



## Matthew O. Williams

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Matt Williams is a highly experienced criminal litigation and appellate (appeals) attorney based in Cleveland, Ohio. With over 10 years of experience practicing law, he has represented numerous clients in a variety of criminal cases, including white-collar crimes, drug offenses, criminal acts, and violent crimes. Matt is deeply committed to providing his clients with the highest level of legal representation, and he has a proven track record of achieving successful outcomes for his clients. He is known for his strategic thinking, attention to detail, and dedication to ensuring that his clients' rights are protected at all times. With his extensive knowledge of Ohio criminal law and his skill in the courtroom, Matt is a formidable advocate for anyone facing criminal charges in Cleveland or the surrounding areas. As an attorney, Matt has built an exemplary career on the defense of individuals. He practices law with a two-part philosophy. First, the client is a person worthy of courtesy, respect and diligent attention. Second, the lawyer is an advocate, guide, and advisor. From investigating the evidence and claims to presenting in the client's favor, he helps to ensure that a client's rights and personal dignity are respected. He will also keep individuals informed of the status and progress of their case. Because each step of the legal process brings with it new choices and options, Matt works closely with his clients to help them understand the potential consequences of each choice, and how it may or may not impact goals and outcomes. In other words, he is there for his clients, every step of the way.

# Professional Experience

Matt Williams specializes in criminal defense, litigation and court of appeals matters. He has a strong reputation for representing individuals who have been arrested, charged with a crime, or are the subject of a criminal investigation in Ohio.

After graduating cum laude from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Matt worked as a Staff Attorney at 11 District Court of Appeals before opening his own practice focusing on criminal defense, the first tenant in the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Solo Practice Incubator.

During law school, Matt worked in the United State's Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio and the Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office. He was also the Executive Submissions Editor for the Global Business Law Review.

In the summer following his first year of law school, Matt studied international law in Russia at the St. Petersburg Summer Law Institute.

During the summer following his second year, Matt had the honor of traveling to the Seychelles, an island nation in the Indian Ocean, to work for a judge of the Supreme Court on two Somali sea-piracy cases. In both cases in the Seychelles, Matt's work help make significant contributions to the development of this simultaneously ancient and novel area of law.

If you have been charged with a crime or are under investigation, get in touch.

## Practice Areas

- Criminal Defense
- Litigation

## Admissions

- State of Ohio
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

## Memberships/Honors/Awards

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cuyahoga County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- Westshore Bar Association

## Education

- J.D., Cleveland State University Marshall College of Law, 2013
- B.A., The Ohio State University, 2007