

# Laurel Eden Harvey Hendrick

## Education

University of South Carolina School of Law, Juris Doctorate May 2005  
University of Georgia, Honors Program, Magna Cum Laude May 2002

## Experience

South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice  
Senior Deputy Director September 2021

South Carolina Department of Administration  
Assistant General Counsel, Office of Executive Director May 2020 – September 2021

- Provide legal support to both internal Admin Human Resources Department and State Division of Human Resources, including researching and analyzing Federal and State employment statutes, agency guidance, judicial opinions and reviewing, editing, and drafting policy and proposed legislation
- Assist in Employee Relations investigations and provide guidance for employee discipline
- Collaborate with the General Counsel and outside counsel with various employment Federal and State lawsuits, employee grievances, and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Actions

## Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office

Team Leader Family Court Division, Richland County January 2015 – May 2020

- Supervised a team of support staff, victim advocates, junior attorneys, law clerks, interns, externs, two diversion programs and two diversion courts
- Prosecuted or disposed of on average 1,000 juvenile petitions per year, appearing daily in Richland County Family Court for a variety of hearings
- Interacted and coordinated with State Agencies like the DSS, DJJ, DMH, COC, DDSN and CASA
- Provided courtesy legal advice for all issues involving juveniles seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day to all law enforcement agencies within Richland County

## South Carolina Department of Social Services

Managing Attorney Chester and Fairfield County June 2014 – January 2015  
Attorney III Richland County March 2013 – June 2014

- Represented DSS in various court proceeding in abuse and neglect and termination of parental rights
- Drafted pleadings, orders, motions, and other documents related to child welfare law
- Provided legal and program advice to over 30 case workers, supervisors and program coordinators as well as participated in the management of 6 paralegals and 3 junior attorneys

## Governor's Office of Executive Policy and Programs, Foster Care Review Board

Staff Attorney September 2010 – March 2013

- Traveled throughout the State advocating for permanency and adoption of foster children
- Performed in-depth legal analysis of specific cases and systematic issues regarding children in foster care
- Provided legal advice and training to Foster Care Review Board professional staff and volunteers
- Collaborated with DSS lawyers and private attorneys, representing birth parents, foster parents and adoptive parents

## Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office

Assistant Solicitor November 2005 – September 2010

- Appeared in Court for jury trials, non-jury trials, motions, guilty pleas and hearings while managing 400+ case load of both violent and non-violent crimes in General Sessions and Family Court
- Member of the Driving Under the Influence Team handing DUI cases in Magistrate Court
- Acted as a liaison between General Sessions and Family Court divisions to handle all remand, waiver cases and violent Family Court offenses

## Honors, Memberships and Trainings

- Recipient of the 2016 Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution in Family Court
- Member of the Children's Justice Act Task Force
- Participant in the United Way of the Midlands Resilient Richland Initiative
- Annual guest lecturer at the University of South Carolina School of Law Juvenile Justice Clinic
- Annual presenter at the School Resource Officer Back to School Training
- Moderator for several Family Court Prosecutor Workshop CLEs prosecution commission
- Presenter at the South Carolina Association of Justice Annual Conference and Criminal Practice CLE