

McKenna S. Cloud

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McKenna Cloud is an associate in Baker Donelson's Jackson, Mississippi office and a member of the Firm's Health Law Group.

Prior to joining Baker Donelson, Mrs. Cloud served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Leslie H. Southwick of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. During law school, she was a legal extern to U.S. District Court Judge Kristi H. Johnson for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Representative Matters

• Represented a hospice provider in the sale of its companies to a private equity-backed buyer, with a transaction value of approximately \$25 million.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Secretary, Mississippi Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (January 2024 present)
- Board of Directors, Jackson Young Lawyers (April 2024 present)
- Member, Mississippi Bar Admissions Ceremony Committee (2023 present)
- Speakers Chair, Jackson Young Lawyers (April 2022 April 2023)
- Law Student Liaison, Mississippi Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (2023)
- American Jurisprudence Awards for the highest average in 21 courses, including Healthcare Law, Healthcare Fraud and Abuse Law, Business Associations, and Administrative Law

Publications

- "'At Risk' or Not? Fifth Circuit Creates Circuit Split over ADA and Olmstead Interpretation," American Health Law Association Health Law Weekly (March 2024)
- "DEA and HHS Extend Telemedicine Flexibilities for Controlled Substance Prescriptions Through 2024" (October 2023)
- "A Year by the Bench: Reflections of Two Outgoing Judicial Law Clerks," *Jackson Young Lawyers Newsletter* (September 2023)
- "Discrimination and Disparity: Violating Olmstead v. L.C. Discriminates Against the Psychiatrically Vulnerable and Fosters Racial/Ethnic Socioeconomic Mental Health Disparities," 40 Mississippi College Law Review 131 (August 2022)

Education

- Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., 2022, summa cum laude
 - First in Class
 - Editor-in-Chief Mississippi College Law Review
- University of Southern Mississippi, B.S., 2019, summa cum laude

Admissions

- Mississippi, 2022
- Mississippi Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit