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Professional Experience:

2011 to Present

Law Office of D. Gray Thomas, P.A.
Jacksonville, Florida
and

2013 to Present

Creed & Gowdy, P.A. – Of Counsel

1992 to 2011

Sheppard, White, Thomas & Kachergus, P.A.
Jacksonville, Florida

Primary Areas of Practice:

Appellate Practice
Criminal Defense
Bar Discipline and Admissions

Education:

University of Florida College of Law, J.D., with Honors, 1992
Recipient of Alumni Council Scholarship Award
Book Awards in Advanced Criminal Law – White Collar Crime; Appellate Advocacy; Civil Procedure
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Washington University in St. Louis, B.A. *cum laude*, History Honors Program, 1979

Accomplishments and Recognitions:

- Board Certified in Appellate Practice by The Florida Bar (2011 – present)
- Martindale-Hubbell rating “AV Preeminent”
- Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* in appellate practice and in white collar and non-white collar criminal defense
- Litigated issues of criminal law and procedure, restrictions on First Amendment rights, media access to judicial proceedings, and issues of religion in public schools
- Barrister, Chester Bedell Inn of Court (1999 - 2002)
- Master, First District Appellate Inn of Court (2014 – present)

Memberships:

- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Member, Board of Directors (2013 – present)
- The Florida Bar, Appellate Practice Section

Speaking activities:

- American Courts, University of North Florida (2008)
- Criminal Pretrial Procedure, Federal Bar Association, Jacksonville, Florida (2002)
- Media and Law Video Conference, Federal Bar Association & The Florida Bar (2001)
- Graduation Prayer Litigation, ACLU of Florida 1999 Lawyers Conference (1999)
- Federal Courts, The Florida Bar Bridge the Gap Seminar (1996)
- First Amendment Law, University of North Florida Pre-Law Society Advisory Board (1995)
- Hate Crimes, Florida Law Related Education Association (1992)

Admitted to Practice:

Florida and Georgia

United States Supreme Court

United States Eleventh and Seventh Circuit Courts of Appeals

United States District Courts for the Middle and Northern Districts of Florida

United States District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Georgia

United States Tax Court

Selected Reported Cases:

Johnson v. U.S., 520 U.S. 461 (1997); *U.S. v. Scheer*, 168 F. 3d 445 (11th Cir. 1999); *Long v. State*, 151 So. 3d 498 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 2014); *Alessi v. State*, 969 So. 2d 430 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 2007); *Buchanan v. State*, 927 So. 2d 209 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 2006); *Leveritt v. State*, 924 So. 2d 42 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 2006); *State v. Cronin*, 774 So. 2d 871 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 2000), *approved*, 801 So. 2d 94 (Fla. 2001); *State v. Bradford*, 787 So. 2d 811 (Fla. 2001)(*amicus*); *Adler v. Duval County School Board*, 174 F. 3d 1236 (11th Cir. 1999), 205 F. 3d 1070 (11th Cir. 2000)(*en banc*), *cert. granted, judgment vacated*, 531 U.S. 801 (2000), *on remand*, 250 F. 3d 1330 (11th Cir. 2001), *cert. denied*, 534 U.S. 1065 (2001); *Smithwick v. Television 12 of Jacksonville, Inc.*, 730 So. 2d 795 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 1999); *Robinson v. Power Pizza, Inc.*, 993 F. Supp. 1458, 1462 (M.D. Fla. 1998); *Giles v. Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.*, 28 Med. L. Rptr. 2438 (Fla. 3rd Cir. Ct. 2000)

Prior Experience:

1980 through 1989

The Brunswick News, The Savannah Morning News, The Florida Times-Union

Journalist with concentration in covering federal and state court systems and legal profession

1979

Intern, United States Senator Sam Nunn, Washington, D.C.