

LaShawn Riggins

Name	LaShawn Riggins
Judicial position sought	County judge
County Jurisdiction	Leon County, Group 4
Florida Bar number	29454
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	9/22/2006
Years in legal profession	17
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Admitted to practice in all courts of the State of Florida (9/22/2006), the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida (6/29/2015) and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (10/11/2023).
Are you a current or former judge?	No
Area(s) of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil • Criminal • Government

List the primary areas in which you specialize or have legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.

Currently my practice area consists of general governmental, civil torts, employment, land use and civil litigation. I have legal expertise in matters involving tourism, labor and employment, public libraries, risk management and claims liability, public safety and emergency management, HIPAA compliance, contracts, bid protests, construction defects, Florida's Sunshine and Public Record Laws, ethics, litigation, constitutional and statutory interpretation, code enforcement, criminal and civil litigation.

Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments in which you have participated as legal counsel:	16-30
Number of jury trials in which you have participated:	20
Number of bench trials in which you have participated:	5
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 50
plaintiffs:

Percentage of your time representing 50
defendants:

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.

A good judge must be fair and unbiased in their decisions, without allowing personal beliefs or biases to influence their judgment. I am a firm believer in this principle and will uphold it. A good judge must have a thorough understanding of the legal system, including relevant laws, regulations, and precedent cases. During my legal career, which has now spanned over 17 years, I have spent the majority of my time in public service, having the honor of serving first as an Assistant State Attorney for the Florida First Judicial Circuit, in Shalimar, Florida between 2006-2011. During this time, I also taught Criminal Law and Judicial Process as an adjunct professor for the University of West Florida. In 2011, I was hired as an Assistant County Attorney in the Leon County Attorney's Office, before being promoted to Deputy County Attorney in 2017 where I served until July 2023. Now employed as Of Counsel, for Nabors, Giblin and Nickerson P.A., I still have the honor of serving Florida's cities and counties in a myriad of issues. Over the years I have gained an extensive background in the types of matters that are heard in county court ranging from civil disputes, contract issues, violations of city/county ordinances, animal cases, to criminal misdemeanors. I am truly well rounded and fortunate to have been able to practice both criminal and civil law during my career.

Furthermore, a good judge must act with honesty and integrity, upholding the principles of justice and fairness in all decisions. I've dedicated my career to upholding justice and serving our community. A good judge must have a calm, patient, and respectful demeanor, treating all parties involved in a case with dignity and respect. I am also an ordained pastor and life coach that exemplifies these characteristics. Additionally, I possess strong analytical skills, I can carefully consider and evaluate evidence, arguments, and legal principles. I can clearly and effectively communicate with individuals in a matter in which they know they have been heard and treated fairly. I have a deep respect for the rule of law and the principles of justice, ensuring that all individuals are treated equally under the law. I am dedicated to upholding justice and fairness in all decisions, striving to protect the rights of all individuals involved in a case.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice? No

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE Kennesaw State University

Degree received: B.S. and M.P.A

Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles: N/A

GRADUATE DEGREE Florida Coastal School of Law

Degree received: J.D.

Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles: President of the Criminal Law Society

Number of hours devoted to public work while in law school: 0

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

Throughout my legal career, I have also focused on providing service to the legal community and to the broader community in numerous ways. This includes volunteer speaking engagements, mentoring FSU law students, volunteering with various charitable organizations, and service to voluntary bar organizations. I was appointed by the Florida Supreme Court, and I am currently serving my second term on the Florida Bar Professional Ethics Committee. I stay involved with the community through outreach ministry. In addition, I work as a life coach assisting others with resiliency skills and overcoming adversity. I am a proud military veteran. I am also the 2023 recipient of the Rose Deeb Kitchen Award and was recognized in 2019 by the Tallahassee Democrat "25 Women You Need to Know."

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? Yes

Was your discharge anything other than honorable, or did you receive a court martial? No