

COUNTY COURT JUDGE CANDIDATES

Candidates may pre-qualify beginning Monday, April 11, 2022

Official Candidate-Qualifying Period:

NOON, Monday, April 25, 2022, through NOON, Friday, April 29, 2022

Forms Required to Open Campaign Account

- Candidate Campaign File Cover Sheet
- Form DSDE 9 Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates
- Lee County Campaign Finance Reporting System Affidavit
- Text Messaging Service Agreement
- Form DSDE 83 Statement of Judicial Candidate (filed within 10-days of filing Form DSDE 9)
- Form DSDE 84 Statement of Candidate (filed within 10-days of filing Form DSDE 9);

Method of Qualifying for the Ballot

By Fee

County Court Judge is a Non Partisan office. During the qualifying period, candidates pay a qualifying fee of 4% of the salary.

Salary \$156,377

4% Qualifying Fee \$6,255.08

The filing fee must be paid by check drawn on the campaign account and for the exact amount.

By Petition

A candidate may start collecting signatures on Form **DSDE 104 (eff. 09/11) Candidate Petition Form** once Form DSDE 9 is filed with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office. Candidates must collect the valid signatures of **4,892** registered voters in Lee County. The signature verification fee is **10 cents per signature** submitted. A candidate who obtains the required number of signatures will not be required to pay the filing fee. The deadline to submit petitions is **NOON March 28, 2022**.

By Write In

During the qualifying period, a write-in candidate must complete the appropriate forms. The names of write-in candidates do **not** appear on the ballot.

Documents Required During Qualifying Week

Form 6 Full and Public Statement of Financial Interest for 2021 - must be properly completed per instructions.

- The appropriate **CANDIDATE OATH** - must be notarized and properly executed;
 - **DSDE 303JU: Candidate Oath – Judicial Office**
- Canvassing Board Meetings and Logic and Accuracy Testing Schedules for the Primary and General Elections** - signed and dated

THE DEADLINE TO FILE IS NOON, FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022!

The information contained in this Fact Sheet and other literature is not comprehensive. If you are running for office, you are responsible for becoming acquainted with relevant Florida election laws, judicial canons and code of conduct, local charters, or ordinances that might affect your campaign, such as qualifications to run for office, prohibitions concerning judicial campaigns, or placement of signage.