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Judge Volker obtained his Bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida in Tampa, before attending Stetson University College of Law. Upon graduating, he began working for the State Attorney's Office for the Fifth Judicial Circuit in Bushnell, Florida, for a year, before relocating to a similar position in Palm Beach County. While at the State Attorney's Office in Palm Beach County, Judge Volker litigated numerous cases in the Misdemeanor and Felony Divisions. His diligence and dedication led him to working in the Organized Crime and Habitual Offender Units, as well as being named Chief of one of the Felony Divisions, during his first five-year tenure with Palm Beach County's State Attorney's Office.

The lure of private practice called and Judge Volker took a position with Walton Lantaff Schroeder & Carson in West Palm Beach. He found, however, that being in the courtroom, trying cases on a regular basis was more to his liking. This prompted him to return to the State Attorney's Office where he worked in the Major Crimes and Homicide Units.

Judge Volker took another hiatus from the State Attorney's Office in 1999, and accepted an associate position with the criminal defense firm of Richard G. Lubin, P.A., where he was eventually named Partner, and the law firm became Lubin, Volker & Olea, P.A. Despite enjoying great success in the private sector, Judge Volker found that he once again, missed being in the courtroom on a regular basis, trying cases, prompting him to once again return to the State Attorney's Office.

Upon his return, Judge Volker found himself actively prosecuting cases with the Major Crimes, Homicide, and Special Victims Units. During this ten-year tenure, he served as Chief of Felony and later, took on the role of Chief of Homicide, both testaments to his hard work, his experience and success in trying homicide cases, and his dedication to the victims and the families of deceased victims involved in these cases.

In December of 2014, Judge Volker was appointed to the Circuit Bench by Governor Rick Scott. He currently presides over Juvenile Division "JM" in the main courthouse and Juvenile Division "JA" in the Belle Glade courthouse.

I first met Judge Volker in March, just a few months after he took the bench. While Judge Volker concedes he was still learning the ropes, he confirmed that he enjoyed practicing law from a different perspective. He finds the lawyers that appear before him on dependency and delinquency matters very professional and very pleasant, making his transition that

much more enjoyable. True to his nature, Judge Volker has not slowed down since taking the bench. He continues his diligent work ethic by taking time to read all motions and case law for matters which will be argued before him. Therefore, make sure to provide your case law early and be prepared to argue before a well-informed Judge.

Personally, Judge Volker keeps just as busy as he does professionally. He enjoys going to the gym daily and playing tennis as often as possible. He enjoys watching action movies, the outdoors, and spending time with his family. He has travelled throughout the United States, Canada and the Caribbean and still enjoys a getaway to Walt Disney World.

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