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■ *Admitted to Practice*

- State of Florida, 2002

■ *Professional & Community Involvement*

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Tallahassee Women Lawyers
- Fellow, The Florida Bar Foundation

■ *Education*

- J.D., Florida State University, 2002
- B.C.J., magna cum laude, Florida AMUniversity, 1998

■ *Extended Profile*

Opal McKinney–Williams has a varied law practice, consisting of governmental law with an emphasis in K–12 education, business bankruptcy with an emphasis in creditor’s rights, litigation, and Florida campaign finance compliance. Opal works with local school boards regarding student discipline, attendance, employment, ESE and public records law compliance. Opal represents clients in administrative, litigation and appellate matters. In addition, she represents creditors in Chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcy proceedings, and has experience in dismissing debtors petitions for cause. Opal also advises political committees and candidates on election law and campaign finance compliance.

In her practice, Opal has represented clients in state circuit and appellate courts throughout the state, and before the federal district and bankruptcy courts. She has also handled actions before the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings.

Opal’s representative experience includes successfully defending action taken at a school board meeting by demonstrating the board’s actions complied with the Government in the Sunshine Law, and assisting in obtaining dismissals of bankruptcy petitions in several Chapter 11 and 13 cases, thereby obtaining relief for creditor clients.

EDUCATION:

Florida State University, J.D., 2002

Florida A M University, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice,
magna cum laude, 1998

LICENSES AND COURT ADMISSIONS:

The Florida Bar (2002)

United States District Court for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts

All state courts in Florida

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Bar Association

The Florida Bar

Tallahassee Bar Association

Tallahassee Women Lawyers

Tallahassee Barristers

William H. Stafford Inn of Court (2004–2007)

Florida School Board Attorneys Association

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Leon County Schools Foundation, Board member (2008– present)

The Tallahassee Ballet, Board member and Corresponding Secretary
(2007– present)

Tallahassee Regional Airport Advisory Committee, member and Past Chair
(2004–2008)

Friends of the LeRoy Collins Public Library, Board Member and Past President
(2003–present)

Leadership Tallahassee, Class 24 Youth Leadership Tallahassee, Class V Selection
Chair (2007–2008)

FAMU Mock Trial Regional Tournament Volunteer Judge (2005, 2006)

Leadership Florida, Class XXVI