# JERRON R. WHEELER

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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL

J.D., GPA: 3.47, Top 25% (68/283)

May 2021

Honors: cum laude

Dean's List (Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2020)

Dean's Leadership Award

Best Oralist, Spring 2019 Oral Arguments

Book Award for Gator TeamChild Juvenile Law Clinic

Activities: JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY, Editor-in Chief

Black Law Students Association, Member

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

M.B.A. and M.S. in Sport and Entertainment Management, GPA: 3.58

May 2017

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

B.A. in Economics, GPA: 3.30

May 2015

# LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Florida Health Justice Project, Jacksonville, FL

Staff Attorney February 2024–Present

Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, Jacksonville, FL

Assistant Public Defender

April 2023-February 2024

- Provide legal representation to the indigent accused in criminal proceedings.
- Perform all aspects of criminal defense litigation, including felony and misdemeanor jury trials.
- Conduct legal research and draft motions related to pretrial, trial, and post-trial issues.

Foley & Lardner LLP, Jacksonville, FL

Business Litigation Associate

August 2021–April 2023

- Represented large companies in general and complex commercial matters.
- Drafted legal memorandum, motions, and other court pleadings for state and federal court.

Hill Ward Henderson, Tampa, FL

Litigation Associate

October 2020–April 2022

Professor Nancy Dowd, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL

Research Assistant

May-August 2019

United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville, FL

Intern to the Honorable Patricia D. Barksdale

May–August 2019

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE** 

University of South Florida Muma College of Business, Tampa, FL

Adjunct Professor of Sport Law

January 2024–Present

University of South Florida Muma College of Business, Tampa, FL

Adjunct Professor of Business Ethics

August 2022–May 2023

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Teaching Assistant for Sport Law and Legal Writing

November 2021-May 2022

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

"Defunding C.O.P.S." - Conditioning Federal Funding to Require Law Enforcement Agencies to Screen for White Supremacist Affiliations, 23 U. MD. L.J. RACE RELIG. GENDER & CLASS 1 (arguing that Congress can use its Spending Power to eliminate White supremacy in state and local policing)

Breaking Bias: A Singular Chapter Solution for Racial Equity in Consumer Bankruptcy (forthcoming), 20 HASTINGS RACE & POVERTY L.J. 2 (2024)

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Communities in School of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL	_
Board Member	July 2022–Present
Celebration Church, Jacksonville, FL	
Volunteer	April 2022–Present

### **SPEAKING ENGAGMENTS**

•	Communities in School Achieve in Life Summit, Speaker	2023
•	Tampa Bay Lightning Leadership Line, Presenter	2022
•	Univ. of Fla. Journal of Law and Public Policy Symposium, Host	2021
•	USF Alumni Panel, Panelist	2021
•	UF Co-Curricular Workshop, Panelist	2021
•	USF Social Issues in Sports, Guest Speaker	2021
•	Southern Region BLSA Bluebook Workshop, Panelist	2021
•	UF BLSA Minority Boot camp, Panelist	2020
•	Newberry High School, Guest Speaker	2020

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- Communities in Schools of Jacksonville, Board Member
- Celebration Church, Volunteer
- Jacksonville Bar Association, Member
- D.W. Perkins Bar Association, Member
- Stanton Alumni Association, Board Member

### **BAR ADMISSION**

Florida (2021)

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

University of Florida Housing Department, Gainesville, FL Graduate Community Coordinator	January 2019–May 2020
Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Tampa, FL Sales Account Executive	April 2017–June 2018

#### **ACADEMIC REFERENCES**

Janelle Wells, University of South Florida  Associate Professor (janellew@usf.edu)	Tampa, FL
Nancy Dowd, University of Florida Levin College of Law Professor Emeritus (dowd@law.ufl.edu)	Gainesville, FL

William Sutton, University of South Carolina

Professor of Practice (ws24@mailbox.sc.edu) Columbia, SC