

## DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS 2016 JUDICIAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate name: Barbara Roseann Duffy

Office sought: Circuit Court Judge – Group 15

Incumbent? No

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1. Where and when did you attend law school?

Nova Law School – 1987-1990

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

26 years as of August, 2016

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

N/A

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? If so, specify court(s) and/or other forum and number of years.

No

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.

While working with the Broward State Attorney's office - Most jury trials conducted in County Court and Felony Prosecutor of the year.

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

While in college, I interned at the Dade County State Attorney's Office. After graduating from FSU, I attended Nova Law and, during my last year, interned at the Broward County State Attorney's Office (SAO) where I was permitted to try criminal cases. Following law school, I was hired by Broward County State Attorney Michael Satz. During my three plus years at the SAO, I conducted over one hundred trials and handled cases ranging from simple trespass to drug trafficking, attempted 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder charges. I was awarded for most jury trials in County Court and Felony Prosecutor of the year. After serving at the Broward County SAO, I commenced an almost twenty year career with the Broward County Police Benevolent Association (PBA). During my tenure with the PBA I represented more than 2,000 police union members in administrative, appellate and criminal matters. I won a 4<sup>th</sup> DCA appellate case of first impression in the State of Florida regarding arbitration as well as a case involving Grand Jury Interim Reports. After serving at the PBA, I took on the position of General Counsel for AFSCME Local 2432 where I represented its over 600 Hollywood municipal employees in administrative and criminal matters. Since August of 2015, I have worked as a sole practitioner representing teachers and other working class people who don't qualify for Legal Aid assistance but who do not have the financial ability to pay for an attorney to help them.

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

Throughout my career representing public employees, numerous clients experienced discrimination, whether it was based on age, race and/or sexual orientation. Those matters were resolved via required contractual arbitration procedures.

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.

The Florida Bar

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

I have many friends and clients who are gay and lesbian, including my Goddaughter.

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

Inefficiency and the inability of many people to afford quality legal representation.

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

To eliminate the perceived injustices in the courts, to create an environment where ALL people are respected and treated in a fair, impartial and compassionate manner, and to provide people greater access to the courts.

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

Personal integrity and compassion as well as an understanding that judges have a duty to the people to make informed decisions that withstand scrutiny. I am committed to being fair, courteous, open minded, compassionate, diligent and accountable to ALL parties that will come before me.

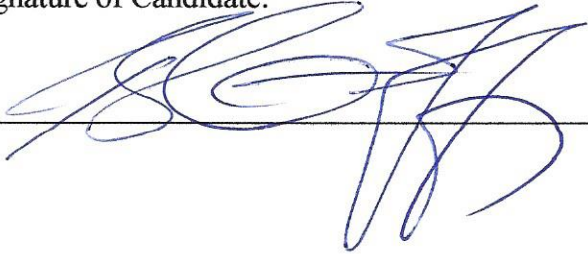
16. Do you wish to be identified as GLBT (optional)?

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).

Throughout my life I have been forced to face and overcome many personal and financial challenges which I believe has instilled in me the need to help those who cannot help themselves. I have dedicated my personal life and legal career to helping others and will continue to do so. Unfortunately, as a litigator I can only help one person at a time. As a judge, I will be in a position to help EVERY person that comes before me. I will work toward establishing a court system that people can trust will be fair. I will make a difference!

I have signed the Judicial Office Candidate Oath and have attached a copy.

Signature of Candidate:

 Date: 5/25/16

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](mailto: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



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CANDIDATE OATH

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OATH OF CANDIDATE (Section 105.031, Florida Statutes)

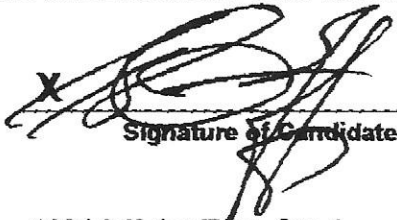
I, Barbara Roseann Duffy

(PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT \* - NAME MAY NOT BE CHANGED AFTER THE END OF QUALIFYING)

am a candidate for the judicial office of Circuit Court Judge, 17,  
(office) (district #) (circuit #)  
15; my legal residence is Broward County, Florida; I am a qualified elector  
(group #)

of the state and of the territorial jurisdiction of the court to which I seek election; I am qualified under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the judicial office to which I desire to be elected or in which I desire to be retained; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

**Section 876.05, Florida Statutes, oath** (only applicable if elected and when term of office begins): I, a citizen of the State of Florida and of the United States of America, and being employed by or an officer of the court system and a recipient of public funds as such employee or officer, do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Florida.

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Signature of Candidate

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Address City State ZIP Code

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): 101825508

\* Please print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot for persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form):

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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF BROWARD

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

Personally Known: ☒ or

Produced Identification: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_

