

Name	Scott Janowitz
Judicial position sought	County judge
County Jurisdiction	Miami-Dade County, Group 29
Florida Bar number	23737
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	4/28/2006
Years in legal profession	18
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Colorado (2012); Georgia (2020) 11th Circuit - US Court of Appeals (2013) USDC - Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida (all 2009)
Are you a current or former judge?	Yes
Please list the judicial position, jurisdiction, and years of your current and/or prior judicial experience.	County Court Judge, Miami-Dade County, 2020-2023
Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments over which you have presided:	101-200
Number of jury trials over which you have presided:	8
Number of bench trials over which you have presided:	62

**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.**

I wish to return to the bench to continue to serve this community where I was born and raised. My wife and I are not only raising our 3 children, but we are also foster parents to 3 children. We have been active at our local school including installation of an autism garden; committed ourselves to public service; served at our temple; and have sat on communal boards (I specifically am on the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board and the City of West Miami Charter Review Board).

I believe I have demonstrated that I have the personality, dedication, character, and experience to be a competent and well-respected judge. This journey is not a “next step,” but a goal that I have undertaken since 2012. I am proud of the analysis of my character and ability by the various JNCs over the years as well as judicial surveys taken during the 2022 election which demonstrated I was a prepared and qualified judge who treated people fairly yet was able to bring case counts down with expanded hearing time availability and timely rulings (including generally writing my own orders). I proved that I know how to run a courtroom.

During my 18-year legal career, I have practiced on both sides of the aisle in multiple areas and have a substantial amount of trial experience. I have worked in different-sized law firms, so I understand the needs and concerns of practitioners. I truly love the law and humbly respect the importance of judicial rulings and how they can greatly impact the outcome of a case. I am honored to have taught CLE courses over the years and mentor new attorneys. I am AV-rated in both insurance and criminal law.

I value the dedication it takes to be a judge to ensure access to the courts and that justice occurs in each case. I value availability, accessibility, preparedness, competency, and having an appropriate temperament.

Leadership is also an important quality, which is why I was honored to serve as an associate administrative judge for county civil, spearheading the Court's eviction ADR platform and changing administrative processes to resolve cases faster. I remain dedicated to advancing our legal profession by being active in various bar associations and serving the Florida Bar on both the Small Claims Committee and the Code and Rules of Evidence Committee (including the Artificial Intelligence subcommittee).

Prejudicial Area(s) of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil</li> <li>• Criminal</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>
List the primary areas in which you specialized or had legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.	Property Insurance - 50% Criminal - 25% Personal Injury - 20% Other Civil Litigation - 5%
Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments in which you participated as legal counsel:	201+
Number of jury trials in which you participated:	90
Number of bench trials in which you participated:	15
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:	50
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	50
Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	Carnegie Mellon University
Degree received:	1999
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Computing Skills Workshop head instructor; Undergraduate Sexual Harassment Advisor; Assistant Sports Radio Director; Honor Board Chair and Treasurer for my fraternity.
GRADUATE DEGREE	University of Miami
Degree received:	2005
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Senate Parliamentarian; Mock Trial Team; Law School Ambassador
Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school:	300
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**Please list activities, accomplishments, honors or leadership roles in pro bono, volunteer, public or military service:**

Professionally

- Florida Bar – Code & Rules of Evidence (2020 – Present); Liaison to Business Law Section (2023-Present); Advisory Subcommittee to the Florida Bar on Artificial Intelligence (2023 – Present)
- Florida Bar – Small Claims Rules Committee (2023 – Present)
- Florida Bar – Legal Needs of Children Member (2008-2014); (Co-Chair - Direct Filing subcommittee – 2010-2012)

Personally

Foster Parent to 3 children; Miami-Dade Historic Preservation Board; City of West Miami Charter Review Commission; Sylvania Heights PTA; Member of Temple Beth Am

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
Enter email address if you would like to receive a copy of your Voluntary	<a href="mailto:scott@lawjbs.com">scott@lawjbs.com</a>

Self Disclosure Statement submission.  
(This will not be part of the published  
submission.)

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