

**Dennis Howard Farris, Jr.**

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**Objective:** Maintain appointment as Public Defender for Tupelo Municipal Court.

**Work Experience:**

City of Tupelo

March 2019 – Present

- Public Defender for Tupelo Municipal Court
- Appointed public defense counsel for all eligible misdemeanor defendants.
- Appointed public defense counsel for all felony charged initial appearances and preliminary hearings (as necessary and without representative conflict).

The Farris Firm – Attorneys at Law

October 2014 – Present

- Owner and Partner.
- General practice law office in Tupelo focusing primarily in family law, criminal defense, civil dispute resolution, and personal injury.

Billy Hewes for Lieutenant Governor Campaign

April – August 2011

- Deputy Campaign Manager
- Assistant to all campaign activities, including: fundraising, demographic analysis, policy analysis, law review, finance reports, campaign strategy building, and voter management.

Mississippi State Department of Health

June – August 2010

Internship

- Program educator.
- File and report locations of presentation, number of presentations and children, and travel.
- Manage scheduling and materials.
- Facilitate meetings with administrators, organizations, and education institutions.

Mississippi State University Department of Choral Music, Mississippi State, MS

August 2009 – April 2011

- Assist choral director in management of choral activities.

- Set and manage auditions for over two hundred potential members, annually.
- Record, copy, and distribute any and all audio or video through the MSU choral office.
- Assist in scheduling and setup of venues for choral performances.
- Manage and organize music library, attendance records, and office files.
- Various administrative activities.

The Orchard United Methodist Church, Tupelo, MS

May – July 2007

Summer Internship

- Junior and senior high music and worship intern.
- Review, manage, teach, and assist in band performances and worship experience.
- Assist in management and scheduling of junior and senior high missions and trips.

Aeropostale, Tupelo, MS

Various part-time work in 2005 and 2006 (minimum of 20 hours per week)

- Cashier, stock management, and sales associate.
- Part-time employment.

Pacific Sunwear, Tupelo, MS

Various part-time work in 2004 and 2005 (minimum of 20 hours per week)

- Cashier, stock management, and sales associate.
- Part-time employment.

Cherry Hill Photography, Tupelo, MS

Various part-time work in 2004 (minimum of 20 hours per week)

- Sales associate, cashier, photographer, and customer service employee.

**Education:**

University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

Fall 2011 – Spring 2014

University of Mississippi School of Law

- Full-time law student
- Current GPA of 2.05/4.0
- Member of Christian Legal Society, Federalist Society, Law School Student Body.

Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

Fall 2009 – Spring 2011

College of Arts and Sciences

Masters of Public Policy and Administration with concentration in healthcare policy

- MPPA degree completed
- GPA of 3.75/4.0
- Pi Alpha Alpha  
MPPA academic honor society.
- MSU Bulldog Interest Group  
Logistics and planning for student advocacy work with Mississippi Legislature.
- MSU Governor and Lt. Governor Forum Committee  
Committee consultant for planning and facilitating campus-wide forum for 2011 Lieutenant Governor and Governor candidates.
- Research Ethics Consultation policy co-author (enacted as university policy December 2011 and project recipient of MSU Most Innovative Research award with MSU Graduate Symposium of 2011).

Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

Fall 2005 – Spring 2009

College of Arts and Sciences

Political Science

- BA degree completed.
- GPA of 2.98/4.0
- Member of Beta Upsilon Chi Fraternity (2008 vice president)
- Member of MSU Wesley Foundation and backup worship leader.

Mantachie High School, Mantachie, MS

- Diploma Received May, 2005
- Salutatorian
- ACT 30, GPA of 3.94/4.0
- Member of: Science Club (vice president), Math Club (president), Drama Club, Varsity Tennis Team (team captain junior and senior years), MHS Math and Science Team (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall), Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

Summer 2004 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Session

- Trent Lott Leadership Institute