

The Honorable Cymonie S. Rowe

Circuit Judge



Judge Rowe graduated from the University of Miami double majoring in Broadcast Journalism and Psychology. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from Nova Southeastern University College of Law, where she was the Managing Editor of the *ILSA Journal of International & Comparative Law*. She is a first generation Jamaican American. Prior to serving on the bench, her practice focused on insurance defense and complex commercial litigation.

Judge Rowe is a member of the Florida Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, and Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee. She is a Florida Supreme Court Judicial Mentor, a member of the Florida Bar Judicial Constitutional Judiciary Committee, New Judges Co-Chair for the Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges, and a Conference Management Committee Member of the Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges. In 2018, the Florida Bar honored Judge Rowe as the Florida Bar Jurist of the Year. In 2019, she received the South Palm Beach County Bar Association's first Diversity and Inclusion Impact Award. In 2021, she received the Palm Beach County Florida Association for Women Lawyers Jurist of the Year Award, the Craig S. Barnard American Inns of Court Jurist of the Year, and the Florida Association for Women Lawyers Rosemary Barkett Award for Outstanding Achievement.

Governor Rick Scott appointed Judge Rowe to the 15th Circuit Court in July of 2016. She is the first Jamaican American to serve on the judiciary in Palm Beach County. She began her judicial career presiding in the Civil Division. In January 2018 until January 2021, she presided over a Civil Division with the majority of the *Engle* progeny cases. Currently Judge Rowe presides in the Juvenile Division, handling delinquency and dependency matters. Judge Rowe is actively committed to her community, volunteering at her church as well as several schools and universities with a focus on civics education.