

Samuel Stark

Name	Samuel Stark
Judicial position sought	County judge
County Jurisdiction	Broward County, Group 10
Florida Bar number	112193
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	September 15, 2014
Years in legal profession	9+
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Florida - September 15, 2014 Washington D.C. - August 19, 2022
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 Defense (95%) Family (5%)
Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments in which you have participated as legal counsel:	31-50
Number of jury trials in which you have participated:	25
Number of bench trials in which you have participated:	2
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:	5
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	95

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.

As a practicing attorney, I've been in a courtroom 90% of my days. As a public defender, I handled approximately 1,000 cases ranging from traffic-criminal offenses to punishable-by-life felonies. In private practice, I've had the opportunity to handle cases all over Florida's counties (Broward, Dade, West Palm, Collier, St. Lucie, Martin, Brevard, Alachua). I've counseled or co-counseled close to 30 trials, both jury and non-jury. I've composed and argued numerous motions to dismiss and suppress. As a traffic magistrate, I presided over 750+ cases and handled everything from pre-trial conferences to trials. During my time as a traffic magistrate, I ruled on evidentiary motions and objections and made judgments by applying the facts of a case to the law. My vast courtroom experience has helped me to adequately perceive what judicial qualities work in a courtroom and which ones don't.

I'm very involved in the community (Habitat for Humanity, Holy Cross Hospital, MusicLink, Sister Robin's Street Market). These organizations have helped indwell in me humility, compassion and understanding. I believe these traits are necessary to promote optimal judicial temperament. My reputation is such that I've been described by my peers as humble. Interestingly enough, humble people have been described as having the following qualities: they are situationally aware, they make difficult decisions with ease, they listen and they accept feedback. These are all characteristics a good judge should possess.

I was born and raised in Broward County. I know the area and I know the people, both of which have given so much to me and my family. It's only right that in turn I try and serve this community and people to give back. My dedication to civil and community service, combined with my experience and personal qualities, would, I believe, make me a good judge.

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:	Bachelor of Science
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Dean's List, 2007-2008 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, 2006-2009 Kappa Sigma Brotherhood Development Council, 2010; Kappa Sigma Judicial Board, 2009 Kappa Sigma Internal Philanthropy, 2009; Assistant Director for Gator Growl, 2008
GRADUATE DEGREE	New England Law Boston
Degree received:	Juris Doctorate
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Dean's List, 2012-2014 Public Service Honor Roll, 2012 Public Interest Law Association Grant Recipient, 2013 Student Ambassador, 2012; Mentor/Mentee Program, 2012 Secretary of the Public Interest Law Association, 2012-2014

Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school: 100

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

Habitat for Humanity (2020-Present) Holy Cross Hospital (2022-2023) MusicLink Foundation (2022-Present) Sister Robin's Street Market (2023-Present)

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