

Heidi Davis

Name	Heidi Davis
Judicial position sought	Circuit judge
Circuit Jurisdiction	5th Circuit, Group 13
Florida Bar number	140960
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	May 1998
Years in legal profession	26
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Florida 1998
Are you a current or former judge?	Yes
Please list the judicial position, jurisdiction, and years of your current and/or prior judicial experience.	I was commissioned as a Circuit Court Judge in December of 2010. I have served in three counties in the Fifth Judicial Circuit, the last 12 years I have served in Lake County.
Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments over which you have presided:	200+
Number of jury trials over which you have presided:	50+
Number of bench trials over which you have presided:	100+
<p>In 400 words or fewer, without discussing any issue that has or 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 bring to the bench.</p> <p>In the nearly 14 years I have served as a Circuit Court Judge, I have effectively managed my docket, consistently having some of the lowest docket numbers in my jurisdiction. I have never had to respond to a JQC or Bar complaint. I have handled over 18,000 cases with fewer than ten successful appeals. I served as the county's administrative judge from 2018-2022 during the height of Covid. I was the first female judge to serve in Hernando County and am currently the first and only female Circuit Court Judge in Lake County. I have the knowledge, experience and temperament to continue to serve my community with dedication and dignity.</p>	
Pre-Judicial Area(s) of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil • Criminal • Other
List the primary areas in which you specialized or had legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.	Currently, I preside over felony cases (50%), probate cases (25%), and civil non-jury (25%). I have presided over every type of case in the circuit court from adoptions to death penalty.

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Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments in which you participated as legal counsel:	16-30
Number of jury trials in which you participated:	3
Number of bench trials in which you participated:	0
Number of arbitration hearings in which you participated as legal counsel or hearing officer:	0-5
Number of administrative hearings in which you participated as legal counsel or hearing officer:	0-5
Percentage of your time representing plaintiffs:	0
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	100
Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	University of South Carolina
Degree received:	BA
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Coors Veteran's Scholarship, Harry S. Truman Award, Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship
GRADUATE DEGREE	Stetson College of Law
Degree received:	Juris Doctorate, cum laude
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Finalist for Moot Court, Teaching Fellow for Research and Writing. Single mom with a one year old at the start of law school.
Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school:	40
WORK EXPERIENCE Upload Resume	resume.wpd 9.09 KB · WPD
Please list activities, accomplishments, honors or leadership roles in pro bono, volunteer, public or military service:	I have taught at Florida Judicial College. I was on the Board for the Lake County Bar Association and was a founding officer for the Lake County Inn of Court. I worked with the GAL and DCF to promote adoption day in Lake County.

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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