

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: Peter Adrien

Date Disclosure Statement Completed: 7-12-2010

Judicial Position Sought: Circuit Court Judge

Jurisdiction: 11th Judicial Circuit

Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice law:

Jurisdiction	Date Admitted
Florida	July 1994
Southern District of Florida	Summer of 1995

Florida Bar No. 0005827

Years admitted to practice law: Over 15 years

Years in the legal profession: Over 15 years

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
11th Circuit Court	2004	Circuit Judge
11th Circuit Court	2000	Circuit Judge

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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
11th Judicial Circuit	2004 - Present	Circuit Court Judge

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 @88 and the number of bench trials @5 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.

Family _____

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 1 and the number of bench trials 1,000* in which you have participated.

Additional comments: *As a practicing attorney I had many bench trials, both contested and uncontested, which resulted in final orders being entered

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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: _____

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: _____

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

N/A

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

The Area(s) of Practice: No

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 90 % and the percentage that has involved representing defendants 10 %.

Undergraduate Education:

Name of Institution: University of Miami & Broward College

Degree received/Major: Bachelor of Arts & Associate in Arts

Academic awards, recognitions, honors, leadership roles and participation in academic organizations:

Law School Education:

Name of Institution: University of Miami School of Law

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):

I was a member of the honor council and I interned with Federal Judge William Zloch and at the Public Defenders Office

Number of hours devoted to public work while in undergraduate _____ or law school 200+.

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Additional Educational History (if applicable):

Name of Institution	Degree Received	Special awards, recognitions, honors, or leadership roles (if any)
Champagnat Catholic School	High School Diploma	Salutatorian Award

Employment:

Present employer: State of Florida

Number of years with present employer: 5+

Present position: Circuit Court Judge

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

I currently sit in the civil division; prior to that I sat in the criminal division for 4 years; prior to that I practiced in the area of family law. I am experienced in the three major areas of the law.

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

Employer: Legal Aid Society

Number of years employed with this employer: almost 11 years

Position/specialty: Senior staff attorney

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

I represented indigent clients in the area of family law in court. Given the high volume of cases, I was able to refine and perfect my litigation skills. I was also able to develop unique problem solving skills given the fact I represented clients who had little to no money.

Employer: _____

Number of years employed with this employer: _____

Position/specialty: _____

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

Employer: _____

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)
Dade County Bar Association	1994 - Present	
Caribbean Bar Association		
Caribbean Bar Association		

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
Civil Court Judicial Forum	2010	
Basic Lawyer Skills Traininmg	2005	
Nuts and Bolts of a Divorce	2003	

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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:

2000 Professionalism Award - Dade County Bar Association, 1999 Pro Bono Service Award - American Bar Association, 1996 Put Something Pro Bono Award, 2001 Benevolent Angel Award - Deaf Services Award, Cuban Orthodoxo of the Year 2010, 2009 - Top 10 Who's Who in Law, 2005 NAACP Freedom Fund Award.

Booker T. Washington's EESAC Committee, You Count Committee, Overtown Youth Center and the Antigua and Barbuda of South Florida; Partnership for Professionalism Program at University of Miami Law School, a former board member for the U.M. Law Alumni Association. He is the founder and finances the Becoming a Man Project, which teaches young men how to become responsible adults. He is very active at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, where he serves as a Eucharistic Minister, a Lector and serves in the Ministry of the Sick. Judge Adrien's long history of community and civic involvement includes having volunteered in numerous other programs, including, but not limited to: Teen Court, Pro Bono Mentor Program, Kids Club Program, Florida Bar Foundation Fellowship Program, Community Coalition on Domestic Violence, Hands on Miami, Habitat for Humanity, Deaf Services Bureau, Wills on Wheels Program, UPPAC, and Knights of Columbus. He has been a member of the Wilkie D. Ferguson Black Lawyers Association, the Caribbean Bar Association, and the Cuban American Bar Association. Speaker - Frances Tucker Elementary, Rockway Middle, Paul W. Bell Middle, Miami Central High, Norland Senior High, Rainbow Park Elementary, Biscayne Gardens Elementary, Miami Shores Elementary, Everglades k-8, Edison Middle, Booker T. Washington High, Champagnat Catholic School, New Life Baptist School, Van E. Blanton Elementary, Perrine Elementary, Centro Mater and Monsignor Pace High; Doral Middle School Crime Watch. MiamiLakes Peer Court, PAPPS Program. I also teach and have taught Family Law, Trial Practice and Procedure and Legal Research and Writing at Miami Dade College for the past 15 years.

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:

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:

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Date of charge: None

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):

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

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:

No

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:

None

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: None

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:

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:

My diverse experiences give me the necessary knowledge, temperament, professionalism, and high ethical standards essential to serving on the judiciary and our community. I listen, I am knowledgeable, experienced, dedicated, hard working, respectful, and committed to the fair and efficient administration of justice. Judges must have hands on experience and a good working knowledge of the rules of evidence and the rules of civil procedure. My prior experience sitting on the bench for almost 6 years and my experience as a litigator gives me the ability to handle large volumes of cases and enable me to resolve issues.
