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COUNTY COURT JUDGE

	ELECTION CYCLE	TERM OF OFFICE (FS 100.041; Article V, Sections X and XI, Florida Constitution)	COMMENCEMENT OF TERM	ANNUAL SALARY (Set by General Appropriations Act - refer to Office of Economic and Demographic Research annual publication)
County-wide	2026	6 Year Term	January 5, 2027	\$189,755.00

Qualifying Officer	Janet H. Adkins, Nassau County Supervisor of Elections James S. Page Governmental Complex 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 3 Yulee, Florida 32097			
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Electorate	Eligible registered voters in Nassau County (FS 97.041)			
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Election Dates	Primary August 18, 2026 General November 3, 2026 (FS 100.031, 100.051, 100.061, 105.051, 105.101)			
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QUALIFICATIONS

Nonpartisan Seat.

The candidate must be a citizen of the United States of America, a registered voter in Nassau County and must reside in the county at the time of assuming office. Candidate must be a member of the Florida Bar for preceding five years. (FS 97.041, 99.021, 105.031, DE Guide 0008, DE 94-04, Article V, Section VIII Florida Constitution)

No officer (elected or appointed) may qualify as a candidate for another state, district, county, or municipal public office if the terms or any part thereof run concurrently with each other without resigning from the office he or she presently holds. If required, written resignations are due April 10, 2026 (at least ten days before the first day of the qualifying period for the intended office) and are irrevocable. (F.S. 99.012)

Refer to the Federal Hatch Act for additional qualifications and the Florida Commission on Ethics for potential conflict of interest.

FILING TO RUN FOR OFFICE

Forms required to open a campaign account

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository, must be filed with the qualifying officer before opening a campaign bank account, accepting contributions, spending funds, or collecting petition signatures. Within ten days after filing Form DS-DE 9, the candidate must file Form DS-DE 84, Statement of Candidate, with the qualifying officer. Form DS-DE 83, Statement of Judicial Candidate is also required.

DATES & QUALIFYING METHODS FOR BALLOT POSITION

Pre-qualifying begins April 6, 2026 Qualifying Period: Noon, April 20, 2026 - Noon, April 24, 2026

Qualifying packets will be available at www.votenassauFL.gov (FS 99.061, 105.031)

PETITION PROCESS		or	QUALIFYING FEE	WRITE-IN
Number of Valid Petitions Required to Qualify: 775			Partisan: N/A	A write-in candidate does not pay a qualifying fee, submit petitions, or appear on the ballot. A space shall be placed on the General Election ballot for voters to write the name of the candidate.
Petition Deadline (FS 99.061, 99.095, 99.097, 105.035): Before Noon, March 23, 2026			Nonpartisan: \$7,590.20	
Candidates must collect the signatures of at least 1% of the total number of registered voters as of the last General Election. The SOE shall be paid in advance 10 cents for each petition submitted on DS-DE 104 Candidate Petition. Candidates must submit the Candidate Petition Certification.			During the qualifying period, candidates will pay 4% of the annual salary. (FS 105.031)	
Required qualifying forms: Notarized DS-DE 303JU Candidate Oath Judicial Office, Commission on Ethics Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests, and Qualifying Fee. (FS 99.061, 99.0955, 105.031, 105.035, 106.021, 106.023, 106.141)				

Information presented is valid for the current election cycle. Please contact our office for future election cycles. The candidate is responsible for compliance with Florida Election Law, local charters and regulations. This document is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice.