

Heloiza Correa

Name	Heloiza Correa
Judicial position sought	Circuit judge
Circuit Jurisdiction	11th Circuit, Group 29
Florida Bar number	78124
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	04/16/2010
Years in legal profession	14
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Florida and Southern District of Florida
Are you a current or former judge?	No
Area(s) of Practice	<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.	Commercial litigation and Construction litigation: 80% Civil litigation: 15% Criminal: 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:	33
Number of bench trials in which you have participated:	60
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:	60
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	40

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 began my legal career in public service as a Miami-Dade Assistant State Attorney, dedicated to serving the people of Florida. During my tenure, I developed a deep passion for the law and the judicial system's role in resolving people's problems. This passion has driven me to gain extensive experience across various legal areas, including criminal, civil, and probate law.

My diverse experiences as a government employee, law firm associate, and business owner uniquely qualify me for a position on the bench. As a former prosecutor, I managed a caseload of over 200 cases simultaneously, prepared for more than 60 jury trials every two weeks, and effectively communicated with victims, next of kin, witnesses, and opposing counsel to resolve cases promptly despite the constant influx of new cases. As an associate and now a business owner of my own law firm, I have gained extensive civil litigation experience and understand the critical importance of making well-informed rulings and being thoroughly prepared for court.

Lastly, jury trial experience is crucial for the Circuit Court Judge position. Over my 14-year career as a litigator, I have conducted 33 jury trials to verdict, encompassing both civil and criminal cases. These trials have included misdemeanors, armed burglary, DUI manslaughter, and first-degree murder cases on the criminal side, as well as fraud and contract disputes on the civil side.

I believe my strong reputation in both the legal and non-legal communities will be a significant asset if I am honored with the opportunity to become a judge this August. I am deeply committed to several voluntary Florida Bar groups and nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping those in need in our community. Miami-Dade deserves a judge who genuinely cares about the community as a whole, and lawyers deserve a judge who is actively involved in the betterment of the legal community, who is well-prepared, and who treats all who appear before them with respect. If elected, I am committed to being that kind of judge.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	Florida International University
Degree received:	Bachelor's degree in political science and international Relations
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Pi Sigma Alpha – Political Science Honors Society Delta Epsilon Iota – National Academic Honors Society
GRADUATE DEGREE	University of Miami School of Law
Degree received:	Juris Doctor
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Marco A. Vasquez Memorial Litigation Skills Scholarship Recipient John T. Gaubatz 1L Moot Court Competition Finalist Intra-Campus Mock Trial Competition Semi-Finalist
Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school:	0
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Please list activities, accomplishments, honors or leadership roles in pro bono, volunteer, public or military service:

Prosecutor Award of Honor from MADD for my work with next of kin in a DUI Manslaughter case;
Judicial Luminaries & Law Library Gala (Judicial Selection Committee- trailblazer award)- 2021;
MDFAWL CLE Committee Co-Chair 2021 and 2022);
MDFAWL Judicial Reception Committee Co-Chair 2022;
MDFAWL Trial Skills Workshop Co-Chair 2021-2023;
Cuban American Bar Association ("CABA") (Co-Chair for CABA Pro Bono Marlins Night Committee 2022;
Co-founder of a Cake for a Smile

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