

# NORTH CAROLINA

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS



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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday, October 9**

Regular Voter Registration Deadline

Voter registration forms must be postmarked or delivered to your county board of elections office by 5 p.m. Voters may also same-day register at any one-stop early voting site in their county from October 15 to October 31.

**Thursday, October 15**

Start of One-Stop Early Voting

Voters may register and vote at any one-stop early voting location in their county of residence. For locations and hours, check with your county board of elections office, or [vt.ncsbe.gov/OSSite](http://vt.ncsbe.gov/OSSite).

**Tuesday, October 27**

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot

Requests must be received by your county board of elections office by 5 p.m. Voters are encouraged to request and return their ballot as soon as possible.

**Saturday, October 31**

One-Stop Early Voting Ends

One-stop early voting sites close at 3 p.m.

★ **Tuesday, November 3** ★  
**ELECTION DAY**

Absentee mail-in ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. for in-person voting. Locate your polling place at [vt.ncsbe.gov/PPLkup](http://vt.ncsbe.gov/PPLkup).



Judicial Voter Guide 2020  
With Absentee Ballot Request Form

## About This Guide

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## About the Appellate Courts

The N.C. Supreme Court is the state's highest court. One chief justice and six associate justices review cases from the N.C. Court of Appeals, the N.C. Business Court, and cases in which the death penalty has been imposed. In limited cases involving federal law, the U.S. Supreme Court may hear appeals from this Court.

The N.C. Court of Appeals is the state's intermediate appellate court and reviews cases first decided in the Superior and District Courts, as well as appeals from administrative agencies. Currently, 15 judges sit on rotating panels of three, considering errors in legal procedures or in judicial interpretation of the law. If a panel is divided (2-1), the losing party has an automatic right to appeal to the N.C. Supreme Court.

Supreme Court and Court of Appeals judges serve eight-year terms.

## About the State Board of Elections

The State Board of Elections is the state agency charged with the administration of the elections process and campaign finance disclosure and compliance. The Governor appoints the five-member board from a list of nominees submitted to the Governor by the State Party Chair of each of the two political parties having the highest number of registered affiliates. Not more than three members of the State Board shall be members of the same political party.

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Make a positive impact on your community while being paid hourly as an official election worker. If you're interested in becoming an election worker for 2020, let the State Board of Elections know by completing the election worker interest survey at [bit.ly/democracy-hero](https://bit.ly/democracy-hero).

The State Board of Elections is committed to protecting the health and safety of election workers and voters. We will provide protective equipment, require social distancing and ensure routine cleaning.

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# Cheri Beasley



**Place of Residence** Raleigh

**Education** Graduate of The University of Tennessee College of Law and Douglass College of Rutgers University, Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Judicial Studies from Duke University School of Law

**Occupation** Chief Justice

**Employer** N.C. Supreme Court

**Date admitted to the Bar** 1993

**DEMOCRAT**

## Legal/Judicial Experience

- More than 20 years of judicial experience
- Seven years on the Supreme Court of North Carolina
- Four years at the North Carolina Court of Appeals
- 10 years on the District Court Bench

## Candidate Statement

Cheri Beasley is the 29th Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court — the first African-American woman to serve as Chief Justice of the state’s highest Court. As Chief Justice, she is responsible for overseeing the entire state court system, which includes 120 courthouses and 6,500 employees across NC. Cheri Beasley believes all North Carolinians should have access to fair and impartial justice, no matter who they are or where they live. Cheri Beasley believes passionately in having an independent judicial branch that the people of North Carolina can trust. She also knows the courts can play an important role in helping people better their lives. That’s why she is working to engage schools, law enforcement, faith leaders, and other stakeholders in discussions about important community issues. That’s why she’ll continue working to make our court system more transparent, fair and accessible for every North Carolinian.

NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Seat 1 Beasley | Newby

# Paul Newby

**Place of Residence** Raleigh

**Education** J.D., UNC Law; B.A., Duke (High Honors); Ragsdale High (Jamestown, NC)

**Occupation** Senior Associate Justice

**Employer** N.C. Supreme Court

**Date admitted to the Bar** 1980

**REPUBLICAN**



## Legal/Judi

- Justice, Supreme Court, 200 –
- Adjunct Professor, Campbell Law, 2008–present
- Assistant U.S. Attorney, 1985–2004
- General Counsel, Cannon Mills Realty, Kannapolis
- Attorney, Van Winkle Law, Asheville

## Candidate Statement

First elected in 2004, I am the longest-serving Supreme Court justice, and the only current justice elected twice to this court. I’ve received widespread, bipartisan support across the state. In every case I strive to fairly, impartially, and consistently apply the law, faithfully interpreting as intended the Constitution and statutes. I am known as an honest, hard-working, common-sense justice. I’m the only justice who was a prosecutor. I’m supported by prosecutors and law enforcement.

Recognized for my legal scholarship, I teach law students, judges and lawyers. I have written a book on the North Carolina Constitution and received the N.C. Bar Association’s Constitutional Rights Award. Believing that civic education is important, I frequently speak to school groups and community organizations. For my community involvement, I received the Citizen-Lawyer Award and the Marine Corp League Good Citizen Award. I’m an Eagle Scout and have received the National Distinguished Eagle Award because of my service to scouting and the public. I received the Heroism Award for rescuing 9 people from a rip tide.

I have been married to Macon Tucker Newby since 1983, and we have four children. We attend Christ Baptist Church where I have served as an Elder and teacher. I ask for your support. Please visit [paulnewby.com](http://paulnewby.com).

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# Phil Berger, Jr.



**Place of Residence** Hillsborough

**Education** Wake Forest University  
School of Law, 1999; B.A., History,  
UNC Wilmington, 1994

**Occupation** Judge

**Employer** N.C. Court of Appeals

**Date admitted to the Bar** 1999

**REPUBLICAN**

Berger, Jr. | Inman

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Associate Justice Seat

NC Supreme Court

## Legal/Judicial Experience

- Judge, N.C. Court of Appeals, 2017–present
- Administrative Law Judge, 2015–2016
- District Attorney, 2007–2015
- Private Practice, 1999–2006

## Candidate Statement

Are you concerned about activist judges who legislate from the bench? Do you believe decisions made in our courtrooms reflect your values and beliefs?

As a judge, I have fairly and impartially applied the law in cases affecting our schools, families, and businesses.

As District Attorney, my office made the community a safer place to live, work, and raise a family.

As your Justice on the North Carolina Supreme Court, I promise you:

- I will uphold the Constitution and the laws of this State
- I will not legislate from the bench
- I will be consistent and fair
- I will hold individuals accountable

The North Carolina Supreme Court has 7 members. Currently, Democrats hold a 6–1 majority. I am running to bring balance to the North Carolina Supreme Court.

If you want a conservative judge who upholds the Constitution, believes in the rule of law, and will stand firm against activist judges, I would appreciate your vote.

Please visit [philbergerjr.org](http://philbergerjr.org) for more information.

# Lucy Inman

**Place of Residence** Raleigh

**Education** J.D. with honors, UNC School of Law, 1990; B.A. in English with highest honors, NC State University, 1984

**Occupation** Appellate Judge

**Employer** N.C. Court of Appeals

**Date admitted to the Bar** 1990

**DEMOCRAT**



## Legal/Judicial Experience

- N.C. Court of Appeals Judge, 2015–present
- N.C. Superior Court Judge, 2010–2014
- Attorney, 1992–2010
- Law Clerk to N.C. Chief Justice James Exum, 1990–1992

## Candidate Statement

In 30 years as a lawyer and a judge, I have served people in communities large and small. I am running for the North Carolina Supreme Court to preserve the rule of law, to keep our justice system fair and free from partisan politics, and to provide justice for all.

Every person in every courtroom deserves to be treated fairly and with respect. That means judges must:

- Listen
- Honestly consider the facts of each case
- Honestly interpret and apply the law equally to everyone, without fear or favor
- Write consistent decisions in clear language that the public can understand
- Leave politics at the courthouse door

In courtrooms across our state and at the Court of Appeals, I have fulfilled these duties. I will bring the same commitment, experience, and skill to the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Three retired North Carolina Supreme Court chief justices and dozens of retired and former justices and judges across our state — both Democrats and Republicans — have endorsed me as the most qualified candidate in my race. You can find out more at [lucyinmanforjustice.com](http://lucyinmanforjustice.com). I appreciate your caring about justice and hope to earn your vote.

NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 2 Berger, Jr. | Inman

# Tamara Barringer



**Place of Residence** Cary

**Education** J.D., UNC School of Law; B.S., Business Administration, UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School

**Occupation** Clinical Associate Professor of Legal Studies

**Employer** UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School

**Date admitted to the Bar** 1985

**REPUBLICAN**

## Legal/Judicial Experience

- Clinical Associate Professor of Business Law & Ethics
- N.C. Senator, District 17
- Chaired N.C. Senate Judiciary Committee and General Government Appropriations Committee
- Managing Partner, Barringer Law Firm, LLP

## Candidate Statement

As a foster Mom for 10 years, and through our three foster to adopted children, I personally witnessed the paralysis of families caught in our “child protective services” system. I felt compelled to run for the N.C. Senate. In only six years, I authored and advocated successfully for 32 bills that became law. Ranging across the ideological spectrum from the Foster Care Family Act to the Business Court Modernization Act, ALL passed almost unanimously by receiving broad bipartisan support.

My primary legislative success modernized foster care to allow older youth to remain with their foster families until age 21 so they can pursue college or work force development programs. Before that reform, they were almost inexorably trapped in the poverty and deprivation in which they were born. As our work in North Carolina became a national model, I was recognized by the National Conference of State Legislators as a Child Welfare Fellow. I also received similar awards from The National Foundation of Women Legislators, NC Child, Prevent Child Abuse, the NC Child Advocacy Center, Children’s Hope Alliance and Benchmarks.

NC Supreme Court  
 Associate Justice Seat 4  
 Barringer | Davis

# Mark Davis

**Place of Residence** Raleigh

**Education** B.A., Political Science, UNC Chapel Hill; J.D., UNC Law School; Master of Laws, Judicial Studies, Duke Law School

**Occupation** Judge

**Employer** N.C. Supreme Court

**Date admitted to the Bar** 1991

**DEMOCRAT**



## Legal/Judicial Experience

Justice Davis spent 13 years as a litigation attorney at the Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice law firm. He then served as a Special Deputy Attorney General in the N.C. Department of Justice and then served two years as general counsel to the Governor. He served six years as a judge on the N.C. Court of Appeals and has been an Associate Justice on the N.C. Supreme Court since March 2019. In 2019 he authored a book on the N.C. Supreme Court, entitled "A Warren Court of Our Own."

## Candidate Statement

I am honored to serve on the N.C. Supreme Court and I am grateful every day for this opportunity. I believe that my background and judicial experience qualify me to continue serving on the N.C. Supreme Court. I have written over 500 opinions as an appellate judge. I am a strong believer in judicial independence and feel that judges should be totally free of any partisan or political influence. My bedrock principle as a judge has always been to be fair and impartial in every case. My wife Marcia and I have been married for 28 years. She is a former elementary school teacher and we have three children. We are both lifelong North Carolinians. I am very proud to be the first Jewish member in the history of the N.C. Supreme Court.

NC Supreme Court  
Associate Justice Seat 4  
Barringer | Davis

# Tricia Shields



**Place of Residence** Cary

**Education** J.D., UNC School of Law (1985); B.A., Wake Forest University (1982)

**Occupation** Attorney

**Employer** Hedrick, Gardner, Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP

**Date admitted to the Bar** 1985

**DEMOCRAT**

## Legal/Judicial Experience

- Trial and Appellate Attorney in Private Practice (1987–2020)
- Adjunct Faculty, Campbell Law School (2013–2020)
- Law Clerk, N.C. Court of Appeals (1985–1987)
- President, NC Association of Defense Attorneys (2011–2012)
- 2020 Elster Award for Professional Excellence (NCADA)
- 2019 Diversity & Inclusion Award (NC/SC Lawyers Weekly)
- 2012 Woman of Justice Award (NC Lawyers Weekly)

## Candidate Statement

For 35 years, I have represented North Carolinians before all levels of our trial and appellate courts. I began my career as the law clerk to Chief Judge Hedrick of the N.C. Court of Appeals. I learned that a Court of Appeals Judge must apply the law as written and ensure that it is applied equally to everyone, regardless of their race, gender or political affiliation.

I am the only candidate in my race with appellate experience, having handled over 50 state and federal appeals. I am ranked as one of the Top 50 Women Attorneys in North Carolina and as one of the top 100 NC Attorneys and have the highest ranking available for ability and ethics from Martindale–Hubbell.

I have the support of both plaintiff and defense attorneys, having been endorsed by the NC Advocates for Justice and received the Elster Award for Professional Excellence from the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys. You can see my other qualifications and endorsements at [shieldsforjudge.com](http://shieldsforjudge.com).

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 4 Shields | Wood

# April C. Wood

**Place of Residence** Lexington

**Education** J.D., Regent University School of Law, 1997; B.A., Summa Cum Laude, Pensacola Christian College, 1994; currently enrolled in joint Campbell Law School and Nottingham University School of Law program to obtain LL.M. in Judicial Studies.



**Occupation** District Court Judge

**Employer** State of North Carolina

**Date admitted to the Bar** 1997

**REPUBLICAN**

## Legal/Judicial Experience

- District Court Judge, 2002–present
- Certified Juvenile Court Judge; Davie County Truancy Judge
- Attorney, private practice, 1997–2002

## Candidate Statement

Judges with experience on the District Court bench are a crucial asset missing from the Court of Appeals. Decisions made in family law and juvenile matters in District Court have lifelong effects on children and families. It's important to have judges on the appellate bench who will bring direct, hands-on experience with them to the higher courts. After 23 years of trial experience, 17 of those as a District Court Judge, I'm seeking a seat on the Court of Appeals and am the only candidate for this seat with judicial experience.

Throughout my career, I've been dedicated to the rule of law and have been steadfast in my belief that the law applies equally to all regardless of race, religion, or any other status. Judges are to interpret and apply the Constitution and laws as they're written, and it is these conservative principles that ensure every citizen receives a fair and just decision.

To elect a Constitutional, Conservative, Common Sense judge, who is firmly grounded in North Carolina values, please cast your vote for me in November. [judgewoodforcoa.com](http://judgewoodforcoa.com)

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 4  
Shields | Wood

# Lora Christine Cabbage



**Place of Residence** Greensboro  
(Guilford County)

**Education** UNC Chapel Hill School  
of Law, NC A&T State University

**Occupation** Superior Court Judge

**Employer** State of North Carolina

**Date admitted to the Bar** 2006

**DEMOCRAT**

## Legal/Judicial Experience

- Assistant District Attorney
- Assistant Attorney General
- District Court Judge
- Superior Court Judge

## Candidate Statement

I am honored for the opportunity to be able to carry on the legacy of Judge Wanda Bryant. My experience as an Assistant District Attorney and Assistant Attorney General allowed me a smooth transition to the judiciary. I am well versed in criminal and civil law to include workers' compensation law and I have presided over every trial court as a District and Superior Court Judge. I have experience arguing criminal and civil appeals to the Court of Appeals. I have been specially appointed to preside on a three-judge panel handling complex constitutional issues and cases involving complex civil issues. I have experience in drafting jury instructions as well as ruling on complex motions made prior to commencing a trial. This culmination of experience makes me uniquely qualified for seat 5 as I understand the need for an independent, fair and competent jurist that is needed to do the important work on the N.C. Court of Appeals. I am honored to be endorsed by AFL-CIO, NC Equality, People's Alliance, Replacements, LTD PAC, North Carolina Advocates for Justice, NC Sierra Club and Young Democrats of Forsyth County. I humbly and respectfully ask for your vote.

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 5 Cabbage | Gore

# Fred Gore

**Place of Residence** Whiteville

**Education** Appalachian School of Law, UNC Charlotte

**Occupation** District Court Judge (Bladen, Brunswick, and Columbus)

**Employer** State of North Carolina, U.S. Army Reserve

**Date admitted to the Bar** 2008



**REPUBLICAN**

## Legal/Judicial Experience

I clerked for the Court of Appeals in the summer of 2004. I worked as a Prosecutor in the Durham County DA's Office as well as the Brunswick, Bladen, and Columbus County DA's Office. While in the DA's Office, I tried every type of case to include first degree murder. In 2014, I was elected to my first term as District Court Judge. I still serve in all three counties of my district as a Certified Juvenile Court Judge. Families and children are our greatest resource and I work very hard every day to preserve those resources and keep our children safe!

## Candidate Statement

Through hard work and dedication, I have served our country and state for more than a combined 30 years. While being a Judge, I also serve as a Major in the Army Reserve JAG Corp with two previous combat tours (No DOD Endorsement). The citizens deserve a Judge with a proven resume of service. I have fought for our Country abroad to uphold our Constitution and protect the freedoms that are afforded by it. Once elected to Seat 5 on the Court of Appeals, I will follow the Constitution and never create the law. As a Judge, I serve justice fairly and impartial, consistent with the Constitution. I humbly ask for your prayers, support, and vote in the coming election! [judgefredgore.com](http://judgefredgore.com)

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 5  
Cabbage | Gore



# Five Steps to Vote by Mail in North Carolina

1. Complete and sign the North Carolina Absentee Ballot Request Form. See page 15 for instructions. You may also use the online absentee ballot request portal from our website: [ncsbe.gov](https://www.ncsbe.gov).



2. If you are not requesting a ballot online, return your North Carolina Absentee Ballot Request Form by email, fax, mail or in-person to your county board of elections **by 5 p.m. October 27**. County board contact information is available on pages 18–19 and at [vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEInfo](https://www.ncsbe.gov/BOEInfo).



3. Once received, complete your ballot in the presence of one witness. Insert your completed ballot into the return envelope.



4. Sign the outside of the ballot return envelope and have your witness complete the witness certification. If you receive assistance marking the ballot, the assistant must complete the required certification on the envelope.



5. Return your ballot by mail, postmarked **on or before Election Day**, to your county board of elections. We strongly recommend mailing your completed ballot before October 27 for a timely delivery. Remember to use a stamp if you are returning it by mail. You may also drop it off at an early voting site during voting hours, or in person to your county board of elections office **by 5 p.m. on Election Day**.



For more information, visit our Vote by Mail page: [ncsbe.gov/vote-mail](https://www.ncsbe.gov/vote-mail).

**NORTH CAROLINA ABSENTEE BALLOT  
REQUEST FORM INSTRUCTIONS**

Your county board of elections **must receive** the completed and signed absentee request form by **5 p.m. on Tuesday October 27, 2020**.

The form may be returned by the voter, the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or a Multipartisan Assistance Team:

- In-person to the county board of elections;
- By U.S. Postal Service, DHL, FedEx, or UPS; or
- By email or fax.

- 1 The name you give on this form will be used to update your voter record.
- 2 You must provide your **date of birth AND** one of the following as a form of identification:
  - North Carolina driver license number or NCDMV issued identification card number
  - Last four digits of your Social Security number
- 3 You will receive a ballot based on where you will have resided for 30 or more days before Election Day. If you are temporarily living away from home due to coronavirus or hurricane displacement, or are otherwise away or displaced, but you have not abandoned your place of residence, and you intend to return, you are not considered to have lost your place of residence. If you have abandoned your place of residence and intend to stay at your new residence indefinitely, you should register at your new residence. Be sure to include the address where you want your ballot sent in section 4 if you will be away from your residential or mailing address. **If you have moved within your county, you may use this form to update your residential address and/or your mailing address.**
- 4 If you do not complete this section, your ballot will be sent to your mailing address. If no mailing address is listed, it will be sent to your residential address. If you want the ballot sent to your mailing address, please provide the address even if you think we have it in your voter record.
- 5 Please provide the information for the voter, and if you are a near relative or legal guardian requesting on behalf of the voter, please provide your information, too.
- 6 A near relative or legal guardian may request a ballot on behalf of the voter. A near relative is the voter's: spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent or stepchild.
- 7 Voters are only entitled to assistance from their near relative, verifiable legal guardian, or a member of a Multipartisan Assistance Team (MAT) authorized by the county board of elections. Contact the county board of elections to request a MAT.

**Assistance for voters who are blind, disabled, or unable to read or write**

If a voter cannot complete the absentee request form due to blindness, disability, or inability to read or write, they may receive assistance from a near relative or legal guardian. If a near relative or legal guardian is not available, someone else can give assistance. That person must provide their name and address in Section 7.

**Assistance for voters who are patients in a hospital, clinic, nursing home, or adult care home ("facility")**

If a voter is a patient in a facility in North Carolina, a member of a Multipartisan Assistance Team (MAT) can assist the voter.

- It is unlawful for any owner, manager, director or employees of the facility other than the voter's near relative, verifiable legal guardian, or member of a MAT to request an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter.
- If neither the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian is available, and a MAT is not available within 7 calendar days of a request, the voter may obtain assistance from anyone who is not:
  - An owner, manager, director, or employee of the facility
  - An elected official, a candidate, or an officeholder in a political party
  - A campaign manager or treasurer for a candidate or political party

- 8 Complete this section if you claim North Carolina as your voting residence and are:
  1. A member of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty;
  2. A member of the Merchant Marine, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, or the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States;
  3. A member of the National Guard or State militia unit who is on activated status;
  4. A spouse or dependent of a member referred to in #1-3;
  5. A U.S. citizen currently outside of the United States.

9 **This form must be signed by either the voter or the voter's near relative, or legal guardian. A typed signature is not acceptable.**

10 Check the box if you would like to request absentee ballots for other possible elections in 2020 due to your continued or expected illness or disability.

**North Carolina Absentee Ballot Request Form**  
**November 3, 2020**

Read instructions before completing this form.

<b>Voter Information Required</b>	<b>1</b>	Last Name _____ Middle Name _____ Former Name (If name has changed) _____
<b>Voter Identification Required</b>	<b>2</b>	Date of Birth _____ <b>ALSO: Either</b> NC Driver's License _____ <b>Or</b> Last four digits of voter's Social Security Number _____
<b>Your NC Residential Address Required</b>	<b>3</b>	If you have lived at this address less than 30 days, when did you move here? _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ If you do not receive mail at this address, provide your full mailing address: Mailing Address _____ _____
<b>Where do you want your ballot mailed?</b>	<b>4</b>	If you leave this section blank, your ballot will be sent to your mailing address above. Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>5</b>	We will use your contact information if we have a question about this request. Phone _____ Email _____
<b>Requesting an absentee ballot for a relative? If yes, provide the information required</b>	<b>6</b>	If you are a voter's near relative or legal guardian and are requesting an absentee ballot, provide the name, address and relationship to the voter (see instructions). Also, you must sign and date this section. Near relative or Legal Guardian's name (print) _____ Address _____ City _____
<b>Are you helping a voter complete this form? If yes, you are required by law to complete this section.</b>	<b>7</b>	Complete this section if you are assisting a voter who is blind, disabled, or unable to sign and date the ballot. The voter must sign or make their mark. (If a Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty or eligible spouse/dependent, U.S. citizen outside the United States, or a patient in a hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home, you may assist the voter in voting and returning the ballot, provide the name and address of the voter's assistant.) Assistant's full name (print below): _____ AS _____ If the voter is a patient in a hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home, provide the name and address of the facility: _____ _____
<b>If you are Military and/or Overseas (UOCAVA)</b>	<b>8</b>	Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty or eligible spouse/dependent <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive my ballot by: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Email or _____ <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. citizen outside the United States <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing address _____ Address where you are stationed or living overseas: _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Fax number _____ _____
<b>Signature Required</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Voter sign and date here</b> _____ Near relative or legal guardian sign and date here _____ X _____ Date _____ x _____
<b>Continued Request</b>	<b>10</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if you would like to request absentee ballots for other positions. This request is subject to continued or expected illness or disability.



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## Legal/Judicial Experience

- Law clerk to Chief Judge Sam J. Ervin III, Fourth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals
- Practicing attorney for 30 years
- N.C. Bar Association Board of Governors
- Wake County Bar Association President

## Candidate Statement

When I worked for him, Judge Sam Ervin told me, “Never forget; cases are about real people with real problems, not about abstract legal theories.” I have carried this lesson and his example with me throughout my career.

For 30 years, I have advised and represented hundreds of clients, in different areas of the law, and in every corner of North Carolina — in courtrooms, administrative hearing rooms, and board rooms. This real-world experience — finding practical solutions to real problems — has given me a deep knowledge of the law, sound judgment, and perspective. I also understand the consequences of a judge’s decisions. I believe my experience and understanding qualify me to now give back to my fellow North Carolinians as a judge.

A free society depends upon judges being fair, impartial, and independent. I will not be beholden to any special interest or particular ideology. I believe judges must treat every person in every case with dignity and respect — without regard to privilege or status. My guiding stars will be upholding the rule of law for everyone, respecting the value of settled legal precedents, and safeguarding the protections of our Constitution. I am running for judge on the Court of Appeals to serve those values.

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 6 Styers | Dillon

# Chris Dillon

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**Occupation** Judge

**Employer** N.C. Court of Appeals

**Date admitted to the Bar** 1990



**REPUBLICAN**

## Legal/Judicial Experience

- Judge, N.C. Court of Appeals (first elected in 2012)
- Adjunct Law Professor at UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law; Campbell Law School (since 2015)
- Administrative Law Attorney, Young Moore & Henderson, P.A.

## Candidate Statement

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on our Court of Appeals these past eight years. I am again asking for your vote.

I am seeking re-election because I believe our Court benefits from my diverse work experience, unique to our Court. In addition to practicing law, I worked as a licensed real estate broker and community banker.

I am seeking re-election because I believe our Court would benefit from my judicial experience. Our two most senior judges are retiring, and there are five seats up this election cycle. I am the only candidate in any race seeking re-election and, if re-elected, would become our Court's 2nd most senior judge.

I have striven to apply the law faithfully and impartially, to serve all the people. I am honored to have the support of many Republican, Democratic and unaffiliated former elected officials, including many from both major parties who have served on our Court. For a list of my endorsements and other information about me, please visit [judgechrisdillon.com](http://judgechrisdillon.com).

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# Reuben F. Young



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**Date admitted to the Bar** Texas,  
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**DEMOCRAT**

## Legal/Judicial Experience

- Prosecutor
- Criminal Defense Attorney
- Civil Practitioner
- Superior Court Judge
- Appellate Judge

## Candidate Statement

The upcoming 2020 election is vitally important for the N.C. Court of Appeals and the state of North Carolina. Trust and experience matter in both our professional and personal lives and on November 3rd, fairness, independence and impartiality will be on the ballot. I come from a tradition that respects everyone as valued members of our community. My parents instilled in me that there is no higher calling than public service and therefore I have spent most of my 32-year legal career serving others. I have been both a defense attorney and a prosecutor, Secretary of the state's largest agency, worked for three NC Governors, a Superior Court Judge and now a judge on the N.C. Court of Appeals appointed by Governor Cooper in 2019. Fairness and accessibility are the foundation upon which our justice system is built. I have and will continue to advocate for equal access to the courts and a fair, impartial and independent judiciary.

# Jeff Carpenter

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**Occupation** Superior Court Judge

**Employer** State of North Carolina

**Date admitted to the Bar** 2003

**REPUBLICAN**



## Legal/Judicial Experience

- Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 20B, 2019–present
- Resident Superior Court Judge, District 20B, 2016–present
- Litigation attorney, and Partner, Carpenter & Flake, PLLC, 2006–2016
- Litigation attorney, and Partner, Little, Carpenter & Flake, PLLC, 2003–2006
- NC State Trooper, 1994–2000

## Candidate Statement

Having many years of experience as a trial judge, courtroom attorney, and law enforcement officer, I bring a depth and breadth of experience from the civil, criminal, domestic, and juvenile trial courts that is unique from any other candidate for the Court of Appeals.

I will continue to protect our Constitution and the constitutional rights of those appearing in Court. I will be fair and treat everyone with dignity and respect. I will use common sense and apply the law as written. I will not legislate from the bench.

I am an independent thinker and a man of faith. I owe no favors or loyalties to the Executive Branch or the Legislative Branch of government arising from appointments to various positions throughout my career. If elected to the Court of Appeals, I will be loyal to the law and the Constitution, and I will protect the rights of those appearing before me.

To learn more visit [electjeffcarpenter.com](http://electjeffcarpenter.com). I ask for your consideration and for your vote in November.

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 7

Young | Carpenter

# Chris Brook



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**Occupation** Judge

**Employer** N.C. Court of Appeals

**Date admitted to the Bar** 2005

**DEMOCRAT**

## Legal/Judicial Experience

- N.C. Court of Appeals, Judge, 2019–present
- American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina, Legal Director, 2012–2019
- Southern Coalition for Social Justice, Staff Attorney, 2008–2012
- University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Adjunct Law Professor, 2007–2011
- Cranfill, Sumner & Hartzog, Associate, 2005–2008

## Candidate Statement

I humbly ask for your vote to keep my seat on the Court of Appeals. My platform is simple: I pledge to be an independent member of the judiciary and to administer without favoritism justice that is consistent with the laws of North Carolina and our state and federal constitutions. My experience prepared me well for service on the Court of Appeals. I am a product of the Wake County public school system and a double Tar Heel. In practice, I represented North Carolinians and North Carolina businesses on matters ranging from workers' compensation to property law to voting rights. I did so throughout our state and federal court system, including successfully leading litigation before the Supreme Court of the United States. While practicing, I taught at Carolina Law and also lectured at law schools throughout the state. As a Judge, I have authored nearly 100 opinions, concurrences, and dissents. My experience sets me apart; I am the only candidate for this seat with meaningful appellate legal experience. Please visit [keepjudgechrisbrook.com](http://keepjudgechrisbrook.com) to learn more about me.

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# Jefferson G. Griffin

**Place of Residence** Raleigh

**Education** J.D., NC Central University School of Law, 2008; B.A., UNC-Chapel Hill, 2003

**Occupation** Wake County District Court Judge; Captain, North Carolina Army National Guard JAG

**Employer** State of North Carolina; United States Army

**Date admitted to the Bar** 2008



**REPUBLICAN**

## Legal/Judicial Experience

- District Court Judge, Wake County; Captain, North Carolina Army National Guard JAG
- Attorney, North Carolina Industrial Commission
- Assistant District Attorney, Wake County
- Attorney, Wallace Morris Barwick Landis & Stroud, Kinston, NC
- Member, Board of Directors, Wake County Bar Association, 10th Judicial District Bar
- Past President, Lenoir County Bar Association

## Candidate Statement

Our campaign has received bipartisan support including being endorsed by former North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Burley B. Mitchell Jr. Since August 2019, I have been deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Spartan Shield. I believe in the American rule of law, protecting our Constitution, judicial independence, access to justice, civic education and impartial courts. I began my legal career in private practice representing civil and criminal defendants. I joined the Wake County District Attorney's Office as an assistant district attorney under Colon Willoughby, where I prosecuted cases from infractions to first-degree murder. As a District Court Judge, I preside over civil and criminal courtrooms, including family law. As a JAG officer, I advise on operational and international law issues, including the rules of engagement, targeting and law of war. I also handle military justice, investigations and administrative actions. I am committed to serving the citizens of my state and country. I humbly request your support and your vote. [jeffersongriffin.com](http://jeffersongriffin.com), [facebook.com/jefferson.glenn.griffin](https://facebook.com/jefferson.glenn.griffin), @JGriffinNC

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## TIPS FOR VOTERS

**Register to vote.** You may download the North Carolina Voter Registration Application at [ncsbe.gov](https://ncsbe.gov), and mail it to your county board of elections.

Existing N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles customers may register to vote online: [ncdot.gov/dmv/offices-services/online/Pages/voter-registration-application.aspx](https://ncdot.gov/dmv/offices-services/online/Pages/voter-registration-application.aspx).

You may also register to vote in person at your county board of elections office. Find your county board of elections here: [vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEInfo](https://vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEInfo).

The regular voter registration deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, October 9. Voters may also same-day register and vote at any one-stop early voting site in their county during the early voting period from October 15 to October 31.

**Check your voter registration.** To check your voter registration, use the Voter Search tool at [vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup](https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup) to make sure it is up to date.

**View your sample ballot.** To view your sample ballot, use the Voter Search tool at [vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup](https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup). After you've located your voter record, click on the link under the "Sample Ballots" section.

**Vote by mail.** Absentee by-mail voting is available to all registered voters. To request an absentee ballot, complete the North Carolina Absentee Ballot Request Form (available at [ncsbe.gov](https://ncsbe.gov), at your county board of elections office or on pages 16–17 of this guide) and email, fax, mail or return it in person. You may also use the online absentee ballot request portal at [ncsbe.gov](https://ncsbe.gov), and track your ballot for free with BallotTrax.

**Vote during the one-stop early voting period.** In 2020, North Carolina voters can take advantage of 17 days of in-person early voting from October 15 to October 31. Voters will be able to go to any one-stop early voting site in their county to register and cast a ballot. Sites, days and hours vary by county. To view locations and schedules, go to [vt.ncsbe.gov/OSSite](https://vt.ncsbe.gov/OSSite).

**Vote on Election Day.** Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day — Tuesday, November 3. Voters in line at 7:30 p.m. will be allowed to cast ballots. On Election Day, voters should go to their assigned polling place to ensure they receive the correct ballot style. Voters may find their Election Day polling place here: [vt.ncsbe.gov/PPLkup](https://vt.ncsbe.gov/PPLkup).

**Stay safe when you vote in person.** All voters are encouraged to wear a mask. Masks, hand sanitizer and single-use pens will be available at all voting sites for voters who do not bring their own. Poll workers are required to wear masks and enact social distancing measures.

### Every voting site offers curbside voting for voters who:

- Are unable to enter the polling place due to age or disability;
- Have a medical condition that puts them at increased risk of contracting COVID-19; or
- Are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

**Go to the State Board of Elections' new and improved website, [ncsbe.gov](https://ncsbe.gov), for more information on voting in 2020.**

**Treat others at the polls with courtesy and respect.** The State Board of Elections asks voters, campaigners and advocates to promote a positive experience during early voting and on Election Day. Please respect the right of all voters to participate in the election without fear of intimidation or violence. Intimidating any voter is a state and federal crime.

## LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Dear fellow North Carolinians,**

This year is unprecedented. The challenges and uncertainty during the COVID-19 pandemic have reshaped many aspects of our lives, including our elections. As the state elections director, I can assure you that your state and county elections officials have been hard at work to make voting as accessible and safe as possible for North Carolina's 7 million registered voters. New laws, processes and safeguards will be in place to protect your health and ensure your vote counts on Election Day, November 3. As always, three voting options are available to registered voters. They are: no excuse absentee voting by-mail, one-stop early voting at sites across your county, and Election Day voting at your assigned polling place.

For voting by mail, we've simplified the absentee ballot return envelope and instructions. State law now allows voters to request ballots through an online request portal, which is available at [ncsbe.gov](https://ncsbe.gov). Or, you may tear out, fill out, sign and return the North Carolina Absentee Ballot Request Form in this guide. Statewide, we've increased the number of early voting hours to reduce lines, allow for social distancing, and limit the spread of the virus. We encourage voters to vote at off-peak times when possible to further reduce the number of voters in polling places at the same time.

In-person voters — either during the early voting period from October 15–31 or on Election Day — will see significant safety precautions at all voting sites. Election workers will wear masks, face shields and gloves, as applicable. Masks, single-use pens, and hand sanitizer will be available for voters who do not bring their own. Poll workers will enforce social distancing and clean voting equipment often. Our goal is to make sure all voters can cast a ballot without fear of catching the virus.

In late August, the State Board of Elections launched a redesigned website, [ncsbe.gov](https://ncsbe.gov). There, you can find reliable information about when, where and how to vote. A lot of misinformation about elections is spread through social media and other sources. This website is a trusted source of information. We also encourage you to check out the State Board on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn for important information about elections. Your state and county elections officials will continue to work hard to make the 2020 general election a success.

Please vote!

Sincerely,

Karen Brinson Bell

Executive Director, N.C. State Board of Electio





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