

Andrea Fant

Name	Andrea Fant
Judicial position sought	Circuit judge
Circuit Jurisdiction	18th Circuit, Group 17
Florida Bar number	0068714
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	09/29/2009
Years in legal profession	14 years
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Florida 09/29/2009
Are you a current or former judge?	No
Area(s) of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil • Criminal • Other
List the primary areas in which you specialize or have legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.	Criminal Law 06/06/2019 - present 100% Family Law 10/2011 - 06/2019 85%
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:	18
Number of bench trials in which you have participated:	55
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:	201+
Percentage of your time representing plaintiffs:	50
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	50

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.

Over the course of 14 years as an attorney, I have gained both Civil and Criminal experience. Currently, I serve as an Assistant Public Defender by representing defendants who are indigent. As an APD, I manage a high-volume caseload involving individuals with criminal charges ranging from misdemeanors to first degree felonies. My clientele also includes persons with mental health illnesses, autism and intellectual disabilities, and drug addiction. I have taken cases to verdict during jury trials and have litigated complex legal issues including but not limited to matters involving Motions to Suppress and Florida's Stand Your Ground statute. Additionally, I have argued two cases before the Fifth District Court of Appeals.

Prior to becoming an Assistant Public Defender, I practiced primarily in Family and Civil Law. I was also an attorney with the Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement Division, where I acted on behalf of the State of Florida to establish paternity, initiate child support, and prosecute parents who willfully failed to meet their child support obligations.

With my diverse experience and passion for the law, I am committed to strengthening confidence in the court's administration of justice by honoring impartiality and fairness in court proceedings. I believe our courts should afford equal access to justice for all members of the community, regardless of background, socio-economic status, and other factors.

I am also committed to improving our system of justice. My experience in representing individuals with mental illnesses, intellectual disabilities, and drug addiction have equipped me with knowledge and insight in programs that are available to the court. Further, with a wealth of experience as a litigator, I wish to improve court efficiency. Specifically, I understand the importance of streamlining the legal process without compromising constitutional rights.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	Florida State University
Degree received:	Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Dean's List Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society Psi Chi Honor Society W.E.B. DuBois Honor Society Reynolds Hall Government, Vice-President
GRADUATE DEGREE	Florida A&M University
Degree received:	Juris Doctor
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Arbitration Practice Skills Team Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Society, President
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:

Daily Bread, Inc., Volunteer
The Children's Hunger Project, Volunteer Wreaths Across America, Volunteer
Veteran Cemetery Restorations, Inc., Volunteer

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