#### JONATHAN PARKER EDWARDS, ESQ.

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#### **EDUCATION**

# Charleston School of Law, Charleston, SC

Juris Doctor, May 2012

- GPA: 3.217
- Merit Scholarship, 2009-2012; Dean's List
- Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Scholarship, 2011
- One of six scholarship recipients featured as a Summer Corps Standout, August 2011
- Criminal Law Society, Vice President 2011-2012; Secretary 2010-2011
- Law Democrats, Vice President 2011-2012
- SGA ABA Committee, Member 2010

#### Francis Marion University, Florence, SC

Bachelor of Science in Psychology (minor: Political Science), May 2009

• Honors Student Association; Pi Gamma Mu; Psi Chi

### **EXPERIENCE**

### Francis Marion University, Florence, SC

February 2014 – Present

General Counsel & Adjunct Faculty

Provides legal advice to Francis Marion University, members of the Board of Trustees and administration acting in the course and scope of their duties on behalf of the University; teaches Business Law once a semester.

#### Jonathan Edwards Law Office, LLC, Florence, SC

April 2013 – February 2014

Owner/Attorney

Operated a law firm focusing on business law, family law, and estate planning.

## Parham Law Firm, LLC, Florence, SC

October 2012 - March 2013

Attorney

Acting attorney on all aspects of criminal defense cases and civil settlement negotiations.

# Charleston County Public Defender's Office, Charleston, SC

May - August 2011

Law Clerk

Wrote closing and opening arguments, cross-examinations, memoranda and motions; interviewed clients in jail; assisted with all aspects of a first-degree murder trial.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Board Member, Florence Regional Arts Alliance—2017-2019
- Secretary, Rotary Club of Florence—2016-2017
- Board Member, North Dargan Business Incubator—2014
- Member, Florence County Bar
- Member, Government Law Section, SC Bar

#### **HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Panel Discussion on Careers in Higher Ed Law, Charleston School of Law—10/19/2016
- Taught CLE class on Title IX for attorneys—12/04/2015
- McNair Symposium, Francis Marion University: 1 of 3 panelists who discussed the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964—10/14/2014
- Featured in *Charleston Magazine's* Giving Back Awards edition—11/2011
- Interviewed for the "Focus on Pro Bono" feature of South Carolina's *Access to Justice Blog*—10/29/2010