



**Sumeka C. Thomas** is a native of Okolona Mississippi. She graduated Valedictorian of her class from Okolona High School in 1999. From there she went on to the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) in Oxford where she received a Bachelor of Arts in History in 2003. After obtaining her BA, Judge Thomas went on to receive her law degree at the University of Mississippi School of Law in December of 2005. Judge Thomas holds a law license in Mississippi & Tennessee. She currently has a law practice in downtown Okolona where she specializes in Domestic Relations such as divorce, child custody and support, and guardianships as well as Criminal Defense. Judge Thomas has a passion for helping others especially children and believes in treating everyone fairly.

Judge Thomas has served as one of the Public Defenders for Chickasaw for the last 15 years. She has also served as a Youth Court Public Defender. She is also a certified Guardian at Litem.

Judge Thomas has made history by becoming the First African American female judge in the cities of Okolona and Verona in 2013 and 2016 respectively. Judge Thomas made history once again in 2019 by becoming the First African American to be appointed Youth Court Judge for the County of Chickasaw. Judge Thomas is committed to serving her community. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Okolona Chamber of Commerce and the President of the Upsilon Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc in Starkville, MS. Judge Thomas believes that her calling in life is to serve.