

## Kathryn Wallace

Name	Kathryn Wallace
Judicial position sought	County judge
County Jurisdiction	Charlotte County, Group 1
Florida Bar number	0042249
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	September 2007
Years in legal profession	16
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Florida- 2007
Are you a current or former judge?	No
Area(s) of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil</li> <li>• Criminal</li> <li>• Government</li> </ul>
List the primary areas in which you specialize or have legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.	Currently practice in Family Law (60%); Dependency Law (25%); Criminal Law (15%).
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:	12
Number of bench trials in which you have participated:	75
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:	6-15
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.**

Wallace is a former felony prosecutor and served as a law clerk for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit before starting the Wallace Law Firm with her husband.

At the State Attorney’s Office, Wallace focused on the prosecution of economic crimes, DUI Manslaughter cases, and those cases involving the mentally ill. She managed both the Drug Court and Mental Health Court dockets. Working with the Crisis Intervention Team, she trained officers to help guide their interactions with the mentally ill.

In her six years as a staff attorney for County and Circuit Court Judges, Wallace conducted legal research and advised the judges regarding all areas of the law and all stages of a case. She was responsible for drafting memoranda, opinions, orders and reports.

Wallace has been able to view the courtroom from both representing state and defense as well as the view from the bench in working with the judges.

Wallace and her husband, Dennis, established the Wallace Law Firm in 2019, focusing her practice in family law matters and criminal defense. As a practitioner handling divorce, child custody, child support and dependency matters, Wallace is in the courtroom for hearings and trials on a daily basis.

Wallace believes in servant leadership. She believes that service to others is the most important demonstration of character. She is actively involved in Rotary on a club and district level. She has served as a board member for the Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies (C.A.R.E.) for 6 years and the United Way of Charlotte County for 4 years. She was named the Boys and Girls Club of Charlotte County Volunteer of the Year in 2022. For the past four years Wallace has been a coach with the Girls on the Run Program which strengthens third- to fifth grade girls’ social, emotional, physical and behavioral skills.

Wallace is a graduate of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Charlotte, Class of 2019 (Go Green!) and remains an active volunteer on Lizzy the Literacy Bus, the class legacy project, which provides books and a love of reading to children.

In the legal community, Wallace serves on the Executive Board of the Charlotte County Bar Association; has assisted in the Teen Court Diversion Program as a student attorney mentor and volunteer presiding judge; and has co-chaired the High School Mock Trial program for a number of years.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Degree received:	BS in Accounting & BA in Political Science
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Graduated with a minor in Criminal Justice as well.
GRADUATE DEGREE	Barry University School of Law
Degree received:	JD

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Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles: Graduated Magna Cum Laude; Note and Comment Editor on the Law Review; Research Assistant to both the then Assistant Dean and an Associate Professor; participant on Trial Team; received numerous book awards for top grade in specific classes; interned with the State Attorney's Office.

Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school: 120

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

Boys and Girls Club Volunteer of the Year 2022  
Leadership Charlotte 2019 Graduate  
Girls on the Run Coach 2019 to Present  
Director, C.A.R.E. Board of Directors 2018 to 2024  
Director, United Way of Charlotte County, 2019 to Present  
Charlotte County High School Mock Trial co-chair 2019 to present; scoring judge 2009 to 2019  
Charlotte County Bar Association Executive Board 2020 to present, current President  
Teen Court Attorney Advisor 2007 to 2019  
Charlotte County Law Library Committee  
Pro Bono work performed on behalf of clients of CARE or referred by CARE

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