

Becoming A Judge

A presentation of the

Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. Bar Association's Professional Growth and Development Committee



Program Highlights

- ◆ *The Judicial Nominating Committees (JNCs) and the nomination process.*
- ◆ *The election of judges in Miami-Dade County.*
- ◆ *Laying the groundwork for a judgeship in your or your friend's future.*
- ◆ *Assessing your options: timing, planning, paperwork.*
- ◆ *Financing judicial campaigns.*
- ◆ *Obtaining useful endorsements.*
- ◆ *Ethical considerations before and after election or appointment.*
- ◆ *Common mistakes and misconceptions about the process.*
- ◆ *A reception including the members of the Supreme Court, Third District, and Eleventh Circuit JNCs.*
- ◆ *Earn 3.0 hours CLE Credit, including 1.5 hours of Ethics Credit.*

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Becoming A Judge:

Dreams
Myths &
Reality



September 29, 2004
Radisson Hotel
1601 Biscayne Blvd.
Miami, FL 33132
Ballroom Level

Seminar 3:00—6:00 pm.
Reception: 6:00—8:00 pm.

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PROGRAM OUTLINE

I. The Nomination Process

- ♦ Understanding the operation of the Judicial Nominating Committees;
- ♦ Learning of vacancies and potential openings;
- ♦ Preparing the application;
- ♦ Securing letters of support;
- ♦ Practice considerations during the process;
- ♦ Avoiding common pitfalls;
- ♦ Complying with ethical requirements.

II. The Election Process

- ♦ Assessing the viability of your candidacy;
- ♦ Complying with the rules and regulations of the Supervisor of Elections;
- ♦ Developing a campaign team;
- ♦ Employing judicial campaign and political consultants;
- ♦ Making public appearances;
- ♦ Fundraising;
- ♦ Obtaining endorsements.

III. Myths vs. Reality

- ♦ Do you need a lot of money?
- ♦ Should you be a partner in a large firm?
- ♦ Do you have to be well connected politically?



and more

SPEAKERS



Maria Acosta, Public Services Division, Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections.

Reginald J. Clyne, Partner, Clyne & Self, P.A. Former President of WDFJBA. (1997-1999) and Chair of WDFJBA's Judicial Ratings Committee.

Susan Fried, Owner, Susan Fried & Associates. Lobbyist and political consultant for presidential, county commissioners and judicial candidates.

Tomas F. Gamba, Partner, Gamba & Lombana, P.A. Former President of the Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) (1984). Former campaign treasurer for several political campaigns. Member of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit JNC.

Armando Gutierrez, Gutierrez and Associates. Campaign consultant for mayors, county commissioners and governors for several years.

Carol A. Licko, Partner, Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P. Former General Counsel for Governor Jeb Bush (Jan. 1999 - June 2000).

Sergio L. Mendez, Partner, Law Offices of Mendez & Mendez, P.A. Immediate Past Co-Chair of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit JNC and Former President of the CABA (1999).

Bobbie Mumford, B Mumford & Co. Public relations, political and judicial campaign consultant.

Honorable Shirlyon J. McWhorter, County Court Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Former president of WDFJBA (2003) and the National Bar Association Women Lawyers Division Dade County Chapter (2001-2003).

Honorable Scott J. Silverman, Circuit Court Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Former Chair of the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee (1997-1998 and 2001-2002).

Cynthia Johnson-Stacks, Assistant County Attorney for Miami-Dade County. Former member of the Third District JNC (2000-2004), Eleventh Judicial Circuit JNC (1994-1998), and the Supreme Court Racial and Ethnic Bias Study Commission (1990-1992).

REGISTRATION

	<u>Price</u>
Seminar, seminar booklet, CLE	\$40.00
○ Credit & Open Bar Wine and Cheese Reception with members of the judicial nominating committees.	
○ Open Bar Wine and Cheese Reception	\$35.00
○ Seminar booklet	\$15.00

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Registration Deadline: September 21, 2004

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