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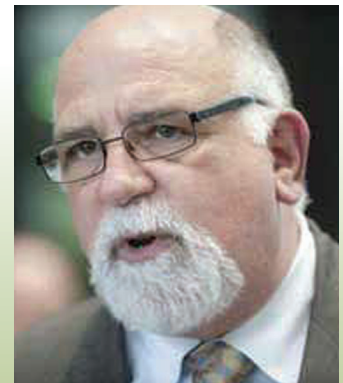
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Stone & Associates, Ltd. is a leader in the field of criminal defense. Jed Stone has defended persons charged with serious crime in both federal and state courts. He has argued criminal causes in the supreme courts of Illinois, Louisiana, Wisconsin and before the Supreme Court of the United States. Stone is a Leading Lawyer in criminal defense and a respected advocate on appeal. He is a Fellow of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. The Chicago Bar Association has declared him a Master Advocate. The American Society of Legal Advocates lists Jed Stone as one of their top 100 lawyers. With 45 years of experience at the bar, Jed Stone and his team of lawyers, investigators, paralegals and staff stand ready to defend you or a loved one charged with a serious crime.

Jed Stone is a past president of the Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and former chair of the Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. He has held a faculty appointment at Lake Forest College where he taught courses in criminal law and procedure. Stone was recently inducted in the NAACP Civil Rights Hall of Fame in Lake County, Illinois Chicago-Kent College of Law awarded Stone the Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Public Interest Law Award in 2008.

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Elliot practices exclusively as an appellate attorney, along with his two colleagues, Aaron Daniel and William Mueller, at the appellate boutique firm, Kula & Associates, P.A., which Elliot established in January 2011.

Elliot and his colleagues have experience representing clients in both state and federal courts, in a variety of substantive areas of the law. And they provide litigation support during every phase of the litigation in order to optimize the client's position and create efficient and effective strategies for trial counsel.

Elliot serves on various Florida Bar committees, and in 2020, he served as President of both the Third District Court of Appeal Historical Society and the Miami-Dade Trial Lawyers Association.

Prior to forming Kula & Associates, P.A., Elliot was the administrative department head of the appellate practice group in a multi-national law firm. He has his B.A. from the University of Minnesota and his J.D. From Hamline University School of Law.



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