

Leandra Colley

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EDUCATION

Georgia State University College of Law

Juris Doctor

May 2026

Georgia Bar Exam (July 2026)—Results Pending (Expected September 2026)

- Honors: Pro Bono Honors with High Distinction; Georgia Civil Justice Foundation Trial Advocacy Scholarship
- Activities: Black Law Students Association (Media Coordinator); National Black Law Students Association Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition—awarded Best Respondent Brief at Regionals; drafted substantive due process argument; team placed third overall at Regionals and advanced to the National Quarterfinals.

Agnes Scott College

Bachelor of Arts in History, cum laude

May 2020

- Honors: Letitia Pate Evans Scholarship, French Scholars Award, Phi Alpha Theta, Pi Delta Phi

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

State Bar of Georgia, Office of General Counsel, Atlanta, GA

January 2025 – May 2025

Legal Extern

- Reviewed attorney disciplinary files and supporting evidence involving alleged violations of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct
- Researched legal questions, relevant case law, and evidentiary issues in prior disciplinary cases and drafted legal memoranda to assist supervising attorneys
- Observed a disciplinary hearing and listened to grievance calls from members of the public

Olmstead Disability Rights Clinic, Atlanta, GA

August 2024 – December 2024

Student Attorney, Atlanta Legal Aid Society Disability Integration Project

- Interviewed clients and reviewed student files and disciplinary records in preparation for Manifestation Determination Review hearings, identifying issues and developing questions for supervising attorneys
- Reviewed client health records to identify facts relevant to demand letters and drafted correspondence identifying alternative resources or steps for clients the clinic could not assist

Clayton County District Attorney, Jonesboro, GA

May 2024 – August 2024

Assistant District Attorney Extern

- Reviewed over 60 case files and supporting evidence to determine appropriate charges and analyze whether facts satisfied the elements of offenses under Georgia law; prepared case summaries, indictments, accusations, and transfer motions
- Conducted legal research and drafted briefs, sentencing recommendations, and responses to motions to dismiss and suppress under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC), Atlanta, GA

May 2022 – September 2023

Certification Transition Specialist

- Researched Georgia educator certification rules and internal policies to translate complex certification requirements into practical guidance for school system HR and certification personnel and served as a liaison between GaPSC and school systems statewide
- Co-developed quarterly certification newsletters and presented at the Georgia Association of School Personnel Administrators conference to school system HR personnel statewide

Certification Evaluator

September 2020 – May 2022

- Reviewed application records and applied Georgia certification laws, rules, and policies to make final determinations on educator certification applications
- Analyzed HB 385 and participated in interagency implementation discussions; independently wrote and designed a 19-page public-facing FAQ and two visual reference guides approved by the division director

Certification Clerk

January 2017 – September 2020

- Processed and maintained certification records and independently created an administrative reference guide later expanded for division-wide use

OTHER SKILLS/INTERESTS

Graphic design (Canva), hiking, yoga, science fiction, *Doctor Who*, and monthly community volunteering