

**FLORIDA BAR
JUDICIAL CANDIDATE
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 EDIT YOUR ANSWERS TO COMPORT WITH THE CANONS.**

Name: Jim Moon

Date disclosure statement completed: June 12, 2018

Judicial position sought: Collier County Judge - Group 2

Jurisdiction: Collier County

Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice law:

| Jurisdiction | Date Admitted |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Florida | 9/28/99 |
| New York, Tennessee | |

Florida Bar No. 184713

Years admitted to practice law: 20 as of 9/28/18

Years in the legal profession: 20 years licensed plus 1 year as certified prosecution intern while pending bar exam results

Personal Statement:

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

I have spent my adult life protecting the Constitution and freedoms we all enjoy, in the military, as a prosecutor and as a defense attorney. I have extensive experience in both civil and criminal matters having tried multiple jury trials in both, and believe I possess the integrity, knowledge, respect for others, and patience gained through courtroom and life experience necessary to serve the public as a judge. I fully accept the tremendous responsibility that comes with this position and will do my utmost to ensure the public and Bar maintains their confidence in the office and myself, if elected.

Prior Candidacy in Judicial Election(s):

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

| 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 office:

| Court | Relevant Dates | Office |
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| N/A | | |
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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 provide 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 _____

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

Civil litigation (business litigation, insurance work) 80%
Probate litigation 10%
Criminal matters 10%

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:

As my practice grew, I shifted from predominantly criminal work to handling a greater percentage of civil work.

Please provide the number of jury trials 30+ and the number of bench trials 250+ in which you have participated.

Additional comments:

I have tried cases to jury in both civil and criminal matters and have tried cases before a judge in both criminal and civil.

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:

I've served as counsel in arbitration and also as a panelist/arbitrator for matters. I am recognized through the Florida Supreme Court as an arbitrator and mediator.

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:

I served as the head of City of Naples Code Enforcement Board and also as a panel member over a period of 9 years hearing numerous administrative code violation cases.

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

I am a certified circuit court mediator and have handled numerous mediations. I was appointed and continue to be on the Department of Financial Services mediation list for hurricane property disputes; I was appointed by Atty. General Pam Bondi to serve on the New Car Lemon Law Arbitration Panel; I am qualified through and have served as an arbitrator for FINRA on financial arbitrations.

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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 _____ % and the percentage that has involved representing defendants _____ %.

Undergraduate Education:

Name of institution:

Eastern Michigan University

Degree received/major:

B.A. Political Science/International Relations

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

Member of Army R.O.T.C. Program (Cadet of Year Honors) and served in rolls of team, squad and company commander; Member of Varsity Rifle Team; was a student senator; member of political science club

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Law School Education:

Name of institution: Thomas Cooley Law School

Degree received: J.D.

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

Internship - Ingham County Prosecutor's Office 2 years; Book Award - lawyering before trial class; Moot Court finalist; Law Journal; Member of Asian Pacific Island Student Association; member of student government; volunteer for law day; volunteer for landlord/tenant dispute group

Number of hours devoted to public work while in undergraduate 5 per week or law school 5-10 per week.

Additional Educational History (if applicable):

| Name of Institution | Degree Received | Special awards, recognitions, honors, or leadership roles (if any) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Thomas Jefferson School of Law | LL.M | Cum Laude Graduate |
| Saginaw Valley State University | M.A. | Summa Cum Laude; Graduate Assistant |
| University of Manchester | Graduate Certificate | Certified in AML and CCA |

Employment:

Present employer: Quintairos Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A.

Number of years with present employer: 8.5

Present position: Partner

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

Handle primarily civil litigation of business and insurance disputes and appearances before administrative and municipal boards, together with appellate work. Have had the pleasure of handling multiple trials (jury and bench), hearings, depositions, etc., and while doing so, appearing throughout Florida, New York, and Tennessee before countless judges and handling matters with countless attorneys. This has exposed me to some excellent manners how different courts deal with docket handling, with court hearings, moving cases, decisions on cases, expectations of attorneys, etc., that I will draw upon.

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

Employer: Alvarez, Sambol, Winthrop & Madson, P.A. _____

Number of years employed with this employer: 4 _____

Position/specialty: Senior Associate _____

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

Handled primarily civil litigation of business and insurance disputes and appearances before administrative and municipal boards, together with appellate work. Have had the pleasure of handling multiple trials (jury and bench), hearings, depositions, etc., and while doing so, appearing throughout Florida. Also, was responsible for client networking and community outreach that I continued with QPWB which assists in giving back to the community and exposure to all people within the community of different races, political ideals, sexes, ages, etc.

Employer: _____

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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Law Organizations:

Please list legal organizations in which you have been an active member for more than two 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) |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| DRI (Defense Research Institute) | Ongoing | Multiple offices held |
| American Bar Association | 2014-2017 (prior dates from earlier in career) | Co-chair ABA Wine Committee (started by ABA to bolster travel/tourism section they were starting) |
| CLM | Ongoing over past 9 years | Audit committee for attorney's fees |

Honors and Publications:

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

| Title | Date | Additional Information |
|---|---|---|
| SW Florida Top 40 Under 40 Award | 9/2009 | Given to persons recognized in SW Florida as up and coming business people/leaders. Was also a graduate of Chamber GAIN Leadership Program in 2009. |
| 1. DRI - For the Defense, (O'Connor v. Uber, the Lawsuit that Could Change the On-Demand Economy) 2. The Legal Classification of Uber Drivers, How the Court's decision could impact payment | February 2016 issue October 2015 issue | This was a two part article as the case progressed through court. |
| 1. DS News - Title Wave - an overview of anticipated claims issues due to the foreclosure wave 2. Rising Surge in Title Insurance Claims (for International Association of Defense Counsel) | DS News January, 2013 September, 2012 | |

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:

City of Naples Code Board - Board head and member; Collier County Tax Abatement Board - alternate member; Junior Achievement volunteer lecturer; Law Day lecturer; FGCU student mentor; Big Brothers/Big Sisters - mentor; handle multiple matters each year on pro bono basis. Also volunteer with the Humane Society, multiple local animal causes/shelters, and with several local events such as Earth Day, Beach Clean Up Day, and with several veteran's causes. Drug Free Collier volunteer, NAMI Mental Health volunteer.

National Guard - 1/125th Infantry, recipient of National Defense Service Medal - Persian Gulf War;

One of biggest accomplishments of legal career was being part of pro bono legal team to overturn the conviction of George Stinney, Jr., which took over 3 years to occur. He was the youngest person (age 14) to ever be put to death in the U.S. Through the tireless efforts of several people, we were able to have him exonerated of his crimes alleged in South Carolina over 50 years later. Unfortunately, he was put to death, but his family now rests assured that he did not commit the horrible crimes accused of.

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: 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., financial penalty, 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:

None

For Current or Former Judges:

Has the Florida Supreme Court, or a similar body in another state, ever ruled 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

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:

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: _____

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:

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information given on The Florida Bar Judicial Candidate Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 12th day of June, 2018.

Name /s/ James E. Moon, Esquire

Certification Confirmation (must be checked prior to submission):