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Mississippi Agriculture Commissioner Recognizes Graduate Extern from Ouachita Parish

JACKSON, Miss. – Today, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson recognized Mississippi College School of Law (MC Law) student Andrew Fenske of Monroe, Louisiana, for participating in an externship with the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) this year.

"I am very proud to recognize a student extern who has worked with our agency over the past several months, primarily assisting with legislative policy projects," said Commissioner Gipson. "Andrew Fenske has been able to gain real-world experience and on-the-job training that will aid in his professional career. He has developed leadership, critical thinking and teamwork skills through the researching of laws pertaining to regulatory services carried out by MDAC and reviewing proposed legislation for the recent Grain Indemnity Act, as well as assisting with various intellectual property matters, constitutional law issues, updates in compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act and licensure issues related to revocation matters. We're excited to see what the future holds for Andrew as he progresses in his career."

Andrew Fenske earned his Bachelor of Arts in political science with a focus on agribusiness and agricultural policy from the University of Louisiana Monroe. He is currently a student at MC Law, where he has served as president of the Agricultural Law Society for two years and participated as a research and writing fellow of the National Agricultural Law Center. Fenske anticipates graduating with his J.D. this May and plans to take both the Mississippi and Louisiana Bar exams for dual certification in the neighboring states.

"I believe this will be beneficial no matter the path that I take, because my goal remains the same no matter the path God leads me down, and that goal is to serve the many family farming operations that need legal assistance and deserve quality representation," said Fenske.

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Photo attached.



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