

# Region 3 Member Spotlight

## Keri N. New

### About Keri

Keri is a litigation paralegal with the McDowell Knight Roedder & Sledge, L.L.C. law firm in Mobile.

### What Keri Does

As a litigation paralegal, Keri supports attorneys through every stage of the litigation process—from case development and discovery to trial preparation and post-judgment matters. Keri drafts pleadings, coordinates with clients and experts, manages e-discovery tools, and ensures cases are organized and ready for court. Keri's office also unofficially serves as the tech troubleshooting and background research hub. Professional Responsibilities In her role as a litigation paralegal, Keri plays a vital part in supporting attorneys throughout every phase of the litigation process. Her work begins with case development and extends through discovery, trial preparation, and post-judgment matters. Keri is responsible for drafting pleadings, coordinating efforts with clients and experts, and managing e-discovery tools. She ensures that cases are meticulously organized and fully prepared for court proceedings.

### Get to Know Keri

*Hidden Talents:* Keri founded and leads the nonprofit Alabama Cold Case Advocacy (ACCA), which assists in unsolved homicide and missing-person cases across Alabama. Keri also cohosts the Unforgotten podcast as "Sellers," a tribute to Keri's grandmother.

*Guiding Principle:* "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

*Alternate Path:* If not working in this role, Keri would still be working toward justice—through investigative research, advocacy, or education.

*Favorite Hobby:* Art—drawing on paper or digitally—and listening to music. Both help Keri recharge and express creativity.

*Dream Vacation:* Anywhere near or on the water—boating with family, sitting by the shore, or just listening to the waves.

*Favorite Food:* Anything fresh from the Gulf!

*Can't Live Without:* Keri's son, Ayden, who keeps Keri grounded, focused, and motivated to lead by example.



### Personal Note

"I never set out to wear quite this many hats, but somehow the mix of law, investigation, and advocacy just fits. The smallest details often tell the biggest stories—whether it's a line in a deposition, a lead in a case, or a moment that helps a family feel heard. I'm grateful to do work that challenges me, inspires me, and lets me make a difference in ways that matter. At the end of the day, if something I've done helps move a case—or a person—forward, that's what makes it all worth it."

~Keri