George Pappas (FL-06) Backgrounder

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| **Positive Findings**   * *Florida Certified Circuit Mediator with more than 1000 non-foreclosure cases and over 900 foreclosure cases.* | **Negative Findings**   * *Ran unsuccessfully for 7th Judicial Circuit Court Judge Group 3 in 2010.* |

**George S. Pappas is a 64-year-old potential Democratic candidate for Florida’s Sixth Congressional District. Pappas is a University of Florida graduate and former Consumer Division Chief at the State Attorney’s Office. As of October 2015, he’s a partner at his own law firm, Pappas & Russell.**

**Pappas began his career working in the State Attorney’s Office where he became the Consumer Division Chief. He opened his own practice in 1990 focused on representing the injured and people charged with everything from traffic tickets to first-degree murder. He started the law firm Pappas & Russell in 1993 with David Russell, which focused on family law, criminal law, general civil litigation, wills and trust, and mediation.**

**Pappas ran unsuccessfully for the 7th Judicial Circuit Court Judge Group 3 in 2010. Assistant State Attorney Matt Foxman (predecessor’s son) defeated Pappas for the circuit court judgeship. Pappas has mediated over 1,000 non-foreclosure cases since 1991 and over 900 foreclosures since 2010. In 2012 he wrote a fictional fantasy novel, “Zenak The End of the Beginning.”**

Background

* **BORN:** George S. Pappas; 8/1951
* **FAMILY:** Patricia Pappas (Wife); Katina and Zoe Pappas (daughters)
* **HOME:** 39 Neptune Ave. Ormond Beach, FL 32176-5443
* **EDUCATION:** J.D., University of Florida (1976); B.A., Drama, University of Florida (1973); Seabreeze High School
* **PROFESSIONAL:** Partner, Pappas & Russell (1993 - Present); Insurance Defense Attorney (1985 -1993); Consumer Division Chief, State Attorney’s Office (until 1985)
* **POLITICAL:** Candidate, 7th Judicial Circuit Court Judge Group 3 (2010)
* **AREAS OF PRACTICE:** Criminal Law, Family Law, General Civil Litigation, Personal Injury
* **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS:** Past VP, Volusia County Chapter, Florida Criminal Defense Lawyers Association; President, Volusia Civil Trial Lawyers Association; Member, Volusia County Bar Association; Founder Member, Alternative Forums Inc.
* **LICENSES:** Florida Bar (admitted 1976); New York Bar (admitted 1984); U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida (admitted 1979)
* **CERTIFIED LEGAL SPECIALITIES:** Florida Certified Circuit Mediator
* **PUBLICATIONS:** ZENAK The End Of The Beginning (Fiction)
* **FRATERNITY:** Pi Kappa Alpha

### Lost The 2010 General Election For 7th Judicial Circuit Judge Group 3 – Took 47.83% Of Vote

**Lost The 2010 General Election For 7th Judicial Circuit Judge Group 3 to Matt Foxman, Taking Only 47.83% Of The Vote.** “In this year’s elections, the higher-priced campaign generally won. Matt Foxman, for instance, spent nearly $80,000 in his campaign for circuit judge against George Pappas, who spent about $36,000.” [The Daytona Beach News-Journal, [8/25/10](http://www.justiceatstake.org/newsroom/justice_at_stake_in_the_news.cfm/daytona_beach_newsjournal_judicial_campaign_sets_local_record_for_spending?show=news&newsID=9443)]

**Predecessor’s Son Defeated Pappas.** “In another closely watched judge election race, Assistant State Attorney Matt Foxman beat George Pappas for a circuit court judgeship created by the upcoming retirement of his father, S. James Foxman.” [The Daytona Beach News-Journal, [8/25/10](http://www.nexis.com/results/enhdocview.do?docLinkInd=true&ersKey=23_T22825338838&format=GNBFI&startDocNo=76&resultsUrlKey=0_T22825338851&backKey=20_T22825338852&csi=316557&docNo=77)]

### Raised Only $38,168.08 In His 2010 Judicial Circuit Judge Bid; The Winner Raised $89,764.82

**In His 2010 Judicial Circuit Bid, Raised $38,168.08.** [Florida Department of State Division of Elections, accessed [10/16/15](http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/cgi-bin/contrib.exe)]

**In Contrast, Matt Foxman, The Winner, Raised $89,764.82.** [Florida Department of State Division of Elections, accessed [10/16/15](http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/cgi-bin/contrib.exe)]

### Mediated Over 1000 Non-Foreclosure Cases Since 1991 And Over 900 Foreclosures Since 2010.

**Mediated Over 1000 Non-Foreclosure Cases Since 1991 And Over 900 Foreclosures Since 2010.** “I have mediated over 1,000 non-foreclosure cases since January of 1991 and over 900 foreclosure cases since January 2010.” [George Pappas LinkedIn, accessed [10/16/15](https://www.linkedin.com/pub/george-pappas/41/315/386)]

### Wrote Fictional Fantasy Book, “Zenak The End Of The Beginning,” In 2012

**Wrote Fictional Fantasy Book, “Zenak The End Of The Beginning.”** “George S Pappas has written an imaginative and exciting sword and sorcery novel called ‘Zenak the End of the Beginning’ It’s an ebook.” [George Pappas Twitter Account, [2/01/12](https://twitter.com/GeorgePappas9)]

### Property Records

As of OCTOBER 2015, the following is a list of potential properties where PAPPAS may have lived:

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| 39 NEPTUNE AVE ORMOND BEACH, FL 32176-5443 VOLUSIA COUNTY |
| 213 SILVER BEACH AVE DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32118-4837 VOLUSIA COUNTY |
| 645 N HALIFAX AVE DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32118-3846 VOLUSIA COUNTY |
| 548 N HALIFAX DR ORMOND BEACH, FL 32176-5430 VOLUSIA COUNTY |
| 716 N PENINSULA DR APT B DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32118-3831 VOLUSIA COUNTY |
| 109 MARBLED GODWIT CT DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32119-8767 VOLUSIA COUNTY |

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 10/13/15]

*NOTE: Further research necessary into PAPPAS’s property ownership history.*

### Associated Entities

As of OCTOBER 2015, PAPPAS is potentially associated with the following entities.

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| Alternative Forums, Inc. |
| Daytona Beach Symphony Society Associate Board |
| Dreams 3D, Inc. A Dede Dorsey Foundation |
| Pappas & Russell, P.A. |
| Pappas, Tinsley, & Russell, P.A. |
| Paru, Inc. |
| Silver Beach Law Center, Inc. |
| St. James Episcopal School, Inc. |
| Volusia Civil Trial Attorneys Association, Inc. |

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 10/13/15]

*NOTE: Further research necessary into PAPPAS’s associated entities.*

### Criminal And Traffic Violation Record

As of OCTOBER 2015, PAPPAS is not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed, 10/13/15]

*NOTE: Further research necessary to determine whether PAPPAS has a criminal record.*

### No Evidence Of Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As of OCTOBER 2015, PAPPAS is not associated with any bankruptcy, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 10/13/15]

*NOTE: Further research necessary into whether PAPPAS or his/her associated entities had bankruptcies, judgments or liens.*

### Political Donations

According to the National Institute on Money in State Politics, PAPPAS has given $300 to state-level candidates.

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| **Date** | **Candidate/Committee (Office Sought)** | **Party** | **Amount** |
| 2014 | Charles Crist Jr. (Governor) | D | 100 |
| 2002 | Carl Persis (House District 26) | D | 100 |
| 1998 | Bill Ogle (House District 22) | D | 100 |
|  |  | **Total** | **300** |

[National Institute on Money in State Politics, accessed 10/13/15]

According to CQ Moneyline, PAPPAS has given $0 to federal political candidates.

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| **Date** | **Candidate/Committee** | **Party** | **Amount** |
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|  |  | **Total** | **0** |

[CQ Political Moneyline, accessed 10/13/15]

*NOTE: Verify federal contributions with the FEC.*

### Searches Performed In This Document

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| **DATABASE** | **NOTES (e.g., search term(s), URL, etc.)** |
| Nexis – News | All terms and Nexis databases searched. Example:  All News, All Languages: “George w/2 Pappas w/250 Florida” |
| Nexis – Comprehensive Person Report | George Pappas |
| Nexis – Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens | George Pappas |
| Nexis – Criminal Records | George Pappas |
| Nexis – Comprehensive Business Report | George Pappas |
| Google Search | George Pappas Daytona Beach Attorney, George Pappas Circuit Judge |
| CQ Political Moneyline (Verify via FEC) | George S. Pappas |
| National Institute on Money in State Politics (Follow the Money) | George S. Pappas |
| Facebook | https://www.facebook.com/george.pappas.7359  https://www.facebook.com/Pappas-Russell-PA-352220214916689/ |
| LinkedIn | https://www.linkedin.com/pub/george-pappas/41/315/386 |
| Twitter | https://twitter.com/georgepappas9  https://twitter.com/pappasforjudge |
| Website | www.georgespappas.com |

### Further Research Necessary

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| Full Nexis News search |
| Full public records search |
| Full vetting of all published written materials |
| Analysis of business records |

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