

Ashley Cox

Name	Ashley Cox
Judicial position sought	Circuit judge
Circuit Jurisdiction	4th Circuit, Group 34
Florida Bar number	10973
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	2004
Years in legal profession	22
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Florida 2004 Georgia 2002
Are you a current or former judge?	No
Area(s) of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal • Other
List the primary areas in which you specialize or have legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.	Family Law (presently 100%) Criminal Law (past 75%) Administrative Law (past 10%) Licensure Defense (past 15%) Dependency (Volunteer Guardian ad Litem attorney)
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:	7
Number of bench trials in which you have participated:	20
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:	16-30
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.

My diverse legal experience, academic achievement, and extensive community service throughout all phases of my life will make me an excellent judge. I graduated magna cum laude from Duke University. Wanting to pursue public service, following college, I taught for two years on the Southside of Chicago as part of the Inner-City Teaching Corps. I then attended Northwestern Law School, where I graduated top ten percent of my class. After graduating law school, I practiced two years as a Skadden Fellow attorney at Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc. implementing a consumer advocacy project aimed at combatting predatory lending practices. From there, I moved to Jacksonville, and became an Assistant State Attorney, prosecuting misdemeanor and felony cases as well as being chosen by the State Attorney to work on a grand jury investigation of possible misuse of city funds for a capital project. I am now a director at Bedell, Dittmar, DeVault, Pillans & Coxe, where I have practiced since 2006. I have experience with criminal defense, administrative law, representing clients before The Florida Bar and the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. For the last eight years my practice has focused primarily on family law. I am a volunteer Guardian ad Litem attorney, and have volunteered weekly at the Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry in the food pantry. I am the chair of the parent council at Providence School of Jacksonville and am the past chair of the School Advisory Council at Atlantic Beach Elementary. My diverse legal experience and community involvement make me uniquely qualified to be a Circuit Judge. I will work hard to ensure cases are resolved effectively and efficiently. I will treat everyone with dignity and respect, and I will follow the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	Duke University
Degree received:	BA
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Magna Cum Laude President Delta Gamma Sorority Chair of Edgemont Tutoring Resident Advisor Community Service Chair of Wesley Fellowship
GRADUATE DEGREE	Northwestern School of Law
Degree received:	2002
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Order of the Coif Member of Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology President and Treasurer of Student Funded Public Interest Fellowship Chairperson of Student Bar Association Public Interest Committee Legal Advocate for Juvenile Defendants at Northwestern School of Law Bluhm Legal Clinic
Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school:	500

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

2019 Barry Sinoff Award of Excellence in Family Law
2020 Women of Influence by Jacksonville Business Journal
2013 Fellow, The Florida Bar Leadership Academy
Martindale-Hubbell AV Rated
Guardian ad Litem, 2013 to present
Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry Food Pantry Volunteer 2020 to present Friends of Atlantic Beach Elementary Past President
Past School Advisory Chair Atlantic Beach Elementary
Chair Providence Parent Council
Past Vice-President Fletcher Middle School School Advisory Council
Justice Teaching Volunteer, 2014-2016
The Florida Supreme Court Criminal Law Jury Instruction Committee 2014-2019 Jacksonville Bar Association Bench & Bar Professionalism Committee Chair 2016-2017

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