

Gwen S. Cherry
Black Women
Lawyers Association

**Presents** 

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

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## Program Guide

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#### **GWEN S. CHERRY BLACK WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION**

The Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association (GSCBWLA), formerly the National Bar Association Women Lawyers Division Dade County Chapter, was formed in 1985. The Association's mission is to address the concerns of women lawyers, and to address the legal, social, and economic needs of the Black community, and the community-at-large.

For over thirty years, GSCBWLA has been a network of attorneys dedicated to community service and the professional development of its members. The Association has placed a strong emphasis on community service through its community seminars, and programs educating and empowering youth, and the mentorship of law students. The Association is also known for its support of its members' growth and development within the legal profession. With this support, our members have achieved many "firsts" within Florida as lawyers within law firms, corporations, government agencies and the judiciary.

In 2005, the association voted to be renamed in honor of community activist

Gwendolyn Sawyer Cherry, who was the first Black female attorney to practice in Dade County, and the first Black female legislator in the State of Florida. Throughout the association's existence, it has grown and its reach has expanded. Although it began as a Dade County bar association, GSCBWLA currently represents over 350 men and women law students, lawyers and judges throughout the State of Florida.



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Greetings and welcome to the 2020 Judicial Candidates Forum. We are excited to present to you the 14 Miami-Dade County judicial candidates who look to be elected on August 18, 2020, and to serve as your county and circuit judges. This will be an informative session where our incumbent judges and their challengers have had the opportunity to prepare to speak directly to the concerns of the community.



For the past 14 years, Gwen S. Cherry Black Woman Lawyer's Association has a long-time commitment to providing the community with access to candidates running for our county and circuit benches. Gwen S. Cherry will continue to support the community in ways to ensure that the needs of the community are met.

It is critical for the community to have the opportunity to learn firsthand what the judicial candidates believe, strive for, and implement in their daily work. The judicial system is one of many institutions that directly impact our lives and that of our family and friends. We have a right to access to the courts and to be fairly treated under the law.

Tonight, I hope this event provides you with enough knowledge to make informed decisions and have the confidence and trust in our elected Judges to properly serve. I urge you to take notes of each candidate's responses, their knowledge base, competency, and their willingness to serve you. I encourage you to share the facts about the candidates with your friends and family in time for the upcoming primary elections. This is a critical time to exercise your power to vote. Remember John Lewis and all those who have worked hard and sacrificed to secure that right. We all have an obligation to do our part.

I thank all the candidates who join us tonight as they understand the importance of connecting with our community leaders and members. This event could not have been possible without the contributions of our committee members, partners and co-Sponsors. Thank you for your collaboration and support to making this another successful event. In Service,

#### Sheena Benjamin-Wise

President of Gwen S. Cherry Black Woman Lawyers Association



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#### WILKIE D. FERGUSON, JR. BAR ASSOCIATION

July 30, 2020

Greetings!

On behalf of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association, I would like to welcome you to this 2020 Judicial Candidates Forum. The Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association is the Black Lawyers Association of Miami-Dade County. It was founded in 1977 by a group of lawyers who realized that barriers to full inclusion into the legal community in Miami-Dade County could only be accomplished through a collective effort. The Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association remains committed to the ideal of equal access, equal opportunity and equal justice in the legal system.

In our continued commitment to the community, we welcome this chance to partner with the other organizations to participate in this forum. We encourage everyone to get involved in the local elections. Making informed decisions begin with ensuring that we listen to the candidates. We allow them the opportunity to present their vision and ideas for the future of our community. Although we may not agree with each candidate and may not agree on each of their plans, we do agree that they need to be heard.

Participation in opportunities such as this forum is a right and responsibility of everyone who is eligible to vote. We must inquire into those issues which are the most important and have the most impact on our families and loved ones. Responding to the community in which the candidates which to serve is an obligation of everyone who seeks to be elected to office. We as a community must hold them responsible to serve the interests of the community. That responsibility begins in forums such as this one, before they are elected into office.

We are a community of innovators, educators, leaders and scholars. We have an obligation to ensure that our communities are represented by those who have the best interest of the community in mind when they seek to hold office. But we cannot make that assessment if we do not perform the work. We must ask the questions, do the research, talk with our neighbors and make informed decisions together. We look forward to hearing the candidates. We are glad that you here to join us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Trelvis D. Randolph, President

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Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association



Welcome to our first Virtual Judicial Forum.

Judges serving our community have a substantial impact on our lives and families. That is why the election of Judges is so important and should not be taken lightly.

Lawyers running for judge and Judges running for re-election often travel in an arena that many voters never venture into, placing the voter at a disadvantage during election time. Believing that an informed voter can make an informed decision, we have brought together in one location those candidates seeking your vote for Judge. This judicial forum is designed to allow you an opportunity to "meet your candidate."

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is an organization that strongly believe in social action. Effecting change is at the core of our being. Our first public act was the participation in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington, D.C. in 1913. The Founders of our organization marched so that all women may have the right to vote. Over one hundred years later and with more than 400 chapters nationally and internationally, Dade County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., being one of two local chapters, continue to advocate and encourage everyone to make a difference by exercising the right to vote for which our forefathers fought and died.

We hope that you will leave this forum with a better understanding of the importance of local elections, armed with knowledge of the candidates that are seeking our support for judgeship, enthusiastic about casting your vote and encourage others to vote in the *upcoming* election and *every* election.

Dade County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is grateful for the opportunity to partner this Judicial Forum with our co-sponsors educating and preparing our community for the upcoming election.

Thank you for attending this forum.

Don't be just a voter, be an educated voter!

Flora M. Jackson,

President

Dade County Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



Nawa Fung Lyew, Miami Chapter VP Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

It is an honor and pleasure for Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Miami Chapter to support the 2020 Judicial Candidate Forum. This event provides such a unique opportunity for our children to learn more about the local judicial candidates while at the same time educating them on the voting process! Voting plays a critical role in the lives of all. Introducing the children to judicial forums, during their formative years, will only encourage kids to exercise their constitutional right to vote, when they reach the age of the majority. Hence, the importance of the voting process begins now.

Events, such as these, serve as a great way to inspire critical thinking when evaluating who is best suited to hold judicial office, given the fact that candidate forums are nonpartisan, unbiased and impartial. With that in mind, our children will be able to concentrate on the respective candidate's qualifications. One of the goals of the Miami Chapter is to educate the children on the electoral process. Our focus is to give the children the chance to develop good listening skills by promoting active listening.

We look forward to hearing the candidates articulate their knowledge of the law, demonstrating common sense and professing their willingness to uphold the rule of law. We are sure of one thing; *our children will walk* away with a better idea of who will be the best candidate for office.

Thank you, Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association and cosponsors, for opening the door to learning and including the children. They are our future leaders of tomorrow!





Greetings,

On behalf of the ACLU of Florida Greater Miami Chapter Board of Directors and our local members, I would like to thank you for attending the 8th Annual Judicial Forum hosted annually by the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association. Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy and the fundamental right upon which all our civil liberties rest. Exercising that right responsibly includes educating oneself on ballot measures and candidates.

This judicial forum should serve as insight into the candidates' commitment to the protection of the civil liberties we are all guaranteed. Judges are critical local officials – decisions they make over the course of their elected tenure should matter to all of us as a community. Whether it be determining bail in a criminal case, crafting time-sharing arrangements in family court, or deciding whether a civil case should go to a jury, these and other decisions they are charged with making invariably shape our community and the lives of those who live in it.

Nationally and locally, protesters are demanding long-needed criminal justice and police reform. Miami is not exempt. Donning a black robe does not strip judges of their individuality, life experiences, or biases. These are carried with them in virtually every decision they make. It is just as imperative to understand *who* they are as it is to see what they have accomplished in their careers.

The ACLU is freedom's watchdog — a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(4) corporation which works daily in the courts, legislatures, and communities to defend the individual rights and personal freedoms of every man, woman, and child in this country. Formally recognized by the ACLU as an affiliate on June 6, 1955, our chapter is the largest and oldest chapter in the State.

The Greater Miami Chapter – a collective of like-minded and committed activist with 5700+ members - is dedicated to equality and justice; our mission is to ensure that Miami-Dade County stands tall in the eyes of the nation as a community that respects and upholds the Constitution. Consider whether the candidates speaking at the forum would help ensure the same.

I would like to thank all participating candidates as well as the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association in conjunction with other supporting groups for giving our community the opportunity to make an informed decision at the ballot box.

Sincerely,

Nicole Noele Almeida Sinder, Esq.

President, Greater Miami Chapter Board of Directors

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#### National Action Network South Florida 13242 N.W. 7th Avenue, North Miami, FL 33168 305-786-962-8746

The National Action Network ("NAN") is a not for profit civil rights organization founded by the Reverend Al Sharpton in 1991 in New York; and, currently has chapters located throughout the United States. The National Action Network South Florida Chapter was founded by Bishop Victor T. Curry. I am proud to serve as the current NAN South Florida President under his continued leadership and vision. NAN South Florida's efforts are focused on ensuring that our community is "informed and invested" regarding matters that affect the advancement of economic, civil, and criminal justice reform.

To be "informed and invested" regarding the 2020 elections "for such a time as this" is more crucial now than ever. It is imperative that we are informed voters who let our voice be heard by voting. Accordingly, NAN South Florida is proud to once again co-sponsor the 2020 Miami Dade County Judicial Candidate Forum. We applaud you for taking the time to learn about the candidates for Miami Dade County and Circuit Court Judges. We recognize the crucial role and importance that the judiciary has and continues to play in the protection and advancement and of civil rights.

We hope that after this forum you are armed with the information to use your voice to vote for the most qualified judicial candidates that will reflect the diverse community of Miami Dade County. The primary election where you will vote for judges and other local elected positions is on August 18, 2020. Early voting in Miami Dade County begins on Monday, August 3, 2020 and ends on Sunday August 16, 2020. During these unprecedented times, we also encourage you to vote by mail this election season. The deadline to request your vote by mail ballot is August 8, 2020. You can request it by visiting <a href="https://www.miamidade.gov">www.miamidade.gov</a>.

NAN South Florida also invites you to participate in our National Action Network August 28, 2020 Commitment March: Get Your Knee Off Our Necks at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. This march is held on the 57th Anniversary of Martin Luther Kong's I have a dream speech and will demonstrate our commitment to fighting for policing and criminal justice. Please contact our local office at Nansouthfla@gmail.com for more details.

NAN South Florida stands firm in its commitment to ensure that we are "informed and invested" regarding and in making our community better.

Please continue to look for more events and opportunities for you to get involved.

Yours in Service,

Kíshásha B. Sharp

Kishásha B. Sharp, Esq. President National Action Network South Florida



#### Moderator

#### Kadisha Phelps

Kadisha Phelps is an associate of the Miami office of Sweetapple, Broeker & Varkas, P.L. A native of Long Island, New York, Kadisha has worked in both the Miami and Boca Raton offices of the firm since the fall of 2006, after graduating from Washington and Lee School of Law. While at Washington and Lee, Kadisha participated in the Virginia Commonwealth Clearing House, a legal clinic where she assisted court-appointed attorneys in defending capital cases and served as a legal intern at the New York Stock Exchange's Enforcement Division.



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Kadisha completed her Bachelor of Arts in History at Florida State University, with minors in Black Studies and Urban and Regional Planning.

In Tallahassee, Kadisha held prominent government internships with then U.S. Senator Bob Graham and Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth, as well as RBBO Public Relations LLC, a leading lobbyist firm at the Florida capitol.

Kadisha has successfully litigated in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties, handling both the plaintiff and defense side of matters for numerous business owners, defending various south Florida developers during the recent real estate crash and representing former NFL players in various complex business and investment disputes. Kadisha's primary practice area is in General Commercial Litigation. Professional Associations and Memberships include:

- Miami Women's Chamber of Commerce, President
- Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyer's Association, Board of Directors
- Junior League of Miami
- Dade County Bar Association
- Organization of Women in International Trade (South Florida Chapter –
   2013 International Business Women of the Year Award), Judge
- Miami-Dade School Board Foundation, Board Member

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

#### Moderator

#### Trelvis D. Randolph

Trelvis D. Randolph currently serves as the President of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr., Bar Association, which is the Black Lawyers Association of Miami-Dade County. He is a partner in the Miami office of Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A, which is the largest women and minority owned law firm in the United States. He focuses his practice on all matters



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relating to general liability and personal injury litigation.

Leading with the experience of dozens of jury trials and years of litigation history, Mr. Randolph has served as a community activist and consultant to various civil rights and non-profit community empowerment organizations, including the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP, where he is the current General Counsel. Additionally, he is an elected member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). He is the Vice-Chair of SAVE, which is the premier LGBT civil rights organization in Miami-Dade County and he is also an active member of the ACLU.

Mr. Randolph is a United States Army veteran. He served his country as an infantry soldier and in his home state as a reserve with the Tennessee Army National Guard. He is also a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

#### Understanding the Judicial System

*Our goal* is to assist voters in making an informed decision concerning the election in the state court system. In the federal system, judges are appointed. However, in Florida judges may be appointed or elected, depending on the level of court for which they serve.

The **Florida Supreme Court** is Florida's highest state appellate court. Justices are appointed.

The **Third District Court of Appeal** reviews the decisions of trial courts using multi-judge panels. Generally, the decision of the district courts of appeal are the final appellate review of a contested matter. District court judges are appointed.

The **circuit courts** hear a wide range of cases. The Circuit Civil Division hears foreclosures and civil cases, with damages in excess of \$30,000, filed by an individual, business or government agency. The Circuit Criminal Division hears major criminal (felony) cases where the resulting penalty can be imprisonment or death. Sometimes, circuit court judges hear appeals of county court cases.

The **county courts** are sometimes called "the people's court." The County Civil Division hears landlord tenant, small claims (amounts up to \$8,000) and county civil (amounts of \$8,001 to \$30,000) cases. The County Criminal Division hears misdemeanor criminal cases including traffic violations.

Circuit court and county court judges are appointed or may seek election for six-year terms. During the August Primary Election, judges for circuit and county court will be on the ballot. This year, in Miami-Dade County, there will be five (5) circuit judge seats and two (2) county court seats up for election.

#### About the Resource Guide

This resource guide contains basic information about participating judicial candidates, as provided by the candidate. As such, GSCBWLA makes no warranties as to the accuracy of the information and it is not the policy of GSCBWLA to endorse any candidate. Our aim is to create opportunities for candidates and voters to meet, ask and answer questions regarding the candidate's qualifications and to address the community's concerns.



#### Miami-Dade County Court | Group 9

NAME	JOSEPH J. MANSFIELD
Seeking election for a circuit or	County Court Judge (09)
county court seat?	
Group Number:	Group 09
Telephone Number:	(305) 495-9441
Address:	1170 NW 11th Street; Unit 635
	Miami, Florida 33136
Email Address:	mansfieldjj@gmail.com
Law School and year of graduation:	Cleveland-Marshall College of Law 2001
Year admitted to practice in the State	2002
of Florida:	
List other jurisdictions where you are	
currently admitted to practice:	
Current position/job title	County Court Judge/ Eleventh Judicial
and employer:	Circuit of Florida
Are you currently eligible to practice	Yes
law in the State of Florida:	
Discipline History: Have you ever	No
been disciplined, suspended or	
disbarred by the Florida Bar or any	
other jurisdiction? If yes, please list	
the dates/period of time and explain:	
Why would you like to be elected/re-	I am seeking to retain my seat because I
elected as a Judge?	have spent my entire career in public
	service, and I want to continue to serve
	my community as a County Court Judge.



NAME	MIGUEL "MIKE" MIRABAL
Seeking election for a circuit or	County Court Judge Seat (09)
county court seat?	
Group Number:	Group 09
Telephone Number:	(305) 773-1010
Address:	2655 LeJune Rd., Suite 410,
	Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Email Address:	info@mikemirabal4judge.com
Law School and year of graduation:	Barry University Law School 2003, ISDE
	Law School 2010 & UNED Law School
	2016
Year admitted to practice in the State	2016
of Florida:	
List other jurisdictions where you are	Madrid, Spain
currently admitted to practice:	
Current position/job title	Global Legal
and employer:	
Are you currently eligible to practice	Yes
law in the State of Florida:	
Discipline History: Have you ever	No
been disciplined, suspended or	
disbarred by the Florida Bar or any	
other jurisdiction?	
Why would you like to be elected/re-	I truly believe that a combination of education,
elected as a Judge?	personal and professional experiences have blessed me with a unique skill-set for the open position for
	County Court Judge in Miami Dade County. I have
	been a college professor and have done extensive Pro-
	Bono and advocacy work in the fields of Domestic
	Violence Human Trafficking, mentoring, internships, and want to continue my lifelong public service to my
	community. Therefore, based on my unique
	qualifications, experiences and business background, I
	think I would make an excellent judicial candidate for
	the open position.



NAME	JUDGE CHRISTINE BANDIN
Seeking election for a circuit or	County Court Judge Seat (24)
county court seat?	
Group Number:	Group 24
Telephone Number:	
Address:	2600 South Douglas Road, Suite 900,
	Coral Gables, Fl 33134
Email Address:	cbandin7@gmail.com
Law School and year of graduation:	University of Miami School of Law, 2006
Year admitted to practice in the State	2006
of Florida:	
List other jurisdictions where you are	N/A
currently admitted to practice:	
Current position/job title	County Court Judge, State of Florida,
and employer:	Eleventh Circuit
Are you currently eligible to practice	I am in good standing with the Florida
law in the State of Florida:	Bar.
Discipline History: Have you ever	No
been disciplined, suspended or	
disbarred by the Florida Bar or any	
other jurisdiction? If yes, please list	
the dates/period of time and explain:	
Why would you like to be elected/re-	I love my job; I have been serving with
elected as a Judge?	honor since my appointment in 2018,
	and hope to continue to serve my
	community in a life of public service.



Seeking election for a circuit or	County Court Judge Seat (24)
county court seat?	
Group Number:	Group 24
Telephone Number:	(914) 924-7349
Address:	2101 SW 24 Street, Miami, FL 33145
Email Address:	spectorforjudge@gmail.com
Law School and year of graduation:	University of Miami School of Law, 2010
Year admitted to practice in the State	9
of Florida:	
List other jurisdictions where you are	N/A
currently admitted to practice:	
Current position/job title	The Law Offices of Shaun Spector, PLLC;
and employer:	Managing Attorney
Are you currently eligible to practice	Yes
law in the State of Florida:	
Discipline History: Have you ever	No
been disciplined, suspended or	
disbarred by the Florida Bar or any	
other jurisdiction? If yes, please list	
the dates/period of time and explain:	
Why would you like to be elected/re-	I want to be a judge because it would
elected as a Judge?	afford me the opportunity to utilize my
	background and abilities to positively
	impact the residents of Miami-Dade
	County.



## Miami-Dade Circuit Court | Group 55

NAME	OLANIKE "NIKE" ADEBAYO
Seeking election for a circuit or	Circuit Court Seat (55)
county court seat?	
Group Number:	Group 55
Telephone Number:	(786) 571-8390
Address:	550 N.E 124th Street North Miami, Fl
	33161
Email Address:	nikeforjudge@gmail.com
Law School and year of graduation:	University of Miami School of Law, Class
	of 1997
Year admitted to practice in the State	1998
of Florida:	
List other jurisdictions where you are	Florida
currently admitted to practice:	
Current position/job title	The Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil
and employer:	Regional Counsel. Third Region of
	Florida
Are you currently eligible to practice	Yes
law in the State of Florida:	
Discipline History: Have you ever	No
been disciplined, suspended or	
disbarred by the Florida Bar or any	
other jurisdiction? If yes, please list	
the dates/period of time and explain:	
Why would you like to be elected/re-	My twenty years of civil and criminal
elected as a Judge?	litigation and trial experience; and my
	commitment and passion for service
	inspire me to be a Circuit Court Judge.



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JOE PERKINS
Circuit Court Seat (55)
Group 55
(267) 980-8519
80 SW 8th Street, Suite 3100,
Miami, FL 33130
Joe@Vote-Joe.com
Boston University School of Law (2007)
September 2007
Florida, U.S. Supreme Court, 11th
Circuit, Southern District of Florida,
Middle District of Florida
Partner at Garbett, Allen & Roza, P.A.
Yes
No.
We need more judges who will be
present, thoughtful, and ready to roll up
their sleeves and get to work. I will bring
to the bench the change that we seek.



## Miami-Dade Circuit Court | Group 57

NAME	CARMEN CABARGA
Seeking election for a circuit or	Circuit Court Seat (57)
county court seat?	
Group Number:	Group 57
Telephone Number:	(305) 915-0411
Address:	6468 Manor Lane,
	South Miami, Florida 33142
Email Address:	Carmencabarga@yahoo.com
Law School and year of graduation:	University of Miami School of Law,
, -	December 1999
Year admitted to practice in the State	2000
of Florida:	
List other jurisdictions where you are	U.S. Southern District of Florida
currently admitted to practice:	
Current position/job title	Chief Attorney, Office of Criminal
and employer:	Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Region
Are you currently eligible to practice	Yes
law in the State of Florida:	
Discipline History: Have you ever	No
been disciplined, suspended or	
disbarred by the Florida Bar or any	
other jurisdiction? If yes, please list	
the dates/period of time and explain:	
Why would you like to be elected/re-	I would like to continue to serve my
elected as a Judge?	community, and I now feel confident in
	my ability to take on this huge
	responsibility.



NAME	RODERICK "ROD" VEREEN
Seeking election for a circuit or county court seat?	Circuit Court Seat (57)
Group Number:	Group 57
Telephone Number:	(305) 903-0132
Address:	14630 South River Drive,
	Miami, Florida 33167
Email Address:	Vereen2469@aol.com
Law School and year of graduation:	Southern University Law Center, Class of 1989
Year admitted to practice in the State of Florida:	1990
List other jurisdictions where you are	United States Supreme Court, Eleventh
currently admitted to practice:	Circuit Court of Appeals, United States
	District Court for the Northern, Middle
	and Southern Districts of Florida,
	Western District of Michigan
Current position/job title	Roderick D. Vereen, Esq., P.A. (Owner)
and employer:	
Are you currently eligible to practice	Yes
law in the State of Florida:	
Discipline History: Have you ever	No
been disciplined, suspended or	
disbarred by the Florida Bar or any	
other jurisdiction? If yes, please list	
the dates/period of time and explain:	11 1 1 2
Why would you like to be elected/re-	I have been practicing law for 30 years
elected as a Judge?	and I believe I can be a just and fair
	jurist. Additionally, I would like to add
	more diversity to the bench.



## Miami-Dade Circuit Court | Group 65

NAME	DENISE MARTINEZ-SCANZIANI
Seeking election for a circuit or county court seat?	Circuit Court Seat (65)
Group Number:	Group 65
Telephone Number:	
Address:	3191 Coral Way, Suite 405 Miami, FL 33145
Email Address:	connect@deniseforjudge2020.com
Law School and year of graduation:	University of Florida College of Law, December 1999
Year admitted to practice in the State of Florida:	2000
List other jurisdictions where you are currently admitted to practice:	Southern District of Florida
Current position/job title and employer:	Owner, Martinez-Scanziani & Associates Law, PA
Are you currently eligible to practice law in the State of Florida:	Yes
Discipline History: Have you ever been disciplined, suspended or	No
disbarred by the Florida Bar or any other jurisdiction? If yes, please list	
the dates/period of time and explain:	
Why would you like to be elected/re- elected as a Judge?	I seek election because I am committed to serving my community, ensuring that everyone has the right to be seen and to be heard because that is due process.



NAME	JUDGE THOMAS J. REBULL
Seeking election for a circuit or	Circuit Court Seat (65)
county court seat?	
Group Number:	Group 65
Telephone Number:	(786) 247-8237
Address:	2600 South Douglas Road, Suite 900
	Coral Gables, FL 33134
Email Address:	keepjudgerebull@gmail.com
Law School and year of graduation:	The American University, Washington
	College of Law 1995
Year admitted to practice in the State	1995
of Florida:	
List other jurisdictions where you are	U.S. District Court, Southern District of
currently admitted to practice:	Florida
Current position/job title	Circuit Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit of
and employer:	Florida
Are you currently eligible to practice	Yes
law in the State of Florida:	
Discipline History: Have you ever	Not applicable to me.
been disciplined, suspended or	
disbarred by the Florida Bar or any	
other jurisdiction? If yes, please list	
the dates/period of time and explain:	
Why would you like to be elected/re-	Our judicial system touches countless
elected as a Judge?	lives in our community. As I've done for
, 0	the last eight years, I'd be humbled to
	continue to ensure our judicial system
	works for everyone.
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NAME	JUDGE MAVEL RUIZ
Seeking election for a circuit or county court	Circuit Court Seat (67)
seat?	
Group Number:	Group 67
Telephone Number:	786-380-0336
Address:	1900 Coral Way, Ste. 305
	Miami, Florida 33147
Email Address:	mavelruizesq@gmail.com
Law School and year of graduation:	Rutgers Law School - Newark, New Jersey 1994
Year admitted to practice in the State of Florida:	1995
List other jurisdictions where you are currently	N/A
admitted to practice:	
Current position/job title	Circuit Court Judge
and employer:	T.
Are you currently eligible to practice law in the	Yes
State of Florida:	T 1 - C 7 : 1 (: 1 1: 1 : + + ) 1 : 1
Discipline History: Have you ever been disciplined, suspended or disbarred by the	I was 1 of 7 judges (including 1 magistrate) who signed a letter in support of Our Kids, a public child welfare
Florida Bar or any other jurisdiction? If yes,	organization instead of a private one. This was wrong. I
please list the dates/period of time and explain:	signed it because I believed that as a member of the
picase list the dates/period of time and explain.	Board of the Community Based Care Alliance (CBC),
	who is mandated with the responsibility of advising DCF
	regarding the effectiveness of programs, I erroneously
	thought that I had a DUTY to speak up for the voiceless.
	Both the JQC and the Supreme Court acknowledge that
	this did not involve corruption, simply a group of
	mistaken jurists. Two-thirds of the dependency bench
	signed the letter, including the Assistant Administrative
	Judge and a former Administrative Judge sign the letter.
	Two-thirds of the Unified Family Division bench signed
	the letter, including the Administrative Judge. We were
	given the lowest form of reprimand. The written opinion
	was the reprimand.
Why would you like to be elected/re-elected as	I believe that I have served the people of Miami Dade
a Judge?	County honorably and with conviction. I have worked
	tirelessly to give the litigants access to the courts, be it
	early mornings or late evenings and weekends. I have
	treated everyone with respect and prepared for the hundreds of hearings I have held. My 29 civil jury trials
	in 26 months is a testament of that hard work. I am on
	time, respectful and prepared.
	ame, respectivi una prepared.



NAME	MARCIA GIORDANO HANSEN
Seeking election for a circuit or	Circuit Court Seat (67)
county court seat?	
Group Number:	Group 67
Telephone Number:	
Address:	4000 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Suite 470
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Email Address:	mgh@thehansenlawfirm.com
Law School and year of graduation:	Nova Southeastern Shepard Broad Law
	Center- 2000
Year admitted to practice in the State	2001
of Florida:	
List other jurisdictions where you are	
currently admitted to practice:	
Current position/job title	Owner- The Hansen Law Firm, P.A.
and employer:	
Are you currently eligible to practice	Yes
law in the State of Florida:	
Discipline History: Have you ever	No
been disciplined, suspended or	
disbarred by the Florida Bar or any	
other jurisdiction? If yes, please list	
the dates/period of time and explain:	
Why would you like to be elected/re-	My experience, temperament, integrity,
elected as a Judge?	work ethic and passion for the law and
	our community will serve best as a judge
	and I would be honored to take on this
	role.



#### **PRIMARY ELECTION**

Vote-by-Mail ballot request deadline - August 8, 2020 Early Voting Period - August 8 - 15, 2020 Primary Election Date - August 18, 2020



#### **Supervisor of Elections**

Website

http://www.miamidade.gov/global/elections/home.page

Phone 305-499-VOTE (8683)

#### **GENERAL ELECTION**

Deadline to Register to Vote - October 5, 2020

Vote-by-Mail ballot request deadline - October 24, 2020

Early Voting Period - October 24 - October 31, 2020

General Election Date - November 3, 2020



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## Program

#### Welcome

Sheena Benjamin-Wise......President Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association

#### Occasion

Trelvis Randolph......President Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association

#### **Greetings from Partners**

General Magistrate Flora Jackson Holmes......President

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Nicole Almeida Sinder......President

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Nawa Fung Lyew......Vice President Miami Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Kishasha Sharp......President
South Florida National Action Network

#### **Introduction of Moderators**

Sheena Benjamin-Wise

#### Candidates Question & Answer Session

Trelvis Randolph & Kadisha Phelps

#### Closing Remarks

Sheena Benjamin-Wise















## Judicial Diversity Initiative Judicial Candidate Survey



2020 RESULTS NOW AVAILABLE













#### 2020 Judicial Candidate Survey by the Judicial Diversity Initiative

#### **About this Survey**

The Judicial Diversity Initiative is comprised of the Charles B. Morton Chapter of the National Black Prosecutors Association, the Caribbean Bar Association, the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association, the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association, the Haitian Lawyers Association, the T.J. Reddick Bar Association, Inc., the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association, representing Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. This survey polled the members of these organizations. An estimated 16% of the membership (96 total) responded. Approximately 87% of the respondents described their race as Black or African American. Approximately 39% of respondents reported practicing in Miami-Dade County, 29% in Palm Beach County, 28% in Broward County, and 4% reported practicing in other counties.

#### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

		QUALIFIED								
	Exceptionally Qualified	Qualified	Unqualified	No Opinion						
Olanike "Nike" Adebayo	61.29%	20.97%	0.00%	17.74%						
Joe Perkins	5.17%	24.14%	6.35%	63.79%						
Carmen Cabarga	1.82%	16.36%	10.71%	70.91%						
Roderick "Rod" Vereen	39.66%	29.31%	0.00%	31.03%						
Denise Martinez-Scanziani	13.21%	9.43%	7.69%	69.81%						
Judge Thomas J. Rebull	18.18%	23.64%	17.24%	40.00%						
Marcia Hansen	9.62%	11.54%	5.88%	73.08%						
Judge Mavel Ruiz	23.64%	16.36%	1.75%	58.18%						
Rosy Aponte	1.96%	7.84%	28.85%	60.78%						
Judge Dava J. Tunis	28.07%	21.05%	3.13%	47.37%						
Judge Joseph Mansfield	11.32%	33.96%	4.92%	49.06%						
Miguel "Mike" Mirabal	1.92%	9.62%	7.41%	80.77%						
Judge Christine Bandin	14.55%	14.55%	6.78%	63.64%						
Shaun Spector	3.85%	7.69%	5.56%	82.69%						

		Treats Black litigants fairly and equitably			Treats Black attorneys fairly and equitably			
	Yes	No	No Opinion	Yes	No	No Opinion		
Olanike "Nike" Adebayo	80.36%	0.00%	19.64%	83.93%	0.00%	16.07%		
Joe Perkins	15.38%	7.69%	76.92%	14.00%	6.00%	80.00%		
Carmen Cabarga	3.92%	13.73%	82.35%	10.42%	8.33%	81.25%		
Roderick "Rod" Vereen	62.50%	0.00%	37.50%	65.45%	0.00%	34.55%		
Denise Martinez-Scanziani	11.54%	3.85%	84.62%	16.00%	4.00%	80.00%		
Judge Thomas J. Rebull	23.64%	25.45%	50.91%	30.77%	13.46%	55.77%		
Marcia Hansen	7.84%	1.96%	90.20%	8.16%	2.04%	89.80%		
Judge Mavel Ruiz	27.78%	1.85%	70.37%	24.00%	2.00%	74.00%		
Rosy Aponte	3.92%	11.76%	84.31%	7.84%	11.76%	80.39%		
Judge Dava J. Tunis	41.82%	1.82%	56.36%	40.00%	5.45%	54.55%		
Judge Joseph Mansfield	25.93%	3.70%	70.37%	33.96%	3.77%	62.26%		
Miguel "Mike" Mirabal	5.88%	7.84%	86.27%	6.12%	6.12%	87.76%		
Judge Christine Bandin	22.64%	3.77%	73.58%	22.00%	2.00%	76.00%		
Shaun Spector	8.00%	2.00%	90.00%	6.12%	2.04%	91.84%		

	Displays sensitivity to varying cultural norms			Displays neutrality in decision making			
	Yes	No	No Opinion	Yes	No	No Opinion	
Olanike "Nike" Adebayo	82.14%	0.00%	17.86%	75.00%	0.00%	25.00%	
Joe Perkins	10.00%	14.00%	76.00%	8.33%	6.25%	85.42%	
Carmen Cabarga	7.84%	13.73%	78.43%	8.16%	12.24%	79.59%	
Roderick "Rod" Vereen	67.27%	0.00%	32.73%	53.85%	0.00%	46.15%	
Denise Martinez-Scanziani	16.33%	4.08%	79.59%	12.77%	2.13%	85.11%	
Judge Thomas J. Rebull	11.32%	26.42%	62.26%	27.45%	19.61%	52.94%	
Marcia Hansen	8.00%	4.00%	88.00%	10.42%	4.17%	85.42%	
Judge Mavel Ruiz	28.30%	0.00%	71.70%	25.49%	3.92%	70.59%	
Rosy Aponte	6.00%	20.00%	74.00%	6.25%	12.50%	81.25%	
Judge Dava J. Tunis	33.33%	7.41%	59.26%	39.22%	3.92%	56.86%	
Judge Joseph Mansfield	23.53%	5.88%	70.59%	29.17%	4.17%	66.67%	
Miguel "Mike" Mirabal	7.84%	3.92%	88.24%	10.20%	4.08%	85.71%	
Judge Christine Bandin	19.23%	5.77%	75.00%	20.41%	8.16%	71.43%	
Shaun Spector	6.12%	2.04%	91.84%	6.25%	2.08%	91.67%	

#### **BROWARD COUNTY**

	QUALIFIED							
	Exceptionally							
	Qualified	Qualified	Unqualified	No Opinion				
Allison Gilman	3.28%	4.92%	4.92%	86.89%				
Casey Mills	3.33%	5.00%	1.67%	90.00%				
Judge Phoebee Francois	49.21%	22.22%	0.00%	28.57%				
Jacob Segal	1.69%	3.39%	8.47%	86.44%				
Roseanna Bronhard	0.00%	3.45%	3.45%	93.10%				
Sean Conway	1.69%	1.69%	11.86%	84.75%				
Judge Natasha DePrimo	20.97%	20.97%	1.61%	56.45%				
Judge Dennis Bailey	3.39%	16.95%	15.25%	64.41%				
Abbe Rifkin	22.58%	30.65%	0.00%	46.77%				
George Odom Jr	20.00%	23.33%	0.00%	56.67%				
Judge Patti Englander Henning	4.92%	11.48%	4.92%	78.69%				
Kristin Padowitz	3.33%	6.67%	8.33%	81.67%				
Meredith Chaiken-Weiss	1.67%	3.33%	6.67%	88.33%				
Matthew Isaac Destry	1.69%	8.47%	20.34%	69.49%				
Judge Frank Ledee	30.16%	20.63%	1.59%	47.62%				
Judge Dale C. Cohen	6.78%	20.34%	3.39%	69.49%				
Ian Richards	17.74%	14.52%	3.23%	64.52%				
Linda Alley	1.69%	10.17%	0.00%	88.14%				
Judge Vegina "Gina" Hawkins	14.29%	30.16%	6.35%	49.21%				

	Treats Black litigants fairly and equitably			Treats Black attorneys fairly and equitably			
	Yes	No	No Opinion	Yes	No	No Opinion	
Allison Gilman	6.90%	6.90%	86.21%	7.84%	3.92%	88.24%	
Casey Mills	7.02%	1.75%	91.23%	6.12%	0.00%	93.88%	
Judge Phoebee Francois	62.90%	4.84%	32.26%	67.27%	1.82%	30.91%	
Jacob Segal	1.69%	5.08%	93.22%	2.00%	4.00%	94.00%	
Roseanna Bronhard	1.75%	3.51%	94.74%	2.04%	2.04%	95.92%	
Sean Conway	1.69%	6.78%	91.53%	2.00%	8.00%	90.00%	
Judge Natasha DePrimo	32.79%	3.28%	63.93%	35.85%	0.00%	64.15%	
Judge Dennis Bailey	8.77%	19.30%	71.93%	8.00%	16.00%	76.00%	
Abbe Rifkin	34.48%	1.72%	63.79%	42.00%	0.00%	58.00%	
George Odom Jr	32.76%	1.72%	65.52%	43.14%	0.00%	56.86%	
Judge Patti Englander Henning	10.34%	3.45%	86.21%	7.84%	1.96%	90.20%	
Kristin Padowitz	6.90%	6.90%	86.21%	8.00%	6.00%	86.00%	
Meredith Chaiken-Weiss	3.45%	5.17%	91.38%	4.00%	2.00%	94.00%	
Matthew Isaac Destry	1.72%	17.24%	81.03%	1.96%	13.73%	84.31%	
Judge Frank Ledee	36.67%	5.00%	58.33%	45.28%	1.89%	52.83%	
Judge Dale C. Cohen	13.79%	6.90%	79.31%	16.00%	6.00%	78.00%	
Ian Richards	30.00%	3.33%	66.67%	35.29%	0.00%	64.71%	
Linda Alley	8.62%	3.45%	87.93%	12.00%	0.00%	88.00%	
Judge Vegina "Gina" Hawkins	44.26%	1.64%	54.10%	47.06%	0.00%	52.94%	

#### **BROWARD COUNTY**

	Displays sensitivity to varying cultural norms			Displays neutrality in decision making			
	Yes	No	No Opinion	Yes	No	No Opinion	
Allison Gilman	8.33%	2.08%	89.58%	9.30%	2.33%	88.37%	
Casey Mills	4.26%	4.26%	91.49%	6.98%	2.33%	90.70%	
Judge Phoebee Francois	62.00%	0.00%	38.00%	59.57%	4.26%	36.17%	
Jacob Segal	2.13%	2.13%	95.74%	2.38%	2.38%	95.24%	
Roseanna Bronhard	2.13%	2.13%	95.74%	2.33%	2.33%	95.35%	
Sean Conway	2.08%	6.25%	91.67%	2.27%	4.55%	93.18%	
Judge Natasha DePrimo	38.00%	2.00%	60.00%	41.30%	2.17%	56.52%	
Judge Dennis Bailey	6.38%	21.28%	72.34%	16.28%	18.60%	65.12%	
Abbe Rifkin	36.73%	2.04%	61.22%	40.00%	2.22%	57.78%	
George Odom Jr	34.04%	0.00%	65.96%	34.88%	0.00%	65.12%	
Judge Patti Englander Henning	8.33%	4.17%	87.50%	11.36%	6.82%	81.82%	
Kristin Padowitz	8.51%	2.13%	89.36%	9.30%	2.33%	88.37%	
Meredith Chaiken-Weiss	4.26%	0.00%	95.74%	4.65%	0.00%	95.35%	
Matthew Isaac Destry	2.08%	14.58%	83.33%	2.27%	15.91%	81.82%	
Judge Frank Ledee	46.00%	2.00%	52.00%	43.48%	2.17%	54.35%	
Judge Dale C. Cohen	17.39%	2.17%	80.43%	18.60%	2.33%	79.07%	
Ian Richards	34.69%	0.00%	65.31%	30.43%	0.00%	69.57%	
Linda Alley	8.70%	0.00%	91.30%	11.90%	0.00%	88.10%	
Judge Vegina "Gina" Hawkins	42.00%	4.00%	54.00%	38.64%	0.00%	61.36%	

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY

	QUALIFIED							
	Exceptionally							
	Qualified	Qualified	Unqualified	No Opinion				
Judge Jeffrey Gillen	17.86%	21.43%	0.00%	60.71%				
Henry Quinn Johnson	27.27%	16.36%	1.61%	54.55%				
Judge Jaimie Goodman	3.57%	10.71%	25.40%	57.14%				
Adam Myron	16.67%	20.37%	0.00%	62.96%				
Caryn Siperstein	3.85%	9.62%	1.85%	84.62%				
Jaianna Seaborne	5.66%	30.19%	2.99%	60.38%				
Judge Debra Moses Stephens	32.14%	16.07%	1.61%	50.00%				

	Treats Black litigants fairly and			Treats Black attorneys fairly and			
		equitably		equitably			
	Yes	No	No Opinion	Yes	No	No Opinion	
Judge Jeffrey Gillen	25.45%	0.00%	74.55%	29.63%	0.00%	70.37%	
Henry Quinn Johnson	40.74%	0.00%	59.26%	44.23%	0.00%	55.77%	
Judge Jaimie Goodman	16.36%	9.09%	74.55%	17.31%	11.54%	71.15%	
Adam Myron	25.93%	0.00%	74.07%	28.30%	0.00%	71.70%	
Caryn Siperstein	7.69%	0.00%	92.31%	9.80%	3.92%	86.27%	
Jaianna Seaborne	31.48%	1.85%	66.67%	32.69%	0.00%	67.31%	
Judge Debra Moses Stephens	42.86%	3.57%	53.57%	41.51%	3.77%	54.72%	

	Displays sensitivity to varying			Displays neutrality in decision			
	C	ultural norm	IS	making			
	Yes	No	No Opinion	Yes	No	No Opinion	
Judge Jeffrey Gillen	24.53%	1.89%	73.58%	33.96%	1.89%	64.15%	
Henry Quinn Johnson	39.22%	0.00%	60.78%	34.62%	1.92%	63.46%	
Judge Jaimie Goodman	9.43%	16.98%	73.58%	18.87%	15.09%	66.04%	
Adam Myron	26.92%	1.92%	71.15%	25.00%	3.85%	71.15%	
Caryn Siperstein	9.80%	0.00%	90.20%	9.80%	1.96%	88.24%	
Jaianna Seaborne	30.77%	0.00%	69.23%	21.15%	3.85%	75.00%	
Judge Debra Moses Stephens	41.51%	1.89%	56.60%	42.59%	5.56%	51.85%	



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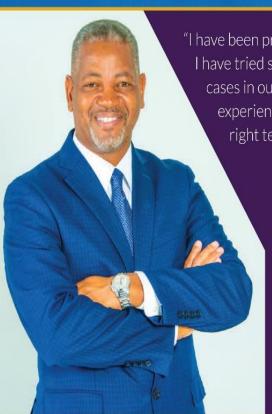








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- -United States Supreme Court
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- -Northern District of Florida
- Middle District of Florida
- -Southern District of Florida
- -Western District of Michiga
- -Florida State Courts

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