

Amber Thomas

Name	Amber Thomas
Judicial position sought	County judge
County Jurisdiction	Citrus County, Group 3
Florida Bar number	103178
Date admitted to The Florida Bar	4/22/2013
Years in legal profession	11
Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice and date (s) admitted	Florida - 4/2013
Are you a current or former judge?	No
Area(s) of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil • Criminal • Government • Other
List the primary areas in which you specialize or have legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.	Criminal/postconviction - 40% Civil - 35% Family Law - 10% Probate/Trusts - 5% Circuit Appeals - 5% Dependency - 2.5% Adoptions - 2.5%
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:	1
Number of bench trials in which you have participated:	0
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:	1

Percentage of your time representing 0
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.

For over a decade I have served as a staff attorney for both county and circuit judges. My legal career has been working side-by-side with the judges in my community. I have conducted research, prepped files, assisted judges in determining the legal issues in a case, and advised the judges how to rule on those issues. Through the years, I have provided invaluable assistance in a wide variety of matters, including, but not limited to, criminal-felony and misdemeanor, civil, small claims, evictions, injunctions, probate, trust litigation, family law, adoptions, name changes, and circuit appeals. I have been entrusted to review pleadings before the court and draft the proposed orders based on my recommended ruling.

My legal career has been focused on learning how to think like a judge when looking at a case and making a ruling. I am trained to look at the issues from a neutral standpoint and apply the law to those facts. This training ensures that I will look at each case that comes before me with unwavering fairness and integrity. My experience working with judges in a wide array of cases also has prepared me to thoroughly move between different areas of law when working a docket. That skill also makes me more adaptable/flexible to various docket assignments.

Seeing first-hand the impact the judiciary has on people, especially those in County Court, I know the importance of being honest and trustworthy on the bench. It is important to understand each case that comes before the court and recognize the right thing to do based on the applicable law. My depth of experience of how the legal system works from a judicial perspective gives me an advantage to serving as a county judge. I understand the importance of giving each person their day in court, while maintaining a forward progression to ensure the interest of justice is served by efficiently moving cases on a docket. My writing skills combined with my legal experience and critical thinking brings a unique set of skills to the county court bench.

Are you or have you ever been Florida Bar Board Certified in any area(s) of practice?	No
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE	Bluefield College
Degree received:	Bachelor of Science - Criminal Justice
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	none
GRADUATE DEGREE	Barry University, School of Law
Degree received:	Juris Doctor
Academic awards, honors, recognition, leadership roles:	none
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:

Upward Soccer Coach; Administrator for Upward Soccer with First Baptist Church Inverness;

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