

The Honorable Jessica G. Costello was appointed on March 29, 2019 by the Governor Ron DeSantis to serve on the Hillsborough County Court bench. She presides over County Civil cases and Domestic Violence Injunction matters. Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Costello served as an Assistant Statewide Prosecutor with the Florida Attorney General's Office. In this role she managed local, state and federal law enforcement teams in the prosecution of organized crime throughout the state with a focus on counter-terrorism, gangs, human trafficking, drug trafficking and fraud.

She has spent the majority of her career in the field of criminal prosecution, ranging from misdemeanors to complex multi-defendant criminal matters to capital homicide. Judge Costello served as a member of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Committee, the International Association of Human Trafficking Investigators and the Internet Crimes Against Children Central Florida Task Force. Named Florida's Gang Prosecutor of the Year in 2015, Judge Costello has been named a Top Government Attorney by Florida Trend since 2014 and was named to the Tampa Bay Business Journal's 'Up and Comers' Hall of Fame in 2016. She is a proud mom to son Cameron and wife to husband Shane, a shareholder with a Tampa law firm.