

## Catherine Vogel



I am running to be on the Board of Directors for the St. Petersburg Bridge Club because it has become one of the most important things that I do especially since the pandemic. I am a 66-year-old retiree originally from Miami, Florida. I graduated from the University of Florida in 1974 and went on to University of Miami School of Law where I graduated in 1981. I spent most of my professional legal career as a prosecutor, first working under Janet Reno at the Dade County State Attorney Office until 2001. I then moved to Key West and worked at the Monroe County State Attorney Office. I dabbled in private law practice and child welfare law from 2009 until 2013 before returning to the Monroe State Attorney Office as the elected State Attorney. I retired in 2016 and later moved to St. Petersburg in 2018 with my husband. We love the community and our neighborhood. I took up playing duplicate bridge and have enjoyed becoming part of the St. Petersburg Bridge Club. I found my "Bridge Home" at the St. Petersburg Bridge Club. Before the pandemic I played regularly at the club and like everyone else, I've had to adapt to on-line play with BBO. I play at least five times a week, sometimes even more. The Bridge Club has become more important as time has gone on. I am impressed with the classes, the willingness shown by the experienced players to mentor me and others and the friendships I have made at the club. I would be honored to serve on the Board should I be elected.