

**Lansing C. Scriven Named Recipient of  
2020 George Sheldon Public Interest Award**

The Tampa Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society (ACS) has selected attorney Lansing “Lanse” Scriven as the recipient of the 2020 George Sheldon Public Interest Award. Scriven, one of Tampa’s most highly regarded business-litigation attorneys, has for decades dedicated himself to civic service, from volunteering with, and serving on the board of, the Innocence Project of Florida, to serving as president of both the George Edgecomb Bar Association and the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

The George Sheldon Public Interest Award was established in 2018 to honor the late George Sheldon, a Tampa native and champion for social justice who served as a Florida legislator, Secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families, and Deputy Attorney General for Central Florida. The award recognizes individuals who have advanced the public interest and demonstrated excellence in their field.

“Lanse embodies the values that the George Sheldon Public Interest Award was established to recognize—he is a legal trailblazer who has devoted himself to lifting up his community,” said Chapter President Rashad Green.

The Honorable Joseph W. Hatchett, former Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, too, has recognized Scriven’s commitment to the public interest, stating, “America could be a better nation with more lawyers like Lanse Scriven.”

A native of Jacksonville, Scriven attended Duke University and the Florida State University College of Law before serving as a law clerk to Judge Hatchett. After his clerkship, Scriven moved to Tampa and joined Trenam Kemker as an associate.

Scriven immediately developed a reputation as both an excellent lawyer and a dedicated member of the community. Within just a few years, he began serving as a Special Prosecutor for the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, a constitutional body that investigates judicial misconduct across the state. And he immersed himself in, and assumed leadership roles in, the Hillsborough County Bar Association, the George Edgecomb Bar Association, and several state and local nonprofits, including the Innocence Project, the Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation, and the Gasparilla Festival of the Arts. Over the years, Scriven has had a momentous impact on those organizations and their missions.

He has broken barriers, too. In 2005, Scriven became the first Black president of the Hillsborough County Bar Association, and he later became the first Black member of the Florida Bar Board of Governors from Hillsborough County. Then in 2018, the Hillsborough County Bar Association recognized his significant contributions to the Tampa legal community, naming him the recipient of the Association’s annual Outstanding Lawyer Award.

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Scriven is now the named partner at Lanse Scriven Law, where he represents clients in business disputes and bar-disciplinary proceedings.

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