

Jonathan Skinner

Name	Jonathan Skinner
Judicial position sought	County judge
County Jurisdiction	Brevard County, Group 10
Florida Bar number	0106190
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	09/27/2013
Years in legal profession	10
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Florida
Are you a current or former judge?	No
Area(s) of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal
List the primary areas in which you specialize or have legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.	100% Criminal Prosecution
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:	85
Number of bench trials in which you have participated:	15
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:	100
Percentage of your time representing defendants:	0

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 career in public service to Brevard County, my extensive jury trial experience combined with lifelong ties to Brevard County, and my commitment to follow the Rule of Law makes me the right choice for Brevard County Judge.

The experience gained over my career in the courtroom gives me the right experience needed to be a Judge. I have spent my career as a public servant protecting the citizens of Brevard County as an Assistant State Attorney. As a prosecutor, I have handled thousands of criminal cases including trying over 85 Jury trials and participating in hundreds of hearings in cases ranging from Driving Under the Influence to Murder. I am currently assigned to the Career Criminal and Firearm’s Unit that is focused on violent repeat offenders and criminals who use firearms.

I have the privilege to say that Phil Archer, the State Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, formally endorses me for Judge.

I want to continue to serve the community where I was born and raised. I am a proud product of the fantastic Brevard County Public School system, graduating from the same high school as my parents: Merritt Island High School in 2002. I attended Barry University, Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando. While in Law School, I participated in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), that helps low income, persons with disabilities, and limited English speaking taxpayers by assisting them in preparing their tax forms. I also served as treasurer of the Asian-Pacific Law Students Association. In addition, in my final year of law school I completed my Certified Legal Internship (CLI) at the Office of the State Attorney where I participated in three jury trials before graduating law school.

Outside of the courtroom, I have been an active volunteer in our community. I am currently on the board of directors for Serene Harbor, a local domestic violence shelter. I also volunteered with Teen Court, a juvenile pre-trial diversion program for first-time juvenile offenders, and served as a scoring judge in Brevard County High School Mock Trial Competition.

As Judge I would maintain an open mind until all the issues are fully presented, always be prepared for hearings, treat all who appear before me with dignity, courtesy, and respect, and I will uphold the rule of law by following the constitution and applying binding precedent.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	University of Central Florida
Degree received:	Bachelors of Science Business Administration
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Volunteer for Get Carded Volunteer Junior Achievement
Name of institution:	Barry University, Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law
GRADUATE DEGREE	Juris Doctor
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	Honors Litigation Certificate, treasurer of the Asian-Pacific Law Students Association, active member in Volunteer Income Tax Assistant Program (VITA). Certified Legal Internship with the Office of State Attorney for the 18th Judicial Circuit.
Number of hours devoted to public service work while in law school:	100

WORK EXPERIENCE

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

Current Board member of Serene Harbor, a Certified Domestic Violence Shelter
Former member of Volunteer Income Tax Assistant Program (VITA)
Scoring Judge for Brevard County High School Mock Trial Competition
Teen Court Volunteer

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