

Second Judicial Circuit Group 13: Candidate Fact Sheet

As of July 16, 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

Most jury trials in Florida are conducted before a single judge serving on a circuit court. These courts are often called courts of general jurisdiction because they handle the majority of both criminal and civil cases at their starting point.

Florida's Constitution requires a circuit court for each judicial circuit created by the Legislature, and there are currently twenty such circuits. The number of judges in each circuit varies based on the population and caseload of that area. To qualify as a circuit judge, an individual must be a registered voter in a county within the circuit and must have been licensed to practice law in Florida for at least five years.

Circuit judges are elected in nonpartisan elections by voters within their circuits, competing against other qualified candidates. The Code of Judicial Conduct requires judges and judicial candidates to be faithful to the law and "not be swayed by partisan interests, public clamor, or fear of criticism." They must "act in a manner consistent with the impartiality, integrity, and independence of the judiciary." They are prohibited from holding office in a political organization, attending political party functions, or making contributions to political organizations, and cannot knowingly allow anyone to do so on their behalf.

They serve six-year terms and are held to the same disciplinary rules as justices of the Supreme Court and judges of the district courts of appeal. If a circuit judge resigns, the Governor is tasked to appoint a new judge to take their place. Each circuit selects a chief judge from among its circuit and county judges. This chief judge oversees administrative duties for all trial courts within the circuit.

Circuit courts have general trial jurisdiction over matters not assigned by statute to the county courts and also hear appeals from county court cases. Thus, circuit courts are simultaneously the highest trial courts and the lowest appellate courts in Florida's judicial system.

The trial jurisdiction of circuit courts includes, among other matters, original jurisdiction over civil disputes involving more than \$50,000; controversies involving the estates of decedents, minors and persons adjudicated as incapacitated; cases relating to juveniles; criminal prosecutions for all felonies; tax disputes; actions to determine the title and boundaries of real property; suits for declaratory judgments that is, to determine the legal rights or responsibilities of parties under the terms of written instruments, laws or regulations before a dispute arises and leads to litigation; and requests for injunctions to prevent persons or entities from acting in a manner that is asserted to be unlawful.

In addition, circuit courts have the authority to issue special legal orders, known as extraordinary writs, such as certiorari, prohibition, mandamus, quo warranto and habeas corpus, along with any other writs necessary to fully carry out their jurisdiction.

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J. LEE MARSH (INCUMBENT)

Amount Raised	\$78,395.00 (monetary contributions), \$10,000.00 (loans), \$1,136.57 (in-kind contributions)
Campaign Website	Re-Elect Judge Marsh
Background <i>(pulled from publicly available information)</i>	Florida Bar Admittance: 10/04/2004 Judge J. Lee Marsh was born and raised in Tallahassee and is a third generation Leon County Public Schools graduate (valedictorian), attending from elementary through high school. He is a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and a retired Navy Officer after more than 20 years of service. He has been married to his high school sweetheart for 30 years, who is a local preschool teacher. Together, they have two daughters. Since 2018, Judge Marsh has served as a Circuit Judge in the Second Judicial Circuit, presiding over more than 110 jury trials in the family, civil and felony divisions. Prior to his time on the bench, he was a career litigator practicing criminal, family, civil, ethics, and labor law, with over 20 jury trials and 150 bench trials. He served as a Navy specialist in the prosecution of sexual assault and as a Chief Assistant Attorney General. Judge Marsh's commitment to service includes being an active member of the Tallahassee Rotary Club, an active member of local bar associations and the American Inns of Court, and an elder at Faith Presbyterian Church.
Employment	• 2nd Judicial Circuit, <i>April 2018 - Present</i>: Circuit Judge • Florida Office of the Attorney General, <i>March 2016 - March 2018</i>: Chief of Corrections Litigation • U.S. Navy, <i>August 2013 - May 2016</i>: Officer in Charge, Regional Legal Service Office Southeast, Detachment Mayport ○ <i>August 2011 - July 2013</i>: Assistant Director, Trial Counsel Assistance Program ○ <i>July 2009 - July 2011</i>: Officer in Charge, NLSO ○ <i>June 2007 - July 2009</i>: Staff Judge Advocate, COMSUBGRU TWO ○ <i>October 2004 - May 2007</i>: Defense Counsel ○ <i>August 2001 - October 2004</i>: Student, Law Education Program ○ <i>May 1996 - August 2001</i>: Submarine Officer
Education	• University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law, <i>Juris Doctor, 2001 - 2004</i> • United States Naval Academy, <i>Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, 1992 - 1996</i>

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RASHAD ANTWONNE GREEN

Amount Raised	\$16,100.00 (monetary contributions), \$18,138.41 (loans), \$2,134.88 (in-kind contributions)
Campaign Website	Rashad Green for Circuit Judge, Justice and Equality
Background <i>(pulled from publicly available information)</i>	Florida Bar Admittance: 01/17/2014 Rashad Green graduated from Lincoln High School in 2005 and attended Florida A&M University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Mr. Green attended law school at Florida Coastal School of Law, where he graduated with honors distinction in 2013. While in law school, he served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Monte C. Richardson, U.S. Magistrate Judge. His experience includes serving as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Charles R. Wilson of the U.S. Court of Appeals Eleventh Circuit; he was an Assistant State Attorney in the Office of the State Attorney for the 13th Judicial Circuit of Florida, where he tried jury and bench trials to verdict as lead counsel; and he worked as a litigation associate at Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A. in Tampa, Florida, where he handled first party property disputes and sinkhole claims. He is the founding attorney of the Rashad Green Firm, where his practice focuses on criminal defense including DUIs, drug offenses and serious felony charges, personal injury and state and federal appeals. Mr. Green is the President-Elect of the Tallahassee Barristers Association, a member of The Florida Bar Constitutional Judiciary Committee, and the former President and founding member of the Tampa Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society.
Employment	- Rashad Green Firm, P.A., <i>February 2018 - Present</i>: Attorney at Law/Shareholder - Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A., <i>December 2016 - 2018</i>: Associate - Office of the State Attorney, 13th Judicial Circuit, <i>September 2015 - December 2016</i>: Assistant State Attorney - United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, <i>September 2014 - September 2015</i>: Law Clerk - Reginald Luster, P.A., <i>August 2013 - August 2014</i>: Associate Attorney
Education	- Florida Coastal School of Law, <i>Juris Doctor, 2010 – 2013</i> - Florida A & M University, <i>Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 2005 – 2010</i>