

Carol-Lisa Phillips

Name	Carol-Lisa Phillips
Judicial position sought	Circuit judge
Circuit Jurisdiction	17th Circuit, Group 1
Florida Bar number	821500
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	October 3, 1989
Years in legal profession	34 years
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	State of Florida
Are you a current or former judge?	Yes
Please list the judicial position, jurisdiction, and years of your current and/or prior judicial experience.	Circuit Court Judge, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, 20+ years
Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments over which you have presided:	200+
Number of jury trials over which you have presided:	300 (modestly)
Number of bench trials over which you have presided:	200

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 have been a Circuit Court Judge for more than 20 years. It is an honor to serve the residents of Broward County. I have lived here since 1966, I am a product of the Broward County school system. I graduated from Boyd Anderson High School, Broward College and the University of Florida. I have a strong work ethic and have always been taught to treat people with dignity and respect. I have a reputation of being even tempered, punctual, hard-working and having the courage and strength to follow the law in the most difficult cases.

I currently serve in the Complex Litigation division, presiding over lengthy jury and non-jury trials with multiple parties and complex issues. I have also served in the general civil litigation division, the family division and domestic violence.

Since July 1, 2017, I have had the honor to serve as the Administrative Judge of the Circuit Civil Divisions. I have also sat in an appellate capacity from county to circuit multiple times and as an associate judge at the Fourth District Court of Appeal on two occasions.

Prior to becoming a judge, I was a civil litigation attorney for 14 years. I successfully represented hundreds of clients at the discovery level, and tried 71 jury trials to verdict. I was also a certified legal intern at the State Attorneys Office gaining valuable hearing and trial experience.

Pre-judicial 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.	95% Civil and 5% Criminal
Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments you participated in as legal counsel:	100-200
Number of jury trials in which you participated:	71
Number of bench trials in which you participated:	10
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:	5
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	95
Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	University of Florida
Degree received:	BA
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Athletic Scholarship to Broward College
GRADUATE DEGREE	Nova Southeastern University
Degree received:	JD
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Advanced Trial Advocacy Program
Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school:	1000
WORK EXPERIENCE Upload Resume	image.jpg 1.77 MB · JPG

Please list activities, accomplishments, honors or leadership roles in pro bono, volunteer, public or military service:

ABOTA Judge of the Year award 2009 and 2020. Broward County Women’s Lawyer Association, Broward County Bar Association and the 17th Judicial Circuit for my leadership and service in the Women’s Legal Community of Broward County in 2022. Broward County Hispanic Bar Association and ABOTA recognized me for my exceptional role as an ally and advocate of inclusivity in the legal profession and commitment to mentoring the next generation of litigators. In 2021, Broward County Trial Lawyers Association recognized me for my education and the advancement of the legal profession and in 2024 I was recognized for assisting and enriching the trial lawyers community. Pursuers of Justice Tzedek award 2024. Broward Bar “Friend of the Bar” award in 2020. Past president and member Kiwanis Club since 1990. Citizens Police Academy, Waterway Cleanup Volunteer each year since 2011, Chair Vexatious Litigation Committee (appointed by the Florida Supreme Court), TIMS, case management committee (appointed by the Florida Supreme Court). Past member American Cancer Society, HANDY, Helping Abused and Neglected Youth, Hospice Hundred-Board Member, Partners for Pace, Center for Girls, PAWS, Auxiliary of the Humane Society, Broward County Bar Association-currently Vice Chair of the Bench and Bar Committee, American Inns of Court, Florida Worker’s Compensation Insurance Guaranty Association, Law Day Committee-Broward Bar.

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