

Judicial Profile for Judge Dina A. Keever

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Judge Dina Keever was born and raised in Danville, Illinois. Growing up, she always took a stand for the victimized and became interested in the legal profession at a young age when she realized it was an opportunity to advocate on behalf of victims. She studied Journalism at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and still retains her love of writing. She attended law school at Florida State University College of Law. Knowing that she wanted to be a prosecutor to protect the victims of crime and to deter further crime, she focused on criminal law and trial advocacy classes. She also served as Editor-in-Chief of the FSU Law Review.

After graduation from law school, Judge Keever served as a law clerk to the Honorable Peter T. Fay of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. She thoroughly enjoyed her clerkship and it cemented her desire to be in the courtroom. In 1995, Judge Keever became an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. In addition to prosecuting a high volume of narcotics cases, she argued many cases in the Eleventh Circuit as a member of the U.S. Attorney's Appellate Division. In 1996, Judge Keever met her husband, Mark Agrama, who was in medical school at the University of Miami. Dr. Agrama completed his surgical residency in Philadelphia, during which time Judge Keever worked as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for five years, prosecuting cases involving narcotics, fraud, corruption, and immigration. After taking some time off to raise her two young sons, Judge Keever and her family returned to South Florida in 2008. She then joined the law firm of Lewis Tein, P.L., defending white collar criminal cases in Palm Beach, Broward, and Dade Counties.

In 2012, Judge Keever ran for Palm Beach County State Attorney. While she was not elected, Judge Keever's hard work in campaigning throughout Palm Beach County from dawn to midnight provided her with great insight into our county. She then joined the law firm of McCabe Rabin, P.A. in West Palm Beach. Her practice focused on qui tam litigation, which she enjoyed because of the parallels to criminal prosecution. However, she still wanted to return to a role as a public servant, therefore she applied to fill the vacancy created by Judge Edward Fine's retirement.

On June 18, 2015, Governor Rick Scott announced Judge Keever's appointment: "Dina brings years of experience to the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court bench. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a strong understanding of the judicial process and the law." Judge Keever is currently presiding over Circuit Criminal Felony Division V. She believes that the pretrial process should be used to shine a light on the truth to ensure that the right decision is made at trial and that justice is served.

Judge Keever remains involved with the Florida Association of Women Lawyers (FAWL). In her free time, she enjoys walking her two golden retrievers with her husband, Mark, and watching her two sons, Michael (15) and Gabriel (13), play lacrosse. She hopes her work instills a high standard of ethics and a commitment to public service in her sons.

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