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CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information given on The Florida Bar Judicial Candidate Voluntary Self-Disclosure Statement is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 9th day of July, 2010.

Sid M. Nowell

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 9th day of July, 2010 by Sidney M. Nowell, who is personally known to me, or has produced his/her _____ driver's license, or his/her _____ (type of identification) as identification.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of July, 2010

NOTARY PUBLIC:

Paula G. Rose
(Signature of Notary Public)

Paula G. Rose
(Printed Name of Notary Public)

STATE OF FLORIDA AT LARGE

(SEAL)

My commission expires:



FLORIDA BAR
JUDICIAL CANDIDATE
VOLUNTARY SELF-DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

***PLEASE BEAR IN MIND YOUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER JUDICIAL CANON NO. 7
IN PROVIDING ANSWERS TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.***

***THE FLORIDA BAR DOES NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ANSWERS NOR WILL THE
BAR MAKE EDITS TO YOUR ANSWERS TO COMPORT WITH THE CANONS. THE BAR DOES RESERVE
THE RIGHT TO REDACT OBSCENE LANGUAGE BEFORE DISSEMINATION.***

Name: Sid Nowell

Date Disclosure Statement Completed: July 8, 2010

Judicial Position Sought: 7th Judicial Circuit Court, Group 5

Jurisdiction: Florida

Jurisdiction(s) in which admitted to practice law:

Jurisdiction	Date Admitted
Wisconsin	1975
New York	1978

Florida Bar No. 0141593

Years admitted to practice law: 35

Years in the legal profession: 35

Prior Candidacy in Judicial Election(s):

If you have run in an election for judicial office before, please list the position, court, and relevant date(s):

Court	Relevant Dates	Position

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Prior and/or Current Judicial Experience:

If you have held judicial office, please state the Courts involved, the dates of service, and the Court:

Court	Relevant Dates	Office

Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments over which you have presided:

0-5 ☐ 6-15 ☐ 16-30 ☐ 31-50 ☐ 51-100 ☐ 101-200 ☐ 201+ ☐

Additional comments: _____

Please identify the number of jury trials _____ and the number of bench trials _____ over which you have presided.

Additional comments: _____

Current judges may respond to the following questions regarding legal practice only with reference to pre-judicial legal experience.

Area(s) of Practice:

Civil ☒ Criminal ☒ Government ☒ Other Immigration, Labor/Employment Relations, Education Law, Arbitration, Mediation

Please list the primary areas in which you have specialized or have legal expertise and allocate a percentage of your practice to each area.

Family Law - 25%, Government Relations - 20%, Civil Litigation - 19%, Immigration - 3%, Labor/Employment Relations - 4%, Education Law - 4%, Arbitration/Mediation - 25%

Number of evidentiary hearings, trials and/or oral arguments in which you have participated as legal counsel:

0-5 ☐ 6-15 ☐ 16-30 ☐ 31-50 ☐ 51-100 ☐ 101-200 ☐ 201+ ☒

Additional comments: _____

Please identify the number of jury trials 2 and the number of bench trials 500+ in which you have participated.

Additional comments: _____

Number of arbitration hearings in which you have participated as legal counsel or hearing officer:

0-5 ☐ 6-15 ☐ 16-30 ☐ 31-50 ☐ 51-100 ☐ 101-200 ☐ 201+ ☒

Additional comments: _____

Number of administrative hearings in which you have participated as legal counsel of hearing officer:

0-5 ☐ 6-15 ☐ 16-30 ☐ 31-50 ☐ 51-100 ☐ 101-200 ☐ 201+ ☒

Additional comments: _____

To the extent applicable, please quantify any additional alternative dispute resolution/negotiation experience:

- Arbitration Panels:
 - American Arbitration Association (Labor/Employment and Commercial)
 - Federal Aviation Administration (Neutral Evaluations)
 - Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service*
 - State of Florida, 7th, 8th and 11th Judicial Circuits
- Mediation Panels:
 - American Arbitration Association (Labor and Commercial)
 - State of Florida, 5th District Court of Appeals
 - State of Florida Department of Education (Special Education Cases)
 - County Court, Flagler County
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture
 - State of Florida, Circuit Court
- During my tenure with the FAA Center for Management Development, I developed and delivered course curriculum related to Interest-Based Bargaining and Mediation Techniques, including over 300 hours of classroom deliveries.
- Delivered Presentation for American Arbitration Association in Orlando, Florida (2007) on Diversity in the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Process

Have you ever been Board Certified in any area(s) of practice, if yes please identify:

The Area(s) of Practice: _____

When you were certified in each Area of Practice: _____

Whether you are currently certified in those areas: _____

Please provide the percentage of your practice that has involved representing plaintiffs 50 % and the percentage that has involved representing defendants 50 %.

Undergraduate Education:

Name of Institution: University of Wisconsin

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Degree received/Major: BA - History

Academic awards, recognitions, honors, leadership roles and participation in academic organizations:

President of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Law School Education:

Name of Institution: University of Wisconsin Law School

Degree received: JD

Internships/in-school clerkships, academic awards, recognitions, honors, leadership roles and participation in academic organizations (e.g., law review, moot court, legal clinics):

Moot Court, Frank Remington Criminal Law Legal Clinic, Internship with State Attorney General

Number of hours devoted to public work while in undergraduate, 600 or law school 450.

Additional Educational History (if applicable):

Name of Institution	Degree Received	Special awards, recognitions, honors, or leadership roles (if any)
NYU Graduate Law School	Enrolled in LLM in Labor Relations and Tax	

Employment:

Present employer: Nowell & Associates, P.A. - self-employed

Number of years with present employer: 8

Present position: Principal Owner, Attorney

Explain relevant experience or skills gained that you will bring to the bench:

In addition to skills acquired as a litigator, my experience as an Arbitrator, Hearing Officer, and Special Magistrate provide a sound foundation for serving on the bench.

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List All Prior Employers and Occupations, Legal or Non-legal, for the Last Ten Years:

Employer: Chiumento & Guntharp, P.A.

Number of years employed with this employer: 3

Position/specialty: Senior Associate Attorney

Explain relevant experience or skills gained that you will bring to the bench:

Employer: _____

Number of years employed with this employer: _____

Position/specialty: _____

Explain relevant experience or skills gained that you will bring to the bench:

Employer: _____

Number of years employed with this employer: _____

Position/specialty: _____

Explain relevant experience or skills gained that you will bring to the bench:

Law Organizations:

Please list legal organizations in which you have been an active member for more than two (2) years and all legal organizations in which you hold a leadership position or which required nomination to join:

Organization Name	Dates of Participation	Office Held (If applicable)
Flagler County Bar Association	1998-Present	President 2004-2009
American Arbitration Association	2001- Present	

Honors and Publications:

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Please list any published articles or books that you have authored, any speeches or lectures you have given, and any honors, prizes or awards you have received:

Title	Date	Additional Information
Diversity in the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Process/Ethical Considerations in Mediation	2007/2010	Delivered Presentation for American Arbitration Association in Orlando, Florida
Mediation Skills	2001	Co-author, FAA Center for Management Development
Interest Based Bargaining/Air Traffic Controllers/Labor Relations	2000/1999	Co-author, FAA Center for Management Development

Public Service – Pro Bono, Volunteer Work or Military Service:

Please provide the dates, activities and any special accomplishments, honors or leadership roles you have played in volunteer, public or military service organizations or in providing pro bono, volunteer, public or military service:

Pro Bono Counsel to Flagler County NAACP - 1998 - Present, Counsel to Police Athletic League - 2001 - 2005; Basketball Coach - Grades 6-8 from 1997 - 2002; Assistant Varsity High School Boys Basketball - 2003 to present; serving as a director on such boards as the Police Athlete League (PAL), Flagler Chamber of Commerce, Flagler Hospital Foundation, and Flagler Education Foundation

Health:

Do you currently suffer from or have you suffered from any of the following ailments in the last three years:

- Dependence on narcotics, drugs or intoxicating beverages
- Pathological or compulsive behavior
- Memory loss or impaired judgment

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please identify the ailment and provide full details, including the relevant dates, including dates of diagnosis, if applicable, the treatment received and any additional relevant information:

Discipline:

If you have ever been found, either involuntarily or by consent, to have committed a violation of The Florida Bar Disciplinary Rules, the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration or the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct for which the discipline imposed was one of the following: (a) public reprimand; (b) suspension; or (c) disbarment, please provide the following information:

Date of charge: _____

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Date of Disposition: _____

Rule(s) found to have violated: _____

Discipline imposed for rule violation(s): _____

Date reinstated to the Bar or bench: _____

Any conditions imposed for reinstatement (e.g., disgorgement, probation or public service):

If you have been found to have committed a violation of the ethical or discipline rules, please explain the circumstances surrounding your discipline:

For current or former judges:

Has the Florida Supreme Court, or a similar body in another state, ever ruled against you on a Notice of Formal Charges by the Judicial Qualifications Commission? If so, please explain the circumstances surrounding the charges and include a description of any discipline imposed:

Military Discharge:

If you served in the military and your discharge was anything other than honorable or you received a court martial, please provide that information here:

Criminal Convictions:

Have you ever been convicted or pled no contest to a crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude? If so, provide the following information:

Date of Conviction or Plea of No Contest: _____

Crime for which you were convicted or Pled No Contest: _____

Sentence: _____

Any additional conditions imposed: _____

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If you have been convicted or pled no contest to a crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude and would like to explain the circumstances surrounding your criminal conviction, you may do so here:

Personal Statement:

In 100 words or less, without discussing any particular issue which may come before you if you become a judge, explain why you believe you would be a good judge:

Through my 35 years as an attorney and the professional discipline I have acquired as a mediator and an arbitrator locally and nationally, I have gained the required knowledge, demeanor, and experience to be an effective judge.
