

# Jessica D. Thomas, ESQ.

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## EDUCATION

**Barry University School of Law**  
Juris Doctorate

Orlando, FL  
May 2011

**Florida State University**  
Bachelor of Science in Political Science

Tallahassee, FL  
May 2008

## LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

Collaboratively Trained  
Notary Public  
United States Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Florida  
Florida Bar Member #93099

2015  
2014  
2012-2014  
2011

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Thomas Law Firm, PLLC – Attorney Principal**

Maitland, FL  
February 2015- Present

- Principal Attorney, Jessica D. Thomas, Esq., established the firm after several years of experience with previously established Orlando Law Firms in areas of Family, Adoption, and Dependency.
- Manages over nearly (70) complex legal matters as a solo practitioner.
- Oversees all administrative and financial aspects of small business ownership.

**The Johnston Law Firm, PA- Associate Attorney**

Orlando, FL  
March 2014- July 2015

- Engineered Flagship Program for client development entitled “Talk About it Tuesdays”.
- Created Policies for communication of tasks for staffing resulting in Policy Manual revision.
- Oversaw assigned case paralegal by identifying billable tasks, creation of regulations to increase efficiency and addressed any disciplinary concerns from the Senior Partner to staff members.

**Camy B. Schwam- Wilcox, PA- Associate Attorney**

Orlando, FL  
June 2012- March 2014

- Managed Internship Program for entire firm and oversaw entry staff members.
- Presented specialized dissolution trial as first chair; conducting complex issue dispositions of key and hostile witnesses; drafted pleadings; drafted correspondence; continuous client communications and initial client interviews; extensive review of discovery and formulated arguments based upon the same; presented arguments to the court for contested hearings.

**Synergy Settlement Services- Lien Resolution Staff Counsel**

Orlando, FL  
October 2011- June 2012

- Develop initial negotiation documents
- Communicate with large entities to resolve lien resolutions by reviewing and evaluating subrogation and reimbursement issues.
- Manage all aspects of the lien resolution department for an intermediate period.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Notary Public for the State of Florida	2021-Present
Certificate of Attendance Annual Mediator Qualifications & Discipline Review Board Meeting	2021
Honorary Teacher, Orange County Public Schools	2012

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Member	2022-Present
Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, International	2022- Present
The Pride Chamber of Commerce, Board Member At Large	2022-Present
The Pride Chamber of Commerce, Board Member	2020-Present
The Pride Chamber of Commerce, Board Member	2020-Present
Virgil Hawkins Fellowship	2019- Present
The Pride Chamber of Commerce, Member Business	2019-Present
Central Division of the Mediator Qualifications and Discipline Review Board	2017- Present
Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Board Member	2011- Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Journal Editor</li><li>• 2021-2022 Secretary</li><li>• 2022-2023 Secretary</li><li>• 2019- 2020 Webinar Chair</li><li>• 2018-2019 Awards Chair</li></ul>	
Central Florida Women’s Resource Center, Board of Directors	2011- Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2018-2019 President</li><li>• 2017-2018 Vice President</li><li>• 2015 Young Emerging Leaders Chair</li><li>• Script Writer</li></ul>	
Orange County Bar Association	2011- Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• OCBA Solo Choir 2021-2022</li><li>• 2014 Legal Aid Breakfast of Champions Committee</li><li>• YLS Speaker’s Committee 2014</li></ul>	
Central Florida Association of Women Lawyers, Board Member	2011- Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2022- 2023 Co-Diversity Chair</li><li>• 2020 Public Relations Director</li><li>• 2019 Scholarship Chair</li><li>• 2017 Judicial Reception Chair</li><li>• 2015 CLE Chair</li><li>• 2012 Young Lawyers Chair</li></ul>	

Florida Bar Association Member	2011- Present
Mediator Qualifications and Discipline Review Board, Inquiry Committee Member	2018-2020
Past Paul C. Perkin's Bar Association, Board Member	2015
• Secretary	

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Legal Aid Society Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer	2022-Present
Orange County Self Help Center Volunteer	2015- Present
Children's Home Society Volunteer	2014- Present
Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer	2011- Present
Take Stock in Children Volunteer	2016-2019
Justice Teaching Volunteer	2015
Take Stock in Children Volunteer	2013-2014
Florida Supreme Court Certified Orange County Volunteer Mediator	2010- 2014

**COMMUNITY PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT**

Ninth Circuit Court of Florida Orange County CME Conference CLE	2018- Present
Barry Black Law Student Association Attorney Panel	2022
Legal Aid Case Law Update, Speaker	2021
LASOCBA Guardian Ad Litem Statewide Training CLE	2020
VHBACF Legal Covid-19 Panel	2020
J4 Leaders Panel Speaker	2019
LASOCBA Panel Speaker	2019
CFAWL Leadership in the Law Seminar Panel Speaker	2017
Eatonville Community Speaking	2016
WOAMTEC Guest Speaker	2015
SRBLSA Panel Speaker	2014
Networking and Advancement Guest Speaker	2013

**PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS**

<i>"Help Yourself and Others at the Lydia Gardner Self Help Center"</i>	2022
<b>The Briefs: A publication of the Orange County Bar Association</b>	

<p><i>“How Women Started a Movement”</i>  <b>Florida Association for Women Lawyers Journal</b></p>	2020
<p><i>“The Last Page: Jessica Thomas, Thomas Law Firm, PLLC”</i>  <i>Watermark’s Rainbow Family Guide 2020</i>  <b>Watermark- Your LGBTQ News Source</b></p>	2020
<p><i>“Formalizing What the Heart Formulates”</i>  <b>26 Health Adoption Services</b></p>	2020
<p><i>“A Brief Overview of Interpersonal Violence”</i>  <b>Barry Law: Child and Family Law Journal</b></p>	2019
<p><i>“Co-Parenting Conversation”</i>  <i>“Knowing Your Past Secures Your Future”</i>  <i>“Financial Safety for Florida’s Children”</i>  <b>Johnston Law Firm, PA Blog Post</b></p>	2015
<p><b><u>AWARDS</u></b></p>	
Super Lawyer “Rising Star” Family Law Division	2018- Present
OCBA Committee Service Award	2022
OCBA Certificate of Appreciation	2021
Supreme Court of Florida Recognized Exceptional Pro Bono Service	2019
BWHB Women in the Law	2019
FAWL Leader in the Law Award	2018
Elizabeth Susan Khoury Guardian Ad Litem Award	2018
<p><b><u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS</u></b></p>	
Letter of Thanks for Pro Bono Work from Attorney General	2020
Letter of Thanks for Pro Bono Work from Florida Supreme Court	2020
<p><b><u>FEATURED IN</u></b></p>	
The Florida Bar News	
Florida’s Paradise Coast: <i>Official LGBTQ Visitors Guide</i>	
Family Lawyer Magazine	
The Florida Bar Journal	
Watermark: <i>Your LGBTQ News Source</i>	
The Briefs: <i>A Publication of the Orange County Bar Association</i>	
The Florida Bar Family Law Section Commentator	

FAWL Journal

**TELEVISION APPEARANCE**

Lip Sync for Lungs for the American Lung Association, Contestant

2020-2021

Court TV, Guest Attorney

2020