

**Lourdes Casanova**

Name	Lourdes Casanova
Judicial position sought	County judge
County Jurisdiction	Palm Beach County, Group 2
Florida Bar number	098319
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	September 19, 2012
Years in legal profession	11
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Florida September 19, 2012
Are you a current or former judge?	No
Area(s) of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil</li> <li>• Criminal</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>
List the primary areas in which you specialize or have legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.	Criminal: 40% Traffic: 30% Immigration: 20% Civil: 10%
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:	27
Number of bench trials in which you have participated:	24
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:	6-15
Percentage of your time representing plaintiffs:	10
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	90

**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.**

My track record in the courtroom, demeanor, commitment to service, and dedication to justice makes me the most qualified and prepared candidate for the County Court bench.

I began my legal career in public service as a prosecutor with the Palm Beach County State Attorney's office, where I appeared in court daily, litigated hundreds of cases, and conducted jury trials.

In private practice, I have litigated in the criminal, civil, and traffic divisions of our court system while continuing to serve our community through various organizations such as the Palm Beach County Hispanic Bar Association (President, 2023), Special Olympics and Latinos in Action.

In my capacity as successful small-business owner of a multi-practice law firm, I have demonstrated industry, resourcefulness, professionalism, and courtesy. My practice is primarily focused on County Court cases.

Each professional role has required making tough decisions, managing large caseloads & meeting legal deadlines. These experiences ensure I am ready to deliver justice while maintaining an efficient and effective courtroom.

I have been nominated four times by the Judicial Nominating Commission, reflecting my peers' confidence in my ability to serve as a judge.

My proven track record is reinforced by endorsements from our first responders (Police Benevolent Association, Fraternal Order of Police, and Professional Firefighters/Paramedics of Palm Beach County, Local 2928, IAFF), Women's Issues NOW, an organization founded by the National Organization for Women, and over 200 legal and community leaders who serve on my election committee.

My professional and community work has been recognized by several organizations, including:

- Super Lawyers, Rising Stars (2019-2024)
- Palm Beach County Hispanic Bar Association, Member of the Year (2021)
- The National Trial Lawyers, Top 40 Under 40 (2018)
- American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys, 10 Best Female Attorneys for Client Satisfaction (2016)

As the daughter of immigrants who came to America seeking freedom, I have a profound appreciation for our constitutional principles of due process, separation of powers, and access to courts. My parents instilled in me a deep sense of duty to serve our community, inspiring me to uphold the principles of integrity, fairness, and justice in our legal system.

I was raised in Palm Beach County and have dedicated my career to serving my community. It would be an honor to serve Palm Beach County in our judiciary.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	University of Florida
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Degree received:	Bachelor of Arts
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Cum Laude Dean's List Anderson Scholar - Fall 2006 President's Honor Roll - Fall 2005, Spring 2006
GRADUATE DEGREE	University of Florida, Levin College of Law
Degree received:	Juris Doctor
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Cum Laude Dean's List - Fall 2009, Fall 2010 Book Award: Comprehensive Law Practice Honors: Appellate Advocacy
Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school:	12
WORK EXPERIENCE Upload Resume	<a href="#">resume.pdf</a> 84.98 KB · PDF

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

01/2016 - Present: Palm Beach County Hispanic Bar Association - Immediate Past President (2024); President (2023); President Elect (2022); Corresponding Secretary / social media committee (2021) /Member of the Year; Board member at large / pro bono committee (2020)

06/2020 – Present: Palm Beach County Bar Association - Co-Chair, Immigration Session, Bench Bar Conference (2021-2022)

06/2022 – 02/2024: The Hispanic Vote of Palm Beach County - Board member at large (06/2022 – 02/2024); Election committee (06/2022 – 02/2024)

02/2022 – 05/2022: Women’s Foundation of Florida, Women on the Run Alumni Planning Committee (02/2022 – 05/2022)

2018 - 2020: Americans for Immigrant Justice, Volunteer Attorney – Conducted consultations at Immigration Legal Screening Clinics

08/19/2017 and 2019: El Sol Immigrant Resource Center – Immigration Consultations  
12/12/2015: Citizenship Clinic, Palm Beach State College, Volunteer

08/2012 - 03/2015\*: Office of the State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit - Assistant State Attorney (\*Began as CLI prior to receiving bar results, then was sworn in as an Assistant State Attorney)

01/2012 - 04/2012: Office of the State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit - Certified Legal Intern (CLI)

05/2011 - 07/2011: Office of the Attorney General – Statewide Prosecution - Extern

2008: Gainesville Pet Rescue Foster Parent for Homeless Dogs

The Florida Bar Judicial Voluntary Self Disclosure Statement

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