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## Lawyer Snapshot

09/22/2008

Rose Marie K. Preddy

Employed by: Solo practitioner

Practice: Trust, Estates, Probate, Guardianship and Elder Law.

Age: 40



Family: Husband Commander Lewis Preddy, USN, son Abraham, 10 and daughter Sara, 8.

Pets: Two feline sisters named Rudolph and Steamboat.

Education: Undergrad at University of Michigan 1990 and Law Degree from Temple University 1994. - Admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1995 and Florida Bar in 1997.

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### WEEKLY POLL

Have you attended any of the City of Jacksonville Special Events in the last year?

Yes

No

Question for the week of: Monday 08/31 - Sunday 09/06

What's your opinion on the issues? The Daily Record will have a question each week and it's your chance to make yourself heard.

#### Poll Results

Public school starts back today. Which do your kids attend:

**Public schools - 52.7%**

**Private schools - 42.7%**

**They are home-schooled - 4.6%**

Results through in-person and Internet voting.

Monday 08/24 - Sunday 08/30

### MOST POPULAR

**Professional Organizations:** Florida Bar, Michigan Bar, Jacksonville Bar Association, Variety Show Subcommittee of Jacksonville Bar (Chair 2007 to present), Trust and Probate Section of Jacksonville Bar (Chair 2004-07), Christian Legal Society (President 2003, Board 2004-07), Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association, Estate Planning Council of North East Florida

**Community Involvement:** Rotary Club of Mandarin, Junior Achievement at Loretto Elementary, "Light the Night Walk" for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (Team Captain 2007), St. John Divine Greek Orthodox Church

What have you accomplished through community involvement?

My most recent undertaking was creating a stage for lawyers and judges to display their performing and visual artistry. The law community variety show in June 2008 allowed the JBA to showcase attorneys and judges in a light not otherwise seen in Jacksonville. It was amazing to see the display of talents cultivated in childhood and some even since practicing law. Close your eyes and you weren't sure if you were listening to Celine Dion or Al Green. The event held at the Terry Theatre was met with loud applause throughout the show and shocked even the strongest skeptics.

Why hold the event?

There were two reasons for this event. First, it was to portray our legal community in a positive light as contributors to the arts. So often the front page is riddled with negative depiction of lawyers and judges as completely self serving. This event surely helped dispel that portrayal. The second purpose for the show was to support Jacksonville Area Legal Aid. We are fortunate that Legal Aid and the JBA are willing to think outside of the box and run with new ideas.

What was the biggest surprise in putting this event together?

There were two big surprises. The first surprise was how positive the media portrayed this event. At every step of planning, broadcast and print media was interested in covering open auditions in the winter to the conclusion of the show in the summer. I was expecting some deprecating remarks, but there were only positive reviews. The second surprise was the camaraderie built among the over 30 performers and visual artists. Some have even continued to perform together after this show. I have realized that anything the JBA can do to foster positive professional relations among its members will result in a high quality in the practice of law.

You are also involved with the Rotary Club of Mandarin?

I serve on the charitable giving committee and I am in the process of creating a 501(c)(3) which will allow Rotary to maximize all the tax benefits from its fundraising efforts. This year they raised \$30,000 to support local charities such as Special Olympics Swim Team, Girl Scouts, Clark School, YMCA and more. Through the Rotary, we hosted a Turkish exchange student in our home.

Why get involved?

We actively involve our children in Rotary and church charitable functions so they can see the need to live to serve others and not just ourselves. Rotary is a time tested organization that represents service above self. I continue to be amazed at the work of Rotary. The work it has done to eradicate disease and help build infrastructure in Third World countries is remarkable.

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