

M. Scott Thomas

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Scott Thomas is a Partner in the firm's Jacksonville office and a member of the firm's Commercial Litigation Practice Group.

Scott's practice focuses on complex litigation, including real estate and land use matters, business torts, contract and trust litigation, and shareholder disputes. In addition, Scott represents lenders in all aspects of special asset/commercial loan litigation. Scott has extensive trial experience, jury and non-jury, having served as lead trial counsel in both state and federal courts.

Beyond his legal practice, Scott has served the State of Florida in multiple roles. In 2015 Florida Governor Rick Scott appointed Scott to serve a four-year term as Chairman of the Florida Elections Commission, the state agency charged with enforcing Florida's Election Code. Florida's Chief Financial Officer, Jimmy Patronis, appointed Scott to serve as a member of the Citizen's Property Insurance Corporations Board of Governors in 2020, and he currently serves as Vice-Chairman. He was recently re-appointed to serve until July 2026. From 2015-2023 Scott served on the Judicial Nominating Commission for the Fifth District Court of Appeals.

Scott earned his J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law and his B.S. from the University of Florida.

Honors & Recognition

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent™ Review Rating
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation (2020-2022), Litigation-Real Estate (2021-2022), Real Estate Law (2022)
- Florida Trend, "Legal Elite," Commercial Litigation (2016-2018)
- Florida Super Lawyers, Business Litigation (2014-2021)

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CAPABILITIES

Commercial Litigation

Real Estate

Consumer Finance Litigation & Compliance

Intellectual Property

Insurance Litigation & Coverage

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law

with honors

B.S., University of Florida

LICENSED IN

Florida

ADMITTED IN

U.S. District Court - Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court - Northern District of Florida

U.S. District Court - Southern District of Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

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- Florida Blue Key Honorary

News

- Scott Thomas Appointed to Citizens Property Insurance Corporation's Board of Governors for Second Term
Firm News, 08.22.2023
- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"
Firm News, 08.17.2023
- 18 Burr Attorneys Named 2023 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
Firm News, 06.27.2023
- Scott Thomas Reappointed to Fifth District Court of Appeals Judicial Nominating Commission
Firm News, 10.07.2022
- 19 Burr & Forman Attorneys Named 2021 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
Firm News, 06.24.2021

Civic Activities

- University of Florida Alumni Association, Board of Directors (2017-2023)
- Florida Elections Commission, Chairman (2015-2019)
- Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council (2009-2010)
- St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors (2011-2014; 2017-2020)
- St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, Executive Committee Member (2014)

Professional Activities

- The Florida Bar
- John's County Bar Association
- Jacksonville Bar Association
- Supreme Court of Florida, Task Force on Distribution of IOTA Funds (2019)
- Fifth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission (2015-2023)
- Augustine Inns of Court - Master of the Bench (2017-2023)
- American Inns of Court, Chester Bedell Chapter - Associate (1995-1996)
- The Florida Bar Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee (1995-1998)