



Richard Gordon is the Director of Problem Solving Courts in the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida. A relatively new position created to effectively manage a growing list of smart justice-inspired diversion programs across Clay, Duval and Nassau Counties, Mr. Gordon is the sole attorney representing upwards of 200 clients. The availability of such diversion programs designed to rehabilitate rather than incarcerate comes at a time when national data indicates 75% of graduates from a problem-solving court using evidence-based practices are never rearrested and the cost of the programs is only one-third of the cost of incarceration over the same amount of time. The active, growing diversion programs in the Fourth

Judicial Circuit include; Duval County Adult Drug Court, Duval County Juvenile Drug Court, Duval County Mental Health Court, Duval County Veterans Treatment Court, Nassau County Mental Health Court, Clay County Adult Drug Court and Clay County Veterans Treatment Court. Mr. Gordon previously managed all Appellate work and a County Court Division in the office.

Prior to joining the PD Office in January 2009, Mr. Gordon has had a diverse career in public interest and private sector law. He spent two years as Assistant State Attorney in the Fourth Judicial Circuit where he prosecuted County and Circuit Court cases in Duval and Nassau Counties. Before that, he spent six years as the Judicial Staff Attorney in the Third Judicial Circuit (Lake City-based) where he managed post conviction work and advised Circuit Judges on civil and criminal issues. Also in the Third Circuit, Mr. Gordon was an APD in Juvenile, County and Circuit Courts where he had also trained attorneys and coordinated interns. Mr. Gordon's private sector experience includes legal work with the Prudential Insurance Company and a Louisville, KY firm. As a law student, he completed a Clerkship with an Indiana prosecutor.

Admitted to both the Florida Bar and the Kentucky Bar, Mr. Gordon is also a published legal author having written a 2013 article for the National Drug Court Institute. He is an active member of both the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the companion organization in the State of Florida.

Outside of the law, Richard Gordon is an contributes significant volunteer time and expertise to the Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games, Inc. He has served in various leadership positions for the organization that bring Scottish culture to the area. He is also a member of the Florida All-Setter Rescue organization. Mr. Gordon and his wife of 9 years, Kate, reside in Jacksonville.

Key Stats:

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