# FormanWatkins Strengthens Litigation Team with Addition of First-in-Class Graduate Whitney Dowell

FormanWatkins is pleased to welcome **Whitney Dowell** to the Firm. Whitney joins the Firm with the kind of foundation that is rare at any stage of a legal career, let alone the outset. She graduated first in her class from Mississippi College School of Law, with a perfect 4.0 GPA, placing her among a small number of graduates in the school's history to achieve that distinction.

She earned seven American Jurisprudence Awards across a remarkable range of disciplines and helped lead the Mississippi College Law Review as Chief Executive Editor. Before law school, Whitney completed her undergraduate degree in three years, graduating *summa cum laude*, a deliberate decision to accelerate her path to the law.

That sense of purpose has not withered. Before joining the Firm, Whitney externed for the Honorable LaKeysha Greer Isaac, United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, an experience that shaped her understanding of what federal courts expect from counsel and what it takes to advocate effectively at that level. She is also a legal scholar, with a forthcoming article in Volume 44 of the Mississippi College Law Review examining the constitutional dimensions of Mississippi's indigent defense system, work that demonstrates not just her legal ability, but also her commitment to using the law to address complex, constitutional problems.

At FormanWatkins, Whitney will work alongside the Firm's experienced litigation team. She brings to that work a personal standard that is straightforward: good advocacy requires personal investment. She is committed to outworking the opposition on every matter and keeping clients informed and focused on the outcomes that matter most to their business.

"Whitney represents exactly what we look for when we grow our Firm," **said Win Gault, Partner at FormanWatkins.** "The credentials are extraordinary, but what really stood out was her sense of purpose and the way she thinks about what it means to be an advocate."