

FELIPE GONZALEZ

Judge McCrone's law clerk for the 2016-2017 year is actually moving on to his new job with the Anne Arundel County Office of the Public Defender as of the end of February. Felipe Gonzalez has taken a different path to his position as law clerk. Born in Chile, he moved to Austin, Texas for five years before returning to Chile in 1995. He then moved to Bethesda Maryland in 2002, where he spent his last two years of high school at Walt Whitman High School. He has maintained his bilingual skills in Spanish and English. During high school and college, Felipe played rugby. Following his graduation from University of Maryland College Park, he spent 5 years in the US Navy in aviation ordinance. He served on the USS Enterprise and had two tours of duty in the Persian Gulf.

Felipe then attended the University of Maryland School of law, where he worked in the Appellate Advocacy Clinic representing indigent litigants. He also had a clerkship with the Public Defender's Office, leading him to his interest in his current job.

Felipe feels he has learned a great deal as a law clerk, and has been impressed by how much thought goes into any decision the judges make. He has had an opportunity to see each of the judges in action, and has welcomed the opportunity to work with Judge McCrone who has been an excellent mentor for Felipe.

Married to Kimberly, an academic advisor for the business school at the University of Maryland, Felipe enjoys spending time with his wife, his dog Liberty and learning more about the revolutionary including information about Alexander Hamilton, and civil war.