

Brancato Law Firm Adds Quadrilingual Criminal Defense Attorney Jean-Luc Adrien to Tampa Practice

Former Division Chief at the Hillsborough County Public Defender's Office brings DUI-to-homicide trial experience and fluency in English, Haitian Creole, French, and Spanish



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The Brancato Law Firm, P.A., a Tampa-based criminal defense practice serving Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco Counties, announced today that Jean-Luc Adrien, Esq. has joined the firm as a Criminal Defense Attorney effective May 18, 2026.

Adrien arrives from the Hillsborough County Public Defender's Office, where he served as Division Chief, overseeing and developing an entire division of attorneys while personally handling serious criminal cases ranging from DUIs to homicides. Prior to his tenure in Tampa, he served at the nationally recognized Bronx Defenders in New York City. He earned his Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law, where he was selected as a Root-Tilden-Kern Public Interest Scholar — one of the most competitive public interest distinctions in American legal education.

His addition addresses a critical gap in the Tampa Bay legal community. Adrien is quadrilingual — fluent in English, Haitian Creole, French, and Spanish — enabling the firm to provide experienced criminal defense representation to families who have historically faced language barriers in the justice system.

"The demand for the kind of defense we provide has grown beyond what one attorney can serve," said Rocky Brancato, Esq., Principal Attorney of The Brancato Law Firm. "When it came time to grow, the standard was non-negotiable. Jean-Luc is not just an experienced trial attorney — he extends our reach into communities that have been underserved for too long. This firm doesn't grow to get bigger. It grows to get better."

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