

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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1. **Name:** State full name (include any former names used).

Robert Edward Long, Jr.

2. **Position:** State the position for which you have been nominated.

United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida

3. **Address:** List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state where you currently reside.

Florida First District Court of Appeal
2000 Drayton Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32311

4. **Birthplace:** State year and place of birth.

1982; Tallahassee, Florida

5. **Education:** List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

2005 – 2008, University of Florida; J.D., 2008

2002 – 2003, Florida State University; B.S., 2003

1999 – 2001, Tallahassee State College; Law Enforcement Academy Certification and A.A., 2001

6. **Employment Record:** List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or description.

2020 – present
Florida First District Court of Appeal

2000 Drayton Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32312
Appellate Judge

2016 – 2020
Florida Second Judicial Circuit Court
301 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Trial Judge

2014 – 2016
Leon County Sheriff's Office
2825 Municipal Way
Tallahassee, Florida 32304
General Counsel / Law Enforcement Officer

2013 – 2014
Rumberger Kirk, PA
101 North Monroe Street, Suite 1050
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Associate Attorney

2007 – present
United States Navy
Judge Advocate General's Corps
1322 Patterson Avenue, Suite 3000
Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374
Judge Advocate (Reserve) (2013 – present)
Judge Advocate (Active Duty) (2008 – 2013)
Naval Officer (Reserve) (2007 – 2008)

Summer 2007
Rumberger Kirk, PA
101 North Monroe Street, Suite 1050
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Summer Associate

2005 – 2014
Leon County Sheriff's Office
2825 Municipal Way
Tallahassee, Florida 32304
Law Enforcement Officer (Reserve)

2002 – 2005
Leon County Sheriff's Office
2825 Municipal Way

Tallahassee, Florida 32304
Law Enforcement Officer

7. **Military Service and Draft Status:** Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including dates of service, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for selective service.

2007 – present, United States Navy, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Commander
Reserves (2013 – present)
Active Duty (2008 – 2013), Honorable Discharge from Active Duty
Reserves (2007 – 2008)

I registered for the Selective Service after I turned 18.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

Navy Commendation Medal (2018)

Judicial Distinguished Service Award, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (2017)

Afghan Campaign Medal (2012)

Army Commendation Medal (2012)

Navy Achievement Medal (2012)

NATO ISAF Medal (2012)

Expert Rifleman Medal (2010)

Expert Pistol Medal (2010)

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (2008)

National Defense Service Medal (2008)

Honor Graduate, First-In-Class (highest averages in academics, military bearing, and physical fitness), Naval Officer Development School (2008)

Managing Editor, *University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy* (2007)

Editor, *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy* (2007)

Fellow, Blackstone Legal Fellowship (2006)

Honors Distinction, Legal Research and Writing (2006)

Dean's List, Florida State University (2003)

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society (2003)

Academic Scholarship Recipient, Florida Sheriff's Association (2001)

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Commissioner (2023 – present)

First District Court Associate Judge Committee (2020 – present)

Florida Appellate Judicial Education Committee (2020 – present)

Florida Supreme Court Judicial Security Workgroup (2025 – 2026)

Legal Aid Foundation, Board of Directors (2015 – 2016)

Tallahassee Bar Association (2013 – present)

William H. Stafford American Inn of Court (2016 – 2022)

Executive Committee (2018 – 2022)

President (2021 – 2022)

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

a. List the date(s) you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.

Florida, 2008

There have been no lapses in membership.

b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require special admission to practice.

United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, 2013

United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, 2013

Certified Counsel for UCMJ Courts-Martial, 2008

Florida Supreme Court, 2008

I have not practiced law since I received my Commission to the Florida Second Judicial Circuit Court in 2016. However, I do not know of any lapse in membership.

11. **Memberships:**

a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

American Legion (2013 – present)

Boy Scouts of America, aka Scouting America

Scoutmaster, Troop 109 (2026 – present)

Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 109 (2021 – 2026)

Pack Chairman, Cub Scout Pack 3 (2020 – 2025)

Capital Tiger Bay Club (2016 –2024)

Economic Club of Florida (2016 – 2024)

Federalist Society (2005 – present)

President, Tallahassee Lawyer Chapter (2015 – 2016)

Steering Committee, Tallahassee Lawyer Chapter (2013 – present)

Vice President, UF Law School Chapter (2006 – 2007)

President, UF Law School Chapter (2007 – 2008)

Leadership Tallahassee, Class 33 (2015 – 2016)

Rotary Club of Tallahassee (2014 – present)

Chair, Ethics in Business Award (2021 – present)

Chair, Open World Delegation (2019 – 2021)

International Service Committee (2019 – 2021)

Board of Directors (2016 – 2018)

Sergeant-at-Arms (2015 – 2016)

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Captain (2015)

Program Committee (2014 – 2021)

St. John Paul II Catholic High School, School Advisory Council (2024 – 2026)

Chair (2025 – 2026)

Veterans of Foreign Wars (2013 – present)

Youth Baseball, Soccer, Basketball, and Flag Football, Coach (2014 – 2023)

b. The American Bar Association's Commentary to its Code of Judicial Conduct states that it is inappropriate for a judge to hold membership in any organization that invidiously discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion, or national origin. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

Boy Scouts of America, aka Scouting America, was once limited to male participants. It has permitted female participants since 2019.

The Rotary Club originally permitted only male members. The organization began accepting female members in 1987.

To the best of my knowledge, no other organization currently discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

12. **Published Writings and Public Statements:**

a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Supply copies of all published material to the Committee.

As part of my campaign for judicial office in 2018, this Facebook page was maintained: <https://www.facebook.com/keepjudgelong>. The campaign also had a website that is no longer active—www.keepjudgelong.com—but parts of the website are available online through the Internet Archive.

b. Supply copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

None.

c. Supply copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

None.

d. Supply copies, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by you including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place where they were delivered, and readily available press reports about the speech or talk. If you do not have a copy of the speech or a transcript or recording of your remarks, give the name and address of the group before whom the speech was given, the date of the speech, and a summary of its subject matter. If you did not speak from a prepared text, furnish a copy of any outline or notes from which you spoke.

February 27, 2026: Speaker, Legal Interpretation in the Age of Textualism: Commentary and Critiques, Federalist Society Tallahassee Lawyer Chapter, Tallahassee, Florida. Notes supplied.

February 12, 2026: Panelist, Florida DCA Panel Discussion, Stetson University College of Law Federalist Society Chapter, Gulfport, Florida. This was a panel discussion about Florida's appellate courts, including general tips for effective advocacy. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the Stetson University College of Law is 1401 61st Street South, Gulfport, Florida 33707.

October 23, 2025: Speaker, Appellate Clerkships, Ave Maria School of Law Federalist Society Chapter, Naples, Florida. The presentation was about life as a clerk on an appellate court and was largely a question-and-answer format. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the Ave Maria School of Law is 1025 Commons Circle, Naples, Florida 34119.

February 3, 2024: Panelist, Making Winning Arguments, Federalist Society Florida Chapters Conference, Orlando, Florida. Video available at <https://youtu.be/kNgfo1sumes>.

May 27, 2022: Speaker, Portrait Unveiling Remarks, Florida First District Court of Appeal, Tallahassee, Florida. Notes supplied.

May 2, 2022: Speaker, Remarks on Admission to The Florida Bar, Florida First District Court of Appeal, Tallahassee, Florida. Notes supplied.

April 14, 2022: Panelist, Judicial Education, University of Florida College of Law Federalist Society, Gainesville, Florida. The presentation was a question-and-answer format about the state judiciary's approach to judicial education. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the University of Florida College of Law is 309 Village Drive, Gainesville, Florida 32611.

December 21, 2019: Speaker, Remarks to Florida Sheriff's Explorer Association, Tallahassee, Florida. Notes supplied.

2016 – 2019: Guest Lecturer, Trial Practice Before the Circuit Court, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida. The presentation was about the local

circuit court and tips for successful practice. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the Florida State University College of Law is 425 West Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.

2016 – 2019: Guest Lecturer, How to Conduct a Bench Trial, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida. The presentation focused on conducting juvenile justice criminal bench trials in Florida's circuit courts. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the Florida State University College of Law is 425 West Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.

2016 – 2018: Presenter, Solving Violent Crime, A Community Approach/Juvenile Justice and the Circuit Court, Various Local Civic Groups, Tallahassee, Florida. These presentations were given to local civic groups like churches and rotary clubs encouraging people to take on mentorship of teenagers in collaboration with the local Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. Press coverage and notes supplied.

October 14, 2016: Speaker, Investiture Remarks, Florida Second Judicial Circuit, Tallahassee, Florida. Notes supplied.

2014 – 2016: Presenter, Search & Seizure Basics, Local Law Enforcement Officers, Tallahassee, Florida. The presentations were on the basics of search and seizure for law enforcement officers. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the Leon County Sheriff's Office is 2825 Municipal Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32304.

2014 – 2016: Presenter, Law Enforcement Discipline and the Officer Bill of Rights, Local Law Enforcement Officers, Tallahassee, Florida. The presentations were on the basics of law enforcement officer discipline and the Florida Law Enforcement Officer Bill of Rights. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the Leon County Sheriff's Office is 2825 Municipal Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32304.

January 2014 (estimated): Presenter, Florida Construction Law, Florida Home Builder's Association, Tallahassee, Florida. The presentation was on the basics of construction law in Florida. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the Florida Home Builder's Association is 1319 Thomaswood Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

September 2013: Panelist, Practicing with Professionalism, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, Florida. This was a required program for new lawyers with the Florida Bar. I served on a panel for a discussion at this event. We generally discussed the importance of things like being respectful, timely, and well prepared. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for The Florida Bar is 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

2010 – 2012: Presenter, Military Justice 101, United States Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, Honolulu, Hawaii. The presentation was on the basics of military justice for new personnel. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address for the Pearl Harbor-based office of the United States Navy Judge Advocate General's Office is 850

Willamette Street, JBPHH, Hawaii 96818.

e. List all interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these interviews and copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

Eleanor H. Sills, *A Feelgood Conversation with a Quintessential Floridian: Judge Robert "Bobby" E. Long, Jr.*, The Record, Florida Appellate Practice Section, The Florida Bar, Oct. 17, 2024. Copy supplied.

13. **Judicial Office:** State (chronologically) any judicial offices you have held, including positions as an administrative law judge, whether such position was elected or appointed, and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court.

2020 – present: Judge, Florida First District Court of Appeal. I was appointed to this position by the Florida Governor in 2020 and was retained by the voters at the general election in 2022. This is Florida's general jurisdiction appellate court. The court hears appeals of almost all matters that proceed through Florida's trial courts, including criminal, civil, family, juvenile, dependency, and probate. The court also has appellate jurisdiction over state administrative actions and workers compensation matters.

2016 – 2020: Judge, Florida Second Judicial Circuit Court. I was appointed to this position by the Florida Governor in 2016 and was retained by the voters by election without opposition in 2018. This is Florida's primary general jurisdiction trial court. The court hears felony criminal matters, large civil disputes, family, juvenile, dependency, and probate matters.

a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment?

As an appellate judge, I have served on an appellate panel for more than 3,000 cases. I have written approximately 116 authored opinions. I have also written hundreds of per curiam opinions and orders for which the author is not publicly disclosed.

As a trial court judge, I carried dockets with thousands of cases. While I handled cases out of every division of the court, I primarily handled criminal, juvenile, probate, and family matters.

As a trial court judge I presided over approximately 123 trials.

i. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	60%
bench trials:	40%

ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings:	0%
criminal proceedings:	100%

b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.

As a state trial court judge on Florida's Second Judicial Circuit Court, I did not author opinions, but I did issue thousands of orders that are available via the court's public docket. My authored appellate opinions while serving on the Florida First District Court of Appeal are listed here:

Wall v. State, 264 So. 3d 248 (Fla. 1st DCA 2019)

Powell v. State, 267 So. 3d 1093 (Fla. 1st DCA 2019)

Hall v. Dep't of Health, 274 So. 3d 1241 (Fla. 1st DCA 2019)

Thomas v. Thomas, 304 So. 3d 819 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020)

Burnam v. State, 305 So. 3d 771 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020)

Woods v. State, 306 So. 3d 1236 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020)

Helweg v. Bugby o/b/o S.J.H., 306 So. 3d 1243 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020)

Barber v. Bay Cnty. Sheriff's Off. Jail Facility, 308 So. 3d 254 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020)

Dep't of Agric. and Consumer Servs. v. Henry and Rilla White Found., Inc., 317 So 3d 1168 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020)

Morales v. State, 308 So. 3d 1093 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020)

Black Knight Servicing Techs., LLC v. PennyMac Loan Servs., LLC, 310 So. 3d 1116 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

D'Amico v. Connor, 312 So. 3d 535 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

State Farm Fla. Ins. Co. v. Nordin, 312 So. 3d 200 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Fla. Carry, Inc. v. Thrasher, 315 So. 3d 771 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021) (Long, J., concurring)

Gilliam v. State, 312 So. 3d 1280 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Lowery v. State, 323 So. 3d 771 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Smith v. State, 323 So. 3d 773 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Walls v. S. Owners Ins. Co., 321 So. 3d 856 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Owens v. Owens, 315 So. 3d 163 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Gibson v. State, 320 So. 3d 245 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Pendergrass v. State, 316 So. 3d 807 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Green v. Alachua Cnty., 323 So. 3d 246 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021) (Long, J., concurring)

C.H. v. State, 322 So. 3d 202 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Smith v. Gadsden Cnty. Sch. Bd., 321 So. 3d 384 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Buchanan v. Dep't of Health, 322 So. 3d 238 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Morris v. State, 325 So. 3d 1009 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

R.C. v. Dep't of Agric. & Consumer Servs., Div. of Licensing, 323 So. 3d 275 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Walker v. State, 324 So. 3d 60 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Owens v. State, 323 So. 3d 857 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Washington v. State, 325 So. 3d 306 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021) (Long, J., concurring)

Dortch v. Alachua Cnty. Sch. Bd., 330 So. 3d 976 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Segura v. State, 329 So. 3d 250 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

First Fid. Tr. Servs., Inc. v. Shelter Cove Condo. Ass'n, Inc., 329 So. 3d 222 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Jackson v. Fla. Highway Patrol, 332 So. 3d 541 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Byers v. State, 330 So. 3d 1044 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Glover v. State, 329 So. 3d 817 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Brown v. State, 337 So. 3d 454 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

State v. Kunkemoeller, 333 So. 3d 335 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Running Cars, LLC v. Miller, 333 So. 3d 1177 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Kelly Air Sys., LLC v. Kohlun, 337 So. 3d 883 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Simmons v. State, 337 So. 3d 470 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Stokes v. State, 335 So. 3d 817 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Chambers v. State, 335 So. 3d 815 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Patterson v. State, 339 So. 3d 422 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

State v. Bryant, 342 So. 3d 279 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022) (Long, J., concurring)

Preston v. State, 339 So. 3d 503 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Webster v. Tallahassee Mem'l Healthcare, 342 So. 3d 861 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Khayrallah v. State, 346 So. 3d 711 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022) (Long, J., concurring)

Spann v. Payne, 346 So. 3d 743 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022) (Long, J., concurring)

Kunselman v. Offs. of Governor, 351 So. 3d 56 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Herring v. State, 348 So. 3d 658 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Jordan v. State, 350 So. 3d 103 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Atwood v. State, 348 So. 3d 698 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Golden v. Tanzler, 351 So. 3d 125 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Harris v. Plapp, 386 So. 3d 185 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Bosshardt v. Drotos, 351 So. 3d 257 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022) (Long, J., concurring)

Luster v. State, 354 So. 3d 580 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022)

Susick v. State, 354 So. 3d 1147 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023)

Diaz v. Nw. Fla. Water Mgmt. Dist., 533 So. 3d 972 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023)

Estremera v. Fla. Comm'n on Offender Rev., 360 So. 3d 766 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023)

McGhee v. State, 357 So. 3d 797 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023)

Shands v. Beylotte, 357 So. 3d 307 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023)

Emerald Coast Utils. Auth. v. Thomas Home Corp., 359 So. 3d 1239 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023) (Long, J., concurring)

Devil's Garden Inv. v. S. Fla. Water Mgmt. Dist., 367 So 3d 548 (Fla. 1st 2023)

Malden v. State, 359 So. 3d 442 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023)

White v. Discovery Commc'ns, LLC, 365 So. 3d 379 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023) (Long, J., concurring)

Edenfield v. State, 379 So. 3d 5 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023) (Long, J., concurring in result)

Fleming v. State, 366 So. 3d 1179 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023)

Storey Mountain v. Freestone Enters., 368 So. 3d 473 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023)

Strickland v. Strickland, 371 So. 3d 1018 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023)

Normandy Ins. Co. v. Bouayad, 371 So. 3d 671 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023) (Long, J., concurring)

Freeman v. State, 373 So. 3d 1255 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023) (Long, J., concurring)

Smith v. Bright, 371 So. 3d 1021 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023)

Byrd v. Black Voters Matter, 375 So. 3d 335 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023) (Long, J., concurring)

Kuschnitzky v. Marasco, 377 So. 3d 1205 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Pitts v. Neptune, 396 So. 3d 619 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Agency for Health Care Admin. v. Murciano, 381 So. 3d 1283 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Univ. of Fla. Bd. of Trs. v. Browning, 387 So. 3d 371 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024) (Long, J., concurring in part and dissenting in part)

Atwood Owner LLC v. Lumzy, 383 So. 3d 905 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024) (Long, J., concurring)

Ford v. State, 390 So. 3d 1238 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Goldsby v. State, 390 So. 3d 1241 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Hale v. GEICO Gen. Ins. Co., 386 So. 3d 1052 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Detroit Tigers v. Soddors, 390 So. 3d 1234 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

N. Shore Med. Ctr. v. Navarro, 389 So. 3d 785 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Eglin Fed. Credit Union v. Baird, 400 So. 3d 643 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Parker v. Fla. Dep't of Corr, 403 So. 3d 1020 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Vowell v. State, 393 So. 3d 854 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Grigges v. State, 395 So. 3d 242 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Pro Choice Remediation, Inc. v. Old Dominion Ins. Co., 400 So. 3d 789 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024) (Long, J., dissenting)

Harris v. State, 397 So. 3d 833 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Oracle v. Fla. Dep't of Revenue, 397 So. 3d 819 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Anderson v. State, 410 So. 3d 599 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024)

Peterson v. State, 399 So. 3d 394 (Fla. 1st DCA 2025)

Swift Response, LLC v. Routt, 401 So. 3d 640 (Fla. 1st DCA 2025) (Long, J., concurring in result)

Ash v. State, No. 1D22-1163, 2025 WL 610937 (Fla. 1st DCA Feb. 26, 2025) (Long, J., dissenting) (withdrawn and replaced by *Ash v. State*, 422 So. 3d 181 (Fla. 1st DCA 2025))

James v. State, 408 So. 3d 879 (Fla. 1st DCA 2025)

Adelson v. State, 412 So. 3d 880 (Fla. 1st DCA 2025)

Ash v. State, 422 So. 3d 181 (Fla. 1st DCA 2025)

Palacios v. Agency for Health Care Admin., 418 So. 3d 800 (Fla. 1st DCA 2025) (Long, J., concurring in result)

AK Land Title v. Hurd, No. 422 So. 3d 564 (Fla. 1st DCA 2025)

Andrews v. State, 421 So. 3d 473 (Fla. 1st DCA 2025)

Dixon v. Brown, 423 So. 3d 963 (Fla. 1st DCA 2025) (Long, J., dissenting)

Lock Props. LLC v. Kelly Plantation Owners Ass'n, Inc., 424 So. 3d 543 (Fla. 1st DCA 2025)

All Dry USA v. Savell, 433 So. 3d 454 (Fla. 1st DCA 2026) (Long, J., concurring in result)

c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature of the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (4) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).

1. *Green v. Alachua Cnty.*, 323 So. 3d 246 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021).

This case involved a challenge to a Florida county mask mandate. It came to the court after the trial court denied Green's request for an emergency temporary injunction. We held the mask mandate was presumptively unconstitutional and remanded for further proceedings.

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2. *R.C. v. Dep't of Agric & Consumer Servs.*, 323 So. 3d 275 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021).

This case involved a challenge to the Florida Department of Agriculture's denial of a license application to carry a concealed firearm. We held the department cannot deny a concealed carry license without first having a formal hearing where it presents evidence of the applicant's licensure disqualification.

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3. *Dortch v. Alachua Cnty. Sch. Bd.*, 330 So. 3d 976 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021).

This case involved a petition for writ of mandamus seeking to compel Florida schoolboards to comply with state law requiring parents of school children be given the option to opt their children out of mandatory mask wearing in school. We held that the school boards were required to follow the law and were not free to adopt their own preferred policy in conflict with state law.

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4. *State v. Jeterius Williams*, 2018CF3103 (Fla. 2d Cir. Ct. 2020).

This was a murder case tried to verdict before a jury in Florida's Second Judicial Circuit Court. I was the trial court judge. Williams was charged with second degree murder. He was convicted of the lesser-included offense of manslaughter with a firearm. He was sentenced to 25 years in the Florida Department of Corrections.

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5. *Byrd v. Black Voters Matter*, 375 So. 3d 335 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023).

This was an appeal addressing a challenge to newly drawn congressional districts. The case turned on the proper interpretation of Florida's so-called Fair Districts Amendment. The court upheld the new districts.

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6. *Walker v. State*, 324 So. 3d 60 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021).

This was an appeal of a conviction for attempted first-degree murder and solicitation to commit first degree murder. The court affirmed the conviction. The case dealt with the scope of Florida's law of principals.

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7. *Ash v. State*, No. 1D22-1163, 2025 WL 610937 (Fla. 1st DCA Feb. 26, 2025) (Long, J., dissenting) (withdrawn and replaced by *Ash v. State*, No. 1D22-1163, 2025 WL 1573182 (Fla. 1st DCA June 4, 2025)).

This was an appeal of a conviction for attempted armed robbery with a firearm. The defendant represented himself through much of the trial. The case turned on whether the defendant's rights to court-appointed counsel and self-representation were both properly honored. The court first reversed his sentence and remanded the matter to the trial court. I wrote a dissent from that decision. On rehearing, the court withdrew the original opinion reversing and adopted the position of my original dissent, which then became the majority position.

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8. *State v. Turner*, 2018CF2810 (Fla. 2d Cir. Ct. 2019).

This was an attempted first-degree murder case tried to verdict before a jury in Florida's Second Judicial Circuit Court. I was the trial court judge. Turner was convicted of attempted second-degree murder and sentenced to 20 years in the Department of Corrections.

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9. *Univ. of Fla. Bd. of Trs. v. Browning*, 387 So. 3d 371 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024) (Long, J., concurring in part and dissenting in part).

This was a class action suit against the university. The case addressed the nature and extent of a statutory sovereign immunity waiver. The court affirmed in part and reversed in part with split decisions.

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10. *Adelson v. State*, 412 So. 3d 880 (Fla. 1st DCA 2025).

This was a writ of prohibition filed to prevent the trial judge from presiding over the trial of a defendant in an alleged murder-for-hire plot. The court denied the writ.

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d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.

1. *Green v. Alachua Cnty.*, 323 So. 3d 246 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021).

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3. *Dortch v. Alachua Cnty. Sch. Bd.*, 330 So. 3d 976 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021).

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e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.

None.

f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

Harrison v. Leon Cnty. Clerk of Cir. Ct. & Comptroller, 330 So. 3d 100 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021). I was one of the trial court judges in this case. This was a reversal in a criminal bond forfeiture and remission case involving a bail bondsman and the clerk of the court. The trial court case over which I presided was *State v. Choice*, 2015CF2421 (Fla. 2d Cir. Ct. 2019).

Barr v. State, 294 So. 3d 458 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020). I was the trial court judge in this case. This was a reversal after a jury trial where the jury found Barr guilty of, among other things, possession of cocaine with intent to sell. A split panel reversed for insufficiency of the evidence supporting the intent element. The majority remanded for entry of a judgment for the lesser-included offense of possession of cocaine. The trial court case over which I presided was *State v. Barr*, 2017CF3306 (Fla. 2d Cir. Ct. 2018).

Louro v. State, 305 So. 3d 840 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020). I was the trial court judge in this case. This was a reversal after a jury trial where the jury found Louro guilty of, among other things, armed trespassing. The court reversed, holding that judgment of acquittal should have been granted and remanded the case for entry of a judgment for the lesser-included offense of trespassing. The trial court case over which I presided was *State v. Louro*, 2018CF1147 (Fla. 2d Cir. Ct. 2019).

Ashford-Cooper v. Ruff, 230 So. 3d 1283 (Fla. 1st DCA 2017). I was the trial court judge in this case. I granted a stalking injunction. The court reversed the stalking injunction on the grounds that the repeated calls and texts the petitioner received from the respondent did not rise to the level warranting an injunction because a woman who has an "affair with another woman's husband might well expect to hear the scorn of an angry wife." The trial court case over which I presided was *Ruff v. Ashford-Cooper*, 2016DR3805 (Fla. 2d Cir. Ct. 2016).

g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.

The Florida First District Court of Appeal does not issue unpublished written decisions. As a state trial court judge on Florida's Second Judicial Circuit Court, I did not author opinions, but I did issue thousands of orders that are available via the court's public docket.

h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

Helweg v. Bugby o/b/o S.J.H., 306 So. 3d 1243 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020)

Morales v. State, 308 So. 3d 1093 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020)

Gilliam v. State, 312 So. 3d 1280 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Walker v. State, 324 So. 3d 60 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

R.C. v. Dep't of Agric & Consumer Servs., 323 So. 3d 275 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

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Dortch v. Alachua Cnty. Sch. Bd., 330 So. 3d 976 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021)

Byrd v. Black Voters Matter, 375 So. 3d 335 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023)

Freeman v. State, 373 So. 3d 1255 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023) (Long, J., concurring)

White v. Discovery Commc'ns, LLC, 365 So. 3d 379 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023) (Long, J., concurring)

Univ. of Fla. Bd. of Trs. v. Browning, 387 So. 3d 371 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024) (Long, J., concurring in part and dissenting in part)

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i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.

I never sat by designation on a federal court of appeals.

14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

- a. whether your recusal was requested by a motion or other suggestion by a litigant or a party to the proceeding or by any other person or interested party; or if you recused yourself sua sponte;
- b. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal;
- c. the procedure you followed in determining whether or not to recuse yourself;
- d. your reason for recusing or declining to recuse yourself, including any action taken to remove the real, apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other ground for recusal.

All motions for recusal are evaluated on a case-by-case basis in consideration of Florida's Code of Judicial Conduct. Our court also uses an automatic system of recusal. Each judge provides a list of people or entities to the Clerk of Court and if a match occurs the Clerk of Court automatically reassigns the case to a different member of the court.

After an internal search of our case management system, I have identified the following cases in which I was the subject of a motion to recuse:

State v. Clarke, 2015CF3328 (Fla. 2d Cir. Ct. 2019). I served as the trial court judge for this case. Clarke, representing himself, made several sovereign-citizen-like claims challenging the authority of Florida courts over "The Aboriginal and Indigenous Natural Free People born with unalienable Rights of North-West Amexem, North America, before the arrival of European Colonies and Spanish Inquisition against Morrish Americas." Based on similar claims, he twice moved, ore tenus, to recuse me from presiding over his case in September and October of 2018. Finding the motions to be without legal merit, I denied them.

Hasanati v. Edwards, No. 1D2021-3338, 2022 WL 1485219 (Fla. 1st DCA May 11, 2022). I served on the appellate panel that handled this pro-se-prison-inmate case. In it, the appellant filed a "motion for recusal of certain judges" but did not specifically name any judges. Although I was not named in the motion, I include the motion here in an abundance of caution. He alleged generally that several judges had "made serial mistakes, errors, and inadvertence" in reviewing unidentified prior cases. The court denied the motion. An opinion was not issued in the case. The court dismissed the

appeal as unauthorized because in 2018 the appellant was prohibited from further pro se filings.

Smith v. Fla. Dep't of Corr., 343 So 3d 131 (Fla. 1st DCA 2022). I served on an appellate panel that handled one of this pro-se-prison-inmate petitioner's prior cases. The prior case cite is *Smith v. Florida Department of Corrections*, 313 So. 3d 1199 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021). In the newer case, the petitioner filed pro se motions to disqualify the judges that served on his prior case. He alleged that the prior panel had not timely acted on his case. I was never assigned to the new case and took no part in the resolution of the petition. The panel that was assigned to the case denied the motions as moot.

Merritt v. State, 402 So. 3d 1048 (Fla. 1st DCA 2024). I served on an appellate panel that handled one of this pro-se-prison-inmate appellant's prior cases. The prior case cite is *Merritt v. Florida Commission on Offender Review*, 370 So 3d 945 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023). In the newer case, the pro se appellant filed a motion to recuse the entire First District Court of Appeal. He alleged that the prior panel had disregarded "the applicable points of law" in his prior case. He alleged that because he had made this complaint, the judges from his prior panel could not serve on his new case. Each of the three judges from his prior panel individually reviewed his motion, found it to be without legal merit, and declined to recuse. I served on the panel that handled and resolved the newer case.

Marocco v. Brabec, 370 So. 3d 711 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023). I served on the appellate panel for this pro se appeal. The appellant filed a pro se motion to disqualify another named judge on my court and "any members of the American Inns of Court." Although I was not named in the motion and at the time of the motion I was no longer an active member of the Inn of Court, I include the motion here in an abundance of caution. The court denied the motion as legally insufficient. The appeal was dismissed.

We also utilize an order system to notify parties when a judge has a connection to the case or parties. I have used this process once in the following case. The substance of the issued order is provided in full in the parenthetical below.

Hamblen v. Pilot Travel Centers, LLC, d/b/a/ Flying J, 312 So. 3d 218 (Fla. 1st DCA 2021) ("Judge Long, who is assigned to the above-referenced case, has requested to disclose, pursuant to Canon 3E(1) of the Code of Judicial Conduct and *In re Frank*, 753 So. 2d 1228 (Fla. 2000), that as a Circuit Judge he presided over Second Judicial Circuit Court, Leon County Probate Division, case, 2013-CP-932, and issued the August 26, 2016, Order Appointing Personal Representative and Letters of Administration. The probate action does not appear to be at issue in this appeal and Judge Long does not believe this information presents a basis for recusal but asked that it be provided to the parties. If a party wishes to raise an objection to Judge Long's assignment to the panel in this case, notification should be provided to the Court by September 2, 2020."). No party objected to my assignment to the panel.

15. **Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:**

a. List chronologically any public offices you have held, other than judicial offices, including the terms of service and whether such positions were elected or appointed. If appointed, please include the name of the individual who appointed you. Also, state chronologically any unsuccessful candidacies you have had for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

Other than judicial offices, I have not sought any other public office. The Florida Supreme Court appoints one judicial member of the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. At the Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice's request, I agreed to accept an appointment to the Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission beginning on May 5, 2023. I am currently serving on the commission.

b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and responsibilities.

I have never held office or served on any political party's committee or election committee.

16. **Legal Career:** Answer each part separately.

a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:

i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

I did not serve as a law clerk.

ii. whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and dates;

I have never practiced law alone.

iii. the dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been affiliated, and the nature of your affiliation with each;

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- iv. whether you served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and, if so, a description of the 10 most significant matters with which you were involved in that capacity.

I have never served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

b. Describe:

- i. the general character of your law practice and indicate by date when its character has changed over the years.

Since the beginning of my legal career in 2008 through 2013, I was an active-duty judge advocate with the U.S. Navy. I handled courts-martial, legal assistance, command services, and I deployed to Afghanistan.

In 2013 and 2014, I was in private practice. My practice focused on civil litigation. I represented law enforcement officers and agencies in law enforcement liability and employment matters. Among other things, I also represented builders, retailers, and manufacturers in premises liability, pharmacy liability, construction, and product liability matters.

From 2013 through the present, I have been in the United States Navy Reserve. I serve in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. I am currently assigned as a military judge. I have also handled legal assistance, command services, and preliminary hearing officer duties.

From 2014 to 2016, I was the Leon County Sheriff's Office's General Counsel. I supervised all the agency's litigation, employment matters, and real-time law enforcement legal issues.

- ii. your typical clients and the areas at each period of your legal career, if any, in which you have specialized.

As an active-duty judge advocate in the U.S. Navy from 2008 to 2013, I represented servicemembers, provided command advice, and deployed to Afghanistan. As a United States Navy reservist in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, I have advised servicemembers and commanders, and I have served as a preliminary hearing officer and military judge.

While I was in private practice from 2013 to 2014, I represented law enforcement officers and agencies in law enforcement liability and employment matters. Among other things, I also represented builders, retailers, and manufacturers in premises liability, pharmacy liability, construction, and product liability matters.

While serving as the General Counsel at the Leon County Sheriff's Office from 2014 to 2016, the sheriff's office was my client.

- c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

Approximately 70 percent of my legal practice was litigation.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- | | | |
|----|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. | federal courts: | 70% |
| 2. | state courts of record: | 30% |
| 3. | other courts: | 0% |
| 4. | administrative agencies: | 0% |

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- | | | |
|----|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. | civil proceedings: | 40% |
| 2. | criminal proceedings: | 60% |

- d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

As a lawyer, I tried approximately eight cases to a final judgment and approximately 43 partially contested court-martial proceedings. I most often served as associate counsel.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:

- | | | |
|----|-----------|-----|
| 1. | jury: | 60% |
| 2. | non-jury: | 40% |

- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Supply copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

I have not practiced before the Supreme Court of the United States.

17. **Litigation**: Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

- a. the date of representation;
- b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
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1. *Est. of Smith v. Consol. Dispatch Agency*, No. 15-CA-2884 (Fla. 2d Cir. Ct.) (Hankinson, J.). (Dates of Representation: 2015 – 2016).

This was a wrongful death claim from the estate of Deputy Chris Smith, who was killed in the line of duty on November 22, 2014. Pursuant to an interlocal agreement with the Leon County Sheriff's Office, I was counsel for the Consolidated Dispatch Agency for liability matters. I represented the CDA and the Sheriff in his capacity as a member of the CDA Board of Directors. I handled the case pre-suit, including pre-suit mediation. I was appointed to the court prior to the case's full resolution.

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2. *Est. of Owens v. The GEO Group, Inc.*, No. 12-CV-00107-RV (N.D. Fla.)
(Vinson, J.). (Dates of Representation: 2013 – 2014).

This case was a wrongful death and 42 U.S.C. § 1983 claim filed on behalf of the estate of a Florida Department of Corrections inmate who was housed in the Graceville Correctional Facility. The inmate was killed by another inmate inside the facility. I represented the GEO Group. The district court granted summary judgment on the federal claims and remanded the state law claim.

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3. *W.E. v. Dist. Sch. Bd. of Wakulla Cnty.*, No. 13-CV-00674 (N.D. Fla.) (Stafford, J.). (Dates of Representation: 2014).

This matter involved, among other things, a First Amendment infringement claim, by way of 42 U.S.C. § 1983, by a student and his guardian against the School Board and employees for their alleged use of a Bible in a public school classroom. This case was resolved prior to trial. I represented the individual teacher.

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4. *United States v. McVeigh* (Berger, J.). (Dates of Representation: 2010 – 2012).

This was a murder case where Matthew McVeigh was charged with the murder of his own son. I represented the defendant, Matthew McVeigh. This matter was tried at a General Court-Martial. It was a fully contested jury trial. McVeigh was acquitted of the murder charge, but convicted of a lesser included involuntary manslaughter offense.

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5. *United States v. Cristobal*. (Mori, J.). (Dates of Representation: 2010 – 2012).

This was a child rape case where Virgilio Cristobal was charged with raping his step-daughter. This matter was tried at a General Court-Martial. This was a fully contested trial. I represented the defendant. He was found not guilty.

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6. *Est. of Brantum v. 3M Co.*, 2011-CA-003305 (Fla. 2d Cir. Ct.) (Lewis, J.). (Dates of Representation: 2013 – 2014).

This was a product liability case involving allegations of chemical exposure to benzene and benzene-containing products. The estate claimed, among other things, that the exposure caused the decedent to develop and die from leukemia. I represented 3M. I handled discovery and pretrial motions.

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7. *United States v. Bradley Lauer*. (Mori, J.). (Dates of Representation: 2010 – 2011).

This was a stabbing case where United States Marine Bradley Lauer was accused of stabbing a fellow Marine with a knife. This matter was tried at a General Court-Martial. The case was a fully contested jury trial. I represented the defendant. He was found not guilty.

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8. *Marion v. Kmart Corp.*, 2013-CA-930 (Fla. 1st Cir. Ct.) (Simon, J.). (Dates of Representation: 2013 – 2014).

This was a pharmacy liability case. The plaintiff alleged that Kmart filled his prescription with the wrong medicine, and that he took the incorrect medicine believing it to be the correct medicine. He alleged that ingesting the wrong medicine and the lack of the correct medicine combined to cause, among other things, bodily injury. I represented Kmart. I handled discovery and pretrial matters.

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9. *Brayshaw v. Wood*, 14-CV-00361-RH (N.D. Fla.) (Hinkle, J.). (Dates of Representation: 2014 – 2015).

This was a federal civil rights case in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida. The plaintiff alleged that in response to his publication of information critical of a law enforcement officer and a law enforcement agency, law enforcement personnel unlawfully used government information systems to obtain his protected personal information. The plaintiff made several claims, including alleged violations of his civil rights by way of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and of the Driver's Privacy Protection Act pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2721. I represented the Sheriff. It was resolved prior to trial.

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10. *Pritchard v. City of High Springs*, 13-CV-00043-MW (N.D. Fla.) (Walker, J.). (Dates of Representation: 2013 – 2014).

This was a federal civil rights case in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida. The plaintiff alleged that in response to his publication of information critical of a law enforcement officer and a law enforcement agency, he was subjected to a scheme to have him arrested and harassed by the agency and its personnel. The plaintiff made several claims, including false arrest and First Amendment retaliation by way of 42 U.S.C. § 1983. I represented the city. It was resolved prior to trial.

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18. **Legal Activities:** Describe the most significant legal activities you have pursued, including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not involve litigation. Describe fully the nature of your participation in these activities. List any client(s) or organization(s) for whom you performed lobbying activities and describe the lobbying activities you performed on behalf of such client(s) or organizations(s). (Note: As to any facts requested in this question, please omit any information protected by the attorney-client privilege.)

I have not engaged in other significant legal activities or performed lobbying activities for any client or organization.

19. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide copies to the committee.

None.

20. **Deferred Income/ Future Benefits:** List the sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock, options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services, firm memberships, former employers, clients or customers. Describe the arrangements you have made to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

I am vested in the State of Florida's pension plan and am entitled to that benefit upon my retirement.

21. **Outside Commitments During Court Service:** Do you have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during your service with the court? If so, explain.

I currently serve, and hope to continue serving, as a reservist in the United States Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps.

22. **Sources of Income:** List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding

\$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

When my nomination is formally transmitted to the Senate, I will file my mandated Financial Disclosure Report and supply a copy to this Committee.

23. **Statement of Net Worth:** Please complete the attached financial net worth statement in detail (add schedules as called for).

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, categories of litigation, and financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest when you first assume the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you would address any such conflict if it were to arise.

To determine whether I would need to recuse for matters over which I previously presided or to which I have another connection, I would consult 28 U.S.C. § 455(a) & (b)(3), Canon 3C of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and all other applicable rules or canons. I would also consult any judicial decisions or Judicial Conference opinions addressing similar factual circumstances as those raised in the particular case. I will evaluate any other real or potential conflict, or a relationship that could give rise to an appearance of a conflict, on a case-by-case basis and take appropriate action, including recusal, where necessary.

b. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including the procedure you will follow in determining these areas of concern.

If confirmed, I will carefully review and address any real or potential conflicts by reference to 28 U.S.C. § 455, Canon 3 of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and any and all other laws, rules, and practices governing such circumstances.

25. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each.

As a state judge I am not permitted to pursue pro bono work. As a lawyer, I served on the board of the Legal Aid Foundation, which supported and facilitated pro bono and pro se assistance to parties in need.

26. **Selection Process:**

a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

There is no current selection commission for recommending candidates for nomination to the federal courts in Florida. I first spoke with Senator Scott's office about potential future federal court vacancies in February 2025. I first spoke with Senator Moody's office about potential future federal court vacancies in July 2025. I interviewed with Senator Scott's office in January 2026. I interviewed with Senator Moody's office in February 2026. I was contacted by the Office of White House Counsel in July 2026, and I interviewed with that office in August of 2026. On August 18, 2026, I spoke with President Trump. He informed me of his intent to nominate me to serve on the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Throughout this process, I have been in contact with officials from the White House Counsel's Office and the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy.

b. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a judicial nominee discussed with you any currently pending or specific case, legal issue or question in a manner that could reasonably be interpreted as seeking any express or implied assurances concerning your position on such case, issue, or question? If so, explain fully.

No.

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I, ROBERT E. LONG, JR., do swear that the information provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

8/25/26
(DATE)

[Signature]
(NAME)

Leslie R. Tharp
(NOTARY)

