

Brett Szematowicz

EDUCATION & COURT ADMISSIONS

Brett Szematowicz graduated from The American University in Washington, D.C. with a B.A. in Justice. While at American University, he was a member of the highly selective Leadership Program in the top-rated School of Public Affairs.

Brett graduated South Texas College of Law in 2007, where he interned at the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office. Brett also interned with a highly respected federal judge in the United States District Court – Middle District of Florida. While attending South Texas College of Law, he was a member of the Florida Law Students Association. After law school, he studied for the Florida Bar Exam and passed on his first attempt.

Upon graduation from Law School, he spent four years as a Prosecuting Attorney with the Pinellas County Office of the State Attorney. Winning jury trials on everything from misdemeanor traffic cases to felonies which were punishable by life in prison. As a prosecutor, he served as Lead Trial Attorney in Misdemeanor Division H, North County Traffic attorney, local ordinance violations attorney, misdemeanor and felony domestic violence attorney, a member of the DUI Manslaughter squad and felony child abuse attorney. Brett has handled cases ranging from 1st-degree murder to kidnapping.

After leaving the State Attorney's Office, Brett worked as an associate for a year-and-a-half in the Tampa Bay area, practicing in civil litigation, including insurance defense for sinkhole, water-loss, theft and arson claims.

In 2013, he started Greater Tampa Law, P.L., along with Jason Bard, to serve the citizens of the Greater Tampa area. For more than six years, Brett Szematowicz has represented clients primarily in the areas of criminal defense, family law, and personal injury. Brett has tried cases at Greater Tampa Law, P.L., including 1st degree murder, DUI, divorce and paternity actions. Brett prides himself upon responsive and direct communication with his clients.

Throughout our firm's existence, we have worked hard to achieve the best results for our clients, which has resulted in consistently favorable feedback. Our typical clients range from affluent to low income. Our practice caters to both individuals and entities.

Criminal Law: We represent clients for all charges, ranging from DUIs to first-degree murder. Brett's responsibilities include: appearing in court; taking depositions; drafting legal motions; drafting mitigation letters; negotiating with the State Attorney's Office; in-depth analysis of case and consultation with clients; coordinating experts to testify on behalf of clients and participating in bench trials and jury trials.

Family Law: We represent clients who need services related to: dissolution of marriage; establishment of paternity; disestablishment of paternity; modification of child support; modification of alimony; supplemental petitions to modify parenting plans; motions for contempt; dependency hearings and injunction hearings. Brett's responsibilities include: drafting all initial and supplemental pleadings; preparing for and attending mediation; conducting depositions; addressing all matters relating to discovery; communication with opposing counsel; in-depth analysis of case and consultation with clients and participating in bench trials and final hearings.

Personal Injury: We represent clients who need services primarily related to automobile accidents. Brett's responsibilities include: drafting all initial and supplemental pleadings; drafting all voluminous demand letters; preparing for and attending mediation; conducting depositions; addressing all matters relating to discovery; communication with opposing counsel and insurance adjusters; in-depth analysis of case and consultation with clients and management of trust accounts upon final settlement.

BAR ADMISSIONS

<i>Court or Administrative Body</i>	<i>Date of Admission</i>
The Florida Bar	09/28/2007
U.S. District Court – Middle District of Florida	08/12/2010

LEADERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP & HONORS

AWARDS AND VOLUNTEER WORK

2019

Happy Workers' Daycare

Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Middle School Speech Competition

2018

Special Olympics

USA Warriors Ice Hockey

St. Petersburg Bar Association – Holidays in July

St. Petersburg Bar Foundation – Table Sponsor

Clearwater Bar Association – Legal Clinic

2017

Ronald McDonald House Charities

St. Petersburg Bar Association – Holidays in July

St. Petersburg Bar Association – Ask a Lawyer Day

14th Annual Lawfest Workshop and Community Fair

2016

St. Petersburg Bar Foundation Sponsor

13th Annual Lawfest Workshop and Community Fair

St. Petersburg Bar Association – Holidays in July

The Global Directory of Who's Who – Top Lawyer

Nation's Top One Percent – Nation's Top Attorneys

The National Association of Distinguished Counsel

2015

The Global Directory of Who's Who – Top Lawyer

“10 Best” Criminal Law Attorneys for Florida – American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys

Thumbtack's Best of 2015 Attorneys

Top 100 DUI Attorney – The National Advocacy for DUI Defense, LLC

2014

Group Leader – Barney Masterson American Inn of Court

Top 100 DUI Attorney – The National Advocacy for DUI Defense, LLC

ASSOCIATIONS

Member	Federalist Society	2019-present
Board of Directors	Rotary Club of St. Petersburg	2019-present
Member	Clearwater Bar Association	2018-present
Member	DVI Pro Bono Committee	2018-present
Committee Member	Ducks Unlimited	2018-present
Vice Chair	Florida Bar Grievance Committee	2018-present
Committee Member	Pinellas GOP	2018-present
Campaign Manager	Committee to Keep Judge Joshua Riba	2018
Master	Goldburg-Cacciatore Criminal Inn of Court	2017-present
Rotarian	Rotary Club of St. Petersburg	2017-present
Member	Pinellas County Trial Lawyers Association	2017-present
Member	The Ivory Club	2017-present
Member	Republican Jewish Coalition	2017-present
Member	Florida Bar, Speakers' Bureau	2016-present
Member	Florida Bar, Family Law Section	2016-present
Member	Florida Bar, Criminal Law Section	2016-present
Member	St. Petersburg Bar Foundation	2016-present
Member	St. Petersburg Bar Association	2016-present

Involvement includes:

- Speakers' Bureau (2018-present)
- Civics Education Committee (2017-present)
- Criminal Law Section (2016-present)
- Law Practice Management Section (2016-present)
- Marital & Family Law Section (2016-present)

Top 100 DUI Atty	The National Advocacy for DUI Defense	2014-2018
Member	PACDL	2016-2017
Barrister	Goldburg-Cacciatore Criminal Inn of Court	2014-2017
Associate Member	Barney Masterson American Inn of Court	2014-2015

Referee Central Florida Ice Hockey Officials Assoc. 2010-2018
Executive Committee Barney Masterson American Inn of Court 2009-2012

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2017

Anatomy of a Criminal Case	The Great American Teach-In
Anatomy of a Criminal Case	Annual Law Day High School Rights & Responsibilities Program

2013

Criminal Law – Arrest Through Conviction	Annual Law Day High School Rights & Responsibilities Program
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2009

Domestic Violence Awareness	Gulfport Crime Awareness & Prevention Program
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AREAS SERVED

Greater Tampa Area, including the counties of Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Hernando, Manatee, Sarasota, Citrus, Orange, Seminole and Marion.