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...there were no DCAs

Florida Constitution amended in 1956...

Article V:I

“The judicial power shall be vested in a supreme court, *district courts of appeal*, circuit courts and county courts...The legislature shall, *by general law, divide the state into appellate court districts and judicial circuits following county lines...*”

First District
Tallahassee

Second District
Lakeland

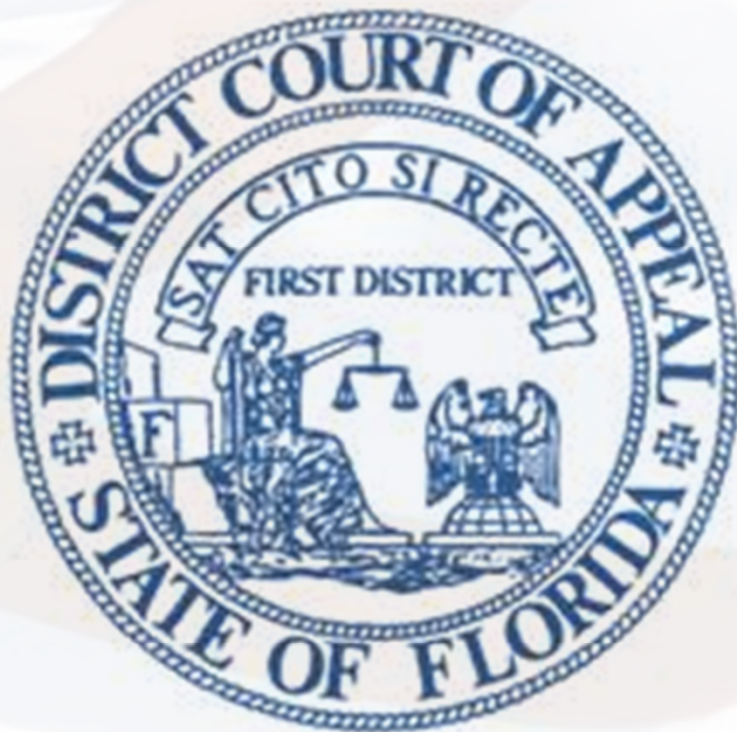
Third District
Miami



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1957-2017



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“Soon Enough If Done Correctly”

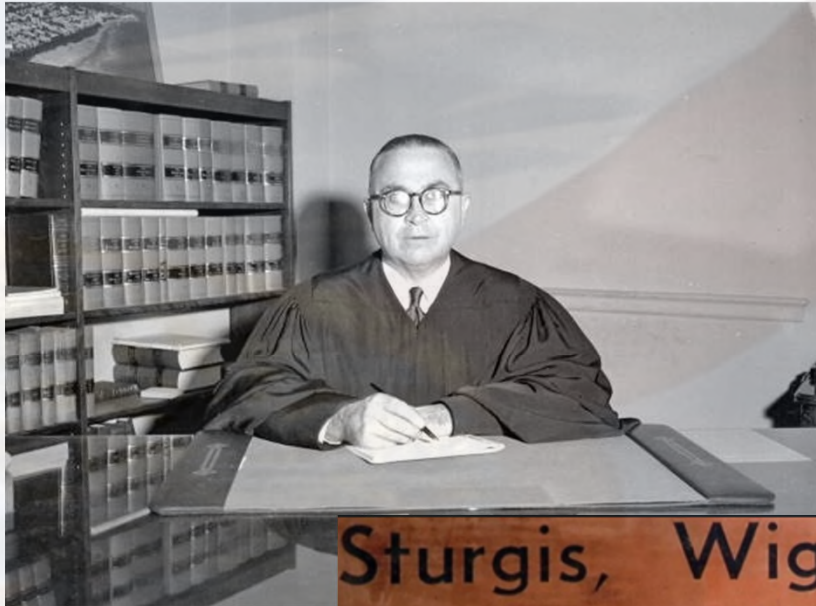
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Justice B.K. Roberts
Chairman
Judicial Council of Florida

Two Key Reasons for DCAs:

Sturgis, Wigginton, Carroll Made Judges Of New Court In City



John T. Wigginton



Donald K. Carroll

Collins
Finishes
Set-Up

By The Associated Press
Gov. Collins completed appellate judge appointments today by naming Circuit Judge Wallace E. Sturgis of Ocala and two well known attorneys to the new posts.
Service with Sturgis in the North Florida Appellate District will be John T. Wigginton of Tallahassee and Donald K. Carroll of Jacksonville.



Judge Wallace E. Sturgis

🔑 “to avoid delay”

🔑 “bring the court closer to the scene”

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2010-Present
Drayton Dr.



1957-1958

Independent Life Building

S.C.
1958-1981



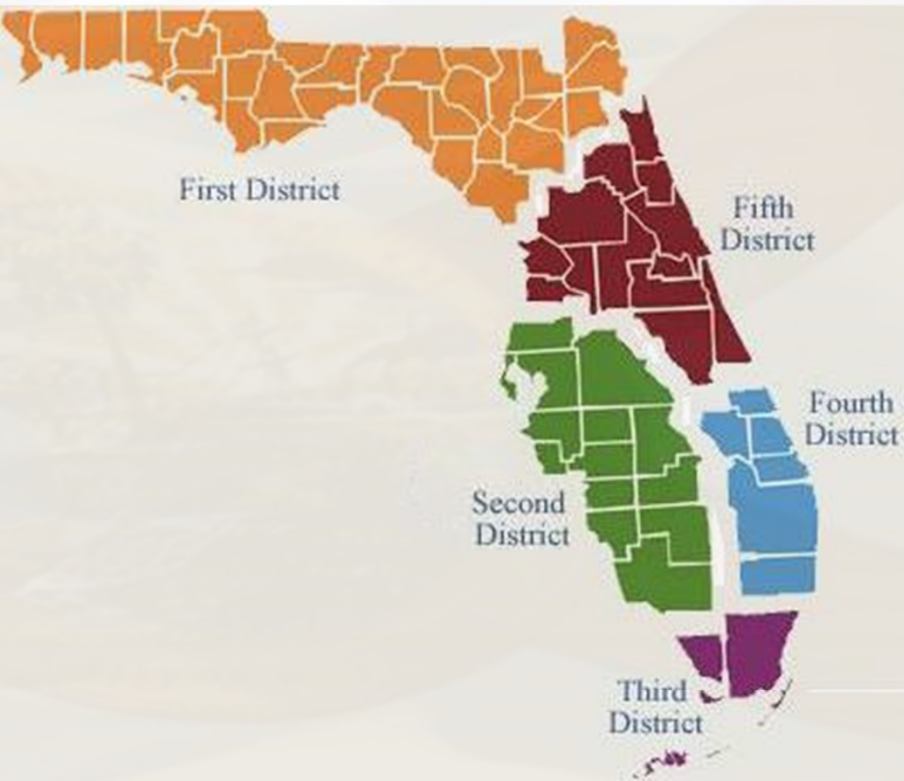
1981-2010

MLK Blvd.



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- The 1st DCA hears appeals from which Circuits?
- How many counties does the 1st DCA have territorial jurisdiction over?
- Which type of appeals does the 1st DCA have *exclusive statewide jurisdiction* to hear?

1. Workers' Comp 2. Insurance Liquidation 3. Matters by General Law



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- ◆ The Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure
- ◆ The Florida Rule of Judicial Administration Rule 2.210
- ◆ Chapter 35 of the Florida Statutes



15 Judges



Judicial Assistant



Law
Clerk



Law
Clerk

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Chief Justice

-guiding policies of court-

Central Staff of Attorneys

Unit #1

processes & recommendations
original petitions and motions

Unit #2

Unit #3

jurisdictional screening
summaries on certain criminal
merit cases

legislatively authorized
specializes: workers' comp.



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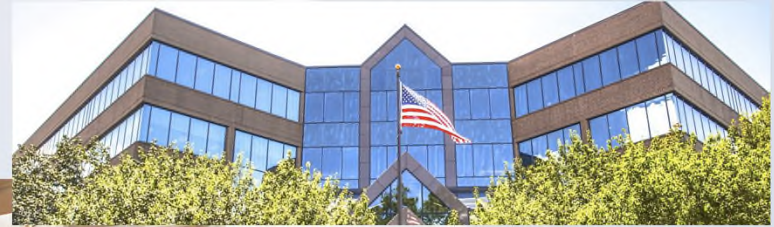
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Sittings Away from Court



Panama City

Tallahassee



Jacksonville



Fort Walton

Gainesville





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The OA Calendar

FSU Law Charter Class: 1968



Clerk of the Court
Jon S. Wheeler

- Impartial Rotation System
- Created by Clerk
- 1 year in advance



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Chief Judge Bradford L. Thomas

Judge James R. Wolf

Judge Joseph Lewis, Jr.

Judge L. Clayton Roberts

Judge T. Kent Wetherell, II

Judge Lori S. Rowe

Judge Stephanie W. Ray

Judge Scott Makar

Judge Timothy D. Osterhaus

Judge Ross L. Bilbrey

Judge Susan L. Kelsey

Judge Thomas D. Winokur

Judge Harvey L. Jay, III

Judge Allen Winsor

Judge M. Kemmerly Thomas

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James C. Adkins Jr.



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Judge M. Kemmerly Thomas