

# Thomas Hood Williams

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*Education*      **Juris Doctorate** 2009  
Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, Florida

**Bachelor's Degree, Political Science** 2006  
University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida

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## *Admissions*

**Admitted to Florida Bar** September 2009, Member in Good Standing

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## *Professional Experience*

**Office of State Attorney, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit** Pensacola, Florida  
Special Prosecution/Major Crimes      June, 2012 – present  
Felony Prosecution      February, 2010 – May, 2012  
Misdemeanor Prosecution      August, 2009 – January 2010

### **Duties**

My duties include the prosecution and investigation of financial, violent and drug crimes. I have experience prosecuting complicated and large scale criminal cases as well as directing and supplementing investigations of criminal cases. In each of these areas I have prosecuted cases which involve multiple Co-Defendants, multiple State and Federal Agencies and Regional Task Forces. I have served as lead counsel on over fifty jury trials and co-counsel on many others. I have presented cases for indictment and on-going investigations to Grand Juries. I currently prosecute cases across the four counties of the First Judicial Circuit, as well as an Executive Assignment from the Governor of Florida.

I am currently the lead prosecutor of the Economic Crimes/Fraud Division for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. My duties in this position include trial prosecution, acting as a liaison between the State Attorney's Office and multiple law enforcement agencies and community organizations, as well as managing and directing an internal staff of five persons (one Asst. State Attorney, one sworn law enforcement Investigator, two Paralegals, and one Legal Assistant). In this area, I have gained particular experience directing large scale investigations from their onset, as these cases are generally investigated by our office, rather than an outside law enforcement agency. I have successfully prosecuted cases charged under the Florida RICO Act, Aggravated White Collar Crime, Money Laundering, Organized Fraud, Insurance Fraud, Arson and Theft statutes.

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My violent crimes experience includes firearms/weapons crimes charged as Attempted Murder, Aggravated Battery, Aggravated Assault, Possession of a Firearm, Dealing in Stolen Firearms, Tampering with Witnesses and Extortion statutes. I have taken several violent cases to trial which resulted in life sentences. I have gained experience working under significant pressure as well as relating to and working with Witnesses who have undergone traumatic events and come from diverse backgrounds.

My drug crimes experience includes crimes charged as Trafficking, Homicide by Delivery of Controlled Substances (Heroin), Sale, Manufacture, Delivery and Possession of Controlled Substances. Specifically, I took to trial the first two Homicide by Delivery of Heroin cases in the history of the First Judicial Circuit. These both resulted in convictions and life sentences. I have worked on several Title III Wiretap cases and served as lead counsel for the State in each. These types of cases have allowed me to work closely with the multiple law enforcement agencies. As these cases typically involve multiple Co-Defendants, they have allowed me to work closely with multiple opposing counsels and adapt to diverse defense strategies within a single case.

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## *Selected Prosecutions*

### **State of Florida v. William Elliott, 18-CF-998**

The Defendant was a Florida and Alabama Attorney who was charged with Organized Fraud for his participation in a fraudulent check scheme. He used his firm's operating account to deposit a fraudulent U.S. Treasury check for over \$200,000 and immediately wire \$100,000 in funds to himself at a separate bank. The Defendant was convicted at trial and was sentenced to two years in state prison followed by eight years of probation.

### **State of Florida v. Marcus May, 17-CF-3312**

The Defendant was charged with Racketeering and Organized Fraud for his involvement in a statewide scheme in which he stole millions of dollars in public funds from charter schools. Trial last one month, included over 100 witnesses and resulted in convictions as charged. The Defendant was sentenced to twenty years in state prison.

### **State of Florida v. Alfred Hayes, 16-CF-2316**

The Defendant was charged with Conspiracy to Traffic in Heroin and Methamphetamine as the result of a multi-week wiretap and execution of search warrants at multiple locations. Nine co-Defendants were convicted and each

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received substantial state prison sentences. This Defendant was sentenced to twenty years in state prison.

**State of Florida v. Marcus Jackson**, 17-CF-3523

**State of Florida v. James Mitchell**, 15-CF-3201

The Defendants were charged with Homicide by Delivery of Heroin as the result of investigations in the source of supply for two separate fatal overdoses. Both were convicted at their trials and received life sentences. These were the first two prosecutions under this statute in the history of the First Judicial Circuit of Florida.

**State of Florida v. Joseph Graves**, 14-CF-1959

The Defendant was a Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement chemist who was charged with multiple counts of Trafficking in Opioids that he was trusted with testing in criminal cases. This was a statewide investigation involving multiple law enforcement agencies. The Defendant was sentenced to 15 years in state prison.

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## *Community and Professional Associations*

**Grievance Committee**, First Judicial Circuit

2021 to present

**Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee**, First Judicial Circuit,

2018 to present

**Law Academy Advisory Committee**, Escambia County School Dist.,

2015 to present

**Warrington Middle School Career Fair**, Presenter,

2015 -2017

**Florida Advisory Committee of Arson Prevention**, Guest Speaker,

2015

**Pensacola Inns of Court**, Junior

2011-2012, 2013-2014, 2020-2021

**Pensacola Miracle League**, Mentor

2013 - 2015

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jacksonville, FL**, Big Brother

2007 -2009

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## *References*

**Hon. Jan Shackleford**

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**Hon. Edward Nickinson**

Senior Circuit Judge  
First Judicial Circuit  
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**Russell Edgar**

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