

DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS 2016 JUDICIAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate name: Deborah Carpenter-Toye Office sought: County Court Judge, Group 21 Incumbent? No

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1. Where and when did you attend law school?

**University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina
1980-1983**

2. How long have you been a member of the Florida Bar?

Since 1983

3. In which other states (if any) have you been admitted to the Bar?

South Carolina and Massachusetts

4. Have you ever been disciplined by a state or local Bar? **No** If so, explain briefly.

5. Do you have any previous experience as a judge or conducting alternative dispute resolution? **No** If so, specify court(s) and/or other forum and number of years.

6. Have you ever held any non-judicial elected offices? If so, please list office(s) and years served.

No

7. Have you ever held any non-judicial appointed offices? If so, please list office(s) and years served.

No

8. Please list any awards/honors received relevant to the position you seek.

**Elected president of the Broward Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys 1992.
Endorsed by the Police Benevolent Association
Endorsed by the Broward County Council of Professional Firefighters**

9. Briefly describe your legal background (firms worked for, areas of expertise, etc.).

**I began my career as an Assistant State Attorney in Broward County in 1985.
In 1987, I began working as an Assistant Public Defender in Broward County.
In 1989, I opened my law practice in Fort Lauderdale, specializing in the area of criminal law.
All thirty-three (33) years of my career have been as a trial attorney. Over 200 jury trials and Death Penalty Qualified.**

10. Briefly describe any professional legal experience you have had with civil rights issues.

**Most criminal cases involve civil rights issues. Often times, the person being arrested is a member of a minority or group that is, for some reason, being singled out.
My entire career has been spent protecting the rights of people and ensuring that their constitutional rights are protected.**

11. Please list the professional, community, social, and religious organizations of which you are now or have been a member in the past ten years.

Professional: Florida Bar Association, South Carolina Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association, Broward Bar Association, Broward Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, Florida Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys

Community: Board of Homeowner's Association, Board Member Youth Automotive Training Center, The Junior League of Fort Lauderdale

Social: 2nd Century Broward

12. Briefly describe any personal experiences you have had with GLBT friends or relatives.

I have many friends and colleagues in the GLBT Community. In our immediate family, we have a transgender and a lesbian. Not accepting and loving every individual is unacceptable to me.

13. Briefly describe what you perceive as the greatest obstacles to justice.

The greatest obstacles to justice are prejudice and hatred. Our system is designed to perpetuate justice and the human factor sometimes interferes.

14. Briefly describe what you hope to accomplish as a judge.

I hope to be able to use my thirty-three (33) years of experience as a trial attorney to carefully and thoughtfully apply the law, which is what a Judge's duty is. Also, my life experience will allow me to be understanding and compassionate with those who appear before me. Lastly, I believe as a County Court Judge, I would play a big role in teaching and mentoring young lawyers who appear before me.

15. Briefly describe the greatest strengths you bring to the judicial role.

My greatest strengths that make me well suited to be a Judge are my legal experience, my compassion, and my ability to listen.

16. Do you wish to be identified as GLBT (optional)?

SUMMARY: Please briefly explain why gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender voters should support your candidacy (you may use this space for any additional comments or to further explain any responses to the above questions).

I believe voters in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community should vote for me because my life experience and legal experience has allowed me to interact with people of all ages, backgrounds, and varying communities. A Judge should be understanding of all people and all communities should be treated equally.

I have signed the Broward County Statement of Ethical Campaign Practices and have attached a copy.

Signature of Candidate: _____



Date: _____

5/10/16

We ask that you return your completed questionnaire no later than May 1, 2016 You may return your questionnaire in any of the following ways:

- Fax to (954) 630-0830
- Scan and email to (info@dolphindems.org)
- If you have any questions or concerns, please call our google voice line at (954) 951-0830 and someone will return your call.

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE
FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE**

(Section 105.031(5), F.S.)

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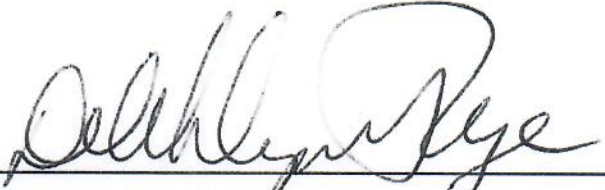
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CLERK OF THE
SUPERIOR COURT

I, Deborah Carpenter-Toye

a judicial candidate, have received, read, and understand the requirements of the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct.


(Signature of candidate)

12/21/16
(Date)

Each candidate for judicial office, including an incumbent judge, shall file a statement with the qualifying officer, within 10 days after filing the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

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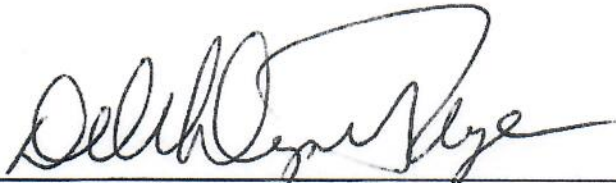
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SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

I, Deborah Carpenter-Toye ,

candidate for the office of County Court Judge, Group 21 ;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X



Signature of Candidate

1/21/2016

Date

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