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Dawn Whitehurst is a 1988 graduate of Florida State University College of Law where she received her Juris Doctorate degree after having received a B.S. degree in criminology from Florida State University in 1985. In 1988, Ms. Whitehurst secured her first post-graduate employment as an Assistant State Attorney with the Second Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office in Leon County, Florida. For approximately three (3) years thereafter, Ms. Whitehurst worked in the misdemeanor and felony divisions where she handled hundreds of jury and non-jury criminal trials.

In 1991, she was hired as an Assistant General Counsel with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement where she prosecuted law enforcement officers, correctional officers and probation officers in formal administrative hearings throughout the State of Florida. She also provided training to officers around the state pertaining to the professional standards in their field and the officer discipline process, and

was frequently asked to serve as a guest lecturer on various law enforcement topics.

From 1994-2000 she served as an Assistant City Attorney in the Tallahassee City Attorney's Office. In this capacity, Ms. Whitehurst initially served as the legal advisor to the Police Chief and his command staff. In her last three years, she handled civil litigation cases involving tort claims and civil rights violations pertaining to Title VII and Section 1983 claims. In September 2000, Ms. Whitehurst and her family relocated to Virginia where she was admitted to the Virginia State Bar and worked for a private law firm handling workers' compensation and personal injury cases. Ms. Whitehurst joined Knowles & Randolph, P.A. in 2002.

Ms. Whitehurst is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts in the Northern and Middle Districts of Florida and the United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit of Virginia. Ms. Whitehurst has served as a member of the Florida Bar Grievance Committee for the Second Judicial Circuit and the Florida Association of Police Attorneys, Inc. In addition, she has volunteered as an attorney coach for the Florida A&M University High School Mock Trial Team, as a judge for the Florida Bar High School Mock Trial Competition, and as a volunteer attorney for the Legal Services of North Florida Hot Line.

She is married to Tony Whitehurst and has twin sons, Terrance and Terrell.

