

Thomasina F. Moore Joins Shutts & Bowen as Partner in Tallahassee Office

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Shutts & Bowen LLP is pleased to announce that [Thomasina F. Moore](#) has joined the firm's Tallahassee office as a partner in the Appellate Practice Group.

Board certified in both Appellate Practice and Juvenile Law by The Florida Bar, Thomasina brings decades of litigation experience representing private and government clients in appellate, labor and employment, governmental and constitutional matters. Her career includes extensive work involving complex appeals, including issues of constitutional interpretation, employment law violations and policy development across the public sector.

"We are thrilled to welcome Thomasina to Shutts," said [Benjamin J. Gibson](#), Managing Partner of the Tallahassee office. "Her impressive appellate experience and knowledge of government law will make her a valuable resource and a tremendous addition to our team."

Prior to joining Shutts, Thomasina served as a key legal strategist at the Florida Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office, where she helped develop the award-winning "Defending Best Interests" initiative. This program, which recruited pro bono attorneys to write appellate briefs in termination of parental rights cases, was recognized by Florida TaxWatch for its innovation and cost-saving benefits to the state.

Thomasina also authored and presented a constitutional analysis on the scope of parental rights, which was supported by the Florida Department of Children and Families and ultimately adopted by the Florida Supreme Court—an opinion that now benefits thousands of children annually. In addition, she was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court to a committee tasked with developing a rule addressing ineffective assistance of counsel in termination of parental rights cases. Thomasina authored a minority report and argued its merits before the Court, with the majority of her recommendations ultimately adopted.

"Thomasina is a highly respected legal advocate whose passion for the rule of law and strategic insight align perfectly with Shutts' core values," said [Jack McElroy](#), Firmwide Managing Partner of Shutts & Bowen LLP. "We are proud to welcome her to the firm and look forward to her continued success."

Thomasina is on the Executive Board of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers and served as its President in 2023. She is also active on several Florida Bar committees, including the Appellate Practice Section Executive Committee, Pro Bono Legal Services Committee and served on the

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Advisory Committee for the 2024 Pro Bono Service Awards.

"I'm excited to join Shutts & Bowen and collaborate with such a highly regarded team of attorneys," said Thomasina. "I look forward to continuing to advocate on complex legal issues and contributing to the firm's exceptional appellate and litigation practice."

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