

As a 3-time board certified criminal trial attorney, Anthony Candela has earned the exclusive right to call himself an expert in criminal law and procedure. Of the approximately 80,000 attorneys in the State of Florida, less than 5,000 are board certified in a specific specialty. The Florida Bar has estimated that only 6 percent of all Florida Bar members achieve this important distinction. Currently, there are about 443 attorneys are certified as specialist in criminal trial law or about one-half of one percent (0.005). (November 22, 2019)

The Candela Law Firm has extensive experience in representing persons charged with “serious felony offenses” in both Florida State Courts and federal courts from arraignment through the resolution of the matter.

Here are some of the charges we can assist with:

All type of homicides, <i>including</i> premeditated first-degree, felony murder, second-degree, third-degree, and manslaughter	All types of traffic fatalities, <i>including</i> DUI/BUI manslaughter, vehicular homicide, and leaving the scene of a crash with death
All types of sexual offenses, <i>including</i> capital sexual battery, sexual battery, lewd and lascivious behavior, possession of child pornography...etc. Sexual offender/predator registration	Child abuse, aggravated child abuse, assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, weapons, and firearm charges, <i>including</i> 10-20-Life
Robbery, armed robbery, burglary, armed burglary, home invasion robbery, burglary with a battery/assault, petit and grand theft, scheming to defraud, and worthless checks	Trafficking in narcotics, armed trafficking in narcotics, dealing in controlled substances, possession with intent to sell or deliver, possession with a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia
Bond/bail motions, and writs of habeas corpus to challenge certain bond determinations	Misdemeanor and juvenile cases Felony and misdemeanor violations of probation cases
Post-conviction matters, Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.800 and Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.850; federal writs of habeas corpus under 18 U.S.C. § 2254 (state issue) and 18 U.S.C. § 2255 (federal issue)	Fourth Amendment (search and seizure) motions to suppress; <u>Miranda</u> violation motions to suppress; motions in limine, and all evidence issues.

There are a lot of good criminal defense attorneys that can effectively represent people charged with garden variety crimes. On the other hand, there are certain “serious felony offenses” which carry extremely tough penalties. These “serious felony offenses” have become so highly technical and specialized over the past twenty years that whomever

you hire to represent you must have the proper expertise to provide “effective assistance of counsel” as required by the Sixth Amendment. This includes not only the necessary experience, but the foresight to retain and hire the proper experts to assist in the representation.

Over the past two decades, police investigative tactics and crime labs have drastically improved becoming highly specialized (*i.e.*, DNA, accident reconstruction, computer forensics, fingerprints...etc.) Whomever you are looking at to represent you should have the necessary experience working with forensic experts to provide you the best opportunity to resolve your case in the best possible fashion. Hiring proven forensic experts to assist in the defense will be necessary regarding certain criminal offenses (like homicides, sex offenses, child abuse...etc.)