



JULIE MARCUS
PINELLAS COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

County Judge – 2024 Candidate Qualifying Information

Group #	Incumbent	Salary	Qualifying Period	Qualifying Officer
Group 2	Cathy McKyton	\$180,616*	NOON, April 22, 2024 - NOON, April 26, 2024 <i>Pre-qualifying papers will be accepted beginning April 8, 2024</i>	Julie Marcus Supervisor of Elections Pinellas County 13001 Starkey Rd. Largo, FL 33773
Group 5	Aaron Hubbard			
Group 7	Diane Croff			
Group 16	Lorraine Kelly			
Group 17	Susan Bedinghaus			

* The qualifying fee is based on the salary as of July 1, 2023.

Term of Office	Election Dates	Type of Election
6 Years - Beginning January 7, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Election - August 20, 2024 • General Election - November 5, 2024 <i>(Runoff, if no candidate receives majority vote)</i> 	Nonpartisan - Elected Countywide

Residency /Additional Requirements

- A registered Florida voter. [F.S. 99.021]
- Member in good standing of the Florida Bar for the last five years. [Florida Constitution, Article 5, Section 8]
- All judicial candidates facing opposition will be expected to personally participate in a Judicial Campaign Conduct Forum. [Supreme Court of Florida - Canon 7]
- A person required to Resign-to-Run must do so by providing a written resignation letter to the Supervisor of Elections Office at least 10 days prior to the first day of qualifying (April 12, 2024). [F.S. 99.012(3)]

Forms Required to Qualify for this Office

Candidate qualifying forms can be found at VotePinellas.gov/Candidates

1. **Form DS-DE 9 (Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository)**
Candidate must file this form before opening a campaign account [F.S. 106.021]
2. **Form DS-DE 84 (Statement of Candidate)**
Candidate must file within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9 [F.S. 106.023]
3. **Form DS-DE 83 (Statement of Candidate for Judicial Office)**
Candidate must file this form within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9
4. **Form DS-DE 303JU (Candidate Oath - Judicial Office)**
Candidate must file during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period [F.S. 105.031(4)]
5. **Form 6 2023 (Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests)**
Candidate must file during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period [F.S. 99.061(5)]

Candidate Qualifying Methods [F.S. 99.061]

Qualifying Period: NOON, April 22, 2024 - NOON, April 26, 2024

- Please call (727) 464-4987 or email Comms@VotePinellas.gov to make an appointment to file your qualifying forms
- Pre-qualifying papers will be accepted beginning April 8, 2024
F.S. 99.061(8) states that qualifying papers may be submitted to the qualifying officer beginning 14 days prior to the qualifying period.

Judicial Candidate Qualifying by Fee [F.S. 105.031(3)]

- The qualifying fee is 4% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2023 (\$7,224.64)
- Campaign check made payable to Julie Marcus, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections
- Campaign check to pay qualifying fee can only be accepted during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period

Judicial Candidate Qualifying by Petition [F.S. 105.035]

- **Deadline to submit petitions: PRIOR to NOON, March 25, 2024**
- Candidates must collect signatures of 1% (or 6,958 valid signatures) of the registered voters residing in the district or the county as of the last general election, November 8, 2022
- Petition Form - DS-DE 104 can be found at VotePinellas.gov/Candidates
- Signature verification fee of \$0.10 per petition must be paid when petitions are submitted

Write-In Candidates [F.S. 99.061(4)(b)]

- Names of write-in candidates **do not** appear on the ballot

Missing or Incomplete Information [F.S. 99.061(7)]

- If the filing officer receives qualifying papers during the qualifying period which do not include all items required prior to the last day of qualifying, the filing officer shall make a reasonable effort to notify the candidate of the missing or incomplete items and shall inform the candidate that all required items must be received by the close of qualifying.
- **A candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot may not be changed after the end of qualifying.** The filing officer performs a ministerial function in reviewing qualifying papers. In determining whether a candidate is qualified, the filing officer shall review the qualifying papers to determine whether all items required have been properly filed and whether each item is complete on its face, including whether items that must be verified have been properly verified pursuant to F.S. 92.525(1)(a). The filing officer may not determine whether the contents of the qualifying papers are accurate.

The material contained in this information sheet is not comprehensive in nature. If you are running for office, it is your responsibility to become acquainted with relevant Florida election laws that might have a bearing on your campaign or qualifications to run for office.