



National Organization for Women PAC

Public Defender - State Attorney Candidate Questionnaire

Name of Candidate: _____

Candidate Office Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

How can we contact you in person? _____

Office Sought: _____ District: _____ County/City: _____

Campaign Contact: _____

Campaign Phone: _____ Campaign Email: _____ Twitter Acct: _____

Are you the Incumbent to the office sought? Yes ___ No ___ If so opponent's name _____

What is your current occupation? _____ For how long? _____

Please feel free to explain any of your answers on addition paper

I. EDUCATION

1. Law School and Degree _____

2. Law School Class Rank _____

3. Any other Post Graduate School _____

4. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Federalist Society? _____ How long? _____

5. Did you do a judicial clerkship after Law School graduation? Provide name of judge, court, term

6. If you could now clerk for any US Supreme Court Justice or Federal Appeals Court Judge that has served during the last 25 years, who would it be? Provide full name and court

II. BAR ADMISSION AND DISCIPLINE

1. List states and jurisdictions in which you are admitted to practice

2. Have you ever been disciplined by, or do you have any complaints currently pending before any bar disciplinary committee? If yes, explain

3. If an incumbent, have you ever been disciplined by, or do you have any complaints currently pending before any judicial disciplinary committee? If yes, explain

III. EMPLOYMENT – INCUMBENTS

1. Years serving as Judge _____

2. Court parts to which you have been assigned

3. Legal area(s) in which you have substantial judicial expertise

4. List all of your opinions that have been published including full names and citations.

5. Have you served as a judge in any other courts prior to this court? If yes, provide details

6. Provide the name(s) and address(es) of your employer(s) during the 2 years prior to judgeship including employment dates (if self-employed provide details):

7. List all legal areas in which you concentrated or had substantial experience for any sustained period during this period

8. Briefly state why you should be re-elected. Be specific, no generalities

III. EMPLOYMENT - NON-INCUMBENTS

1. Please provide the name(s) and address(es) of your employer(s) over the past 4 years including employment dates (if self-employed provide details)

2. List all legal areas in which you have concentrated or have had substantial experience for any sustained period during the past 4 years

3. Briefly state what in your background qualifies you to serve as a judge. Be specific, no generalities

IV. FAMILY COURT HISTORY

1. Are there any legal proceedings in any court pending against you for non-payment of child support and/or maintenance obligations? _____

If Yes Please Explain _____

2. Are there any judgments against you in any court for non-payment of child support and/or maintenance obligations? _____

3. Have you ever had an order of protection entered against you by any court? _____

V. PUBLISHED ARTICLES

1. From law school to the present time, have you published any articles on any topic?

2. If yes, provide the name of the publication, name of article, date and a brief description of all articles

3. Are copies available? _____

VI. COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

List any community/volunteer activities you are *actively (or were until recently)* engaged in. Specify your role and what you do.

VII. INFORMATION SOURCES

1. What magazines and newspapers do you *subscribe* to?

2. What other news magazines and newspapers do you read regularly?

3. What non-fiction books have you read over the past year?

4. Are there any news magazines, newspapers or news media outlets you avoid?

VIII. LEGAL ISSUE IDENTIFICATION

1. What are some relevant legal issues relating to the **“Parental Notification of Abortion Act FL Statute 390.01114”**? _____

2. What are some relevant legal issues relating to the “*penalty* section of FL Statute 790.33 (3) (**State Preemption Weapons and Firearms**)”?

3. What are some relevant legal issues relating to the “**battered spouse defense**”?

4. What are some relevant legal issues relating to “**school vouchers**”?

5. What are some relevant legal issues relating to the “**high school to prison pipeline**”?

6. What are some relevant legal issues relating to the “*burden of proof* section of **Stand Your Ground Immunity FL Statute 776.032 (4)**”?

CANON 7

We believe this questionnaire entirely comports with Judicial Canon 7. The Questionnaire seeks neutral information about the candidate. Section IX. Legal Issue Identification is like a law school exam testing a student’s ability to identify legal issues.

See AN AID TO UNDERSTANDING CANON 7 Guidelines to Assist Judicial Candidates in Campaign and Political Activities Prepared by the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee and published by the Office of the State Courts Administrator Tallahassee, Florida, last revised May 10, 2018, updated October 2019.

“Canon 7A(3)(e)(i) provides that a judicial candidate shall not, ‘with respect to parties or classes of parties, cases, controversies, or issues that are likely to come before the court, make pledges, promises, or commitments that are inconsistent with the impartial performance of the adjudicative duties of the office.’ This section is less restrictive than the previous code, which prohibited a candidate from announcing his or her views on disputed legal or political issues. The commentary to Canon 7A(3)(e) states that a candidate should emphasize in any public statement his or her duty to uphold the law regardless of his or her personal views. In re Kinsey, 842 So.2d 77 (Fla. 2003) Opinion 09(Election). See Republican Party of Minnesota v. White, 536 U.S. 765, 122S.Ct. 2528, 153 L.Ed.2d694 (2002), in which the Court found the “announce” clause in Minnesota’s Code of Judicial Conduct unconstitutional”.

Among the numerous Judicial Ethics Advisory Opinions cited, we note:

FLORIDA SUPREME COURT

Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee

Opinion Number: 2006-18 (Election)

Date of Issue: August 7, 2006

ISSUES

“May a candidate for judicial office respond to questionnaires which cover such subjects as same-sex marriage, parental notification, and school vouchers, and whether the candidate agrees or disagrees with recent court decisions?”

Opinion 06-18(Election)(judicial candidate may respond to questionnaires that cover subjects such as same-sex marriage, parental notification, school vouchers, and candidate’s agreement or disagreement with recent court decisions, as long as candidate follows guidelines set forth in committee opinion).”

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Print Name

Date

Signature

President’s Signature _____ **Date:** _____