

Tristen Fitz-Gerald

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EDUCATION

Samford University, Cumberland School of Law, Birmingham, AL

Juris Doctor, April 2022

- Honors: Dean's List, 2021
- Activities: The Institute for Justice's Legal Intensive Event, Invitee
Alabama Student Bar Association
Donworth Moot Court Competition, 2019
Saad Moot Court Competition, 2020
Haley Federal Trial Competition, 2021

University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL

Bachelor of Science in History, May 2019

- Honors: Dean's List, 2017-2018
President's List, 2018
- Activities: Phi Alpha Theta, 2018-2019
Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, 2019, Award for Best Paper
Young Americans for Liberty (UWA Chapter), Charter President

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Honorable Judge L. Scott Coogler

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama

Intern

Tuscaloosa, AL
August 2022-Present

Tuscaloosa County District Attorney's Office

Extern

Tuscaloosa, AL
January 2022-April 2022

- Conducted two preliminary hearings
- Drafted Motions to Abate for the Chief Assistant District Attorney
- Summarized medical files for victim interview

Intern

May 2021-June 2021

- Represented the State of Alabama for two speeding cases with a 3L card
- Research the law on hemp and marijuana in Alabama

Georgia Innocence Project

Intern

Atlanta, GA
June 2021-August 2021

- Assisted in the collection of case files and evidence at the police department
- Supported in intensive factual investigations searching through newspaper articles
- Aided in client interview and witness interviews for factual information
- Wrote a variety of work product documents: witness memorandum, fieldwork summaries
- Conducted complex legal research projects on Alabama's post-conviction laws

Cumberland Innocence Clinic

Student Advocate

Birmingham, AL
August 2020-April 2021

- Edited a § 15-18-200 DNA Motion for DNA Testing in a Capital Murder Case
- Prepared witness interviews memorandum
- Located information on people involved in the client's case for information on the case and client

Mobile County District Attorney's Office

Intern

Mobile, AL
June 2020-July 2020

- Researched Alabama case law on hearsay
- Listened to jail calls for trial use

Heninger Garrison Davis, LLC

Intern

Birmingham, AL
December 2019

- Research case law for a Motion to Dismiss and discovery rules for personal injury, wrongful death, and fraudulent concealment