

# Resume | Jamy Dinkins

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

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## THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

*juris doctor summa cum laude, 2012*

## UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

*bachelor of science in interdisciplinary sciences, 2007*

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## 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  
Tallahassee, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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