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Judge Schosberg Feuer grew up in Miami-Dade, the only child of two working parents – her father served in the U.S. Army and her mother was a school teacher. From a very young age, she developed a strong sense of fairness and a passion for pleading her case to her parents, who often responded to her arguments with the predictive phrase: "save it for the courtroom, Samantha."

She went away for college to study International Relations at Tufts University in Massachusetts. While at Tufts, she was a member of the Tufts track and cross-country teams. While preparing for a cross-country meet, she broke her femur, but the titanium rod that is still in her leg has not prevented her from remaining an avid runner. She has finished several half marathons and continues to train for more. Thanks to her childhood in Miami and a college semester studying abroad in Madrid, Spain, she is fluent in Spanish.

In addition to her passion for running, Judge Schosberg Feuer loves to travel and read. Her daughter, Sophia, is 7 and sings, plays the violin and repeatedly reminds Samantha of herself as a child. Her son, Jack, is four years old, is as tenacious as his mother and enjoys playing soccer and tennis.

Judge Schosberg Feuer worked on Capitol Hill for a U.S. Senator before enrolling at University of Florida's Levin College of Law. After graduation from UF, she served as Assistant State Attorney and then Special Prosecutor in the Career Criminal / Robbery Division in the 11th Judicial Circuit in Miami. As a prosecutor, she successfully prosecuted and tried a variety of misdemeanor and felony cases. It was at the State Attorney's Office that she met her husband, Leonard, who now has his own firm as a criminal defense attorney in West Palm Beach.

After working for almost a year in private practice doing labor and employment law, Judge Schosberg Feuer, missed the courtroom and returned to her role as prosecutor as Assistant State Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit, in Palm Beach County. Judge Schosberg Feuer was then recruited by the Florida Attorney General's Office, where she worked in the Consumer Protection Division, first as Assistant Attorney General and then as Chief of the South Florida Bureau. While working for the AG's office, she handled complex consumer protection, mortgage fraud and RICO cases and trained Assistant Attorney Generals from other areas of the country. She then returned to private practice with Akerman LLP in West Palm Beach and for the last year, Judge Schosberg Feuer has handled complex insurance fraud cases.

In addition to her work as a lawyer, she is very active in her community. She was the Co-Founder of the Women's Foundation of Palm Beach County, was the President of the Palm Beach Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL) and served on the Board of the Palm Beach Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She is also dedicated to mentoring younger lawyers and leaders. Judge Schosberg Feuer started the Mentoring Committee of the local chapter of FAWL and the Women's Foundation's – Girl's Leadership Institute program.

Thanks to her parents imparting in her a strong sense of right and wrong, and a passion for public service, Judge Schosberg Feuer has always wanted to serve as a judge. She seized that opportunity last year and ran for the seat vacated by the retirement of Judge Lucy Chernow Brown. Her valuable experience as a civil litigator in private practice and at the Attorney General's Office, combined with her experience as a criminal prosecutor, has helped prepare Judge Schosberg Feuer for the variety of cases she will preside over as a circuit court judge. She has a zeal for serving her community and ensuring that everyone's voice is heard by a fair and impartial judiciary – from the *pro se* litigant to the giant international corporation. As a judge, she will hold herself and lawyers in her courtroom to the "Four P's" –Punctual, Polite, Professional, and Prepared.

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