

Alison Elena Preston

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Florida, Bar No. 1011415

Member in good standing and eligible to practice law in Florida Oct. 2018–present

Federal Courts

U.S. Supreme Court Feb. 2024–present

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit Mar. 2023–present

U.S. District Courts (M.D. Fla., S.D. Fla., M.D. Ga., Bankr. M.D. Ga.)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Florida Solicitor General's Office • Tampa, FL

Oct. 2022–present

- Litigate and consult on particularly complex or politically sensitive civil and criminal matters

Deputy Solicitor General

Oct. 2023–present

- Briefed and presented oral argument in the Eleventh Circuit and four of six Florida District Courts of Appeal
- Litigating in the Florida Supreme Court a case tagged “high profile” by the court; assisted on other such cases
- Awarded badge and named Special Prosecutor by Statewide Prosecutor Nick Cox, an honor previously extended only to Florida Attorneys General, for service to his office

Assistant Solicitor General

Oct. 2022–Oct. 2023

- Secured reversal after oral argument as amicus curiae in the Second District Court of Appeal
- Defended an amendment to the Florida Constitution against a challenge in the Southern District of Florida, currently on appeal in the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims • Washington, D.C.

Judicial Law Clerk (permanent) to the Senior Judges Feb. 2022–Oct. 2022

Judicial Law Clerk (detail) to the Honorable Grant C. Jaquith May 2022–July 2022

Judicial Law Clerk (term) to the Honorable Michael P. Allen Aug. 2020–June 2021 & Sept. 2018–Aug. 2019

- Drafted precedential opinions and non-precedential memorandum decisions
- Drafted bench memoranda and attended oral arguments, as well as a couple conferences
- Drafted an opinion that the U.S. Supreme Court upheld 7-2 in *Rudisill v. McDonough*, 601 U.S. ____ (2024)

U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division • Washington, D.C.

Trial Attorney in the Civil Trial Sections, Southern Region June 2021–Feb. 2022

- Handled as lead counsel about a dozen cases through all pre-trial stages of litigation
- Briefed, presented oral argument on, and won summary judgment in a case involving an issue of first impression in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit • Tampa, FL

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Charles R. Wilson Sept. 2019–Aug. 2020

- Drafted precedential opinions and non-precedential screeners
- Drafted bench memoranda and attended oral arguments (en banc and panel)

EDUCATION

Stetson University College of Law • Gulfport, FL

Juris Doctor, with high honors (magna cum laude) Aug. 2015–May 2018

GPA: 3.777. Rank: 6/203 (Top 3%).

- **Activities:** *Stetson Law Review*: Articles & Symposia Editor (2017–2018), Associate (2016–2017), Comment, *Obsta Principiis: Correcting the Fourth Amendment Private Search Doctrine's Course*. **Moot Court:** Board Member (2016–2018). **Judicial Externship:** The Honorable Mary S. Scriven, U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida (Spring 2017). **Work Experience:** Law Clerk at Burns, P.A. (Spring 2018); Summer Associate at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP (Summer 2017); Law Clerk at Sivyver, Barlow & Watson, P.A. (Summer

2016). **Clinics:** Veterans Advocacy Clinic, Veterans Law Institute (2017–2018). **Research Assistant:** Prof. Louis J. Virelli III (Administrative Law), Prof. Ellen Podgor (Criminal Law). **Teaching Assistant:** Prof. Louis J. Virelli III (Constitutional Law), Prof. Ellen Podgor (Criminal Law). **The Florida Bar YLD Law Student Division (LSD) Board of Governors:** President of Stetson’s Chapter (2017–2018), Interim Professionalism Chair for the LSD Executive Board (Fall 2016), Governor (2015–2018). **Miscellaneous:** Interviewed faculty candidates.

- **Honors & Awards:** **Graduation:** Michael P. Allen Award for Excellence and Professionalism. **Law Review:** Outstanding New Associate Award (Stetson Law Review – Fall 2016). **Moot Court:** Final Round Winner, 2017 Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition; Semifinalists & 2nd Place Brief, 68th Annual NYC Bar National Moot Court Competition–Region V; Semifinalists, 2016–2017 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition–South Regional; Quarterfinalists & 3rd Place Brief, 67th Annual NYC Bar National Moot Court Competition–Region V. **Highest Grades:** Federal Courts (tied), Interviewing & Counseling (tied), Criminal Procedure - Investigation, and Criminal Law (tied). **Statewide:** Best Overall Performance (Florida Bar YLD Law Student Division Board of Governors – Fall 2017); Best Chapter Award (same – 2015–2016). **Schoolwide:** Rising Star Award (Student Organizations); Organization of the Year (same – 2015–2016); Dean’s List (all eligible semesters). **Scholarships:** Dean’s Merit Scholarship (academic, full tuition).

Duke University • Durham, NC

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, with high honors (magna cum laude)

Aug. 2012–May 2015

- Completed degree in three years
- **Honors:** Phi Beta Kappa

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & VOLUNTEERING

St. Timothy Catholic Church • Lutz, FL

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) participant and now volunteer

Oct. 2024–present

Hillsborough County Bar Association • Tampa, FL

Co-Chair, Appellate Practice Section

starting June 2025

Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section • Tampa, FL

Producer of new *Bench Briefs* CLE series (mini-interviews with judges)

Oct. 2024–present

Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association • Tampa, FL

Vice Chair, Appellate Committee (non-voting chapter board member)

Jan. 2025–present

Chair, Young Lawyers Division Committee (voting chapter board member)

Jan. 2024–Dec. 2024

J. Clifford Cheatwood American Inn of Court • Tampa, FL

Associate Member

Aug. 2023–present

Stetson University College of Law • Gulfport & Tampa, FL

Occasional guest judge for classes, competition teams, and tryouts

Nov. 2018–present

PANELS & PRESENTATIONS

- Co-moderator, Panel of Eleventh Circuit judges on legal writing, Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (TBCFBA) (expected Summer or Fall 2025)
- Panelist, Stetson Law Review Scholarship Luncheon (Apr. 4, 2025)
- Presenter, *Statutory Interpretation*, Stetson Law Review All-Hands Meeting (Mar. 25, 2025)
- Presenter, *2024 Annual Meeting: State of YLD*, TBCFBA (Dec. 5, 2024)
- Moderator, Panel on representing law-enforcement agencies, Cheatwood Inn of Court (Dec. 3, 2024)
- Presenter, *Jurisdiction & Related Litigation*, Office of Statewide Prosecution’s 2024 Annual Conference (Fall 2024)
- Panelist, *Ask a Lawyer Panel*, TBCFBA Summer Camp (Summer 2024)
- Panelist, *Navigating the Differences Between State and Federal Practice*, Hillsborough Cnty. Bar Ass’n (HCBA) Gov’t Laws. Section and TBCFBA Crim. & Gov’t Invest. Comm. (Spring 2024)
- Panelist, Stetson Law Review *Bluebook Workshop & Judicial Clerkship Discussion* (Fall 2023)
- Panelist, *Judicial Clerkship Panel*, TBCFBA (Summer 2020)

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, *A Profile in Service: Judge Charles R. Wilson*, The Record (Fla. Bar APS) (Feb. 1, 2025)
- Author, *Interpretation Post-Conage: We're All Exhaustionists Now*, HCBA Law. (Jun. 2023)
- Co-Author, *Clerks' Perspective on Clerking and Advocacy Before the Veterans Court*, 7 Stetson J. Advoc. & L. 53 (2020)
- Co-Author, *Auer Deference Lives On, "Zombified" But Resilient*, Fed. Law., Nov./Dec. 2019, at 29
- Co-Author, *The Supreme Court Turns Its Attention to Auer Deference*, Fed. Law., May/June 2019, at 36

OTHER AWARDS

Orlando Chapter of the Federal Bar Association • Orlando, FL

2nd Place in the Second Annual Young Lawyers Division Moot Court Competition

Oct. 2024