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Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Judge Frederick L. Pollack Honored by Bar Association

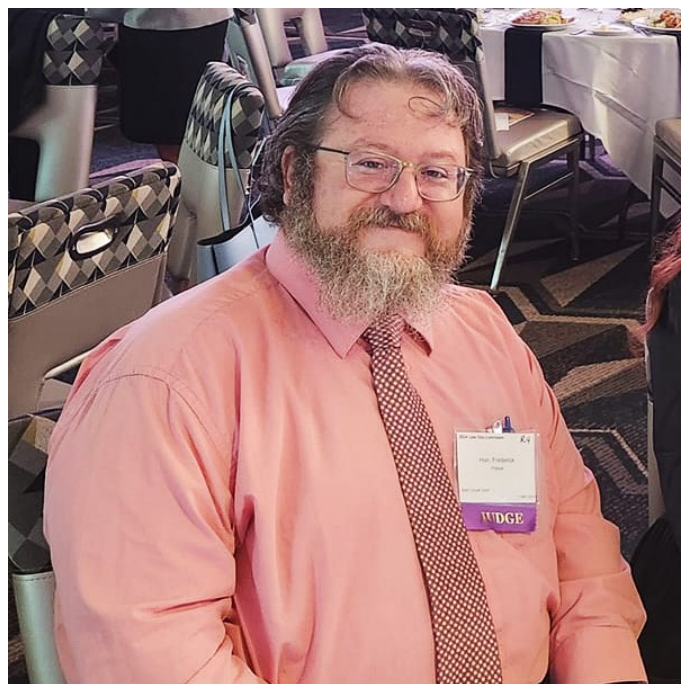
CLEARWATER - On Friday, May 17, 2024, Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Judge Frederick L. Pollack, who currently presides over a family law division, was presented the 2024 John U. Bird Judicial Excellence Award by the Clearwater Bar Association at its annual Law Day Luncheon at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater.

The award was created to recognize honor, high ideals, personal character, judicial competence and service. Other judges in the Sixth Judicial Circuit who have been given this award in the past include George Jirotko, Philip Federico, Chief Judge Shawn Crane, and Jack Helinger.

Judge Pollack earned his bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Alfred University in New York in 1993 and his juris doctor from California Western School of Law in 1997. He started his legal career as a law clerk in the child support enforcement bureau at the San Diego's District Attorney's Office and later as a legal service provider for the Florida Department of Revenue's child support division.

Prior to his appointment to the bench in 2018, Judge Pollack had spent nearly 20 years in private practice, primarily in marital and family law, with a focus on child support issues. He also trained and served as a Guardian ad Litem, parenting coordinator and mediator.

Judge Pollack has also served as vice-chair of the Florida Bar Family Law Rules Committee, and as a member of the Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration Committee. He is also the current president of both the Stann W. Givens Family Law Inn of Court in the 13th Judicial Circuit in Tampa, and the Canakaris American Inn of Court in the Sixth Judicial Circuit. He shares his expansive knowledge of family law with his colleagues in his circuit and state-wide by speaking at family law events such as the Annual Marital and Family Law Review Course.



Judge Pollack at the Clearwater Bar Association's 2024 annual Law Day luncheon. He dressed casually because he wasn't expecting to win any award. He was given the John U. Bird Judicial Excellence Award at the luncheon.