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EDUCATION

Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina
Juris Doctor, May 2011

Honors: Smith Mordecai Scholarship
 magna cum laude
 Order of the Coif
 Editor-in-Chief, *Alaska Law Review*
 Quarterfinalist, Dean's Cup Moot Court Competition

University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Religious Studies, May 2008

Honors: *magna cum laude*
 Honors from the Honors College
 Outstanding Senior Award
 Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Federal Criminal Law and Procedure, Separation of Powers, Federal Courts, Evidence, White Collar Crime

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Joseph F. Rice School of Law, University of South Carolina, Visiting Assistant Professor,
July 2026–present

Courses Taught: Criminal Procedure (Investigation)

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles in Publication

Tenuous Appointments: The President's Claimed Power to Remove Court-Appointed Interim United States Attorneys, 91 BROOKLYN L. REV. 855 (2026)

<https://brooklynworks.brooklaw.edu/blr/vol91/iss3/3/>

The Marriage of State Law and Individual Rights and a New Limit on the Federal Death Penalty, 63 CLEV. ST. L. REV. 101 (2014)

<https://engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/clevstlrev/vol63/iss1/9/>

Clarity at Sentencing Deferred: How Dorsey v. United States Could Have Reformed Federal Sentencing, 8 DUKE J. CONST. L. & PUB. POLICY 70 (2012)

<https://scholarship.law.duke.edu/djclpp/vol8/iss1/4/>

Work in Progress

The Essential United States Attorney (reviewing the history and structure of the Justice Department to argue that, absent a United States Attorney, Assistant United States Attorneys have no authority to litigate on behalf of the government)

Other Publication

Civil Settlements in Lieu of Prosecution: Are No-Referral Provisions Ethical—Or Enforceable?, 41 ABA CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAGAZINE 9 (2026)

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/resources/magazine/2026-summer/civil-settlements-in-lieu-prosecution/

OTHER PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Maynard Nexsen, PC, Birmingham, Alabama
Shareholder, September 2024–June 2026

United States Department of Justice, Office of the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama

United States Attorney, April 2024–August 2024

Acting United States Attorney, October 2023–April 2024

First Assistant United States Attorney, September 2022–October 2023

Senior Litigation Counsel, October 2019–September 2022

Assistant United States Attorney, August 2014–October 2019

Judge Frank M. Hull, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, Atlanta, Georgia

Term Law Clerk, January 2013–August 2014

Troutman Sanders LLP, Atlanta, Georgia

Associate, September 2012–January 2013

Judge James C. Dever, III, United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina

Term Law Clerk, August 2011–August 2012

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Auburn University, Department of Political Science, Auburn, Alabama

Adjunct Professor, August 2020–October 2023

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Courses Taught: Administrative Law, Trial Advocacy

BAR ADMISSIONS

Georgia, 2011

Alabama, 2025