

Michele Milkey

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EDUCATION

Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law – Macon, GA

May 2019

Degree: *Juris Doctor*

Honors: Class of 2008 Scholarship Recipient; Lauren Giddings Scholarship Recipient

Activities: William A. Bootle Inn of Court - *Student Member*; Association of Women Law Students – *Co-President & Spring Co-Philanthropy Chairman*; Mercer Law Republicans – *President*; Student Bar Association – *Social Committee Co-Chairman*, *Diversity Committee Member*, & *Third Year Concerns Committee*; International Law Student Association – *Secretary*; Georgia Association for Women Lawyers – *Student Member*

Awards: CALI Award – *Public Health Law*; CALI Award – *Health Law*

Florida State University – Tallahassee, FL

December 2015

Degree: *Bachelor of Science*, Marketing and Professional Sales

Honors: Garnet and Gold Scholar Society Inductee – *200+ community service hours, completed two internship courses, held three qualifying internships, and elected into two leadership positions*

Activities: Delta Zeta Sorority – *Assistant Philanthropy Chairman*; Sigma Alpha Lambda – *Vice President of Leadership Development*; Phi Sigma Theta

EXPERIENCE

Farmers Insurance Group – Atlanta, GA

August 2022 - September 2023

Associate Trial Attorney

Defend Farmers Insurance's insureds in personal injury lawsuits; Manage a caseload in excess of 90 cases which involves preparing answers, gather and answer discovery requests, draft any necessary motions; Depose plaintiffs and participate in depositions on a weekly basis; Attend mediations in efforts to resolve cases prior to trial; Participate and try personal injury cases throughout the state of Georgia in Superior, State and Magistrate courts; actively negotiate settlements alongside Farmers Insurance claims adjusters.

Mabry & McClelland, LLP – Atlanta, GA

October 2021 – August 2022

Associate Attorney

Managed and assisted in an active caseload involving premises liability, products liability, catastrophic injury/wrongful death, construction law, and insurance coverage; Prepared answers to complaints on behalf of our corporate clients, gathered and answered discovery requests, and composed numerous motions for summary judgment and motions to dismiss; Deposed Plaintiffs and defended our clients in depositions; and assisted in settlement negotiations.

Newton County District Attorney's Office – Covington, GA

June 2019 – October 2021

Assistant District Attorney

Managed an active caseload of over 250 cases ranging from serious felonies to traffic citations; Argued numerous evidentiary hearings including weekly committal hearings, motions to suppress, immunity motions, and probation revocation hearings; Prepared over 50 cases for trial; Tried two serious felony cases at jury trials which returned guilty verdicts; Presented cases to a grand jury and formally charged cases; Recommended sentencing and took part in sentencing negotiations on a weekly basis; Prepared and served discovery and other necessary motions on behalf of the State.

The Law Offices of Ken Smith – Macon, GA

January 2019 – May 2019

Law Clerk

Assisted in a two-day jury trial in Bibb County Superior Court in a case involving Cruelty to Children in the second degree; Attended and observed first appearances in Bibb County Magistrate Court; Drafted last will and testaments, statutory powers of attorney, and Georgia advance directives and served as a witness for the documents for two clients; Drafted formal waivers of arraignment and pleas of not guilty for multiple clients as well as various discovery requests.

The Honorable Carla W. McMillian, Georgia Court of Appeals – Atlanta, GA

June 2018 – August

2018

Judicial Intern

Reviewed and prepared notes on the record of assigned cases; Researched substantive and procedural issues in premises liability, negligence, child molestation, and sexual assault; Briefed the Judge and her staff attorney on my research and drafted two appellate opinions based on my findings.

Taylor, Day, Grimm & Boyd – Jacksonville, FL
2018

May 2017 – August 2017; May 2018 - June

Law Clerk

Observed hearings related to the discovery process and pre-trial management in insurance defense litigation; Drafted correspondence and pleadings in personal injury protection (PIP) litigation such as: motions to transfer venue, affidavits, notices of judicial intent, and non-party subpoenas; Conducted research and created a manual on Florida construction defect law; Prepared many memoranda, one of which was filed in the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Executive Office of Governor Rick Scott –Tallahassee, FL
2016

May 2015 - July

Executive Office Intern, Executive Office Administrative Assistant

Created mailing labels for the Governor's personal handwritten letters to constituents; Managed and maintained a well-organized record of all letters; Assisted the Internship Coordinator in daily office activities; Managed the Governor's personal correspondence; Assisted the Director of the Executive Office in daily office activities; Created and designed a new recording system for his personal letters; Managed the front desk on a weekly basis.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Georgia State and Superior Courts

Georgia Court of Appeals

Supreme Court of Georgia

U.S. Middle District Court of Georgia

U.S. Northern District Court of Georgia