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Daniel Nordby is a partner in the Tallahassee office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is Chair of the firm's Appellate Practice Group. His practice focuses on high profile, high stakes matters of law and public policy, particularly in the areas of constitutional, appellate, and administrative law.

Daniel is double board certified by The Florida Bar in both Appellate Practice and State & Federal Government & Administrative Practice. He is the only attorney in Florida to hold concurrent board certifications as an expert in both of these practice areas.

Appellate Practice

Daniel maintains an active appellate practice before Florida's state and federal courts. He is Florida Bar Board Certified as a specialist in the area of Appellate Practice, a credential recognizing credibility and professional expertise that is held by less than one-half of one percent of The Florida Bar's 100,000+ members. Daniel has experience handling all types of civil appellate and original writ proceedings before Florida's appellate courts and often handles cases of first impression in the areas of constitutional law, administrative law, election law, and insurance law. He has presented oral argument on multiple occasions before the Florida Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and Florida's district courts of appeal. A representative list of Daniel's reported opinions is available [here](#).

Administrative Law Practice

Daniel also has extensive experience in the area of government and administrative law. He is Florida Bar Board Certified in State & Federal Government & Administrative Practice, is a Past Chair of The Florida Bar's Administrative Law Section, and has served on the Section's Executive Council for more than a decade. Daniel has represented clients in some of Florida's largest competitive procurements and has litigated bid protests, rule challenges, and permitting matters before the Division of Administrative Hearings.

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Daniel draws on his prior service in the public sector when representing businesses, individuals and governmental clients on their most challenging legal issues. As General Counsel to then-Governor Rick Scott from 2017-2019, Daniel provided oversight and strategic direction for all major litigation involving Florida's executive branch agencies and advised on the appointment of more than 100 judges to Florida's trial and appellate courts. Daniel's career also includes service as General Counsel to the Florida House of Representatives, General Counsel to Florida's Secretary of State, Assistant General Counsel to the Florida Department of Education, and Staff Attorney to the Florida Legislature's Joint Administrative Procedures Committee.

Daniel's public service also included twelve years as a gubernatorial appointee on the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission. After serving two terms on the Commission from 2012-2018 as a direct appointee of Governor Scott, Daniel was appointed by Governor DeSantis to two additional terms from 2019-25. From 2019-2022, Daniel served as Chair of the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission.

Daniel is also involved with several non-profit and community groups. He is a graduate of Leadership Florida (Connect VI), a member of Florida Blue Key, a member of the American Enterprise Institute's Leaders Network, and a member of the James Madison Institute's Inaugural Class of Leaders Fellows. Daniel is on the Steering Committee of the Tallahassee Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies and is a Past President of both its Tallahassee Lawyers Chapter and University of Florida Student Chapter. Daniel is an Eagle Scout and attends St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral in Tallahassee.

Daniel is a "triple-Gator" with three degrees from the University of Florida: a J.D. (with high honors), a B.S. in Microbiology and Cell Science, and a B.A. in Classical Studies. He has been recognized as a Florida Super Lawyers "Rising Star" and has been named to the roster of Florida Legal Elite by Florida Trend magazine in the categories of "Appellate Practice," "Government & Administrative Law," "Best Government & Non-Profit Attorneys," and "Best Up & Coming Attorneys."

Practice Areas

Administrative Law and Licensing

Appellate

Government Law

Licensing

Litigation

Constitutional Law

Political Law

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Industry Focus

Government

Accolades

- Florida Bar Board Certified in Appellate Practice
- Florida Bar Board Certified in State & Federal Government & Administrative Practice
- *Chambers & Partners*, Litigation: Appellate, 2024, 2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Appellate Practice, 2024, 2025, 2026
 - Government Relations Practice, 2024, 2025, 2026
 - Administrative / Regulatory Law, 2025, 2026
- *Florida Super Lawyers*
 - Administrative Law, 2021, 2022
 - Appellate, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Super Lawyers: Rising Star (2017, 2016, 2015)
- *Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite*
 - Appellate Practice (2020, 2021)
 - Best Government & Non-Profit Attorneys (2018, 2014, 2013, 2012)
 - Best Government & Administrative Law Attorneys (2017, 2016, 2019)
 - Best Up & Coming Attorneys (2011, 2010, 2009)

Education

- University of Florida College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2005
- University of Florida, B.A., Classical Studies, 2001
- University of Florida, B.S., Microbiology & Cell Science, 2001

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States

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- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Professional and Civic

- Administrative Law Section of the Florida Bar
 - Executive Council Member (2006-Present)
 - Chair (2014-2015)
- The Florida Bar's Appellate Court Rules Committee (2024-Present)
- Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies
 - Tallahassee Lawyers Chapter
 - Steering Committee (2006-Present)
 - President (2007-2011)
 - University of Florida Law Students Chapter
 - President (2004-2005)
- Leadership Florida
 - Connect Florida Statewide Leadership Institute (Class VI, 2015-2016)
- Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission (2012-2018, 2019-2025)
 - Chair (2019-2022)
- James Madison Institute
 - Leaders Fellow (Inaugural Class, 2014-15)
- First District Appellate American Inn of Court
 - Barrister Member (2014-2017)