Florida 2012 County Judicial Primary Elections

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INTRODUCTION

This is a Florida 2012 County Judicial Elections guide. It offers links to candidate biographical and background information that has been found online. We do not endorse any candidates in this guide, nor do we approve of their websites. This is mainly meant to help you begin your process of discerning on which judge to vote for within your county and shorten the research process.

The Florida Bar has published a <u>2012 judicial voter guide</u>, an informative resource for questions about Florida judges, judicial elections and merit retention.

The Florida Bar's Judicial Administration and Evaluation Committee established the Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement which allows judicial candidates to publish statements on the <u>Florida Bar website</u> about their backgrounds and qualifications to be judges.

This Guide includes information on the races that will appear on your primary ballot: the Circuit and County Courts. The Florida Family Policy Council will issue a second Guide before the General Election that includes information on the Supreme and District Courts.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Florida judicial elections will comprise of a primary on August 14th and general election in November 6th. The judicial system can be broken down into four categories: Supreme Court, District Court, Circuit Court and County Court. This Guide includes information on the races that will appear on your primary ballot: the Circuit and County Courts. The Florida Family Policy Council will issue a second Guide before the General Election that includes information on the Supreme and District Courts.

SUPREME COURT

The <u>Supreme Court of Florida</u> has a **merit retention** system. Merit retention is a system of selecting Justices established by the voters when they amended the Florida Constitution in the 1970s. Under merit retention, the Governor appoints new Justices from a list of three to six names submitted by a Judicial Nominating Commission. The Governor must select from the list. Once appointed, Justices eventually **must face the voters in a "yes" or "no" vote** as to whether they should remain on the bench.

New Justices face their first merit retention vote in the next general election that occurs more than one year after their appointment. If not retained in office, the Justice will be replaced in the same manner appointed. Justices' merit retention races are conducted on a statewide basis.

If retained, the Justice serves a six-year term beginning in early January following the merit retention election. The Justices then will again face an up or down vote in the general election occurring just before the six-year term expires. If not retained in office, the Justice will be replaced through the Judicial Nominating Commission system.

All terms of Justices end in early January of the year following their merit retention elections.

DISTRICT COURT

The Constitution <u>now provides</u> that the Legislature shall divide the State into appellate court districts and there shall be a district court of appeal (DCA) serving each district. There are **five** such districts headquartered in Tallahassee, Lakeland, Miami, West Palm Beach, and Daytona Beach.

DCA judges must meet the same eligibility requirements for appointment to office, and they are subject to the same procedures and conditions for discipline and removal from office, as Justices of the Supreme Court. Like Supreme Court Justices, district court judges also **serve terms of six years** and will be eligible for successive terms under a **merit retention** vote of the electors in their districts. In each district court, a chief judge, who is selected by the district court judges within the district, is responsible for the administrative duties of the court.

CIRCUIT COURT

The Constitution provides that a <u>circuit court</u> shall be established to serve each of the 20 judicial circuit established by the Legislature. Within each circuit there may be any number of judges, depending upon the population and caseload of the particular area.

To be eligible for the office of circuit judge, a person must be an elector of a county within the circuit and must have been admitted to the practice of law in the state for the preceding five years.

Circuit court judges are elected by the voters of the circuits in nonpartisan, contested elections against other persons who choose to qualify as candidates for the position. Circuit court judges serve for six-year terms, and they are subject to the same disciplinary standards and procedures as Supreme Court Justices and district court judges.

A chief judge is chosen from among the circuit judges and county judges in each judicial circuit to carry out administrative responsibilities for all trial courts (both circuit and county courts) within the circuit.

COUNTY COURTS

The Constitution establishes a <u>county court</u> in each of Florida's 67 counties. The number of judges in each county court varies with the population and caseload of the county. To be eligible for the office of county judge, a person must be an elector of the county and must have been a member of The Florida Bar for five years; in counties with a population of 40,000 or less, a person must only be a member of The Florida Bar.

County judges are eligible for assignment to circuit court, and they are frequently assigned as such within the judicial circuit that embraces their counties. County judges serve six-year terms, and they are subject to the same disciplinary standards, and to the jurisdiction of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, as all other judicial officers.

If there are two or more candidates in a contested County Court race, they will be on the ballot in the primary. If one candidate receives a majority of the votes in the primary, they automatically win and will not appear on the general election ballot. If there is no majority vote in primary, the two candidates with the most votes will advance to the general election.

Unopposed candidates will not appear on the ballot, but will be considered automatically elected following the general elections.

ALACHUA COUNTY

Alachua County Elections Website

EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election or retention in this court for this election

ALACHUA COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Alachua County Court races.
- David Kreider (Group 1) is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

BAKER COUNTY

Baker County Elections Website

EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election or retention in this court for this election cycle

BAKER COUNTY COURT

• There are no Baker County Court races this election cycle.

BAY COUNTY

Bay County Elections Website

FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election or retention in this court for this cycle.

BAY COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Bay County Court races.
- Shane Vann (Group 2) is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

BRADFORD COUNTY

Bradford County Elections Website

EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election or retention in this court for this election cycle.

BRADFORD COUNTY COURT

• There are no Bradford County Court races this election cycle.

BREVARD COUNTY

Brevard County Elections Website

EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

- There is one contested Eighteenth Circuit Court race between two candidates for Group 26:
- 1. Matthew "Matt" Aungst
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement.
- 2. James "Jim" Hibbert Earp (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled out</u> the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement.

BREVARD COUNTY COURT

• There are two contested Brevard County Court races. The six candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012:

Contested Race 1: Group 5

- 1. Stephen R. Koons
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement.
- 2. Sam Edwards
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement.
- 3. Curt Jacobus
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement.

Contested Race 2: Group 10

- 1. Judy Atkin (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement.

- 2. Sean C. Cutshall
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement.
- 3. Morris Richardson
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement.

BRADFORD COUNTY COURT

- There are no Bradford County Court races this election cycle.
- There are three judicial candidates who are unopposed in the Brevard County Court races. Kenneth Friedland (Group 6), Cathleen Bernadette Clarke (Group 7), and John C. Murphy (Group 11) will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

BROWARD COUNTY

Broward County Elections Website

SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are three contested races for the Seventeenth Circuit Court:

Contested Race 1: Group 19

- 1. Julie C. Shapiro-Harris
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Michael Ian Rothschild
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 35

- 1. Michael 'Mickey' Rocque
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Dale Ross (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 45

- 1. Julio E. Gonzalez, Jr.
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Laura Maria Watson
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Rhoda Sokoloff
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 4. Oliver Addison Parker
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

BROWARD COUNTY COURT

• There are four contested Broward County Court races. The 10 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012:

Contested Race 1: Group 5

- 1. Olga Levine
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Robert "Bob" Nichols
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Richard Adams Sachs
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 6

- 1. Ilene Lieberman
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Kathleen Mary "Katie" McHugh
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 10

- 1. Roshawn Banks
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Robert F. "Bob" Diaz (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Randy Goodis
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 4: Group 32

- 1. Melanie Golden
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Terri-Ann Miller (Incumbent Judge)
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- There are ten judicial candidates that are unopposed in the Broward County Court races. They will not appear on the ballot and will be considered automatically elected following the general election. They are Joseph A.

Murphy III (Group 2), Sharon Zeller (Group 9), Louis H. Schiff (Group 16), Jane D. Fishman (Group 19), Mindy Kirsch Brown (Group 23), Ginger Lerner-Wren (Group 24), Robert W. Lee (Group 25), Jill K. Levy (Group 29), Alan R. Marks (Group 30) and Arlene Simon Backman (Group 31).

CALHOUN COUNTY

Calhoun County Elections Website

FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election or retention in this court for this cycle

CALHOUN COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Calhoun County Court races.
- James Kevin Grover is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Charlotte County Elections Website

TWENTIETH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are four contested Twentieth Circuit Court races

Contested Race 1: Group 9

- 1. Karen Elizabeth Miller
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Margaret 'Meg' Ogilvie Steinbeck (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 18

- 1. Joseph G. Foster
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Miguel C. Fernandez, III
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 26

- 1. Lisa Spader Porter
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Joseph A. Simpson (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 4: Group 29

- 1. David McElrath
 - Candidate Website

- Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. George C. Richards (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

CHARLOTTE COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Charlotte County Court races.
- Three candidates are unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election. They are Paul Alessandroni (Group 3), Peter A. Bell (Group 1) and John L. Burns (Group 2)

CITRUS COUNTY

Citrus County Elections Website

FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election in this court for this election cycle.

CITRUS COUNTY COURT

• There are no Citrus Country Court races this election cycle.

CLAY COUNTY

Clay County Elections Website

FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are three contested Fourth Circuit Court races

Contested Race 1: Group 1

- 1. Donald B. Mairs
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Gerald L. Wilkerson
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Melina E. Buncome
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 4. Brian J. Davis (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 5. Gregory Jeremiah Messore
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 29

- 1. Alvin Barlow
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Mark J. Borello
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 34

- 1. Mary Suzanne Bass
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. John Merrett (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website

• Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

CLAY COUNTY COURT

• There are no Clay County Court races this election.

COLLIER COUNTY

Collier County Elections Website

TWENTIETH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are four contested Twentieth Circuit Court races

Contested Race 1: Group 9

- 1. Karen Elizabeth Miller
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Margaret 'Meg' Ogilvie Steinbeck (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 18

- 1. Joseph G. Foster
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Miguel C. Fernandez, III
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 26

- 1. Lisa Spader Porter
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Joseph A. Simpson (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 4: Group 29

- 1. David McElrath
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. George C. Richards (Incumbent Judge)

- Candidate Website
- Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

COLLIER COUNTY COURT

• There are two contested Collier County Court races. The 5 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1: Group 2

- 1. Samuel D. Lopez
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Jim McGarity
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Eugene Turner (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 6

- 1. Mike Carr (Incumbent Judge)
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Stephen Smith
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- One candidate, Vince Murphy (Group 1), is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Columbia County Elections Website

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT

• There are two contested Third Circuit Court races in this election cycle

Contested Race 1: Group 2

- 1. Andrew Decker, III
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Frederick John Schutte, IV
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 1: Group 5

- 1. Angela M. Cancio
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. James W. Prevatt, Jr.
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Wesley Raymon Douglas
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

COLUMBIA COUNTY COURT

• There are no Columbia County Court races this election.

DESOTO COUNTY

DeSoto County Elections Website

TWELFTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election in this court for this election cycle.

DESOTO COUNTY COURT

• There are no DeSoto County Court races this election.

DIXIE COUNTY

Dixie County Elections Website

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT

There are two contested Third Circuit Court races in this election cycle

Contested Race 1: Group 2

- 1. Andrew Decker, III
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Frederick John Schutte, IV
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 1: Group 5

- 1. Angela M. Cancio
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. James W. Prevatt, Jr.
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Wesley Raymon Douglas
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

DIXIE COUNTY COURT

• There are no Dixie County Court races this election.

DUVAL COUNTY

Duval County Elections Website

FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT

There are three contested Fourth Circuit Court races

Contested Race 1: Group 1

- 1. Donald B. Mairs
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Gerald L. Wilkerson
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Melina E. Buncome
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 4. Brian J. Davis (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 5. Gregory Jeremiah Messore
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 29

- 1. Alvin Barlow
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Mark J. Borello
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 34

- 1. Mary Suzanne Bass
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. John Merrett (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website

 Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

DUVAL COUNTY COURT

• There is one contested Duval County Court race. The 3 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1: Group 12

- 1. Ruth Ann Hepler
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Michelle Kalil
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Rhonda Peoples-Waters
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- Eight candidates are unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election. They are Roberto Arias (Group 2), Brent D. Shore (Group 3), Pauline M. Drake (Group 4), Emmet F. Ferguson, III (Group 7), Sharon H. Tanner (Group 8), James A. Ruth (Group 9), Charles G. Cofer (Group 11) and Dawn Hudson (Group 17)

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Escambia County Elections Website

FIRST CIRCUIT COURT

• There is one contested First Circuit Court race

Contested Race 1: Group 15

- 1. Thomas S. Murphy
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Terrance R. Ketchel (Incumbent Judge)
 - <u>Candidate Website</u>
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

ESCAMBIA COUNTY RACE

- There are no contested Escambia County Court races.
- Three candidates are unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election. They are Joyce Henderson Williams (Group 2), Thomas E. Johnson (Group 3) and Thomas Victor Dannheisser (Group 4).

FLAGLER COUNTY

Flagler County Elections Website

SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election in this court for this election cycle

FLAGLER COUNTY COURT

• There is one contested Flagler County Court race. The 7 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1: Seat 1

- 1. Don Appignani
 - <u>Candidate Website</u>
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Craig R. Atack
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Josh Davis
 - <u>Candidate Website</u>
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 4. Marc Dwyer
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 5. Sharon Feliciano
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 6. Melissa Moore Stens
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 7. W. Scott Westbrook
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Franklin County Elections Website

SECOND CIRCUIT COURT

• There is one contested race in the Second Circuit Court

Contested Race One: Group 2

- 1. Barbara Hobbs Haynes
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Kris Dunn
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Josefina Maria Tamayo (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Franklin County Court races.
- One candidate, Van Russell, is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

GADSDEN COUNTY

Gadsden County Elections Website

SECOND CIRCUIT COURT

There is one contested race in the Second Circuit Court

Contested Race One: Group 2

- 1. Barbara Hobbs Haynes
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Kris Dunn
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Josefina Maria Tamayo (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

GADSEN COUNTY COURT

• There is one contested Gadsden County Court race. The 3 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1

- 1. Marva A. Davis
 - <u>Candidate Website</u>
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Frank Allman
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Kathy L. Garner (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

GILCHRIST COUNTY

Gilchrist County Elections Website

EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election in this court this election cycle

GILCHRIST COUNTY COURT

• There is one contested Gilchrist County Court race. The 2 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1

- 1. David Miller Lang
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Sheree H. Lancaster
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

GLADES COUNTY

Glades County Elections Website

TWENTIETH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are four contested Twentieth Circuit Court races

Contested Race 1: Group 9

- 1. Karen Elizabeth Miller
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Margaret 'Meg' Ogilvie Steinbeck (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 18

- 1. Joseph G. Foster
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Miguel C. Fernandez, III
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 26

- 1. Lisa Spader Porter
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Joseph A. Simpson (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 4: Group 29

- 1. David McElrath
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. George C. Richards (Incumbent Judge)

- Candidate Website
- Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

GLADES COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Glades County Court races.
- One candidate, Jack Lundy, is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

GULF COUNTY

Gulf County Elections Website

FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election in this court this election cycle

GULF COUNTY COURT

• There is one contested Gulf County Court race. The 3 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1

- 1. Brian Hill
 - Candidate Information
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Tim McFarland (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Information
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Jarred Patterson
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

HAMILTON COUNTY

Hamilton County Elections Website

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT

• There are two contested Third Circuit Court races in this election cycle

Contested Race 1: Group 2

- 1. Andrew Decker, III
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Frederick John Schutte, IV
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 1: Group 5

- 1. Angela M. Cancio
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. James W. Prevatt, Jr.
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Wesley Raymon Douglas
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

HAMILTON COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Hamilton County Court races.
- One candidate, Sonny Scaff, is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

HARDEE COUNTY

Hardee County Elections Website

TENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There is one contested Tenth Circuit Court race this election

Contested Race 1: Group 7

- 1. Christine Trakas Thornhill
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Larry Stephen Helms
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. William D. Sites
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 27

- 1. Catherine L. Combee
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. L. Mark Kaylor
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

HARDEE COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Hardee County Court races.
- One candidate, Jeff McKibben, is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

HENDRY COUNTY

Hendry County Elections Website

TWENTIETH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are four contested Twentieth Circuit Court races

Contested Race 1: Group 9

- 1. Karen Elizabeth Miller
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Margaret 'Meg' Ogilvie Steinbeck (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 18

- 1. Joseph G. Foster
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Miguel C. Fernandez, III
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 26

- 1. Lisa Spader Porter
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Joseph A. Simpson (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 4: Group 29

- 1. David McElrath
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. George C. Richards (Incumbent Judge)

- Candidate Website
- Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

HENDRY COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Hendry County Court races.
- One candidate, James D. Sloan, is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

HERNANDO COUNTY

<u>Hernando County Elections Website</u>

FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election this cycle

HERNANDO COUNTY COURT

• There are no Hernando County Court races this election.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Highlands County Elections Website

TENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There is one contested Tenth Circuit Court race this election

Contested Race 1: Group 7

- 1. Christine Trakas Thornhill
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Larry Stephen Helms
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. William D. Sites
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 27

- 1. Catherine L. Combee
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. L. Mark Kaylor
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURT

• There are no Highlands County Court races this election.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Hillsborough County Elections Website

THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

There is one contested Thirteenth Circuit Court race this election cycle

Contested Race 1: Group 14

- 1. Johnnie Byrd
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Mark R. Wolfe (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COURT

• There are three contested Hillsborough County Court races. The 7 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1: Group 3

- 1. John Grant
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Ann Ober (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Information
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 4

- 1. Frances Maria Perrone
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Barbara Jean Twine
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Lanell Williams-Yulee

- <u>Candidate Website</u>
- <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 12

- 1. Nancy Jacobs
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Matt Lucas (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 5 candidates are unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election. They are Herbert M. Berkowitz (Group 2), Walter R. Heinrich (Group 5), Gaston J. Fernandez (Group 8), Richard A. Weis (Group 11) and Scott A. Farr (Group 15).

HOLMES COUNTY

Holmes County Elections Website

FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no fourteenth circuit court judges up for election in this court.

HOMLES COUNTY COURT

• There are no Holmes County Court races this election.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Indian River County Elections Website

NINETEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no nineteenth circuit court judges up for election in this court

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

- There are no contested Indian River County Court races.
- Two candidates, David Morgan (Group 1) and Joe Wild (Group 2), are unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Elections Website

FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

There are no fourteenth circuit court judges up for election this cycle.

JACKSON COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Jackson County Court races.
- One candidate, Douglas Wade Mercer, is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Jefferson County Elections Website

SECOND CIRCUIT COURT

There is one contested race in the Second Circuit Court

Contested Race One: Group 2

- 1. Barbara Hobbs Haynes
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Kris Dunn
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Josefina Maria Tamayo (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Jefferson County Court races.
- One candidate, Robert "Bobby" Plaines, is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Lafayette County Elections Website

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT

• There are two contested Third Circuit Court races in this election cycle

Contested Race 1: Group 2

- 1. Andrew Decker, III
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Frederick John Schutte, IV
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 1: Group 5

- 1. Angela M. Cancio
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. James W. Prevatt, Jr.
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Wesley Raymon Douglas
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

LAFAYETTE COUNTY COURT

• There is one contested Lafayette County Court race. The 2 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1

- 1. Leenette McMillan Fredriksson
 - Candidate Website

- Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Darren K. Jackson (Incumbent Judge)
 - <u>Candidate Information</u>
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

LAKE COUNTY

Lake County Elections Website

FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election in this court.

LAKE COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Lake County Court races.
- One candidate. James R. Baxley, is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

LEE COUNTY

Lee County Elections Website

TWENTIETH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are four contested Twentieth Circuit Court races

Contested Race 1: Group 9

- 1. Karen Elizabeth Miller
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Margaret 'Meg' Ogilvie Steinbeck (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 18

- 1. Joseph G. Foster
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Miguel C. Fernandez, III
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 26

- 1. Lisa Spader Porter
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Joseph A. Simpson (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 4: Group 29

- 1. David McElrath
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. George C. Richards (Incumbent Judge)

- Candidate Website
- Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

LEE COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Lake County Court races.
- Four candidates, James R. Adams (Group 2), Tara P. Paluck (Group 8), Maria E. Gonzalez (Group 7) and Leigh Frizzell Hayes (Group 1), are unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

LEON COUNTY

Leon County Elections Website

SECOND CIRCUIT COURT

There is one contested race in the Second Circuit Court

Contested Race One: Group 2

- 1. Barbara Hobbs Haynes
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Kris Dunn
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Josefina Maria Tamayo (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

LEON COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Leon County Court races.
- Four candidates, Robert R. Wheeler (Seat 1), Judith W. Hawkins (Seat 2), Ronald W. Flury (Seat 3) and Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. (Seat 4), are unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

LEVY COUNTY

Levy County Elections Website

EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT

• No judges are up for election in this court

LEVY COUNTY COURT

• There is one contested Levy County Court race. The 2 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1

- 1. James T. Browning (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Cyndee Munkittrick
 - <u>Candidate Website</u>
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

LIBERTY COUNTY

Liberty County Elections Website

SECOND CIRCUIT COURT

• There is one contested race in the Second Circuit Court

Contested Race One: Group 2

- 1. Barbara Hobbs Haynes
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Kris Dunn
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Josefina Maria Tamayo (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

LIBERTY COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Liberty County Court races.
- One candidate, Kenneth L. Hosford, is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

MADISON COUNTY

Madison County Elections Website

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT

There are two contested Third Circuit Court races in this election cycle

Contested Race 1: Group 2

- 1. Andrew Decker, III
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Frederick John Schutte, IV
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 1: Group 5

- 1. Angela M. Cancio
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. James W. Prevatt, Jr.
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Wesley Raymon Douglas
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

MADISON COUNTY COURT

• There is one contested Madison County Court race. The 2 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1

- 1. Tom Stone
 - Candidate Information

- Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. E. Bailey Browning III
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

MANATEE COUNTY

Manatee County Elections Website

TWELFTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election in this court

MANATEE COUNTY COURT

• There are no Manatee County Court races this election.

MARION COUNTY

Marion County Elections Website

NINETEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election in this court

MARION COUNTY COURT

• There are two contested Marion County Court races. The 4 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1: Group 3

- 1. Leann Mackey-Barnes
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Thomas Thompson
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 4

- 1. Paul Guilfoil
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Robert Edward
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- One candidate, Sarah Ritterhoff Williams (Group 2), is unopposed and will
 not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected
 following the general election.

MARTIN COUNTY

Martin County Elections Website

SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election in this court

MARTIN COUNTY COURT

• There are no Martin County Court races this election

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Miami-Dade County Elections Website

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are four Eleventh Circuit Court contested races

Contested Race 1: Group 8

- 1. Mauricio Padilla
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. David C. Miller (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 15

- 1. Maria Elena Verde
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Robert Coppel
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 47

- 1. Alex Jimenez Labora
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Maria de Jesus Santovenia
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 4: Group 49

- 1. Teresa Mary Pooler
 - Candidate Website

- Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Victor H. De Yurre
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT

There are 8 contested Miami-Dade County Court races. These 17 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1: Group 1

- 1. Frank A. Hernandez
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Patricia Marino-Pedraza (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 10

- 1. Diana Gonzalez
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Ana Maria Pando (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 20

- 1. Michelle Alvarez Barakat
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Fleur Jeannine Lobree (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 4: Group 24

- 1. Arthur Spiegel
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

- 2. Greer Elaine Wallace
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Andrea R. Wolfson (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 5: Group 27

- 1. Ivonne Cuesta
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Jacci Suzan Seskin
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 6: Group 28

- 1. Tanya Brinkley
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Enrique 'Rick' Yabor
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 7: Group 33

- 1. John 'Johnny' Rodriquez
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Teretha Lundy Thomas (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 8: Group 40

- 1. Lourdes Cambo
- Candidate Website
- Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Don S. Cohn (Incumbent Judge)
- <u>Candidate Information</u>
- Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

• There are numerous candidates that are unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election. They are listed here at the official Miami-Dade candidate report.

MONROE COUNTY

Monroe County Elections Website

FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election in this court for this election cycle

MONROE COUNTY

- There are no contested Monroe County Court races.
- One candidate, Wayne Miller, is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

NASSAU COUNTY

Nassau County Elections Website

FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT

There are three contested Fourth Circuit Court races

Contested Race 1: Group 1

- 1. Donald B. Mairs
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Gerald L. Wilkerson
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Melina E. Buncome
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 4. Brian J. Davis (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 5. Gregory Jeremiah Messore
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 29

- 1. Alvin Barlow
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Mark J. Borello
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 34

- 1. Mary Suzanne Bass
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. John Merrett (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

NASSAU COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Nassau County Court races.
- One candidate, Granville C. Burgess, is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

OKALOOSA COUNTY

Okaloosa County Elections Website

FIRST CIRCUIT COURT

• There is one contested First Circuit Court race

Contested Race 1: Group 15

- 1. Thomas S. Murphy
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Terrance R. Ketchel (Incumbent Judge)
 - <u>Candidate Website</u>
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

OKALOOSA COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Okaloosa County Court races.
- One candidate, Patricia Grinsted (Group 3), is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Okeechobee County Elections Website

NINETEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no judges up for election in this court

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Okeechobee County Court races.
- One candidate, Jerald D. Bryant, is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County Elections Website

Orange County Bar Association - Judicial Candidates Information

NINTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are four contested Ninth Circuit Court races this election

Contested Race 1: Group 3

- 1. Daniel Perry
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Belvin Perry, Jr. (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website (Additional)
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 7

- 1. Eric Howard DuBois
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Joel C. Wilson
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Leticia J. Marques
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 27

- 1. Jose F. Torroella
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Keith F. White (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 4: Group 42

- Pedro Jose Malaret
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Timothy R. Shea (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

ORANGE COUNTY COURT

• There are 2 contested Orange County Court races. These 4 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1: Group 11

- 1. Adam K. McGinnis
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Antoinette Plogstedt (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 13

- 1. Andrew Cameron
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Leon B. Cheek, III (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 5 candidates, A. James Craner (Group 8), Wilfredo Martinez (Group 14), Steve Jewett (Group 18), Maureen Bell (Group 17) and Martha C. Adams (Group 6), are unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

OSCEOLA COUNTY

Osceola County Elections Website

NINTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are four contested Ninth Circuit Court races this election

Contested Race 1: Group 3

- 1. Daniel Perry
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Belvin Perry, Jr. (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website (Additional)
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 7

- 1. Eric Howard DuBois
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Joel C. Wilson
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Leticia J. Marques
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 27

- 1. Jose F. Torroella
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Keith F. White (Incumbent Judge)

- Candidate Website
- Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

- 3. Pedro Jose Malaret
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 4. Timothy R. Shea (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

OSCEOLA COUNTY COURT

• There are 2 contested Osceola County Court races. These 4 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1: Group 2

- 1. Philip T. Dunlop
 - <u>Candidate Website</u>
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Heather K. O'Brien (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

- 1. Hal Epperson (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Ernest J. Mullins
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- One candidate, Carol Engel Draper (Group 1), is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Palm Beach County Elections Website

FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are 3 Fifteenth Circuit Court contested races.

Contested Race 1: Group 2

- 1. Jody Lane
 - <u>Candidate Website</u>
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Timothy P. McCarthy (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 9

- 1. Jamie R. Goodman
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Ronald Vincent Alvarez (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 26

- 1. Margherita R. Downey
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. James L. Martz (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website (Additional)
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

PALM BEACH COUNTY COURT

• There are 2 contested Palm Beach County Court races. These 4 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

- 1. Peter M. Evans (Incumbent Judge)
 - <u>Candidate Website</u>
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Kenneth Duane Lemoine
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

- 1. Edward A Garrison
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Jane Frances Sullivan
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 5 candidates, Sandra Bosso-Pardo (Group 1), Theodore S. Booras (Group 2), Nancy Perez (Group 5), Leonard Hanser (Group 10) and Frank S. Castor (Group 19) are unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

PASCO COUNTY

Pasco County Elections Website

SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are 3 Sixth Circuit Court contested races.

Contested Race 1: Group 15

- 1. Andy Steingold
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. William H. Burgess, III
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 31

- 1. Brian Battaglia
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Kimberly Ann Campbell
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 45

- 1. Agnes Theresa McCabe
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Jack Day
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

PASCO COUNTY COURT

• There is one contested Pasco County Court race. The 4 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

- 1. Frank I. Grey
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Tom Hanlon
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Joseph A. Poblick
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 4. Eva Vergos
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 4 candidates, William G. Sestak (Group 1), Marc H. Salton (Group 3), Anne Wansboro (Group 6) and Candy Morris Vandercar (Group 7) are unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

PINELLAS COUNTY

Pinellas County Elections Website

SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT

There are 3 Sixth Circuit Court contested races.

Contested Race 1: Group 15

- 1. Andy Steingold
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. William H. Burgess, III
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 31

- 1. Brian Battaglia
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Kimberly Ann Campbell
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 3: Group 45

- 1. Agnes Theresa McCabe
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Jack Day
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

PINELLAS COUNTY COURT

• There is one contested Pinellas County Court race. The 2 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

- 1. Scott Andringa
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Cathy Ann McKyton
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

POLK COUNTY

Polk County Elections Website

TENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There is one contested Tenth Circuit Court race this election

Contested Race 1: Group 7

- 1. Christine Trakas Thornhill
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Larry Stephen Helms
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. William D. Sites
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 2: Group 27

- 1. Catherine L. Combee
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. L. Mark Kaylor
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

POLK COUNTY COURT

• There is one contested Polk County Court race. The 2 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

- 1. William J. Twyford
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Bob Grode
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

PUTNAM COUNTY

Putnam County Elections Website

SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no Judges up for election or retention in this court for this election cycle.

PUTNAM COUNTY COURT

• There is one contested Putnam County Court race. The 3 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

- 1. Michael W. Woodward
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Tito S. Smith
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Joe Boatwright II
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Santa Rosa County Elections Website

FIRST CIRCUIT COURT

• There is one contested First Circuit Court race

Contested Race 1: Group 15

- 1. Thomas S. Murphy
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Terrance R. Ketchel (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

SANTA ROSA COUNTY COURT

• There are no Santa Rosa County Court races this election.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Sarasota County Elections Website

TWELFTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no Judges up for election or retention in this court for this election cycle.

SARASOTA COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Sarasota County Court races.
- One candidate, Judy Goldman (Group 4), is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

SEMINOLE COUNTY

Seminole County Elections Website

EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

There is one contested Eighteenth Circuit Court race between two candidates for Group 26

- 1. Matthew 'Matt' Aungst
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. James 'Jim' Hibbert Earp (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

SEMINOLE COUNTY COURT

There is one contested Seminole County Court race. The 4 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

- 1. Jaimon H. Perry
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Jeff Dowdy
 - Candidate Website
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Gregory A. Hass
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 4. Debra L. Krause
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Johns County Elections Website

SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no Judges up for election or retention in this court for this election cycle.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested St. Johns County Court races.
- One candidate, Alexander R. Christine, Jr. (Group 1), is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

St. Lucie County Elections Website

NINETEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no Judges up for election or retention in this court for this election cycle.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY COURT

• There are no St. Lucie County Court races this election.

SUMTER COUNTY

Sumter County Elections Website

FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no Judges up for election or retention in this court for this election cycle.

SUMTER COUNTY COURT

- There are no contested Sumter County Court races.
- One candidate, Thomas D. Skidmore, is unopposed and will not appear on the ballot but will be considered automatically elected following the general election.

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Suwannee County Elections Website

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT

There are two contested Third Circuit Court races in this election cycle

Contested Race 1: Group 2

- 1. Andrew Decker, III
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Frederick John Schutte, IV
 - <u>Candidate Website</u>
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 1: Group 5

- 1. Angela M. Cancio
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. James W. Prevatt, Jr.
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Wesley Raymon Douglas
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

SUWANEE COUNTY COURT

• There are no Suwannee County Court races this election.

TAYLOR COUNTY

Taylor County Elections Website

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT

• There are two contested Third Circuit Court races in this election cycle

Contested Race 1: Group 2

- 1. Andrew Decker, III
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Frederick John Schutte, IV
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

Contested Race 1: Group 5

- 1. Angela M. Cancio
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. James W. Prevatt, Jr.
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Wesley Raymon Douglas
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

TAYLOR COUNTY COURT

There is one contested Taylor County Court race. The 4 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1

- 1. Rhonda Raulerson Portwood
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. G. Cline Moore
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Bill Blue
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 4. Angela M. Ball
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

UNION COUNTY

Union County Elections Website

EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no Judges up for election or retention in this court for this election cycle.

UNION COUNTY COURT

• There is one contested Union County Court race. The 6 candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

Contested Race 1

- 1. Bo Bayer
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. John Cooper
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. John E. Maines, IV
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 4. Therese Truelove
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 5. Rusty Wade
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 6. Dan Webb
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Volusia County Elections Website

SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no Seventh Circuit Court Races this election.

VOLUSIA COUNTY COURT

• There are two contested Volusia County Court race. The 7candidates listed below will appear on the primary ballot August 14, 2012.

- 1. Steven R. Burk
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Dustin M Havens
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Alan Holt
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 4. Christopher Kelly
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 5. Adam Warren
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

- 1. Bryan A. Feigenbaum (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Michael McDermott
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

WAKULLA COUNTY

Wakulla County Elections Website

SECOND CIRCUIT COURT

There is one contested race in the Second Circuit Court

Contested Race One: Group 2

- 1. Barbara Hobbs Haynes
 - <u>Filled</u> out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Kris Dunn
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 3. Josefina Maria Tamayo (Incumbent Judge)
 - Filled out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

WAKULLA COUNTY COURT

• There are no Wakulla County Court races this election.

WALTON COUNTY

Walton County Elections Website

FIRST CIRCUIT COURT

• There is one contested First Circuit Court race

Contested Race 1: Group 15

- 1. Thomas S. Murphy
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement
- 2. Terrance R. Ketchel (Incumbent Judge)
 - Candidate Website
 - Did not fill out the Florida Bar's Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement

WALTON COUNTY COURT

• There are no Judges up for election or retention in this court for this election cycle.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Washington County Elections Website

FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT

• There are no Judges up for election or retention in this court for this election cycle.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT

• There are no Judges up for election or retention in this court for this election cycle.