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Pasco County Court Judge Candidate, Group 5

East Pasco Bar Association

2020 Judicial Candidate Forum

I am running for Pasco County Court Judge because Pasco deserves an experienced judge who will fairly apply the law, be down-to-earth and considerate, and have the knowledge to decide legal issues efficiently and correctly. I appreciate your consideration, and I hope to earn your vote in the August 18th election.

EXPERIENCE/BACKGROUND

My experience and well-rounded background are the hallmarks of my campaign. I am currently an Assistant State Attorney, but I have also owned my own private law practice in Pasco. It is important for voters to know some key points about my background:

- I am the **only** candidate in my race who has been practicing law for longer than 10 years.
- I have **the most jury trials** out of any candidate in my race, with over 50 jury trials, countless non-jury trials, and years of adversarial hearings.
- I graduated in 2006 from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law, **with honors**.
- I have a **diverse legal resume**. My experience is not limited to giving a voice to victims in criminal cases. I have also represented clients in family law, probate, homeowner disputes, insurance litigation, consumer protection, business disputes, Lemon Law claims, and more.

This experience gives me the best tools to efficiently manage a large court docket and understand the practical needs of attorneys and parties from all sides of the courtroom.

ENDORSEMENTS

I am honored that many of our community's elected leaders have put their faith in me, including:

- Bernie McCabe, State Attorney for Pasco and Pinellas Counties
- Dr. Paul O'Neil, Pasco Clerk of Court and Comptroller (Ret.)
- Wilton Simpson, Florida State Senate
- Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association
- Allen Altman, Pasco School Board Member
- Ron Oakley, Pasco County Commissioner
- Pasco Sheriff Bob White (Ret.)

I am even more honored to have the backing of so many lawyers in our area, including those who have worked alongside me and those who have been my opposing counsel. I consider it the biggest compliment that the lawyers who know my work, character, and ethics the most are my most ardent supporters.

PERSONAL

I was born and raised locally, growing up fixing cars at my family's autobody shop. I live in Pasco County with my wife, Petra, our children, Juliette and Mark, and our furry family members. I am a Rotarian, actively volunteer in my community, and I am a big fan of the Tampa Bay Lightning. Go Bolts!