

October 9, 2001

Honorable Jeb Bush
Room PL05
The capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Bush:

Please allow this letter to serve as my heartfelt recommendation of Linda McCallum for the position of Circuit Court Judge in Jacksonville, Florida.

Judge McCallum has been a County Judge for the past seven years. Prior to that she was a prosecutor in Jacksonville. She handled cases ranging from child sexual abuse and narcotics trafficking to First degree murder where the death penalty was imposed. As a prosecutor, Judge McCallum had the reputation for being an accomplished trial lawyer and a passionate advocate for justice.

During these past seven years Judge McCallum has shown herself to be fair, honest and open-minded. She handles her job with discretion, impartiality but most importantly with integrity. Furthermore, Judge McCallum has served this community and this State by her service, not only in local boards and commissions, but on the Governor's Statewide Advocacy Council and finally as a mentor to immigrant children.

Judge McCallum's Hispanic and Middle Eastern heritage not only serve her well in her ability to preside as a judge, but would also bring a welcome addition of diversity to the Circuit Court. Please give her your serious consideration for this appointment.

Sincerely,