

Douglas Leifert

Name	Douglas Leifert
Judicial position sought	County judge
County Jurisdiction	Palm Beach County, Group 2
Florida Bar number	876674
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	12/20/1990
Years in legal profession	33.5
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Florida December 20, 1990 District of Columbia, December 5, 2011
Are you a current or former judge?	No
Area(s) of Practice (check all that apply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil • Criminal • Government
List the primary areas in which you specialize or have legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.	Criminal Defense 40% Traffic Defense 40% Civil Defense 20%
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:	60
Number of bench trials in which you have participated:	500
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:	10
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	90

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 been a Palm Beach County lawyer for almost 34 years, lived in the community for 32 years, been married for 25 years and have raised my family here. I feel fortunate to have been able to live and work here all of these years. Palm Beach County gave me the start, training and experience necessary to have a successful career as an Attorney in private practice and I have always sought to serve this community as a result. Running for Judge is the highest call to serve that there is in this profession.

Essential qualities for a Judge include fairness, impartiality, patience, and integrity. A Judge must be able to listen attentively, evaluate evidence without bias, and apply the law consistently while treating everyone with respect.

I exemplify these qualities through my 29 years of experience in private practice, where I have handled over 50,000 cases. This extensive experience has taught me the importance of being fair and impartial, ensuring that every party feels heard and respected in an efficient manner.

I am known for my patience and ability to remain calm and composed, even in challenging situations. I always have a smile on my face before and after Court, no matter the outcome as I truly enjoy my time in the Courtroom.

I have represented individuals and families from all aspects of our community and from all over the world. South Florida is a diverse multi-cultural community and attracts visitors from everywhere. I have always enjoyed the opportunity to learn about and serve the different cultures that make up our community.

My reputation for honesty and integrity is a cornerstone of my career, and I am committed to maintaining these values on the bench. The only thing we as professionals' control is our reputation for honesty by always being truthful and to show respect to others.

After almost five years as a Prosecutor, I continued to serve the community as a volunteer Judge in the Youth Court for over 20 years and was awarded the Governor's Community Service Award for same. In addition, I give 100's of free consultations each year to members of our community with pride. My family and I are regular participants in local community service opportunities.

It is this experience and perspective that makes me uniquely qualified to run for election and serve the community as a County Court Judge.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION	University of Miami
Degree received:	Bachelors in Business Administration
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Treasurer, Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity 1984-1985
GRADUATE EDUCATION	Nova Southeastern University School of Law

The Florida Bar Judicial Voluntary Self Disclosure Statement

Degree received:	Juris Doctor
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Dean's List, Law Review
Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school:	300
WORK EXPERIENCE Upload Resume	dil_headshot.jpg 1.10 MB · JPG
Please list activities, accomplishments, honors or leadership roles in pro bono, volunteer, public or military service:	Volunteer Judge, Palm Beach County Youth Court 1997-2020 Member Palm Beach County Bar Association Member, Florida Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys Member, Palm Beach County Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys Member, South Palm Beach County Bar Association
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