impacts people and society in general. A judge ensures justice and upholds the rule of law. Finally, judges are public servants who contribute to the administration of justice and do not have to deal with professional competitiveness that comes with the private practice of law. Some of the cons of serving as a judge include heavy case loads and being subjected to public scrutiny. Judges are not always able to have a diversified caseload as one could have in the private sector. Also, in the practice of law, there is no financial ceiling, there is more flexibility in work schedule, and client interaction.

Have you ever been disciplined by the Bar Association or any other authority on attorney or judicial conduct? No.

Why should voters support you rather than your opponent?

I have been a litigator for 27 years. Throughout my career I have had the pleasure to represent thousands of clients from all different socioeconomic backgrounds and races in a wide variety of cases. Being in a courtroom is part of my daily routine. I opened my private practice in 2002 after having served as a public defender for over four years. I have invested more than 22 years in private practice in the twentieth judicial circuit. My reputation for integrity, fairness and professionalism is shared among my peers and the judiciary alike. I have a deep reverence for the rule of law and have unquestioned legal credentials. I am ready to serve the citizens of the twentieth judicial circuit as the next circuit court judge.

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