

## EVERYONE SHOULD BE IN THE KNOW

To be a Judge you have to be an attorney for a minimum of 5 years. To become an attorney, you first earn a Bachelors degree and then take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) to get into Law School. A typical law school curriculum takes 3 years. After graduation, Florida requires a bar exam that takes 2 days and a background check that takes a few months.

I ran for County Court Judge, not Circuit Court Judge. Circuit Court Judges hear crimes punishable by 1 year incarceration to the death penalty, they hear juvenile, probate, family and civil matters with more than \$15,000 in dispute. County Court Judges hear crimes punishable by a maximum of one year jail, traffic disputes and small claims.

Right now, I am running my own practice specializing in foreclosure defense and bankruptcy. For several years, I specialized in criminal matters. I am also an Adjunct Professor at NSU-Shepard Broad Law School. I do practice in State and Federal Court. Federal court in the Southern District of Florida requires an exam. With proper preparation, no lawyer should fail that test. I went to Washington DC to be sworn in as a lawyer qualified to practice in our U.S. Supreme Court. While there, I met Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and spoke with him for several hours. I have been an attorney for 12 years.

### Clarifying points

- \*I did not run against a sitting Judge, it was an open seat
- \*Judicial candidates can not reveal their political party
- \*The judicial races are separated by group number
- \*There are 90 judges in Broward County
- \*Judges are either elected or appointed by the sitting Governor
- \*Broward County has never elected an African American female to the bench