



# Bradley A. Thomas

Candidate  
Council of the District of Columbia  
At Large



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## Why I'm Running

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I'm running because I believe we need uncompromising leaders who will fight for:

- 1) a quality education for all District children;
- 2) the creation and retention of 21st century jobs that pay workers not just the minimum wage, but a living wage;
- 3) affordable housing for seniors and low income wage earners and policies that move our unhoused residents off the streets and into safe decent homes;
- 4) public safety strategies that reduce or eliminate gun violence and restore a relationship of trust between residents and the police; and
- 5) environmental justice and smart growth policies that reduce traffic fatalities, insulate our vulnerable children from toxic environments that permanently impact their cognitive abilities, and end the displacement of long term residents in favor of the glitz and glamor of unchecked commercial development.

If these concepts resonate with you, please support my campaign for DC Council At Large in 2022.

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# Education

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## Woodrow Wilson High School

Washington, DC

Degree: Diploma

Graduation Date: June 1971

BS

## Purdue University

West Lafayette, IN

Degree: Bachelor of Science: Electrical Engineering

Graduation Date: May 1975

JD

## Georgetown University Law Center

Washington, DC

Juris Doctor

Graduation Date: February 1982

ALM

## Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Master of Liberal Arts in Sustainability

Thesis: Dumping on the Disenfranchised: Environmental Justice Implications of PCB Contamination in Minden, WV.

Graduation Date: May 2020



# Employment

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## **1996 to Present - Law Offices of Bradley A. Thomas**

### **Washington, DC**

Owner-Sole Practitioner

Litigation, legal counseling, legal research, contract negotiations, and state and federal appellate practice. Estate planning and probate practice. Personal Injury representation in matters of automobile accidents, slips falls, false arrests, defamation, medical malpractice and defective products. Limited criminal representation ranging from violent felonies to computer crimes. Counseling of singers, musicians, songwriters and record producers as well as numerous small and start-up business regarding business structure, intellectual property issues, labor law concerns and contract negotiations.

## **1990 to 1995 - Gourdine & Thomas**

### **Washington, DC**

Partner -1990 through 1995

The Law Firm of Gourdine & Thomas, which, in addition to current practice areas also handled a considerable volume of criminal defense work and family law (divorce, child custody, etc.) matters.

## **1982 to 1990 - Bradley A. Thomas, Attorney At Law**

### **Washington, DC**

Owner-Sole Practitioner

Criminal and traffic defense litigation and family law matters. Hundreds of appointments under the Criminal Justice Act.

## **1975 to 1982 - Electrical Engineer**

### **Washington, DC**

Employed by the Howard University Small Business

Development Center (1981-1982), Public Technology Incorporated (1979-1981), Fairchild Camera & Instrument (1979), and Westinghouse Electric Corporation (1975-1979).



# Professional Licenses

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## Bar Memberships

[District of Columbia Court of Appeals](#)

[Maryland Court of Appeals](#)

[Supreme Court of Virginia](#)

[U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia](#)

[U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland](#)

[U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia](#)

[U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee](#)

[U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit](#)

[U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit](#)

[U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit](#)

[United States Supreme Court](#)

[United States Tax Court](#)

# Present and Former Associations/Affiliations

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[Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity, Inc.](#)

[The National Bar Association](#)

[The Washington Bar Association](#)

[The J. Franklin Bourne Bar Association](#)

[The Prince George's County Bar Association](#)

[The NAACP Legal Defense Fund-D.C. Committee](#)

[The Black Entertainment & Sports Lawyers Association](#)



# Community Engagement

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## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E**

Chairperson-ANC5E (2017-present); Vice Chair-ANC5E (2015-2016);  
Commissioner-ANC5E05 (2015-present)

## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C**

Vice Chair-ANC5C (2012-2013); Commissioner-ANC5C

## **Bates Area Civic Association**

Board Member (2010-2016)

## **Boy Scouts of America-National Capital Area Council-Benjamin Banneker District**

District Committee Finance Chair (2003-2006);  
Troop 544 Assistant Scoutmaster (1997-2009); 544 Merit Badge Counselor (1999-2009);  
Pack 544 Den Leader (1993-1994); Cubmaster (1994-1999)

## **Clean And Pure Kids, Inc. (Children & Youth At Risk Mentoring Program)**

General Counsel (1996-2003); Mentor (1999-2003)

## **District of Columbia Child Fatality Review Committee**

Ward 5 Community Representative (2010-2016)

## **McMillan Advisory Group-D.C. Government Land Development Project**

Bates Area Civic Association Representative (2011-2017)

## **North Capitol Main Street**

President-Board of Directors (2013-2016)

## **Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ**

Moderator (1998-2013); Church Council Chairman (1992-1996, 2006-2013);  
Scholarship Committee Member (1990-1996) Chair (2003-2009)

## **Perry School Foundation**

Member-Board of Directors (2013-2014)

## **Sigma Delta Tau Voter Protection & Mobilization Task Force**

Chairman (2020)

## **Transformative Justice Coalition**

Georgia Runoff Voter Protection Phone Bank Committee Member (2020-2021);  
TJC Ahmaud Arbery Fundraiser Host Committee Member (2021-present)

## **United Church of Christ - Central Atlantic Conference Board of Directors**

Member (2008-2015; 2020-present); President (2013-2015); Vice President (2011-2013);  
Potomac Association Representative (2010-2011); Moderator (2009-2010);  
Associate Moderator (2008-2009)



# Publications

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## **Termination of Transfers of Copyright pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§203 & 304(c)**

The Law Offices of Bradley Ashton Thomas  
Thomas, B. (2021)

## **Dumping on the Disenfranchised: Environmental Justice Implications of PCB Contamination in Minden, WV**

Harvard University  
Thomas, B. (2020)

## **Hydraulic Fracturing: A Bridge to the Future? No Fracking Way!**

Harvard University  
Thomas, B. (2016)

## **State of the Drone: The Evolution of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) in the Early 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Harvard University  
Thomas, B. (2015)

## **Cows vs. Trees: Balancing National Economic Development Against Global Survival in the Context of Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon**

Harvard University  
Thomas, B. (2015)



# Selected Achievements

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- Elected in 2007 to the Steering Committee of the Arts, Entertainment, Media and Sports Law Section of the District of Columbia Bar and then chosen by its members to serve as Co-Chair of the AEMS Section. Served as Co-Chair for four years, 2007-2011.
- Negotiated the 2001 licensing agreement between music production company Marsil Productions, Ltd. and Time Life, Inc., for the production and distribution of the "Hey Love"© classic soul, r&b and blues music compilation product.
- Certified as a National Football League Players Association Contract Advisor in 1998.
- Advised several start-up entertainment oriented companies, such as Teamsta Records of Norfolk, VA, Alpha & Omega Recording Company of Ft. Washington, MD, The Designer's Goldfinger of New York, NY, Willie Jolley Productions of Washington, DC, The Artist Rehearsal Training & Support Services, LLC of Hyattsville, MD, and A Dream Deferred, LLC of Washington, DC. on intellectual property rights and contract issues.
- Successfully defended a computer systems administrator charged and convicted in 1996 of "unauthorized access to computers," winning, in 1998, reversal of the conviction by Maryland's highest court and interpreting the Maryland computer crimes statute for the first time. [Briggs v. State, 348 Md. 470, 704 A.2d 904 (Md. 1997).]
- Represented minority business enterprises, such as Rowe, Incorporated, of Fairfax, VA and Delle Data Systems, Inc., of Leesburg, VA, before state and federal boards of contract appeals.
- Served as an arbitrator in a multi-million dollar lawsuit brought by an investor against his stockbroker for losses incurred in the stock market crash of October 1989.
- Composed numerous copyrighted musical works and authored several copyrighted dramatic works since 1975.

