

## ***DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS 2016 JUDICIAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE***

Candidate name: **KIM THERESA MOLLIKA** Office sought: COUNTY COURT JUDGE\_ Incumbent? **NO – OPEN SEAT**

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1. Where and when did you attend law school?

St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, Florida  
September 1987 – December 1989 – (I graduated in 2.5 years)  
I received the American Jurisprudence Award for Legal Accounting while in Law School.

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

26 years on 7/2/2016

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

None, except I am a member of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida (Federal Court).

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.

I have acted as a mediator on occasion for family law attorneys, by prior opposing counsel, who requested that I be a mediator for another case they were involved. All the cases I mediated were resolved.

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. **YES**

I was appointed as:

(1) Board Member to the Consumer Protection Board by the Broward County Commission, 2011 to 2016. I was a Panel Member, and sometimes Panel Chairperson on a three (3) Person Panel.

(2) Committee Member of The Florida Bar, Family Law Rules Committee, 2008-2011. I served as a sub-chairperson as well while on this committee.

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

- U.S. Department of State, Office of Children's Issues, United States Central Authority for the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, Certificate of Appreciation For Your Efforts as a Hague Convention Attorney Network (2014)
- Award Volunteer Judge for The American Legion – High School Oratorical Scholarship Program (2011, 2012, 2015 and 2016)
- Guest Speaker Award, Paralegal Association of Florida / Broward County Chapter, "Recent Changes in Florida Law Statutes and Practices" (2009)
- South Florida Top Rated Lawyers, Legal Leaders (2012)
- Superlawyers (2015, 2016)
- AV Preeminent Rated Martindale-Hubbell (2011 to 2016)
- Certificate of Appreciation, Speaking Engagement, Nova Southeastern University
- Pro bono award (Bronze Level) for Palm Beach County Legal Aid Society (2005)
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America "ATLA", Certificate of Achievement as a Tribute to the Relentless Pursuit of Excellence for Leadership & Service to ATLA New Lawyer's Division and For Public Service Performed in a Manner Exceeding the Highest Standards of Our Profession(1994)

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

*Kim T. Mollica, P.A., Private Practice for over 23 years (1993 – present) – Criminal (Felony and Misdemeanor), Family matters including divorce, paternity, child custody, modification, contempt, pre-nuptial, post-nuptials, domestic violence, step-parent adoption, landlord tenant, personal injury, probate, multi-state litigation for class action, federal deportation cases, and various other civil matters.*

*Public Defender's Office, Assistant Public Defender (1990-1992), 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (Martin and St. Lucie County), Felony, Misdemeanor, Mental Health and Juvenile Divisions*

*State Attorney's Office, Intern (1989), 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (Dade County), Juvenile*

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

As a former criminal defense attorney, family law attorney, and as a volunteer pro-bono attorney for U.S. Department of State, Office of Children's Issues, United States Central Authority for the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, I have fought for the civil rights of my clients and children.

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.

Past and Present

The Florida Bar, member (1990 to present)  
 U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida member (1993 to present)  
 American Bar Association member  
 Broward County Bar Association member  
 Broward County Women Lawyers Association member  
 Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers member  
 National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers member  
 American Trial Lawyers of America member  
 Florida Academy of Trial Lawyers member  
 South Broward County Bar Association member  
 South Palm Beach County Bar Association member



Greater South Florida Realtor Association member (2015 to present)  
Florida Licensed Real Estate Sales Associate (2015 to present)  
National Association of Realtors (2015 to present)

- **KIM THERESA MOLLIKA** is a past Committee member and past Chairperson of a subcommittee of the Florida Bar Family Law Rules Committee (2008-2011)
- **KIM THERESA MOLLIKA** is a past Chairperson of the Criminal Law Section of the Palm Beach County Bar Association (1995-1996)
- **KIM THERESA MOLLIKA** is a past member of the Temporary Relief Hearing Ad Hoc Sub-Committee of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association (2003)
- **KIM THERESA MOLLIKA** is a Pro Bono Attorney for the United States Department of U.S. Central Authority on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, 2008-present
- **KIM THERESA MOLLIKA** is a Pro Bono Attorney for Mission United Veterans, Pro Bono Legal Project, 2014-present
- **KIM THERESA MOLLIKA** is a past Board of Trustees, House of Hope/Stepping Stones (2009-2010, 2013-2014)
- Guest speaker at local elementary school on the "Law and Juveniles"
- Guest speaker at Mount Zion A.M.E. Church – Annual Women's Day (2008)

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

I have a few friends that are GLBT, in addition to several professional colleagues. I have great relationships with them all, regardless of sexual orientation.

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

Equal access to the Justice System by everybody regardless of your class or sexual orientation.

I seek equality and fair access to the Court for everyone regardless of any barriers.

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

I want to make a change, and breathe new life into an old system. I will apply the law to my cases and be fair and impartial. I will continue to work hard, as I now work a minimum of usually 9-10 hours per day, and I frequently work on the weekends. I will make sure I am prepared, everyone is treated with respect, dignity and fairness regardless of sexual orientation or class, and that I move my cases and docket swiftly—justice delayed is justice denied.

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

I have the diversified experience of Criminal and Civil Jury trials, Family Law, Mental Health matters, Juvenile, Domestic Violence, Appeals, Personal Injury, Probate, Multi State Class Action, and Federal Immigration cases (defense). I have practiced before many Judges in the State of Florida, and I would bring these experiences and my 26 years of practicing law to Broward County.

I would be honored to give back to the citizens of Broward County, and humbly ask for your support.

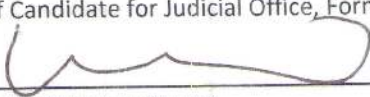
16. Do you wish to be identified as GLBT (optional)?

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 intend on following the law regardless of class or sexual orientation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

I have signed the Statement of Candidate for Judicial Office, Form DS-DE 83 and have attached a copy.

Signature of Candidate:



Date:

5/11/2016

**KIM THERESA MOLLIKA**

**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE  
FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE**

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

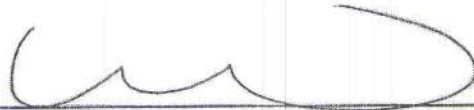
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I, Kim Theresa Mollica

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

  
(Signature of candidate)

May 5, 2016  
(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.