

I have been a lawyer in Florida for going on 45 years now. I was in a large firm for the first 20 years of my practice. I was in a small firm with my wife for three years, and then I spent 18 years on the Fifth District Court of Appeal in Daytona Beach before joining Florida Appeals two years ago.

In the Fifth District Court of Appeal, we handled all appeals coming out of the trial courts in our district, except for death penalty cases, they would go straight to the Supreme Court. Everything else would come to us. So it was a combination of everything else, criminal, civil family, real estate, administrative, the whole gambit.

I always thought it sort of matched my skill sets. I always enjoyed research and writing and arguing. All of those things fit in well with the position on the appellate court. When I retired from the court, I wanted to still be involved in the legal community. My background was such that it made sense to do it strictly in the areas of appeal. I enjoy the intellectual challenge of it very much. I can focus on the issues that I know the most about since my experience on the bench, Florida Appeals and Shannon Carlyle are both very prominent in the appellate area. She's a specialist, she has a great reputation and I was happy to join them.