

Resume | Jamy Dinkins

Attorney with successful Florida Supreme Court experience focusing on City, County, and Local Government law and consulting innovations throughout Florida

THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

juris doctor summa cum laude, 2012

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

bachelor of science in interdisciplinary sciences, 2007

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Successful representation of clients before the Florida Supreme Court
- Board Certified in City, County, and Local Government Law
- Bond closings in excess of \$2,000,000,000 total
- Statewide representation of local government clients

CIVFORGE, INC. & CIVFORGE LAW, P.A.

co-founder

2020-Present
Orlando, FL

Co-founded parallel law & governance design practices that blend innovative technical and legal approaches to solve local government challenges

JAMES C. DINKINS, P.A.

managing shareholder

2013-2020
Tallahassee, FL

Founded a solo practice focusing on city, county, and local government law and emphasizing governance structuring, non-tax revenue, and appeals

CREATIVE CUSTOMIZED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURING

- Worked on the creation and development of a local government of statewide jurisdiction that funds and finances renewable energy, energy efficiency, & wind resistance improvements to private property
- Consulted with various cities on the creation of a consolidated regional water & wastewater utility

SYSTEMS FOR NON-TAX REVENUE DEVELOPMENT

- Created numerous non-ad valorem revenue systems for funding essential services such as stormwater management & fire protection
- Represented private and public clients in New Markets Tax Credits applications and transactions, placing millions of dollars in tax credits into underserved communities

GOVERNMENT-FOCUSED APPELLATE REPRESENTATION

- Represented private clients before the Florida Supreme Court in bond validation cases, securing positive outcomes
- Wrote amici curiae briefing on behalf of public clients in a case resulting in conceptual approval of non-ad valorem fire assessments

STRENGTHS

- Client communication & follow-up
 - Creative solutions to challenging legal issues & funding shortfalls
 - Appellate advocacy
 - Governance structuring
 - Use of technology to enhance law practice and client outcomes
 - Concise drafting for effectiveness and readability
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AFFILIATIONS

- Florida State Odyssey of the Mind Association, Board Member
- Florida State University Order of the Coif
- The Florida Bar, City, County, & Local Government Law and Government Lawyer Sections

FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

law clerk for Judge Scott Makar

2012-2013

Tallahassee, FL

Reviewed and drafted recommendations and proposed opinions for appellate cases across all legal practice areas

EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO JUDICIAL EFFICIENCY & CASE DISPOSITION

- Provided office leadership and organization, including supervision of interns, in the absence of a traditional judicial assistant
- Analyzed cases for multiple judges at the court when traditional resources were insufficient to meet judicial needs
- Developed analysis leading to opinions setting precedent in criminal and civil law, particularly related to Fourth Amendment searches

CAPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

teacher

2005-2009

Cape Coral, FL

Taught 3rd and 4th grade students to state standards in reading, mathematics, writing, science, and social studies

INNOVATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES AND CLASSROOM SUPPORT

- Designed curriculum for creative and informative writing used across 3rd and 4th grade levels from evidence-based methods
- Provided classroom support for students with various disabilities

STUDENT ENRICHMENT AND PROFESSIONAL FUNCTIONS

- Earned endorsement to teach gifted learners
- Responsible for extracurricular arts education, including student theater & summer camps
- Organized creativity-based extracurricular activities; coached two Odyssey of the Mind teams at World Finals