

WILLIAM M. GLADSON STATE ATTORNEY



William “Bill” Gladson was elected State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit in November of 2020. He is a former law enforcement officer and career prosecutor with over 20 years of trial experience. As State Attorney, Bill leads a team of over 250 employees who serve the citizens of Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties, an area encompassing more than 1.2 million people.

JUSTICE. SERVICE. HONOR.



OUR MISSION

To promote public safety by enforcing the criminal laws of the State of Florida; to uphold, protect and defend the Constitution and the Bill of Rights; to hold those who violate our laws accountable for their actions; to ensure that victims of crime have a voice in the criminal justice system; and to be good stewards of taxpayer resources.

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OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CITIZENS PROSECUTOR ACADEMY



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FEBRUARY 4 – MARCH 11

MULBERRY GROVE
RECREATION CENTER
8445 SE 165TH MULBERRY LANE
THE VILLAGES, FLORIDA 32162

ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Citizens Prosecutor Academy is a 6-week program which provides citizens a look at the criminal justice system from the perspective of a prosecutor.

Participants will hear directly from attorneys, judges and subject matter experts on several topics including the criminal justice system, the jury trial process, forensics, crimes against children, homicide investigations, and diversion programs, among others.

Classes will meet at 10am on Thursdays at the Mulberry Grove Recreation Center beginning February 4 through March 11.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, masks are required when social distancing is not possible. All attendees must be free from COVID-19 symptoms.

COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

System Overview:
State Attorney, Public Defender
Judge

WEEK 2

Arrest/First Appearance
Charging Considerations
Right to Jury Trial

WEEK 3

DNA and Crime Scenes
Digital Forensics

WEEK 4

Domestic Violence
Sexual Assault and Crimes
Against Children

WEEK 5

Problem Solving Courts
Sentencing 10-20-Life and Habitual
Offenders

WEEK 6

Capital Murder Case Study
Death Penalty

WHO CAN APPLY?

Due to the sensitive nature of some topics in this series, applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Class size is limited to 30 people. Classes are free of cost to citizens of Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter counties. No recording devices allowed.

**Applications can be found at
www.SAO5.org**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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