

BIOGRAPHY

ROBERT N. SCOLA, JR.

Robert N. Scola, Jr. has served as United States District Court Judge in the Southern District of Florida since 2011. Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, he served as a Circuit Judge in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit from 1995 to 2011 where he sat in the General Jurisdiction Division, Family Division and Criminal Division.

He received his bachelor of arts degree from Brown University, Providence, R.I. in 1977 and his juris doctor degree (*cum laude*) from Boston College Law School, Newton, MA (1980).

He has received the following awards as a judge: “*Honorable William Hoeweler Professionalism Award*” from the Florida Bar 2007; “*Judge of the Year Award*” from the Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates 2013; “*Honorable Gerald Kogan Judicial Distinction Award*” from the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers on May 12, 2001; “*Jurist of the Year*” 2001-2002 award from the First Family Law American Inn of Court; “*Judge of the Year*” award for 2004 from the Florida Law Related Education Program; “*Honorable Steven Levine Justice Award*” from the Miami-Dade County Trial Lawyers’ Association 2005; “*League of Prosecutors Justice Award*” 2005.

Prior to his judicial career he was a sole practitioner handling criminal cases in state and federal courts from 1986 to 1995. He also served as President of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Miami Chapter in 1994. He began his legal career as a prosecutor for Janet Reno in the Dade County State Attorney’s Office in 1980 where he rose to the position of Deputy Chief Assistant State Attorney and Major Crimes Prosecutor. He tried over 100 felony jury trials to verdict as a prosecutor and criminal defense attorney, including over 20 homicide cases.

He taught as an Adjunct Professor of Law in the Florida International University College of Law Judicial Externship Program (2007 to 2017) and as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Miami Law School “Litigation Skills Program” from 1994 to 2013. He has taught dozens of courses at the following judicial education forums: Florida New Judges’ College, Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies, Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges and Florida Conference of County Court Judges.

He is married to State of Florida, 11th Circuit Court Judge Jacqueline Hogan Scola. They have two sons, Bobby, who graduated from Tufts University in 2011 and presently works at GOOGLE in New York City, and Billy, who graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 2016 and is studying at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.