

## Sheena Rickerson

Name	Sheena Rickerson
Judicial position sought	County judge
County Jurisdiction	Hamilton County
Florida Bar number	104090
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	06/17/2013
Years in legal profession	11
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Florida 06/17/2013
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.**

Florida Bar Board Certified in Criminal Trial. I practiced as a prosecutor for the first 6 years of my career, and now have been defense attorney for the last 4 in private practice. I have handled family law, probate, estate planning, guardianships, injunctions and small civil cases in private practice. I also practice government law and was the Town Attorney for Jennings, Florida from 2020 to 2024 when I resigned to run for county Judge. I have also handled Marchaman and Baker acts as well as attorney ad litem cases as court appointed counsel.

Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments in which you have participated as legal counsel: 0-5

Number of jury trials in which you have participated: 46

Number of bench trials in which you have participated: 10

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: 25

Percentage of your time representing defendants: 75

**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 more experience and knowledge than many other attorneys in my 11-year career. The insight and experience I gained as a paralegal/legal assistant for years before I went to law school aided me in making better decisions when I was a prosecutor. It will do the same for me on the bench. It has also assisted me as a defense attorney now in private practice for 4 years. I have a wide variety of criminal law, family law, government law, and civil law experience. I have practical common sense, real-life experience, and many years of dealing with the public. I was the Town Attorney for Jennings until recently when I resigned to run for County Judge.

I am Board-Certified in Criminal Trial by the Florida Bar. Becoming board-certified is grueling and involves an extensive vetting process on skills, expertise, and ethics. The process involved recommendations and reviews from the judiciary, opposing counsel, and co-counsel. This type of certification is consistent with the same experience, expertise, qualifications, and ethical background needed to be a member of the judiciary. I am considered an expert in the field.

I clerked for two Circuit Court Judges in Duval County in law school. I am also a faculty member at the UF Public Defender/ Prosecutor Trial Advocacy program where I taught in 2022 & 2024. I teach as a guest speaker at our local law enforcement academy in Madison. I take pride in training law enforcement and young attorneys. I have trained two prior prosecutors in family law due to my many years of experience. Training young attorneys from the bench is important as a County Judge.

I grew up in Jacksonville and moved to Hamilton County in 2014. I am not from a family made of money nor have I ever had anything handed to me. I am the first person in two generations on both sides of my family to graduate from high school, much less college or law school. I have worked for everything in my life and my legal career. Even as a prosecutor, my past and upbringing allowed me to be a good gatekeeper and make sound decisions because I looked at both perspectives. While I may have struck hard, I would always strike fair. I know the difference between a bad person and a bad day.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	Yes
Board Certified Area of Practice	Criminal Trial
Are you still certified in this area?	Yes
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	University of North Florida
Degree received:	Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Pre-Law Club Member
GRADUATE DEGREE	Florida Coastal School of Law

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Degree received:	Juris Doctor
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Graduated with Pro bono Honors and Highest grade in Practical Professionalism Course, CALI Award. President of Criminal Law Society 2011-2012 and member during entire law school track
Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school:	200

WORK EXPERIENCE

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

The prosecutor of the year by FWC in 2014, FAWL Leader in the Law Award 2022, President of Florida Association of Women Lawyer's Third Judicial Circuit for two terms and current member, member of Third Judicial Circuit Bar Association since 2014, PTA president at Hamilton Elementary School, Past Town Attorney for Town of Jennings, Florida, Member of Chamber of Commerce in Hamilton County since 2020, hosted 5 or more pro bono legal clinics by my firm for seal/expunge and pardon/clemency the last 2 years, host and sponsor the annual trunk or treat, easter egg hunt, and Christmas toy drive in Hamilton County for the last 4 years.

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