



## BROWARD COUNTY HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION

### JUDICIAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Full Name:

David A. Salomon

2. Current County of residence.

Broward

3. Date and place of birth.

Jersey City, New Jersey.

4. Does your campaign have a website or Facebook page? If so, please list it.

Website: [www.salomonforbrowardjudge.com](http://www.salomonforbrowardjudge.com)

Facebook: David Salomon for Judge

5. List the colleges and law schools you have attended, including your dates of attendance and degrees awarded.

Broward Community College, 1993-1996

Nova Southeastern University, 1996-1997, Bachelor of Science

Shepard Broad Law Center, Nova Southeastern University. 1999-2001, Juris Doctor

6. Have you ever served in the military?

No.

7. List where you have been employed since graduation from law school, including dates employed, your position and the nature of your employment responsibilities.



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**2002-2006 Office of the Public Defender in Broward County. (Assistant Public Defender)**

**2006 to Present in private practice.**

**8. Have you ever been arrested? Explain.**

**No.**

**9. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Explain.**

**No.**

**10. What is the general nature of your practice? Indicate areas of practice in which you concentrate or concentrated?**

**Criminal Defense, Bankruptcy, Pre Litigation Personal Injury, Immigration.**

**11. If you are currently a judge, what type of cases do you typically preside over in your court?**

**N/A**

**12. If you are currently a judge, have any of your decisions ever been appealed and overturned? How many times in the last two (2) years? When and what case?**

**N/A**

**13. What percentage of your litigation or trial experience was related to:**

**a. Civil? 5% Approximately**

**b. Criminal? 95% Approximately**

**14. How many cases have you tried to verdict?**

**More than 60 trials**

**15. Describe three of the most significant litigated matters, which you personally handled and give the citations thereto, if the cases were reported.**

**1. I tried several cases in ROC (Repeat Offender Court). One case in particular was significant because of the complexity with DNA, Fingerprint and Ballistic evidence. My client was ultimately found not guilty by a jury of his peers. No citation exists because this case was not appealed.**

**2. I have also tried several cases where my clients were designated as Habitual Offenders and Prison Release Reoffenders, exposing them to lengthy incarceration time. None of these cases were appealed.**



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**3. Also, while working with the Volunteer Lawyers project I tried cases related regarding civil rights violation.**

**16. Why do you want to be a judge (circuit or county)?**

**As a resident of Broward County for over 30 years, I want to serve the community that has given me so much. Over the years, I have volunteered countless hours dedicated to make Broward County a great place to live and raise a family. As a Judge I know I can continue this effort to help our community using my experience and knowledge in the area of the law.**

**17. What qualities do you believe are most important in a judge? Explain how you have demonstrated that you possess those qualities.**

**Even temperament and academic curiosity. I have demonstrated these qualities as a trial lawyer and as a member of several Executive Boards of volunteer organizations where I have had to take a leadership role.**

**18. Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the seat you are running for?**

**I possess all the requisite qualities, proper temperament and work ethic to preside over a Circuit Court Division.**

**19. Describe your civic activities and community involvement for the past five (5) years, listing what years you participated in each activity or were involved.**

**I have been a Board member and former President of the Broward County Hispanic Bar Association. 2011-2016**

**I have been a Board member of the Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. 2014-2016**

**I have been a member of the Broward County Justice Association. 2012-present  
Hollywood Colombian Lyons Club, Executive Board member. 2014-2016**

**20. Please list noteworthy professional or personal accomplishments.**

**I became a father last year to a lovely baby girl. I have run a successful practice since 2007. President of the BCHBA and Hat Trick Award winner (BCADL).**

**21. Please list the federal and state courts where you are admitted to practice.**

**Florida Bar Member in good standing since 9/20/2002**

**Southern District of Florida member in good standing since 6/21/2010**

**22. How many times did you take the Florida Bar Exam?**

**One time.**



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**23. Have you ever failed Bar exams in any state? If so, when and where?**

**No.**

**24. Have you ever been investigated by a State Bar grievance committee or by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct?**

**I have had a few bar complaints over the course of my 14-year practice, all of which were dismissed because they lacked merit.**

**25. Have you ever been disciplined or reprimanded for your conduct as a lawyer or judge? If the answer is yes, please explain?**

**No.**

**26. Have you or your law firm ever been sued by a client? If so, please explain.**

**No.**

**27. Please discuss your view/opinion of proper judicial temperament.**

**A Judge must be patient, respectful and always aware that not everyone comes from the same background and experience.**

**28. If you are seeking election or re-election to a criminal court, discuss your view of plea bargains and when they should and should not be accepted.**

**Although a Judge may have the ultimate determination in the sentencing of a criminal defendant, deference should be granted to the parties of a negotiated sentence. It is more likely that these parties have a more intimate understanding of a case in which they have been working on and the interests of everyone involved. However, when it appears that there is a considerable disparity between the sentence and the nature of offense, it is certainly a judge's duty to inquire as to the justification for the disparity. At such time, after listening to all parties, a judge can make the appropriate decision on whether to interfere.**

**29. Tell us about any plans you have to improve the administration of the court or make it more efficient.**

**It is my aim to improve the court by running a fair and efficient courtroom. However, in doing so, I will not sacrifice the rights of the people who come before the Court.**



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**30. Have you ever taught any law school courses or any continuing legal education courses? If so, describe the extent and nature of those teaching experiences.**

**No.**

**31. List any significant pro bono work completed since graduating from law school.**

Tried cases working with Volunteer Lawyers Project. I have handled many pro bono cases since graduating law school, at a minimum I provide 20 hours of pro Bono work per year.

**32. List any leadership positions, or participation in any committees in voluntary bar associations and/or professional societies, which you believe to be of particular significance (e.g. judicial selection committees, disciplinary committees, grievance committees, etc.).**

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Hollywood Colombian Lyons Club, Executive Board member. 2014-2016

**33. List all organizations and associations, or professional societies, other than bar associations, of which you are or have been a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social, and fraternal organizations.**

Hollywood Colombian Lyons Club

**34. What is your judicial philosophy?**

First, any judge must be well rounded, experienced in trial work, and possess a comprehensive knowledge of the law. Further, it is important that a judge have the humility to understand that he or she cannot know everything. A judge should have an academic curiosity to seek the right answer. In order to follow the law a judge must have a requisite understanding which can be achieved by having a strong work ethic and an open mind to listen to other's insight.

**35. Describe what contributions you have made to the Hispanic community in the past five (5) years.**

As a board member BCHBA for 4 years, I was privileged to work for the benefit of many organizations in our community. I am particularly proud of work done with Legal Aid, Habitat for Humanity and HUF among others.

**36. Are you a Member of the Broward County Hispanic Bar Association?**



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**Yes.**

**37. As a prospective judge, or as a current Judge, what do you consider your greatest strengths and weaknesses?**

**I believe that I possess the temperament, judgment and demeanor to be a good Judge. I strive to remain humble and possess the academic curiosity to seek the right answer. Finally, I possess the work ethic to run a fair and efficient courtroom.**

**38. Why are you the best candidate for the position you are seeking?**

**I possess all the requisite qualities, proper temperament and work ethic to preside over a Circuit Court Division.**

**ON BEHALF OF THE BROWARD COUNTY HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME  
AND COOPERATION!**