

## Christopher Bailey

Name	Christopher Bailey
Judicial position sought	County judge
County Jurisdiction	Osceola County, Group 2
Florida Bar number	1000956
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	04/27/2017
Years in legal profession	7
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	State of Florida, April 2017. Middle District of Florida - Federal Court, July 2017
Are you a current or former judge?	No
Area(s) of Practice (check all that apply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil</li> <li>• Criminal</li> </ul>
List the primary areas in which you specialize or have legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.	Family Law (Divorce) - 75% Criminal Defense - 5% Estate Planning - 15% Landlord/Tenant - 5%
Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments in which you have participated as legal counsel:	100-200
Number of jury trials in which you have participated:	0
Number of bench trials in which you have participated:	2
Number of arbitration hearings in which you have participated as legal counsel or hearing officer:	0-5
Number of administrative hearings in which you have participated as legal counsel or hearing officer:	0-5
Percentage of your time representing plaintiffs:	33
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	67

In 400 words or fewer, without discussing any issue that may come before you as a judge, explain why you would be a good judge. Consider what relevant skills and experience you gained from previous employment that you will bring to the bench.

I have had the opportunity to represent hundreds of clients in a wide variety of different legal areas. This experience, being on both "sides" of a large amount of different styles of cases gives me a unique opportunity to see issues from all sides. This unique ability, having first-hand knowledge of the inner workings of our legal system may prove beneficial for future parties, attorneys or colleagues who may appear before the Court or need rulings. This does not mean that there would ever be a predisposition to outcomes or rulings, but having a true understanding of the complexity of all types of cases within County Court can bring a human element to the proceedings. Having participated in different capacities within the court system affords the ability to understand each party, each counsel and ensure that a proper ruling could be made. Being able to participate in the legal system from different angles and on a variety of topics is not something that you can fully be taught or understand without being part of the system as a practitioner. Ensuring that the complexity and stress of a legal situation does not mean that we cannot be civil, all be given ample opportunity to be heard and not fear the use or experience within our legal system. In my experience as an attorney, I have handled cases relating to; criminal defense, landlord/tenant, small claims disputes, injunctions, estate planning, family law, personal injury, bankruptcy and contract drafting. In addition to the practice of law, I have remained diligent and organized as a small business owner within the community, which greatly aids in the ability to manage a variety of tasks at once and keep on track, keep timely and stay organized.

I have worked in the legal field for over 12 years, working my way up from Receptionist for a large firm, to Document Specialist, Paralegal and then attorney. Being a part of the legal system is a passion of mine and one which I strive to ensure those who need to, are able to come before the court swiftly, be given a chance to be heard and have their matter resolved without fear or hostility.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE:	University of Central Florida
Degree received:	Bachelor's Degree - Criminal Justice
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Major - Criminal Justice Minor - Legal Studies Certificate - Criminal Profiling
GRADUATE DEGREE:	Barry University School of Law
Degree received:	Doctorate of Jurisprudence
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Trial Team Participant Graduation ranking, 9th in class
Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school:	100
WORK EXPERIENCE Upload Resume	<a href="#">resumeupdated_05.28.2024.pdf</a> 146.44 KB · PDF

The Florida Bar Judicial Voluntary Self Disclosure Statement

Please list activities, accomplishments, honors or leadership roles in pro bono, volunteer, public or military service.

-Assisted in the creation of a service through his law firm, wherein first responders could receive free Wills for their family (which ran from 2017-2020)  
-Provided free legal advice to members of the LGBTQ community, in conjunction with the Center in Orlando and the Center of Kissimmee

Have you 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?

No

Have you ever been convicted or pled no contest to a crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude?

No

Have you served in the military?

No