

Jennifer Dubbeld

Name	Jennifer Dubbeld
Judicial position sought	Circuit judge
Circuit Jurisdiction	6th Circuit, Group 14
Florida Bar number	27706
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	09/28/2006
Years in legal profession	17
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	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.	Criminal - litigation- 99%, Civil- 1%
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:	32
Number of bench trials in which you have participated:	16
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:	0
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	100

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 have served as an Assistant Public Defender for 17 years, and I have extensive litigation experience. I am in the courtroom litigating almost every day of the week. I have the hands-on courtroom experience required of a trial judge. I am known throughout the courthouse for always being prepared, professional and straightforward.

My daily courtroom experience assisting clients, negotiating with opposing parties and artfully arguing in front of judges gives me the necessary insight of the courtroom that is needed from a trial court judge. I have extensive litigation experience which includes effectively and clearly articulating a position, thinking on my feet, and dealing with adversity in a calm and effective manner, which are all qualities that are important for a judge to have. Just as judges don't get to pick the cases that appear before them, as an Assistant Public Defender, I never get to pick my cases. I always objectively analyze each case prior to deciding how to proceed, and I never let my personal feelings or beliefs interfere with the Constitutionally prudent advice that I provide to my clients. I am a strong Constitutionalist that protects our individual rights and liberties daily. I have extensive experience dealing with difficult situations and difficult parties, as criminal law can be very emotional at times. I always maintain professionalism and ethics, regardless of who my client is.

It is critical that a judge possesses the proper demeanor and the ability to maintain this demeanor in the most difficult situations in court. Throughout my numerous jury trials and thousands of court hearings, I have proven my ability to navigate battles, pitfalls and quick decision making that are inherent in our system of justice.

Throughout my 17 years as an Assistant Public Defender, I have earned the respect of numerous judges, law enforcement personnel, clerks, court reporters, private attorneys and opposing counsel. My knowledge, skills, and courtroom experience are invaluable, and this places me in a unique position to continue to maintain the integrity of our Judicial System and become a reliable judge.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	University of South Florida
Degree received:	Bachelor of Arts
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Major in Criminal Justice
GRADUATE DEGREE	Thomas M. Cooley Law School
Degree received:	Juris Doctor
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Innocence Project, Moot Court
Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school:	60
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Please list activities, accomplishments, honors or leadership roles in pro bono, volunteer, public or military service:

Volunteer on the Intervention and Appeals Committee at Madeira Beach Fundamental School, Volunteer at Madeira Beach Fundamental Elementary and Middle School, Mentor at Osceola Fundamental High School, Mentor for Lawyers for Literacy, Volunteer at Fluff Animal Rescue, Volunteer at Habitat for Humanity, Member of Indian Rocks Beach Rotary Club, Volunteer Mediator/ Arbitrator with the Florida Bar Grievance Mediation and Fee Arbitration Program

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