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Jan 20, 1985	18	Tampa Bay Times Profile	High school senior profile - Mensa, NHS president	Numerous vain glorious articles in Tampa Bay Times and Tampa Bay Tribune since 1983	Makes public announcement in Tampa Bay Times and Tampa Bay Tribune that she is Mensa and clarifies that means she has a higher IQ than 98% of the population and announces she will study law at Harvard. Both announcements premature and self-aggrandizing—a pattern of cultivating public image that would continue throughout her career.
Diana Tennis appears in the newspapers 32 times from 1980 to 1985 all in self promotional role - she moved to Florida in 1979 from the midwest and immediately started self promoting. The Tampa Tribune - May 6, 1980; Tampa Bay Times - May 10, 1980; West Pasco Press - February 5, 1981; Tampa Bay Times - February 25, 1981; Tampa Bay Times - June 19, 1982; The Tampa Tribune - June 21, 1982; Tampa Bay Times - June 21, 1982; Tampa Bay Times - June 22, 1982; Tampa Bay Times - October 4, 1982; Tampa Bay Times - February 4, 1983; The Tampa Tribune - March 15, 1983; Tampa Bay Times - March 26, 1983; Tampa Bay Times - May 8, 1983; Tampa Bay Times - May 12, 1983; The Tampa Tribune - June 15, 1983; The Tampa Tribune - July 9, 1983; The Tampa Tribune - July 14, 1983; Tampa Bay Times - July 22, 1983; Tampa Bay Times - July 31, 1983; Tampa Bay Times - October 3, 1983; Tampa Bay Times - December 1, 1983; The Tampa Tribune - April 11, 1984; Tampa Bay Times - May 10, 1984; The Palm Beach Post - June 19, 1984; The Tampa Tribune - August 8, 1984; The Tampa Tribune - October 10, 1984; Tampa Bay Times - January 20, 1985; The Tampa Tribune - January 23, 1985; The Tampa Tribune - February 2, 1985; Tampa Bay Times - March 16, 1985; The Tampa Tribune - May 15, 1985; The Tampa Tribune - June 19, 1985			
Fall 1985	18	-	Enrolls at University of Florida	Undergraduate degree in Political Science	Not Harvard as planned. The January press blitz now appears less like confidence and more like delusion—or calculated image-building. Most Mensa members and Harvard-bound students don't issue press releases about themselves. At 18, she was already orchestrating media coverage to cultivate a public persona, a pattern that would define her career.
Jan 1, 1989	22	-	Starts UF Law School (1L)	-	-
Jun 26, 1989	22	89-963-LT (Alachua)	EVICTION filed - Kings Creek Apartments	Voluntarily dismissed same day	1L summer—couldn't pay rent. Despite advertising in the newspapers all the scholarship money she received, she still faced eviction six months into law school. A 5-day notice—Florida's most aggressive eviction remedy—reserved for nonpayment. The public scholarship announcements and private financial reality didn't align. Three roommates (Tennis, Moon, Springer) couldn't cover rent together.
May 1, 1990	23	01-1990-MM-008215-A	Writes WORTHLESS CHECK $150 to landlord	ARREST DATE	2L year—bounces $150 rent check to the landlord she's leaving. A parting gift. Not an arrest date—this is when she wrote the bad check to spite the
~Jun 1990	23	-	Moves to new address (725 172 NE 6th St)	-	Moves to new address (725 172 NE 6th St) but does NOT update address with court or landlord—leaves old address on file. Sets the stage for evading
Oct 5, 1990	23	01-1990-MM-008215-A	Criminal case OPENED - sworn complaint filed	State Attorney	Landlord finally swears out criminal complaint for worthless check. State only has the address from her checkbook—the apartment she abandoned
Oct 26, 1990	23	01-1990-MM-008215-A	Charges filed - Dept of Corrections has her on file	Criminal summons issued	Criminal summons issued to old address. She has no idea charges have been filed—or so she'll claim.
Nov 1, 1990	23	01-1990-MM-008215-A	Criminal summons ISSUED to OLD address	Kings Creek Apt B-13	Summons sent to Kings Creek Apt B-13—an address she abandoned five months earlier. Service impossible by her own design."
Late 1990	23	01-90-03874-SC	Files CIVIL LAWSUIT against same landlord	Default judgment $326.85	The audacity: while evading an arrest warrant, she weaponizes UF Student Legal Services to sue the very landlord she defrauded. Uses her NEW address (725 172 NE 6th St) for the civil lawsuit—proving she knew how to update addresses when it benefited her. Attorney Andy Parmenter, Bar No. 334928,
Nov 27, 1990	23	01-1990-MM-008215-A	Criminal summons returned UNEXECUTED	-	Summons returned unexecuted. She's evaded service by failing to update her address.

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Nov 30, 1990	23	01-1990-MM-008215-A	Judge orders CAPIAS (arrest warrant)	Warrant issued	Warrant issued. 3L year begins with active arrest warrant she doesn't know about—or claims not to
Jan 14, 1991	24	01-1990-MM-008215-A	CAPIAS entered into FCIC/NCIC	Statewide/nationwide warrant	CAPIAS goes statewide/nationwide into FCIC/NCIC. $25 bond. The same month Student Legal Services is actively prosecuting her lawsuit against the landlord.
Jul 31, 1991	24	01-90-03874-SC	Apartment pays $326.85 judgment	Landlord informs Student Legal Services of warrant	Landlord pays the $326.85 judgment, then informs Student Legal Services about the outstanding warrant. NOW SHE KNOWS. Her own lawsuit revealed her current address—the same address she hid from the criminal case. The landlord likely assumed the CAPIAS trumped the civil matter and didn't bother appearing, resulting in default judgment. He paid, then dropped the
Aug-Oct 1991	24	01-1990-MM-008215-A	Makes $150 restitution, appears before judge	-	Makes $150 restitution, appears before judge. Final accounting: Won $326.85 from landlord, paid $150 restitution + $67 court costs = ~$109 net gain. But she abused taxpayer-funded Student Legal Services to shake down the man she defrauded—while a nationwide warrant sat in the system with her name on it. The pattern: manipulate systems, spite those who cross her, and never accept accountability.
Nov 15, 1991	24	01-1990-MM-008215-A	CAPIAS RECALLED - Nolle Prosequi	Charges dropped	CAPIAS recalled, charges dropped via Nolle Prosequi. Six weeks before graduation—record cleaned just in time. What happened between July and November? Unknown—but the $150 restitution, the landlord's knowledge, and the clean record all align conveniently. She needed a clean record to sit for the Florida Bar. A future judge with a worthless check charge and nationwide warrant quietly erased before anyone could ask questions.
Dec 31, 1991	24	-	UF Law attendance ends	-	Graduates with DOC booking record
Nov 1992	25	FL Bar #966703	STARTS AS ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER - 9th Circuit	Starting salary ~$26k	No big firm recruitment despite claimed "second in class" at UF. Top graduates go to Holland & Knight, Carlton Fields at $50-65k. She takes entry-level PD job. Background check would have found arrest warrant, DOC record.
Nov 20, 1992	25	FL Bar #966703	ADMITTED TO FLORIDA BAR	Passed Character & Fitness	Despite arrest, warrant, DOC record. Diana Tennis is not recruited by a major lawfirm.
Late 1994	27	-	LEAVES PUBLIC DEFENDER after 2 years mainly in felony division - joins private law firm	~2 years as PD making $26k	Moves to private practice to make more money. Short tenure at PD suggests either pushed out or couldn't handle caseload.
Jan 12, 1995	28	Orlando Sentinel - “This Just In"	Listed in "Caught Our Eye" column about lawyer names	Named alongside attorneys "Swindle," "Lien," "Bonus," and "Hurt"	Her first newspaper mention in 10 years—and it's a joke. After the 1985 press blitz announcing her Mensa membership and Harvard plans, she resurfaces in a column mocking attorney names. From self-promoting prodigy to punchline. The irony: listed with 'Swindle' and 'Lien'—fitting company for someone with a worthless check history and a quietly expunged warrant. Family law and criminal law practice—she knows both sides intimately.
Dec 31, 1996	29	FL DOS Records	INCORPORATES Law Office of Diana M. Tennis, P.A.	Opens solo practice	Left law firm, goes solo. Timing suggests gave notice - year-end incorporation. Solo practice will struggle financially for next decade.
Feb 13, 1998	31	Federal Court / Orlando Sentinel	Defends VICKI LYNN WALK - federal mail fraud	Walk gets 2½ years federal prison	Tennis argues addiction mitigation: 'client addicted to alcohol and tranquilizers for decades but has turned her life around'
Apr 2, 1998	31	481998CA002825A001OX	FILES FORECLOSURE vs. Vicki Walk Anders	Sues 11 defendants incl. US Government	Client transferred house to husband LESTER WALK to avoid paying - Tennis sues to collect

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Nov 30, 2001	34	-	Emmanuel Saint Nattis sentenced to LIFE	Tennis was defense attorney	Saved cop killer from death penalty - shot OPD Officer DeSalvia in head
Dec 2, 2001	34	CT-2001-26631-E	DUI ARREST - BAC .185/.182	FAILED TO GO AT GREEN LIGHT	Maitland - 2 DAYS after Saint Nattis verdict - CELEBRATING
Feb 5, 2002	35	CIO-02-2589	DHSMV License Suspension Hearing	-	Fighting for driving privileges
Feb 12, 2002	35	CIO-02-2589	License Suspension UPHELD	6-month suspension	Lost - had to serve suspension
Jul-Sep 2002	35	CT-2001-26631-E	JOINT DUI SUPPRESSION HEARINGS	Jul 23, Sep 26-27, 2002	JOINED OTHER DUI DEFENDANTS - coordinated attack
Aug 27, 2002	35	Lien #02-53876	TAX LIEN #1: $195.00	Satisfied Feb 3, 2003	Law Office of Diana M. Tennis - NOT PAYING BILLS
Nov 19, 2002	35	CT-2001-26631-E	Motion to Suppress GRANTED	Judge Freeman - breath test suppressed	Intoxilyzer machines not properly approved
Dec 4, 2002	35	20020602126	State files Notice of Appeal	-	State appeals suppression
Dec 14, 2002	35	Lien #02-97557	TAX LIEN #2: $241.21	Satisfied Feb 24, 2003	STILL not paying bills while fighting DUI
Jan 9, 2003	36	Lien #02-97557	TAX LIEN #3: $216.24	Satisfied Feb 24, 2003	Business collapsing
Jan 14, 2003	36	Writ 02-11	License Suspension Writ DENIED	Judges Gridley, Mackinnon, Mihok	Lost appeal - suspension stands
Feb 8, 2003	36	Lien #02-97557	TAX LIEN #4: $241.21	Satisfied Feb 24, 2003	4th lien in 6 months
Feb 24, 2003	36	-	All tax liens satisfied	-	Finally paid ~$893 in back taxes
Mar 2, 2004	37	CJAP 02-97	State's Appeal DENIED - DUI CASE DEAD	Judges Adams, Sprinkel, Rodriguez	Suppression AFFIRMED - State didn't appeal to 5th DCA
Jul 16, 2004	37	R.H. Donnelley v. Tennis	Settlement: $15,466.63 advertising debt	Judgment entered	Didn't pay Yellow Pages ads
Apr 25, 2005	38	Reed Elsevier v. Tennis PA	Stipulation: $6,709.88 to Martindale-Hubbell	Payment plan	Didn't pay legal directory listing
Feb 14, 2007	40	2007-TR-042905-A-O	SPEEDING	Clerk Withhold (traffic school)	Orlando
Jun 11, 2009	42	08-CA-24573 (Gonzalez v. Anthony)	Files BOMBASTIC motion in CASEY ANTHONY case	Represents PI Dominic Casey	Calls litigation 'Orwellian,' 'cynical,' 'frivolous,' a 'circus' and 'marketing plan' - demands fees
~Sep 2009	42	08-CA-24573	HUMILIATED - client's 80-pg affidavit she didn't know about	Morgan & Morgan destroys her in court	Judge allows everything - WITHDRAWS from case in disgrace
Sep 27, 2009	42	2009-TR-048657-A-W	SPEEDING	Adjudication Withheld - Nolo	Ocoee - SAME MONTH as Casey Anthony withdrawal - FAILED TO COMPLETE traffic school - triggered suspension
Nov 2011	44	20110615484-1	HOA FORECLOSES - Tennis named as DEFENDANT	Final Judgment $11,952.66	Crowntree Lakes HOA sued Brindles AND "Diana M. Tennis, Esquire" - she held lien on property, wiped out in foreclosure. Another backfired collection attempt.
Jul 20, 2013	46	announces run for judge as private practice falters			
Aug 26, 2014	47	Circuit 9 Group 32	WINS ELECTION	60,695 votes (43.91%)	6.9% of registered voters - 'Nobody' was close third
Dec 31, 2014	48	closes her law business			closes business after 17 years
Jan 5, 2015	48	-	TAKES THE BENCH	-	9th Circuit Family Law
Jan 26, 2017	50	FEC/ActBlue	FIRST POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS - 6 days after Trump inauguration	$87.50 - 4 donations in one day	Canon 7A(1)(e) violations begin. Lists occupation as JUDGE.
Apr 23, 2018	50	Episode 46 of the Open 9th podcast. indicates to Judge Lauten her business failed			
Sep 14, 2018	51	5D18-2501 Torres v. Gomez	WRIT OF PROHIBITION GRANTED	DISQUALIFIED for bias	Legally sufficient fear of unfair trial
Oct 2018	51	FEC/ActBlue	PEAK MIDTERM - 118 contributions	$2,918.80 in one month	Beto, Bill Nelson, Randy Bryce, Emily's List.
Dec 6, 2018	51	5D18-3354 Wright v. Wright	WRIT OF PROHIBITION GRANTED	DISQUALIFIED for bias	Made comments suggesting strategic advice to one party
Mar 10, 2020	53	2020-TR-004096-A-E	FAILED TO YIELD - IN SCHOOL ZONE	Clerk Withhold (traffic school)	Winter Park - AS A SITTING JUDGE

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Apr 13, 2020	53	Form 6 Financial Disclosure	FINANCIAL ANOMALY - Checking vs. Donations	Net worth $2,661,200; Checking only $18,200	Disclosed $18,200 total checking (BB&T $13,500 + CFCU $4,700). FEC shows 2020 donations of $12,740.66 (70% of checking). Total 2017-2021 donations $29,209.76 = 160% of liquid cash. Pattern consistent with conduit activity - funds flowing through accounts from undisclosed sources.
Aug 28, 2020	53	5D20-1667 Nieves v. Guthrie	WRIT OF PROHIBITION GRANTED	DISQUALIFIED for bias	Well-founded fear of bias
Oct 2020	53	FEC/ActBlue	PEAK MONTH - $4,734 in contributions	137 donations in one month	Ditch Fund $250x7, Biden, Warnock, Ossoff.
Dec 2020	53	Comptroller	$150,000 HELOC from Truist Bank	Borrowed during peak donation period	Taking $150k credit WHILE making thousands in donations.
Jan 31, 2021	54	FEC/ActBlue	LAST POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS - 11 days after Biden inauguration	$405 - final 6 donations	913 total contributions, $29,154.76 over 4 years.
Feb 22, 2021	54	-	Files attorney lien satisfaction	-	Doing attorney work AS A SITTING JUDGE in same court
Nov 2021	54	Comptroller	$450,000 mortgage from Cardinal Financial	New property 1306 Bahama Dr	Takes $450k mortgage despite ~$474k cash from sale.
2016-2021	54	FEC Records	913 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS ($29,154.76)	All to Democratic causes	Listed occupation as 'JUDGE' - Canon 7A(1)(e) violations 2020 Financial Disclosure: Net worth $2,661,200 (assets $3.3M, liabilities $658k). Fidelity 401k: $1.58M. Yet taking $150k HELOC during donation period.
Jul 28, 2023	56	6D23-2180 Temple v. Melchione	WRIT OF PROHIBITION GRANTED	Exceeded jurisdiction	Judicial overreach on child support
Feb 11, 2025	58	JQC 2024-714, 2024-767	JQC Notice of Investigation served	-	913 contributions investigated
May 1, 2025	58	JQC 2024-714, 2024-767	JQC Investigative Panel Hearing	ADMITTED violations under oath	Testified - admitted violating Canons 1, 2A, 7A(1)(e)
May 19, 2025	58	2025-TR-501903-A-O	RAN STOP SIGN	Clerk Withhold (traffic school)	Orlando - 18 DAYS AFTER ADMITTING JQC VIOLATIONS
Jun 8, 2025	58	Certificate #47068421	Completed 4-hr ONLINE Traffic School	Filed Jun 10, 2025	American Safety Council - as sitting judge under investigation
Sep 4, 2025	58	JQC 2024-714, 2024-767	Signs Stipulation	Agrees to public reprimand	Waives further hearings
Sep 16, 2025	58	SC2025-1438	JQC files with Florida Supreme Court	PUBLIC REPRIMAND recommended	'Far and away the most prolific offender'
PATTERN ANALYSIS - BUSINESS COLLAPSE DURING DUI FIGHT:					
Dec 2, 2001: DUI ARREST (.185 BAC)					
Aug 2002 - Feb 2003: FOUR TAX LIENS filed against her law office (~$893 total)					
Mar 2, 2004: DUI case DEAD (suppression affirmed)					
Jul 2004: $15,466 advertising debt judgment					
Apr 2005: $6,709 Martindale-Hubbell debt stipulation					
CONCLUSION: She stopped paying her bills during the DUI fight (2002-2003),					
then dealt with the accumulated debt AFTER the DUI was resolved (2004-2005).					
Her law practice was collapsing while she fought for her law license.					
LIFETIME PATTERN - GAME THE SYSTEM:					

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1990-91: Bounced check → Arrest warrant → Paid restitution 6 weeks before graduation → Passed Bar					
2001-04: DUI .185 BAC → Joined coordinated defense → Suppressed breath test → Walked					
2009: Casey Anthony case humiliation → Withdraws → Speeding ticket SAME MONTH → Failed traffic school → Suspension					
2020: School zone violation → Traffic school (as sitting judge)					
2025: 913 Canon violations → Public reprimand (same as Merchan's 3 violations)					
2025: Ran stop sign 18 days after admitting JQC violations → Online traffic school					
HIGH-PROFILE CASE → PERSONAL DISASTER PATTERN:					
Nov 2001: Saint Nattis verdict (saved cop killer) → 2 DAYS LATER → DUI .185 BAC					
Sep 2009: Casey Anthony withdrawal (humiliated by Morgan & Morgan) → SAME MONTH → Speeding, failed traffic school					
Now sits in judgment of others on character, credibility, and financial responsibility.					