

Michael Colombo

Name	Michael Colombo
Judicial position sought	Circuit judge
Circuit Jurisdiction	20th Circuit, Group 28
Florida Bar number	88585
Date admitted to The Florida Bar *	03/30/2011
Years in legal profession	20+
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	U.S. Southern District of Florida 01/17/2023 U.S. District Court of Connecticut 05/05/2005 Florida 03/30/2011 Georgia 11/19/2009 Connecticut 11/20/2000
Are you a current or former judge?	No
Area(s) of Practice (check all that apply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil • Criminal
List the primary areas in which you specialize or have legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.	Criminal law - 80% Civil law - 20%
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:	100
Number of bench trials in which you have participated:	5
Number of arbitration hearings in which you have participated as legal counsel or hearing officer:	6-15
Number of administrative hearings in which you have participated as legal counsel or hearing officer:	6-15
Percentage of your time representing plaintiffs:	20
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	80

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 would bring over two decades of trial litigation experience into the courtroom. I practiced in both Connecticut and Florida, as a trial attorney. I gained invaluable experience appearing before numerous Judges.

I also have experience as a former Special Agent with the Department of Homeland Security, post 9-11, where I worked on sensitive matters after earning a Top-Secret Clearance.

In over a decade working as a prosecutor, I handled thousands of cases. My cases ranged from misdemeanors to capitol felonies. Communicating with the public, defense attorneys, and the police for so many years provided me with the practical knowledge to be a minister of justice in the courtroom. I also worked in the Special Victim's Unit with the State Attorney's Office, handling a variety of crimes against children, adults, and the elderly, which provided me with additional insight on complex matters.

In my career, I have also defended hundreds of individuals charged with a variety of crimes, ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies. I have protected the rights of my clients, their privileged communications, and advocated on their behalf. My experience in private practice taught me how to listen and diagnose the legal problems of our citizens.

I have the unique experience to have been on both sides, prosecuting and defending. This experience will greatly benefit me as a Judge because I will be able to quickly assess cases and identify the work that lawyers need to accomplish. My background puts me in a position to resolve legal conflicts expeditiously, with impartiality and fairness.

Due to the volume of cases that I have handled over the years, I have written a large number of motions and legal memorandums. Therefore, I can readily spot legal issues and promptly formulate appropriate responses.

Before practicing law in Florida, I handled employment, family, and civil litigation (personal injury) matters in Connecticut, where I gained a plethora of knowledge. As a solo practitioner, I was involved in a significant employment dispute between a local city and my client, a firefighter, which became a published opinion regarding disability discrimination on promotional exams. I also argued a civil insurance dispute to the Connecticut Supreme Court, which had bypassed the Appellate Court, based on arguing an issue of first impression.

I also raised three children with my wonderful wife, while devoting my life to the law. I have the life experience to be fair and impartial.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	University of Scranton
Degree received:	Bachelor of Science
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	captain of baseball and wrestling team (1993-94) senior year.

The Florida Bar Judicial Voluntary Self Disclosure Statement

GRADUATE DEGREE	Quinnipiac University School of Law
Degree received:	Juris Doctor
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	American Jurisprudence award - Lawyer's Professional Responsibility course.
Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school:	1200
WORK EXPERIENCE Upload Resume	colombo_resume.docx 178.45 KB · DOCX
Please list activities, accomplishments, honors or leadership roles in pro bono, volunteer, public or military service:	Department of Homeland Security, Special Agent - 2009-2012 Lead collateral case agent in the 2010 Times Square (NYC) Bombing
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