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### **Bio:**

Renee is a solo civil attorney and mediator from Ocala, Florida. She is an active leader in The Florida Bar and has received the Bar President's Award of Merit twice while serving on the Board of Governors. She established a reputation at a young age as a high achiever, as President of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division and inaugural Chair of The Florida Bar Leadership Academy. She is an adjunct professor at the University of Florida Levin College of Law in the area of Practice Management and Technology, and has received the General Practice/ Solo and Small Firm Section's Walter S. Crumbley Award for her contributions in the area of Practice Management. She has been married for twenty years to the Hon. Thomas "Tommy" P. Thompson III, Marion County Judge.

### **Professional Admissions and Certifications:**

- The Florida Bar
- Supreme Court of the United States of America
- United States Northern, Middle and Southern District Courts of Florida
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit and County Mediator
- United States Middle District Court Civil Mediator
- Dispute Resolution Center, Assistant Trainer, Circuit and County Mediation
- United States Bankruptcy Court Mortgage Modification Mediation Certification
- Residential Foreclosure Mediation Certification

### **Education:**

- University of Florida Levin College of Law (J.D. with Honors, 1999)
- University of South Florida (B.S. magna cum laude, Honors Program 1996)

### **Professional Experience:**

- Upchurch, Watson, White & Max Mediation Group, Mediator and Dispute Resolution (May 2016- present)
- Thompson Law Center PLLC, Owner and Attorney (May 2016-present)



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- University of Florida Levin College of Law, Adjunct Professor, Law Practice Management and Technology Course (January 2017- May 2019), Law Center Association (Trustee 2017-present)
- Mateer & Harbert PA, Partner, Attorney and Mediator (February 2007-April 2016)
- College of Central Florida, Adjunct Professor, Business Law II Course (Fall 2013)
- Siboni, Hamer & Buchanan PA, Associate Attorney and Mediator (February 2002-February 2007)

## Professional Activities:

- The Florida Bar
  - Board of Governors
    - Representative (2009-2011 YLD; 2013-present, Fifth Circuit)
    - Executive Committee (Member 2010-2011, 2014-2016, 2017-2019)
    - Strategic Planning Committee (Member 2009-2011, 2014-2019)
    - Board Technology Committee (Chair 2019- present, Member 2015-present)
    - Budget Committee (Chair 2018-2019, Chair-Elect 2017-2018, Member 2016-2017)
    - Program Evaluation Committee (Chair 2017-2018; Chair-Elect 2016-2017, Member 2014-16)
    - Communications Committee (Chair 2015-2016, Member 2013-2016)
    - Fifth Circuit Grievance Committee Designated Reviewer (2013-present)
    - Discipline Review Committee (Member 2009-2011, 2013-2014)
    - Special Committee on Trust Accounting Solutions (Member 2016-2019)
    - Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Board Liaison (2017-2019)
    - Council of Sections Board Liaison (2018-present)
    - Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Board Liaison (2015-2017)
    - Animal Law Committee Board Liaison (2013-2016)
    - YLD Board Liaison (2013-2014)
  - Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors (YLD)
    - YLD President (2010-2011)
    - YLD Long Range Planning, Facilitator (2019, 2017, 2015)
    - YLD President-Elect (2009-2010)
    - YLD Fifth Circuit Representative (2003-2009)
    - YLD Executive Committee (2004-2009)
    - YLD Long Range Planning (Chair 2010, 2003-2009)
    - YLD Affiliate Outreach Conference (Chair 2007-2008)
    - YLD Annual Convention (Chair 2008-2009, Vice-Chair 2007-2008)
    - YLD Local Bar Affiliates (Chair 2008-2009)
    - YLD Welcome to The Florida Bar Committee (Chair 2004-2007)
    - YLD Youth Projects (Vice Chair 2004-2005)
    - YLD Law School Committee (Co-Chair 2005-2006)
    - YLD University of Florida Board Liaison (2008-2009)



YLD CLE/PWP Program Chair (2003-2009)

- Leadership Academy Committee (Inaugural Chair 2013-2015, Member 2015-2017)
- Annual Convention Committee (Chair 2015-2016, Member 2007-2009, 2014-2019)
- Vision 2016 Commission, Technology Subgroup (2013-2016)
- Hawkins Commission Review of Discipline (Vice Chair, 2011-2012)
- Solo Small Firm Section (Executive Committee 2016-present)
- Animal Law Section (Executive Committee 2017-present, Member 2016-2017)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Section (BOG Section Liaison 2017-2019; Membership Committee 2010-2012)
- Committee on Technology (Member 2014-2016)
- Voluntary Bar Leaders Conference, Panelist (2011, 2014)
- Florida Bar Foundation, Fellow (2007-present)
- United States Middle District Court
  - Grievance Committee, Ocala Division (Chair 2012-2015)
  - Local Rules Advisory Committee (Member 2016-present)
  - Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference, Attorney Attendee (May 2013)
- Florida Supreme Court
  - Historical Society, Board of Trustees (Special Projects Chair 2016-present, Trustee 2011-present)
  - Commission on Professionalism (2009-2011, 2011-2018 Ex-Officio)
  - ProBono Commission (2010-2011)
  - Dispute Resolution Center Annual Conference Speaker, *Women Mediators and Gender Dynamics* (August 2015)
  - Dispute Resolution Center Annual Conference Speaker, *Tips & Techniques: How to Break An Impasse* (August 2012)
- National Conference of Bar Presidents
  - Midyear Meeting Speaker, *Artificial Intelligence and Evolving Technology: Do you Know Whether Your Professional Responsibility Has Changed* (February 2017)
- Professional Mediation Institute
  - Workers Compensation Educational Conference Presenter, *The Influence of Social Media on Technology* (August 2018)
  - Workers Compensation Educational Conference Presenter, *Technology and Social Media: Is Your Practice Slick and Savvy, or Slothful and Sluggish?* (August 2017)
- American Bar Association
  - Young Lawyers Division Spring Conference Speaker, *Affiliate Leadership Training: Now You're a Leader* (May 2015)
  - Young Lawyers Division Florida Delegate (2008)
- Florida Justice Technology Center Board (2016-present)
  - Fifth Circuit Professionalism Conference



- Faculty Presenter, *Changes in the Profession: The New Legal Marketplace* (2016, 2011)
- Hospitality Committee (2007)
- Marion County Bar Association
  - President (2014-2015)
  - President-Elect (2013-2014)
  - Treasurer (2008-2009)
  - Secretary (2007-2008)
  - Bench and Bar Committee (Member 2013-2015)
  - Mentoring Chair & Education Committee (2005-2007)
  - Young Lawyer Section, Founding Board of Directors (2005-2011)
- Upchurch, Watson, White & Max Mediation Group
  - Webinar Presenter, *Mindfulness and the Practice of Law* (May 2017)
- American Inns of Court
  - Chapter Management System Advisory Panel
  - Florida Leadership Summit Panel
- D.R. Smith American Inns of Court (2019-present)
  - CLE program chair (2011-2012)
  - Treasurer, Website (2008-2009), Circle of Excellence Award Distinction
  - Membership chair (2007-2008)
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Marion County Chapter
- Citrus County Bar Association
  - Law Day Speaker: *Leadership in Law* (May 2019)
- Leadership Ocala/Marion, Class XXI

## Honors:

- The Florida Bar
  - General Practice/Solo Small Firm Section Walter S. Crumbley Practice Management Award 2016
  - President's Award of Merit, 2015 (Given by President Gregory W. Coleman)
  - Animal Law Committee Board Liaison Recognition, 2015
  - President's Award of Merit, 2014 (Given by President Eugene K. Pettis)
  - Young Lawyers Division Board of Governor's Most Productive Board Member 2008
- Fastcase 50 Award Winner 2019
- Florida Association of Women Lawyers, Leader in the Law 2012
- D.R. Smith American Inn of Court, "Inny" Award 2012
- The University of Florida Levin College of Law, Outstanding Young Alumnus 2011
- Florida Trend Magazine Florida, Legal Elite 2015, 2016, Up and Comer, 2011
- Florida Super Lawyers 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015; Rising Stars 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009
- Ocala Magazine's "Forty Under Forty" 2008



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