



## **M. Scott Thomas**

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### **Services**

Commercial / Corporate Litigation, Real Estate, Consumer Finance  
Litigation & Compliance, Intellectual Property, Insurance Litigation & Coverage,

Scott is a member of the firm's General Commercial Litigation practice group.

Scott is a general commercial litigator, focusing on complex commercial litigation including real estate and land use matters, business torts, IP and contract disputes.

In addition, Scott assists clients with commercial loan litigation and workouts. Scott also has lead counsel trial experience, jury and non-jury, in both state and federal courts.

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. Scott also serves on the Judicial Nominating Commission for the Fifth District Court of Appeal and on the Board of Directors for the University of Florida Alumni Association.

### **Education**

J.D., with honors, University of Florida Levin College of Law, (1993)  
B.S., University of Florida, (1990)

### **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

### **Honors & Awards**

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent™ Review Rating
- *Florida Trend*, "Legal Elite," Commercial Litigation (2016-2018)
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation (2014-2019)
- Florida Blue Key Honorary
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation (2020)

### **Professional Associations**

The Florida Bar

St. John's County Bar Association

Fifth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission (2015-2018)

American Inns of Court, Chester Bedell Chapter (1995-1996)

The Florida Bar Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee (1995-1998)

St. Augustine Inns of Court

### **Community Involvement**

University of Florida Alumni Association, Board of Directors (2017-present)

Florida Elections Commission, Chairman (2015-2019)

Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council (2009-2010)

St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors (2017-present)

St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, Executive Committee Member (2014)

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