

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE ON FEATURING JUDICIAL CANDIDATES RUNNING  
FOR ELECTION, RE-ELECTION, OR RETENTION**

**I. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a procedure to be followed in which Miami-Dade FAWL may feature judicial candidates who are running for election, re-election, or retention in its newsletter or otherwise. This policy does not apply to judicial candidates seeking appointment (*see* separate applicable MD-FAWL policy).

**II. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Miami-Dade FAWL may feature in its newsletter or other medium a judicial candidate who is running for election, re-election, or retention who fulfills the following requirements:

- a) The judicial candidate shall be a member of Miami-Dade FAWL as of **July 1st** of the election year.

The judicial candidate must comply with the foregoing requirement each time he or she runs for election, re-election, or retention.

**III. PROCEDURE FOR FEATURING JUDICIAL CANDIDATES**

A. In any election year, **within fifteen (15) days** of the qualification deadline, the Miami-Dade State Court Liaison Committee or other committee that may be established by the Board of Directors from time to time for purposes of judicial elections (hereinafter referred to as "Committee"), will identify all judicial candidates who qualified for the election.

B. **Within fifteen (15) days** of the qualification deadline, the Committee shall contact all qualifying judicial candidates to advise them that Miami-Dade FAWL will feature any judicial candidate who is a current Miami-Dade FAWL member as of **July 1st** in its August newsletter or other medium before the general election. Thus, to be featured, a judicial candidate must join FAWL or renew his or her membership before July 1st. This policy and procedure will fairly provide all judicial candidates running for election, re-election, or retention with an opportunity to join or re-new their membership in Miami-Dade FAWL should they wish to be featured.

- C. The Committee shall determine which of the judicial candidates running for election, re-election, or retention are Miami-Dade FAWL members **as of July 1st**. **By August 1st**, only those judicial candidates who are current members shall be contacted by the Committee to provide certain information should he or she wish to be featured in Miami-Dade FAWL's newsletter or other medium prior to the general election, so long as the information requested by the Committee is submitted by the candidate **on or before August 10th**.
- D. The featuring of any judicial candidate shall not be an endorsement of such candidate, nor give the appearance that Miami-Dade FAWL is supporting or favoring any particular candidate over another. The feature should be limited to biographical information, a photograph, and/or hyperlink to the candidate's campaign website (if available), to be provided by the candidate upon request. The same information shall be requested from all candidates for uniformity.
- E. Miami-Dade FAWL may decline, by vote of the Board of Directors, to feature any judicial candidate running for election, re-election, or retention if The Florida Bar has disciplined the candidate within the preceding ten (10) years for violation of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, or if the candidate is pending the outcome of any criminal, civil, administrative, or disciplinary complaint, investigation or proceeding.

#### IV. PUBLICATION

This policy and procedure shall be published and maintained on the Miami-Dade FAWL website.

#### V. AMENDMENT

This policy and procedure may be amended by vote of the Miami-Dade FAWL Board of Directors. Amendments shall not be retroactive.

Approved by the Miami-Dade FAWL Board of Directors on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017