

# We Endorse Jessica Ticktin for Circuit Judge

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West Boca News endorses [Jessica Ticktin](#) for Circuit Court Judge. Ms. Ticktin is running against the [incumbent Hon. Diana Lewis](#).

There are a few reasons for our endorsement. The most compelling of those is the incumbent's record. The [Palm Beach County Bar Association evaluates judges](#) based on several factors. Lawyers in the county have consistently rated Judge Lewis the worst in the county.

Here are the 2013 ratings for Judge Lewis:



2023 PALM BEACH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION JUDICIAL EVALUATION RESULTS

5 = Excellent  
4 = Satisfactory  
3 = Needs Improvement

JUDGE or HEARING OFFICER	Number of Responses	KNOWLEDGE & APPLICATION OF LAW			IMPARTIALITY (FREEDOM FROM BIAS & PREJUDICE)			DILIGENCE & PREPAREDNESS			JUDICIAL DEMEANOR & COURTESY TO LAWYERS			CONTROL OF COURTROOM			CASE MANAGEMENT (EFFICIENCY IN HANDLING CASELOADS)			PUNCTUALITY & TIMELINESS IN RENDERING RULINGS & DECISIONS			COMMON SENSE (USE OF PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN DECISION MAKING)			ENFORCEMENT OF PROFESSIONALISM STANDARDS			
		E	S	N	E	S	N	E	S	N	E	S	N	E	S	N	E	S	N	E	S	N	E	S	N				
<b>COUNTY COURT JUDGES</b>																													
ALBERT A. BONAVENTA	27	20	20	7	20	9	3	11	3	1	20	2	3	20	19	7	21	10	13	32	11	7	22	19	1	20	11	1	
THEODORE R. BOWEN	11	20	0	2	20	3	2	20	11	7	12	0	1	12	0	0	20	12	1	21	0	0	21	0	1	21	0	0	
ANDREA BERNHARDSON	17	20	0	2	22	7	2	20	1	2	20	0	0	20	0	0	20	1	2	27	0	1	20	7	2	20	0	0	
MARCO BRYSON	30	9	10	13	12	10	27	12	16	9	13	13	13	17	0	20	12	3	13	19	0	12	14	9	11	13	7		
FRANK S. CARTER	42	17	10	8	17	12	12	23	13	2	20	0	0	20	22	0	23	16	1	27	13	0	19	17	0	20	12	2	
HARRY M. COHEN	47	40	2	0	40	0	1	40	0	0	40	2	0	41	10	0	30	12	2	41	14	0	30	0	1	30	1	1	
CHRISTOPHER R. CORKLEW	36	11	13	9	21	7	2	13	12	6	22	7	3	13	12	6	13	12	6	14	12	7	16	13	2	22	0	0	
BRIAN D. CUNNEVERHAM	48	26	11	1	20	12	2	27	13	1	27	0	0	32	10	0	30	10	0	27	14	3	31	10	2	29	10	0	
PAUL A. DAMICO	30	16	11	1	10	7	2	42	7	0	37	2	0	43	1	0	41	0	2	39	7	1	42	0	1	43	0	0	
MARIE T. DEANEY	46	17	20	2	20	16	3	27	16	1	31	0	0	31	12	1	31	12	0	31	7	2	32	11	1	33	11	0	
WALTER M. EVANS	51	20	12	0	14	11	17	20	11	13	11	0	11	20	10	0	13	17	13	21	13	0	13	14	11	13	14	0	
LEONARD HANCOCK	33	13	10	0	21	21	6	22	13	3	27	0	2	20	12	0	13	0	10	20	12	2	13	11	7	20	10	2	
LAVENA L. HORNBY	39	11	21	0	10	12	6	32	17	6	27	0	0	41	13	0	30	12	7	32	12	0	37	12	0	41	12	0	
ROBERT PANCE	23	17	3	0	14	7	0	20	3	0	18	1	0	19	0	0	15	1	0	16	0	0	19	0	0	16	0	1	
WENDY PEREZ	43	23	17	7	10	0	0	24	17	2	26	10	0	20	13	0	26	14	0	28	13	0	27	12	0	30	0	2	
CAROL ANN C. REEFERD	30	20	13	0	21	0	0	23	0	2	30	0	2	27	7	1	23	0	2	23	7	0	23	0	0	23	0	2	
DEBRA MICHEL STEPHENS	40	20	13	0	21	13	10	22	14	0	24	11	0	31	0	0	21	12	7	23	12	0	24	0	0	24	0	4	
DALLAN WELLS	31	21	0	1	23	6	2	23	6	0	20	2	0	20	0	2	20	0	0	23	0	1	22	0	0	20	0	0	
<b>MAGISTRATES</b>																													
MARIA ALBUQUERQUE	20	13	7	1	21	6	2	22	0	1	23	1	0	23	0	0	23	0	0	20	7	1	21	0	2	22	7	0	
THOMAS R. BAKER	33	21	0	0	23	0	0	22	10	1	27	0	1	24	0	1	24	0	1	22	0	0	23	0	1	23	7	0	
WALTER BARBALINO	19	1	11	0	10	0	0	0	7	0	12	1	2	12	1	2	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	0	7	0	7	0	
CHRISTINA PAVELLI	26	13	0	0	17	0	0	21	1	1	17	0	2	16	0	2	10	10	0	16	0	1	13	0	0	16	0	1	
ANGELA A. GORRETTI	22	12	0	1	11	0	1	11	7	0	11	1	1	11	0	0	13	0	1	13	1	0	12	0	1	11	7	0	
DAVID M. KIRBY	33	13	0	1	20	0	0	27	0	1	20	0	0	20	0	0	19	13	0	11	7	10	12	0	0	13	0	0	
LARRY M. MCLAVER	30	14	0	0	17	0	1	14	7	1	13	0	0	13	11	2	12	13	0	14	13	2	13	11	0	14	10	2	
MARIE WILLIAMS	17	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	10	0	0	0	0	2	
<b>JUDGES OF</b>																													
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL CLAIMS</b>																													
EMILY M. BARNES	31	10	0	1	10	0	1	11	2	0	12	1	1	12	0	1	10	0	1	10	0	1	10	0	1	11	2	1	
MARY A. TANDRETTI	13	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
BRETT M. PUSANEY	20	0	2	0	10	2	0	4	0	0	13	0	0	9	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	0

Strong pluralities also rated her poorly for impartiality, common sense, and enforcing professionalism. Put more bluntly, Judge Lewis on the bench is rude, biased, unprofessional, and lacking in common sense.

The Florida Constitution requires that judges face reelection. If that means anything it means that the worst judges should be voted out.

There's another key reason for our endorsement. We met [Jessica Ticktin](#), she impressed us, and we think she'll make a good judge. We're not alone. The [Sun-Sentinel](#) ("the steady, fair temperament she would bring to the Circuit Court bench") and [Palm Beach Post](#) ("Ticktin's experience and demeanor make her a more than capable replacement.") both endorsed Ticktin.

Two other minor details deserve mention. First, Ticktin lives in West Boca. The legal community in this county tends to center on West Palm Beach. For those who live in West Boca, it doesn't hurt to have a judge who knows our community.

Second, the incumbent's campaign did not respond to our requests for an interview in West Boca. We were included on a mass e-mail campaign event invitation sent to people who had "expressed an interest in ReElect Judge Lewis," but never received any response to our direct requests. One of our volunteer reporters, Jeff Van Treese, was able to attend the event in East Boca. Lewis did [interview with him](#) and made a favorable impression. Still the lack of response from the campaign for a more complete interview bothered us. All the other judicial candidates responded to our requests and agreed to meet with us in West Boca.

The election day for this race is August 26th, but early voting has already begun at the West Boca branch library on the west side of 441 north of Yamato.

We should also note that we are not making any endorsement in the other judicial race. We like all three of the candidates: [Jaimie Goodman](#), [Peggy Rowe-Linn](#), and [Maxine Cheesman](#).