

**Florida Bar**  
**Judicial Candidate Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement**  
**Overview**

Through the Judicial Candidate Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement, The Florida Bar provides judicial candidates, both sitting judges and others, with the opportunity to provide information about themselves and their backgrounds to the public in preparation and anticipation of an election. **The Florida Bar does not attest to the accuracy of the content of the voluntary self-disclosure statements, although each candidate must execute the statement under oath, nor should the disclosures be viewed as endorsements by The Florida Bar.** The self-disclosure statement is intended to give all candidates the opportunity to share information about their history, credentials, and other relevant information, with the voting public.

The self-disclosure statement was developed to provide a means by which the public could gather information about their judicial candidates. It came to the attention of the Bar that voters felt they did not have sufficient information to make educated decisions on judicial candidates.

In the self-disclosure statement, judicial candidates can provide biographical information including education, work history, special honors or awards, community involvement, public service, and other historical data. The candidate is also allowed to provide a brief statement about why a voter should support that individual and why he or she would make a good judge.

Candidates' statements are governed by Canon 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct. The code bars judicial candidates from making statements that appear to commit them on legal issues likely to come before them in court. The Canons also specify that a candidate may not knowingly make misleading or untruthful statements and require that each candidate execute a statement that the candidate has read and understands the obligations of the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct. Candidates who violate Canon 7 are subject to discipline.

The information collected from candidates in the voluntary self-disclosure statement will be made available to the press. The information about local candidates may also be made available to the public, provided to local bar organizations, and may be made available at courthouses, post offices, and voting stations throughout the state. The information will also be available online at The Florida Bar's Web site and can be obtained upon request to the Bar.

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VOLUNTARY SELF-DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

***PLEASE BEAR IN MIND YOUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER JUDICIAL CANON NO. 7  
IN PROVIDING ANSWERS TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.***

***THE FLORIDA BAR DOES NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ANSWERS NOR WILL THE  
BAR MAKE EDITS TO YOUR ANSWERS TO COMPORT WITH THE CANONS. THE BAR DOES RESERVE  
THE RIGHT TO REDACT OBSCENE LANGUAGE BEFORE DISSEMINATION.***

Name: Robert E. McGill, III

Date Disclosure Statement Completed: 07-13-2010

Judicial Position Sought: Circuit Court Judge

Jurisdiction: First Circuit, Group Three

Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice law:

Jurisdiction	Date Admitted
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>1981 ( no longer active )</b>
<b>Florida</b>	<b>09-17-1990</b>

Florida Bar No. 0853690

Years admitted to practice law: 29

Years in the legal profession: 29

*Prior Candidacy in Judicial Election(s):*

If you have run in an election for judicial office before, please list the position, court, and relevant date(s):

Court	Relevant Dates	Position
N/A		

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*Prior and/or Current Judicial Experience:*

If you have held judicial office, please state the Courts involved, the dates of service, and the Court:

Court	Relevant Dates	Office
N/A		

Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments over which you have presided:

0-5  6-15  16-30  31-50  51-100  101-200  201+

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify the number of jury trials \_\_\_\_\_ and the number of bench trials \_\_\_\_\_ over which you have presided.

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current judges may respond to the following questions regarding legal practice only with reference to pre-judicial legal experience.**

*Area(s) of Practice:*

Civil  Criminal  Government  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the primary areas in which you have specialized or have legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.

Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments in which you have participated as legal counsel:

0-5  6-15  16-30  31-50  51-100  101-200  201+

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify the number of jury trials \_\_\_\_\_ and the number of bench trials \_\_\_\_\_ in which you have participated.

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of arbitration hearings in which you have participated as legal counsel or hearing officer:

0-5  6-15  16-30  31-50  51-100  101-200  201+

Additional comments: Most of these have been before the American Arbitration Association.

Number of administrative hearings in which you have participated as legal counsel or hearing officer:

0-5  6-15  16-30  31-50  51-100  101-200  201+

Additional comments: Most of these were quasi-judicial hearings before county and municipal bodies.

To the extent applicable, please quantify any additional alternative dispute resolution/negotiation experience:

Curently I am a Supreme Court Circuit Civil Mediator, and have participated in many formal and informal alternative dispute/negotiation matters.

Have you ever been Board Certified in any area(s) of practice, if yes please identify:

The Area(s) of Practice: N/A

When you were certified in each Area of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Whether you are currently certified in those areas: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the percentage of your practice that has involved representing plaintiffs 50 % and the percentage that has involved representing defendants 50 %.

*Undergraduate Education:*

Name of Institution: Tulane University

Degree received/Major: Political Science

Academic awards, recognitions, honors, leadership roles and participation in academic organizations:  
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*Law School Education:*

Name of Institution: Tulane Law School

Degree received: Juris Doctorate

Internships/in-school clerkships, academic awards, recognitions, honors, leadership roles and participation in academic organizations (e.g., law review, moot court, legal clinics):

Clerked for Adams & Reese in 1979, clerked for Hebert & Abbott in 1980, participated in moot court competitions and member of Phi Alpha Delta, law school fraternity.

Number of hours devoted to public work while in undergraduate \_\_\_\_\_ or law school \_\_\_\_\_.

*Additional Educational History (if applicable):*

Name of Institution	Degree Received	Special awards, recognitions, honors, or leadership roles (if any)

*Employment:*

Present employer: Robert E. McGill, III, P.A.

Number of years with present employer: 17

Present position: President/Sole Practitioner

Explain relevant experience or skills gained that you will bring to the bench:

I have practiced law in a wide variety of areas including: corporate, business and real estate transactional matters, landlord tenant disputes, all types of real estate litigation, including probate, quiet title, boundary disputes; construction and business litigation; marital law issues, insurance defense litigation, supplemental social security cases; bankruptcy matters and condominium and homeowner association law. I served as city attorney for the City of Destin for three years and have also practiced in the land use planning are of law in Okaloosa and Waltoun Counties. I have administrative experience in having employed other lawyers and running two offices in Okaloosa and Walton County over the last 17 years. I have also run a title company since 1994, which has employed as many as 14 people at one time. These experiences and skills will help me administrate a courtroom and be conversant in a wide variety of legal issues.

*List All Prior Employers and Occupations, Legal or Non-legal, for the Last Ten Years:*

Employer: See Above

Number of years employed with this employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain relevant experience or skills gained that you will bring to the bench:

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Employer:   N/A  

Number of years employed with this employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain relevant experience or skills gained that you will bring to the bench:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Employer:   N/A  

Number of years employed with this employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain relevant experience or skills gained that you will bring to the bench:  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Law Organizations:*

Please list legal organizations in which you have been an active member for more than two (2) years and all legal organizations in which you hold a leadership position or which required nomination to join:

Organization Name	Dates of Participation	Office Held (If applicable)
Florida Bar	09-17-1990	N/A
Okaloosa Walton Bar Association	1991	N/A

*Honors and Publications:*

Please list any published articles or books that you have authored, any speeches or lectures you have given, and any honors, prizes or awards you have received:

Title	Date	Additional Information
I have provided many lectures/ informational speeches to realtors and have taught continuing education courses for realtors during my 17 years of sole practice.		

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*Public Service – Pro Bono, Volunteer Work or Military Service:*

Please provide the dates, activities and any special accomplishments, honors or leadership roles you have played in volunteer, public or military service organizations or in providing pro bono, volunteer, public or military service:

Service: Destin Rotary Club 1997- Present; President in 1997

Served on Mattie Kelly Foundation Board of Directors

Served on Sacred Heart of the Emerald Coast Development Board 2006-2010

Served on the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority 2009-2010

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*Health:*

Do you currently suffer from or have you suffered from any of the following ailments in the last three years:

- Dependence on narcotics, drugs or intoxicating beverages
- Pathological or compulsive behavior
- Memory loss or impaired judgment

Yes     No

If yes, please identify the ailment and provide full details, including the relevant dates, including dates of diagnosis, if applicable, the treatment received and any additional relevant information:

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*Discipline:*

If you have ever been found, either involuntarily or by consent, to have committed a violation of The Florida Bar Disciplinary Rules, the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration or the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct for which the discipline imposed was one of the following: (a) public reprimand; (b) suspension; or (c) disbarment, please provide the following information:

Date of charge:   N/A  

Date of Disposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Rule(s) found to have violated: \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline imposed for rule violation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date reinstated to the Bar or bench: \_\_\_\_\_

Any conditions imposed for reinstatement (e.g., disgorgement, probation or public service):

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If you have been found to have committed a violation of the ethical or discipline rules, please explain the circumstances surrounding your discipline:

N/A

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*For current or former judges:*

Has the Florida Supreme Court, or a similar body in another state, ever rules against you on a Notice of Formal Charges by the Judicial Qualifications Commission? If so, please explain the circumstances surrounding the charges and include a description of any discipline imposed:

N/A

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*Military Discharge:*

If you served in the military and your discharge was anything other than honorable or you received a court martial, please provide that information here:

N/A

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*Criminal Convictions:*

Have you ever been convicted or pled no contest to a crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude? If so, provide the following information:

Date of Conviction or Plea of No Contest:     N/A    

Crime for which you were convicted or Pled No Contest: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional conditions imposed: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have been convicted or pled no contest to a crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude and would like to explain the circumstances surrounding your criminal conviction, you may do so here:

N/A

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*Personal Statement:*

In 100 words or less, without discussing any particular issue which may come before you if you become a judge, explain why you believe you would be a good judge:

I am 54 years old and have been practicing law for 29 years. I have the intellect and look forward to capably ruling on a wide variety of legal issues as Circuit Judge. I have a reputation of being fair, level headed and open minded and will bring these attributes to my courtroom. While I am a compassionate person, I feel that a judge should listen to the facts of each case, without any bias and then mete out justice by applying the existing law to the facts. With regard to civil actions, I think my wide array of experience practicing law and my history of administering my office will allow me to move cases along my docket in an equitable and efficient manner. My history shows that I have a strong work ethic and a reputation for honesty and integrity. Clients and their lawyers will know that the judge who listened to their case was informed and made a rational common sense decision, without any bias.

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