



2026 ORANGE COUNTY JUDGE

GROUP	GROUP	QUALIFYING OFFICER
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ELECTORATE	TERM	SALARY	TYPE OF ELECTION	ELECTION DATES
All Orange County registered voters	6 years, beginning January 5, 2027	\$189,755	Nonpartisan	8/18/2026 (Primary) 11/3/2026 (General)

QUALIFICATIONS

Registered voter, resident of the 9th Judicial Circuit; member of the Florida Bar for the preceding 5 years from the time of assuming office.

FORMS REQUIRED TO OPEN CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT

Form DS-DE9, *Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository*, must be filed with the qualifying officer before opening a campaign bank account or accepting or spending any funds. Within ten days after filing Form DS-DE9, the candidate must file Form DS-DE84, *Statement of Candidate*, and must file Form DS-DE83, *Statement of Judicial Candidate*, with the qualifying officer.

METHODS OF QUALIFYING FOR THE BALLOT: NOON, 04/20/2026 - NOON, 04/24/2026

BY FEE	BY PETITION	BY WRITE IN
<p>\$7,590.20</p> <p>Candidates for a nonpartisan office pay a qualifying fee of 4% of the salary of the office as of 7/1/2025.</p>	<p>Candidates may start collecting petitions after Form DS-DE9 is filed with the qualifying officer. Candidates must collect the signatures of at least 1% of the total number of registered voters as of the last General Election (11/2024). This number is 8,369 signatures required. There is a signature verification fee of 10 cents per name. The deadline to submit petitions is noon, 3/23/2026. During qualifying week, candidates must submit <i>Certificate of Petition Qualifying</i> and complete required paperwork included in the qualifying packet.</p>	<p>During the qualifying period, candidates complete appropriate forms. The names of write-in candidates do <u>not</u> appear on the ballot.</p>

QUALIFYING PACKETS, WHICH INCLUDE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS AND OATH OF CANDIDATE WILL BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO QUALIFYING WEEK. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE QUALIFYING OFFICER.

The information contained in this fact sheet and other literature is not comprehensive in nature. If you are running for office, it is your responsibility to become acquainted with relevant Florida election laws and local charters that might have a bearing on your campaign or qualifications to run for an office. **Revised 03/25/2026 DH**