

DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS 2016 JUDICIAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate name: BRADFORD A. PETERSON Office sought: COUNTY COURT, ^{Group 14} Incumbent? NO

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1. Where and when did you attend law school?

TULANE LAW SCHOOL, NEW ORLEANS, LA
1989-92

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

23 YEARS

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

WASHINGTON DC, NORTH DAKOTA

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.

ALTHOUGH NOT IN TROPHY OR CERTIFICATE FORM, THE GOODWILL AND MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS GREATLY ENJOYED WITH FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE BAR, AND THE MANY CHERISHED RELATIONSHIPS WITH CLIENTS PAST AND PRESENT, ARE MY REWARD.

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

THE SCOPE OF MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE HAS BEEN LARGELY IN THE AREA OF, AND OF ROUGHLY EQUAL BALANCE, CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND CRIMINAL DEFENSE, AND IN THE AREA OF CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE LAW, AND SOME LIMITED APPELLATE PRACTICE. I SERVED THE BROWARD STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FROM THE YEARS 1998 TO 2003 AND FORT LYNDERDALE'S OFFICE OF REGIONAL CIVIL & CRIMINAL CONFLICT COUNSEL FROM

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

NEARLY ALL MATTERS WHICH APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT INVOLVE AND INVOKE CIVIL RIGHTS - THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD, TO SEEK REDRESS OF GRIEVANCE, AND TO A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TRIBUNAL. HAPPILY, THE MANY JUDGES BEFORE WHOM I HAVE APPEARED HAVE BEEN NEARLY WITHOUT EXCEPTION SUPERLATIVE IN GUARDING AND RESPECTING THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF LITIGANTS. I HAVE NOT, HOWEVER, BEEN ENGAGED WITH

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.

I AM AN EPISCOPALIAN AND MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA BAR AND TROPIC CINEMA OF KEY WEST. ADDITIONALLY, KINDLE FOR AT RISK KIDS, INC., A 501(C)(3) ENTITY, IS AN ORGANIZATION WHICH I SERVE AS PRESIDENT.

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

MY LIFE HAS BEEN BLESSED BY DEAR FRIENDS WHO HAPPEN TO BE GAY. I CONSIDER ALL PERSONS BASED ON THE CONTENT OF THEIR CHARACTER AND NOT ON THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN, NOR OF THEIR GENDER, NOR OF THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. THE WORDS OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY TO THE CLEVELAND CITY CLUB ON APRIL 5, 1968 SPEAK WELL TO OUR COMMON EFFORT TOWARDS A BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

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

TO MY MIND, INFORMED BY LIFE EXPERIENCE AND THE STUDY OF HISTORY, THE GREATEST OBSTACLES TO JUSTICE ARE THE MISUSE OF AUTHORITY, POWER OR POSITION - POLITICALLY, MILITARILY OR ECONOMICALLY - IN DEALINGS WITH AND AMONG PEOPLES. I TRIBUTE THOSE WHO STAND AGAINST INJUSTICE AND HONOR THE MAN AND WORDS OF WINSTON CHURCHILL'S "THEIR FINEST HOUR" SPEECH OF 1940.

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

FOREMOST WHAT I WOULD SEEK TO ACCOMPLISH AS JUDGE IS A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TRIBUNAL OF JUDICIAL TEMPERAMENT THAT REPRESENTS HONORABLY THE BENCH OF BROWARD COUNTY. ADDITIONALLY, AS OUR COUNTY COURT IS A VENUE WHERE MANY ATTORNEYS FRESH TO THE BAR GAIN THEIR FIRST COURTROOM EXPERIENCES, TO PROVIDE AN ENCOURAGING AND BENEVOLENT ATMOSPHERE WHICH SEEKS TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THEIR FULLEST PRACTICE POTENTIAL.

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

PERHAPS THE GREATEST STRENGTHS WHICH I WOULD BRING TO THE JUDICIAL ROLE IS THE ASSURANCE OF FAIR-MINDEDNESS AND AS A GUARANTOR OF DUE PROCESS RIGHTS TO ALL PARTIES.

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

ALL PERSONS, IRREGARDLESS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION, SHOULD BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND CARE.

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).

ALL ARE WELL-SERVED BY A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL JUDICIARY, ONE WHICH NEITHER PREJUDICES NOR PREFERENCES ON ACCOUNT OF A PERSON'S PROVIDENTIAL QUALITIES.

9 CONT.: 2011 TO PRESENT. FROM 2006 TO 2008 I WAS WITH THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM IN KEY WEST AND TAVERNIER, AND FROM 2009 TO 2011 WITH THE WARD COUNTY STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN NORTH DAKOTA, MY PUBLIC DEFENDER YEARS WERE FROM 1995 TO 1998 IN MELBOURNE AND 2003-2004 IN TAVERNIER. IT HAS BEEN FOR ME A FULFILLING AND SATISFYING CAREER.

10 CONT.: A SECTION 1983 OR STATUTORILY-EQUIVALENT MATTER.
I have signed the Broward County Statement of Ethical Campaign Practices and have attached a copy.

Signature of Candidate: Bill A. R. Date: MAY 9, 2016

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.