

Name	Ben Boylston
Judicial position sought	Circuit judge
Circuit Jurisdiction	5th Circuit, Group 20
Florida Bar number	13282
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	September 22, 2005
Years in legal profession	19
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Florida, 2005
Are you a current or former judge?	No
Area(s) of Practice (check all that apply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil • Criminal • Other
List the primary areas in which you specialize or have legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.	Criminal, 90% Civil, 5% Special Magistrate, 5%
Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments in which you have participated as legal counsel:	201+
Number of jury trials in which you have participated:	52
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:	201+
Percentage of your time representing plaintiffs:	0
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	0

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.

In my nineteen-year career as a lawyer, I've had many different perspectives. I've prosecuted criminal cases. I've represented criminal defendants as well as crime victims. I've helped local governments. I've drafted contracts and filed lawsuits.

I even serve part-time right now as a code enforcement special magistrate for the City of Tavares, presiding over hearings and deciding cases. Disputes between neighbors about the condition of the property next door can get pretty heated, but it's my job to keep things calm, listen to both sides, and make people feel they got a fair hearing even if I ruled against them.

I'm also the owner of my own law firm, and I've been a business owner since 2013. That means I know judges have to be efficient, because it's true that time is money. I've signed the front of paychecks, not just the back, and I've managed employees. I've lost sleep worrying about budgets and overhead. I pay business taxes each month.

These varied experiences would help me serve as a successful judge.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Degree received:	B.A.
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Bachelor of Arts Degree "With Distinction" (top 25% of class) conferred. Class/University Honors March 2000, April 2000, April 2001, and December 2001 (Class/University Honors is analagous to Dean's list, recognizing a G.P.A. above 3.5 for the semester).
GRADUATE DEGREE	Florida State University College of Law
Degree received:	J.D.
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Dean's List, Spring and Fall 2004; Book Award, Foreign Relations Law (Fall Semester, 2004).
Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school:	100
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Please list activities, accomplishments, honors or leadership roles in pro bono, volunteer, public or military service:

Lake County Bar Association: Member, 2005 - present; Director, July 2013 - June 2014; Vice President, July 2014 - June 2015; President, July 2015 - June 2016; Past President, July 2016 - June 2017.

The Florida Bar Grievance Committee "A", Fifth Judicial Circuit: Member, January 2015 - January 2018; Vice Chair, August - September 2017; Chair, October 2017 - January 2018.

Orange County Bar Association: Member, 2013-2016.

Lake-Sumter State College Foundation: Member of the Board of Directors, January 2017 – 2019.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Lake and Sumter Counties (later Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida): Member of the Board of Directors, May 2017 - 2022.

L.E.A.S.H. (an charitable organization focusing on trapping and spaying or neutering stray animals): Board Member, approximately 2014 - 2017

Leadership Lake County: Class of 2015.

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
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Have you ever been convicted or pled no contest to a crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude?	No
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Have you served in the military?	No
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