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Chris is a graduate of Washington D.C.'s Howard University with degrees in Political Science and English. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2002.

As a former assistant district attorney, Chris headed District Court prosecutions which included administering arraignments, trial and preliminary hearing dockets; represented the State of Alabama by way of the District Attorney's Office in dependency and child in need of supervision (CHINS) hearings; tried numerous cases and handled seventy-two hour hearings in Juvenile Court; handled numerous hearings including preliminary, suppression, bond and revocation hearings; organized, led, and presented cases to the Grand Jury; interviewed witnesses, law enforcement officers, victims and defendants; researched and prepared briefs, motions and memorandums on a myriad of criminal and civil issues related to criminal law for judges, superiors, and local law enforcement agencies; and assisted in obtaining search warrants and instituting revocation proceedings, as well as accompanied law enforcement while executing search warrants. As an associate city attorney, Chris conducts training sessions for Law Enforcement involving Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment issues; drafts contracts and funding agreements for various departments within the City of Tuscaloosa; analyzes and investigates claims against the City Of Tuscaloosa; drafts resolutions to be presented to the City Council; and defends the City Of Tuscaloosa in regulatory complaints from other government agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency. In his role as a State Representative, Chris is involved in generating budget for the Alabama Education Trust Fund and General Fund; is responsible for identifying and securing funding for various programs within District 70 and Tuscaloosa; engages in fundraising and public policy creation; is vice minority Whip of the Alabama Democratic Party, vice chair of the Tuscaloosa County Legislative Delegation, and a member of the Judiciary, Public Safety, and local Legislation committees. He conducts interviews, lobbies other members of the Legislature, and researches and sponsors various pieces of legislation including, but not limited to, criminal record expungement, judicial campaign finance reform, sentencing reform, pretrial diversion programs, creating a referendum for seven day alcohol sales in Tuscaloosa and amendments to Alabama's firearm law. Chris is on the Police Athletic League Board of Directors, as well as the Temporary Emergency Services Board, Phoenix House Board, 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Local Indigent Defense Advisory Board, on the Advocacy Advisory Committee at Bryce Hospital, statewide DHR Task Force, Children's Policy Council, Region 3 Workforce and Southern Development councils, and other organizations.