

PBCBA Judicial Relations Committee
DRAFT Judicial Profile for Judge Katherine Mullinax

Proposed Title: *Born to Serve*

Judge M. Katherine Mullinax has wanted to be a judge for as far back as she can remember. As a child, she even drafted contracts about doing her chores and convinced her mother to sign them! Decades later, she has had the privilege of working as an attorney in private practice, Staff Attorney and then General Counsel for the 15th Judicial Circuit, and now as a Judge. She understands that the judiciary plays an important role in society, and believes it is a gift to serve the community.

Judge Mullinax grew up in Michigan, but moved to Jupiter, Florida after graduating from Old Dominion University in Virginia. She has always loved being outdoors and was drawn to the ocean. She attended law school at Florida International University to stay close to family and worked while attending law school. After graduating from FIU, she worked for a boutique litigation firm in Coral Gables. She then started her own law firm in North Miami with William Brown. Their firm focused on civil litigation. After several years of private practice, she saw a job posting to work as an attorney with the 15th Judicial Circuit.

After working as a Senior Supervising Trial Court Staff Attorney, she jumped at the opportunity to serve the 15th Judicial Circuit as its General Counsel in 2022. In that role, she managed all cases against the Circuit or against the judiciary in their official capacities, worked on Administrative Orders, advised the Chief Judge and Trial Court Administrator on legal issues, performed legal research and writing on landmark cases, supervised and managed the Staff Attorneys, and ran the law student internship program.

Judge Mullinax is incredibly grateful for the relationships she formed while working at the 15th Judicial Circuit. There are so many special people who were supportive of her career and who that encouraged her to become a judge. When Judge Mullinax speaks about her prior role as General Counsel, it is clear that it was a formative experience that prepared her for the rigors of becoming a judge. Judge Mullinax was appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the County Court bench and was officially sworn in September of 2024.

Judge Mullinax now lives with her family in Palm Beach County. In her free time, Judge Mullinax enjoys anything outdoors- fishing, boating, snorkeling, and hiking. Judge Mullinax is an active supporter of her sons' flag football teams. She also volunteers as a coach for her sons' soccer teams. Judge Mullinax's love of the outdoors and her family is evident in her Chambers where there are family photos and other mementos of various trips, and even a massive replica of the first sailfish she caught.

Palm Beach County is lucky to have an experienced and passionate public servant like Judge Mullinax on the bench. She currently presides over County Civil Division RJ. In her courtroom, it is vital that you are punctual and please inform the court if you are going to be late. Judge Mullinax recently updated her divisional instructions and welcomes any feedback from members of the Bar.

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