



The Honorable Ari Abraham Porth

Circuit Court Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit

After graduating from Northeastern University in Boston, Ari served as a Legislative Aide to US Senator Bob Graham in Washington, DC where he corresponded with constituents and researched issues including veterans' affairs and drugs on behalf of the Senator.

Ari moved home to South Florida to attend Nova Southeastern Law School. After graduating, Ari served as an Assistant State Attorney for Broward County from 1995 to 2012.

From November of 2004 to November of 2012, he served the residents of Coral Springs, Tamarac, Lauderhill, Sunrise and North Lauderdale as their State Representative. Most notably, Ari sponsored and passed landmark legislation mandating autism therapies be covered by certain health insurers and divested the Florida's pension system from investments in Iran and Sudan.

Ari was sworn in to the Circuit Court for the 17th Judicial Circuit in January of 2013 and sits on the Felony Mental Health Court bench. He presently chairs the 17th Circuit's Mental Health Task Force, serves on the executive board of the Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges, serves on the board of directors for the Area Agency on Aging, and is an active member of the Florida Judicial Wellness Program Committee and the Justice Unit.

Ari has been honored to receive recognition for his efforts from many groups including the TJ Reddick Bar Association, Broward County Bar Association, the Broward County PTA, the Florida School Social Worker Association, the Broward Firefighters, the Broward Partnership for the Homeless, the Smith Community Mental Health Foundation, South Florida Wellness Network and the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Ari is married to Tatyana and they have a 14-year-old son named Gabriel and a bernedoodle named Hamilton.