

**Stephen Brown**

Name	Stephen Brown
Judicial position sought	Circuit judge
Circuit Jurisdiction	9th Circuit, Group 43
Florida Bar number	43406
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	09/2007
Years in legal profession	17
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Florida 09/2007
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.	Family Law: 75% Criminal: 20% Other: 5%
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:	70
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:	40
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	60

**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.**

My respect and regard for the process of law started long before I went to law school and became a lawyer. Even as a boy scout, I knew that justice and fairness were important and that they were, unfortunately, never guaranteed. Ensuring the fairness of any situation requires insight, empathy and, too often, courage. My respect for justice and fairness fueled my desire to go to law school, and was made even stronger by the education I received. As an attorney, I have always advocated diligently for the correct and just legal result for my client. As a judge, I will advocate with equal diligence and courage, for the rule of law, as written in our federal and state constitutions and statutes.

I have practiced law in the family, criminal, juvenile, civil, and probate divisions, keeping myself fully informed of the court rules of each division before which I have appeared. I am running for judge to put my legal knowledge, skills, and experience to work for my community. In the courts, institutional and community knowledge are very important to effectively resolve disputes. Unfortunately, due to turnover caused by resignation, elevation, and retirement, there is a substantial amount of loss of institutional and community knowledge in our trial courts. I am committed to stay local and serve as a trial judge as long as the voters continue to elect me. For me, that will be the most gratifying manner in which to serve my community and my country.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	The Florida State University
Degree received:	Dual Bachelors of Science
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	NRHH
GRADUATE DEGREE	The University of Florida Levin College of Law
Degree received:	Juris Doctor
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Graduated cum laude Teaching Assistant, Legal Research & Writing Teaching Assistant, Appellate Advocacy Certified Legal Intern - Virgil Hawkins Family Law Clinic Extern, Florida Institutional Legal Services
Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school:	180
WORK EXPERIENCE Upload Resume	<a href="#">resume.pdf</a> 70.26 KB · PDF
Please list activities, accomplishments, honors or leadership roles in pro bono, volunteer, public or military service:	Volunteer, Mercy Kitchen National Eagle Scout Association Member

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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