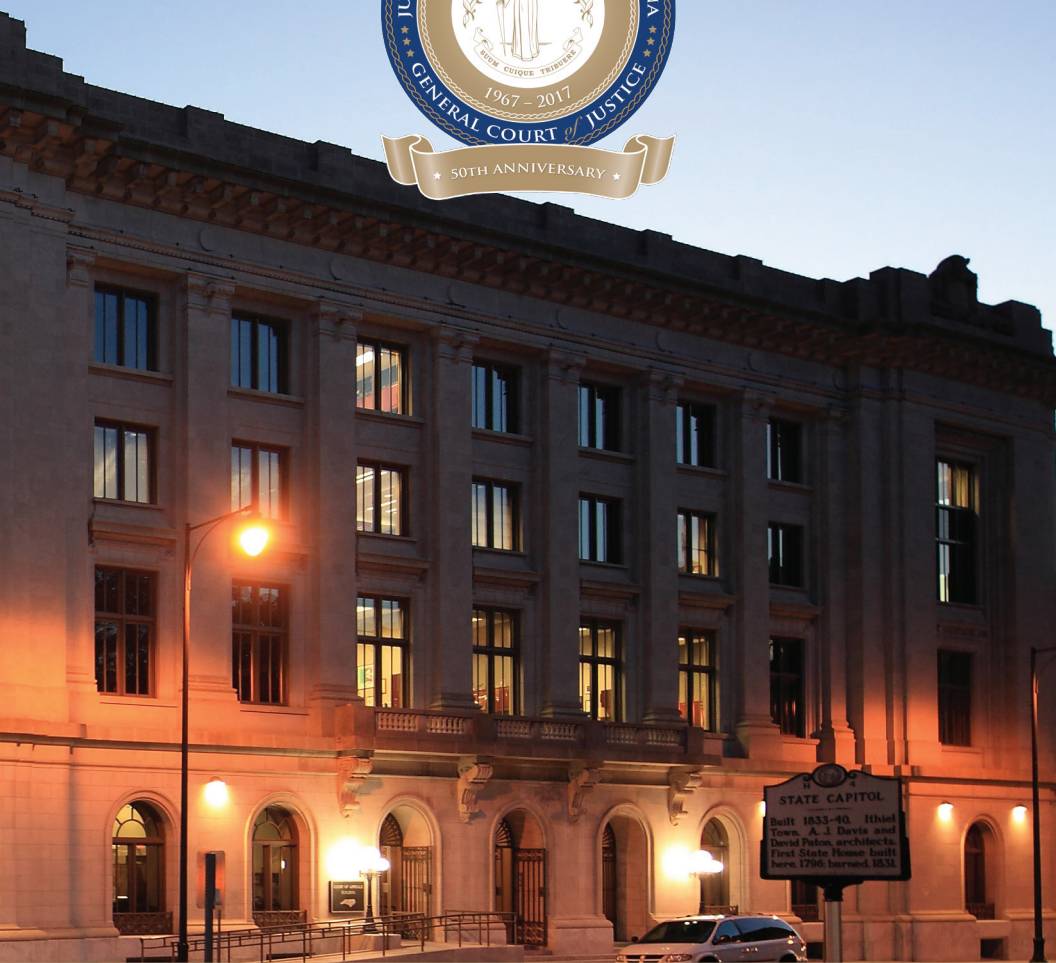


The History of the First 50 Years of the

NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

A COMMEMORATIVE EDITION



1967 - 2017



This photograph of the Chief Judge and the current judges of the North Carolina Court of Appeals was taken on May 1, 2017, in the courtroom of the Court of Appeals building in downtown Raleigh.

Pictured left to right (seated):

Judge Rick Elmore, Judge Wanda G. Bryant,
Chief Judge Linda M. McGee,
Judge Ann Marie Calabria, Judge Donna S. Stroud

Pictured left to right (standing):

Judge Valerie Zachary, Judge John S. Arrowood, Judge Hunter Murphy,
Judge Richard Dietz, Judge John M. Tyson, Judge Robert N. Hunter, Jr.,
Judge Chris Dillon, Judge Mark Davis, Judge Philip Berger, Jr., Judge Lucy Inman





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HISTORY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

1967 – 2017

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The North Carolina Court of Appeals was established by the General Assembly in 1967. A history of the Court would not be complete, however, without mentioning events that occurred before 1967, following the admonition that the past is prologue.

In the 1950s, our State's court system was basically the same as it had been since 1868 when a new constitution was adopted. The greatest change had come in the courts below the Superior Court by the creation of numerous types of local courts. There were county courts, mayor courts, recorder courts, and municipal courts, in addition to the justice of the peace courts.

Leaders of the North Carolina Bar Association recognized that our court system needed a major updating and convinced Governor Luther Hodges that this should be done. In 1955, at the request of Governor Hodges, the Bar Association appointed a committee for "Improving and Expediting the Administration of Justice in North Carolina." The Committee consisted of twenty-seven outstanding citizens, approximately one-half of whom were leaders of the Bar and the others were non-lawyers, including several newspaper editors. J. Spencer Bell, a Charlotte lawyer and later a state senator, served as chairman. Shearon Harris, President of Carolina Power & Light Company, served as vice chairman. The Committee made its final recommendations to the 1958 annual meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association, and the recommendations were adopted in principle.

While the recommendations called for a unified court system, particularly for a district court system such as we now have, the recommendations also included the following with respect to an intermediate appellate court: "That the General Assembly be empowered upon recommendation of the Supreme Court to establish an intermediate appellate court in the appellate division; that the structure and organization of such intermediate court be determined by the General Assembly; ..."

Bills that would lead to implementation of the recommendations were introduced in the 1959 General Assembly. Because the major changes proposed involved amendments to the Constitution, a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house was necessary for the amendments to be submitted to a vote of the people.

Senator J. Spencer Bell of Mecklenburg County led the proponents in the Senate and Representative H.P. Taylor, Jr. of Anson County led the proponents in the House. Although the proponents received substantial support in both houses, they failed to receive the three-fifths majorities required by the Constitution.

The movement for court improvement continued and when the 1961 General Assembly convened, new bills were introduced. However, shortly before the convening date, leaders of the movement learned that members of the Supreme Court felt that North Carolina did not need an intermediate appellate court and that the Supreme Court could handle all of the appellate work. Consequently, proposed legislation for court improvement that was considered by the 1961 legislative session contained no provision for an additional appellate court.

After a lot of hard work by proponents, all proposed constitutional amendments received the necessary votes in the General Assembly to be submitted to a vote of the people. The most far-reaching amendment was the one mandating that the legislature provide for a unified district court system.

The proposed amendments were submitted to the voters at the November 1962 general election, and were approved by comfortable margins. Because the 1963 General Assembly convened only three months after the 1962 election, there was insufficient time to make the necessary study and prepare legislation for consideration by the 1963 legislative session. Consequently, the 1963 General Assembly, by joint resolution, created a Courts Commission and charged it with the duty of "preparing and drafting legislation necessary for the full and complete implementation of Article IV of the Constitution." The Courts Commission was composed of fifteen members appointed by a group that included the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House.

Senator Lindsay C. Warren, Jr. of Wayne County was designated chairman of the Commission. In addition to Senator Warren, the membership included Senators Wilbur M. Jolly of Franklin County and J.J. Harrington of Bertie County; Representatives H.P. Taylor, Jr. of Anson County, David M. Britt of Robeson County, and A.A. Zollicoffer of Vance County; Dean Dickson Phillips of the UNC Law School; and Honorable James B. McMillan of the Charlotte Bar. Colonel C.E. Hinsdale of the Institute of Government served as staff person.

Between the 1963 and 1965 sessions of the legislature, the Courts Commission studied and worked on proposed legislation for the district court system. At about the time the 1965 General Assembly convened, certain members of the Supreme Court let it be known that the workload of that Court had become extremely heavy and that an intermediate appellate court should be considered.

Because the creation of a new appellate court would require a constitutional amendment, members of the Courts Commission concluded that all that could be accomplished by the 1965 General Assembly would be to approve an amendment to be submitted to the voters. Courts Commission leaders consulted Governor Dan Moore, and he promised his full support of an amendment to the Constitution authorizing an intermediate appellate court. Governor Moore also suggested that the proposed amendment be submitted at a special election to be held in the fall of 1965 when a popular highway bond referendum would be held.

Although members of the Courts Commission serving in the legislature in 1965 had their hands full with the proposed legislation establishing the district courts, they took on the task of promoting a constitutional amendment authorizing an intermediate appellate court. Fortunately, the “climate” in the 1965 session was favorable: Lieutenant Governor Bob Scott was supportive and Senators Warren and Harrington were very influential in the Senate. Commission members Representatives Taylor, Zollicoffer, and Britt were in key positions in the House. Taylor was Speaker, Zollicoffer was Appropriations Committee Chairman, and Britt was Chairman of the Committee on Courts and also had the unanimous support of the Democrats in the House to succeed Taylor as Speaker.

Ultimately, not only did the proposed legislation to create the district courts pass by a substantial majority, but the proposed constitutional amendment authorizing an intermediate appellate court also passed overwhelmingly. The proposed constitutional amendment was submitted at a special general election held in November 1965 for the primary purpose of approving a highway bond issue. The amendment was very brief, with its major provisions being as follows: “The structure, organization, and composition of the Court of Appeals, if established, shall be determined by the General Assembly. The Court shall have not less than five members, and may be authorized to sit in divisions, or other than en banc.” The proposed bond issue was so popular it passed by an overwhelming majority and evidently the strong tide for the bond issue caused the constitutional amendment to pass by a substantial majority.

Very soon after the amendment was adopted, the Courts Commission gave the Court of Appeals study its top priority. First, it sought guidance from the experience of sixteen other states that had intermediate appellate courts at that time. After considering the systems in all of those states, the Courts Commission was more impressed with New Jersey and Michigan.

At the request of the Courts Commission, one of the architects of the Michigan system, a professor at the University of Michigan School of Law, visited the Courts Commission in December 1965 and gave the members valuable insight into the problems involved in creating an intermediate appellate court. Not long thereafter, representatives from the Courts Commission visited New Jersey for the purpose of obtaining information regarding that state’s system. That group included Courts Commission member David M. Britt; Frank Huskins, Administrative Officer of the Courts and an ex officio member of the Commission; and C.E. Hinsdale, staff member. They were so impressed with the New Jersey system that it became a model for the one to be proposed for North Carolina.

During 1966, the membership of the Courts Commission was strengthened when Representative Earl W. Vaughn of Rockingham County became a member. His assistance proved very valuable in the work of the Courts Commission and in getting its recommendations enacted by the legislature. After more than six months of sustained study, the Courts Commission completed its study and preparation of the legislation to be proposed to the 1967 General Assembly.

Senator Warren was reappointed chairman of the Senate Committee on Courts. At the Speaker’s urgent request, Representative Vaughn accepted appointment as chairman of the House Committee on Courts. Very early in the 1967 session, Representative Vaughn received pledges of support from every Democrat in the House to be Speaker

in 1969. He was appointed Speaker pro tempore for the 1967 session, was elected majority leader for that session, and was very effective in getting the Court of Appeals legislation through the House. The recommendations of the Courts Commission were approved in committee, with very little change, and the Senate and House passed the legislation with few dissenting votes.

The law creating the Court of Appeals provided that the Court would originally have six members, to be appointed by the Governor in 1967. It also provided that, as of 1 July 1969, the membership of the Court would be increased to nine and it authorized the Governor serving at that time to appoint the additional three members.

On 5 July 1967, the day before the 1967 session of the legislature adjourned, Governor Dan Moore announced his appointments to the Court. They were: Superior Court Judges Raymond B. Mallard of Tabor City, Hugh B. Campbell of Charlotte, James C. Farthing of Lenoir, and Walter E. Brock of Wadesboro; and practicing attorneys Naomi E. Morris of Wilson and David M. Britt of Fairmont. Representative Britt immediately resigned as Speaker of the House and Representative Vaughn was elected to complete the remainder of his term.

Chief Justice R. Hunt Parker named Judge Raymond B. Mallard as the first chief judge of the new Court. The Court held its first conference in late August 1967. Temporary offices for the Judges were provided in a Fayetteville Street bank building while necessary renovations were being made to the building on the corner of Fayetteville and Morgan Streets known as the State Library Building.

Prior to 1940, when it moved to the new Justice Building, the Supreme Court occupied several floors of the State Library Building. After the Supreme Court moved to the Justice Building, parts of the State Library Building formerly used by the Supreme Court were taken over by the Utilities Commission. Utilities Commission members used the offices formerly occupied by the Justices, and the former Supreme Court courtroom became the hearing room for the Utilities Commission.

After the creation of the Court of Appeals, the State Library moved to new quarters on Jones Street. The Utilities Commission then moved to the second floor of the former State Library, and the Court of Appeals was assigned the third floor for offices and a courtroom, and the fourth floor for its clerk, library, and other purposes. The name of the building was changed to the Ruffin Building, in memory of Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin, but about 1978, the name was changed to the Court of Appeals Building. In the mid-1970s, the Utilities Commission moved to new quarters, and the Court of Appeals took over the second floor of the building.

The new Court spent most of the autumn months of 1967 working on its rules, which were approved by the Supreme Court. In 1975, the Rules of Appellate Procedure, governing both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals were adopted.

On 6 December 1967, Judge James C. Farthing died suddenly. Several weeks thereafter, Francis Marion Parker of the Asheville bar was appointed by Governor Moore to fill the vacancy.

In late January 1968, the Court heard its first appeals. However, renovations to the courtroom in the Ruffin Building had not been completed and it was necessary for

the Court to make temporary arrangements for a courtroom. Arrangements were made with the Legislative Building Commission for the Court to use one of the large committee rooms on the ground floor of the Legislative Building for a courtroom. Several months later, renovations to the Ruffin Building were completed and the new Court took up permanent residence in the Ruffin Building.

As provided in the law creating the Court of Appeals, in 1969 membership of the Court was increased to nine. History repeated itself when House Speaker Earl W. Vaughn resigned to accept Governor Robert W. Scott's appointment to the Court. At the same time, Governor Scott also appointed R.A. Hedrick of Statesville and W.E. Graham of Charlotte. The three new members were administered their oaths on 23 July 1969.

By the time the 1977 General Assembly convened, the workload of the Court had increased to the point that additional judges were needed and, at that session, the number of judges was increased to twelve. On 2 December 1977, Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. appointed Superior Court Judge John Webb of Wilson, District Attorney Burley B. Mitchell, Jr. of Raleigh, and Representative Richard C. Erwin of Winston-Salem to the Court.

As the work of the Court continued to increase, the General Assembly, on 30 June 2000, enacted legislation that authorized the expansion of the Court of Appeals from twelve to fifteen judges, and provided that the Governor appoint three additional judges on or after 15 December 2000. On 5 January 2001, Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. appointed Loretta C. Biggs of Winston-Salem, Hugh B. Campbell, Jr. of Charlotte, and Albert S. Thomas, Jr. of Wilson, to the newly created seats on the Court of Appeals. Judicial review of this legislation can be found in the North Carolina Supreme Court case of *Pope v. Easley*, 354 N.C. 544, 556 S.E.2d 265 (2001), holding that part of the legislation was constitutionally permissible but that part of it violated a section of the North Carolina Constitution, as to the term of office.

Thanks largely to the efforts and persistence of Chief Judge Gerald Arnold, the North Carolina Court of Appeals' courtroom underwent an extensive and detailed restoration, which was completed in 1997. While the courtroom was being renovated, the Court received permission to again hold sessions of court in the auditorium in the Legislative Building. Holding sessions in the Legislative Building was a return to the place where the Court heard its first cases as noted earlier in the history of the Court.

In 2002, Chief Judge Sidney Eagles instituted a voluntary appellate mediation program, which offered parties an opportunity to mediate cases pending before the Court. Since its inception, the program has been very successful, with nearly half of the cases the parties agree to mediate being resolved in mediation.

The Court of Appeals Building underwent an extensive eighteen-month renovation in 2008 and 2009. In 2010, after renovations were completed, the building was re-dedicated. Chief Judge John C. Martin noted that the goal of the renovation "was to marry the historical attributes of this beautiful old building with the efficiency and utility of a modern office building."

In 1968, the Court's first full year of operation, 466 appeals were filed with the Court. No records were kept as to the number of motions and petitions filed. The Court's workload grew steadily for the next five years under an expanded court of nine

judges, so that by 1973 the number of appeals had almost doubled to 828. In 1977, the Court expanded again, this time to twelve judges. That year, 1,078 appeals were filed, as well as 1,374 motions and petitions. In 1986, the Court’s work had increased and 1,357 appeals were filed, in addition to 2,119 motions and petitions. The Court again expanded in 2000 to its current size of fifteen judges, whose workload consisted of 1,548 appeals and 4,190 motions and petitions. Filings reached an historical high of 1,759 in the year 2002. That year, 4,813 motions and petitions were also filed, which was an all-time high number. The nationwide economic meltdown of 2007 saw the number of appeals in the Court decrease to 1,581. In 2014, there were 1,415 appeals filed, along with nearly 4,500 motions and petitions. At the end of 2015, a rebound appeared to be underway, with the Court receiving more than 1,339 appeals and more than 4,721 motions and petitions.



The first North Carolina Court of Appeals (pictured from left to right)

Judge Naomi Morris, Judge James C. Farthing, Judge Walter Brock, Judge Hugh B. Campbell, Judge David Britt, Chief Judge Raymond Mallard

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

(*SERVED AS CHIEF JUDGE)

*RAYMOND B. MALLARD	1967-1973
HUGH B. CAMPBELL, SR.	1967-1974
JAMES C. FARTHING	1967-1967
*WALTER E. BROCK	1967-1979
DAVID M. BRITT	1967-1978
*NAOMI E. MORRIS	1967-1982
FRANK M. PARKER	1968-1980
*R.A. HEDRICK	1969-1992
*EARL W. VAUGHN	1969-1985
WILLIAM E. GRAHAM, JR.	1969-1973
JAMES M. BALEY, JR.	1973-1974
JAMES H. CARSON, JR.	1973-1974
ROBERT M. MARTIN	1974-1982
*GERALD ARNOLD	1974-1998
EDWARD B. CLARK	1974-1982
BURLEY B. MITCHELL, JR.	1977-1979
JOHN WEBB	1977-1986
RICHARD C. ERWIN	1977-1980
HARRY C. MARTIN	1978-1982
J. PHIL CARLTON	1979-1979
HUGH A. WELLS	1979-1994
CECIL J. HILL	1979-1984
WILLIS P. WHICHARD	1980-1986
CHARLES L. BECTON	1981-1990
CLIFTON E. JOHNSON	1982-1996
E. MAURICE BRASWELL	1982-1984
EUGENE H. PHILLIPS	1983-1991
*SIDNEY S. EAGLES, JR.	1983-2004
*JOHN C. MARTIN	1985-1988, 1993-2014

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

(*SERVED AS CHIEF JUDGE)

SARAH PARKER	1985-1992
JACK L. COZORT	1985-1996
ROBERT F. ORR	1986-1995
K. EDWARD GREENE	1986-2002
DONALD L. SMITH	1988-1989
JOHN B. LEWIS, JR.	1989-2000
ALLYSON K. DUNCAN	1990-1990
JAMES A. WYNN, JR.	1990-1998, 1999-2010
RALPH A. WALKER	1991-1992, 1995-2002
JOSEPH R. JOHN, SR.	1993-2000
ELIZABETH GORDON McCRODDEN	1993-1994
SYDNOR THOMPSON	1994-1994
MARK D. MARTIN	1994-1999
*LINDA M. MCGEE	1995-PRESENT
PATRICIA TIMMONS-GOODSON	1997-2005
CLARENCE E. HORTON, JR.	1998-2000
ROBERT C. HUNTER	1998-2014
ROBERT H. EDMUNDS, JR.	1999-2000
JAMES C. FULLER	2000-2000
J. DOUGLAS McCULLOUGH	2001-2008, 2011-2017
ROBIN E. HUDSON	2001-2006
JOHN M. TYSON	2001-2009, 2015-PRESENT
HUGH B. CAMPBELL, JR.	2001-2002
ALBERT S. THOMAS, JR.	2001-2002
LORETTA COPELAND BIGGS	2001-2002
WANDA G. BRYANT	2001-PRESENT
ANN MARIE CALABRIA	2003-PRESENT
RICHARD A. ELMORE	2003-PRESENT
SANFORD L. STEELMAN, JR.	2003-2015

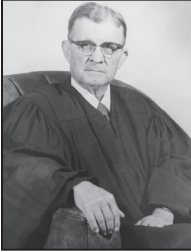
JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

(*SERVED AS CHIEF JUDGE)

MARTHA GEER	2003-2016
ERIC L. LEVINSON	2003-2007
ALAN Z. THORNBURG	2004-2004
BARBARA A. JACKSON	2005-2010
LINDA STEPHENS	2006-2016
DONNA S. STROUD	2007-PRESENT
JOHN S. ARROWOOD	2007-2008, 2017-PRESENT
CHERI BEASLEY	2009-2014
ROBERT N. HUNTER, JR.	2009-2014, 2015-PRESENT
SAMUEL J. ERVIN, IV	2009-2014
CRESSIE H. THIGPEN, JR.	2010-2012
CHRIS DILLON	2013-PRESENT
MARK DAVIS	2013-PRESENT
LISA C. BELL	2014-2014
RICHARD D. DIETZ	2014-PRESENT
LUCY N. INMAN	2015-PRESENT
VALERIE J. ZACHARY	2015-PRESENT
WENDY M. ENOCHS	2016-2016
PHILIP E. BERGER, JR.	2017-PRESENT
HUNTER MURPHY	2017-PRESENT

BIOGRAPHIES OF THE JUDGES

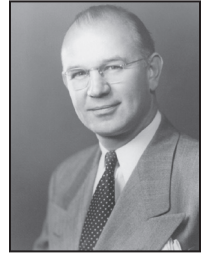
THE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHT PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERVED AS A JUDGE ON THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS ARE BASED IN LARGE PART ON THE RESEARCH AND WRITING OF JUSTICE DAVID BRITT AND WERE UPDATED IN 2017.



RAYMOND B. MALLARD
1967-1973

RAYMOND BOWDEN MALLARD was born in Faison, North Carolina on 20 February 1908. He attended Wake Forest College and its law school. He was admitted to the Bar in 1931 and practiced law in Whiteville and Tabor City from 1931 to 1955. He served in the state House of Representatives during the 1939 session. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army, being discharged as a corporal. In July 1955, he was appointed by Governor Luther H. Hodges to serve as Resident Superior Court Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial District, a position which he held until 7 July 1967, when he was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Dan K. Moore. On 7 July 1967, he was designated by Chief Justice R. Hunt Parker as the first Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. On 5 November 1968, he was elected to a full eight-year term. Chief Judge Mallard retired from the Court on 1 August 1973 because of declining health. Chief Judge Mallard died on 20 July 1979.

HUGH BROWN CAMPBELL, SR. was born in Waynesville, North Carolina on 14 March 1907. He earned his A.B. degree from Amherst College in 1929. He then attended UNC Law School and earned his law degree in 1932. He was admitted to the Bar in 1932. After practicing law in Goldsboro for about two years, he moved to Charlotte in 1934 and practiced law there until June 1955, when he was appointed Resident Superior Court Judge by Governor Luther H. Hodges, a position he held until July 1967, when Governor Dan K. Moore appointed him to the Court of Appeals and he was elected to the Court in November 1968. He served until his retirement on 31 December 1974. Judge Hugh B. Campbell, Sr. and his son, Judge Hugh B. Campbell, Jr., were the first father and son to serve as judges on the Court of Appeals. Judge Campbell died on 5 August 1989.



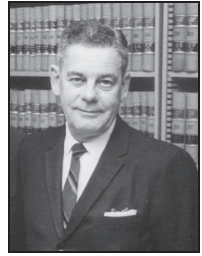
HUGH B.
CAMPBELL, SR.
1967-1974



JAMES C. FARTHING
1967-1967

JAMES COLLY FARTHING was born in Lenoir, North Carolina on 12 January 1913. He attended Lenoir Rhyne College and UNC Law School. After admission to the Bar in August 1937, he entered private practice in Lenoir. Thereafter, he served as solicitor of the Caldwell County Court. During World War II, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. On 1 January 1947, he became solicitor (district attorney) of the Superior Court for the district including Caldwell County. In 1957, he became Resident Superior Court Judge. On 1 July 1967, he was appointed by Governor Dan K. Moore to the Court of Appeals. Judge Farthing died in Raleigh on 6 December 1967.

WALTER EDGAR BROCK was born in Wadesboro, North Carolina on 21 March 1916. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he earned a B.S. degree in 1941. During World War II, from 1941 to 1945, he served in the Army Air Force, earning the rank of Major. Following the war, he entered UNC Law School, where he earned his law degree in 1947. He was admitted to the Bar that same year and entered private practice in Wadesboro. He later served as judge of the Anson County Court. On 1 January 1963, he was appointed a special Superior Court Judge by Governor Terry Sanford. On 1 July 1967, Governor Dan K. Moore appointed him to the Court of Appeals. Judge Brock was elected to the Court in 1968 and, on 1 August 1973, he was designated by Chief Justice William H. Bobbitt to serve as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. Judge Brock was re-elected to the Court in 1974. Chief Judge Brock was elected to the North Carolina Supreme Court in 1978. In December 1980, he retired from the Supreme Court due to poor health. Justice Brock died on 13 June 1987.



WALTER E. BROCK
1967-1979



DAVID M. BRITT
1967-1978

DAVID MAXWELL BRITT was born in McDonald, Robeson County, North Carolina on 3 January 1917. He attended Wake Forest College and its law school, and was admitted to the Bar in August 1937. He practiced law in Fairmont and Lumberton from January 1938 until August 1967. He served as solicitor of the Fairmont Recorder's Court from 1940 until 1944, except during 1943, when he served in the U.S. Army. He served as chairman of the Fairmont Board of Education from 1954 until 1958, when he was elected to the state House of Representatives. He served five terms in the House and was Speaker during the 1967 Session. In July 1967, he was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Dan K. Moore. He was elected to the Court in November 1968 and was re-elected in November 1974. After being appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr, to a vacancy on the North Carolina Supreme Court created by the retirement of Justice I. Beverly Lake, Sr, Judge Britt resigned from the Court of Appeals on 31 August 1978. Justice Britt was elected to a full term that November and retired from the Supreme Court on 31 July 1982. Justice Britt died on 5 May 2009.

NAOMI ELIZABETH MORRIS was born in Spring Hope, North Carolina on 1 December 1921. She attended Atlantic Christian College, now known as Barton College, where she earned her A.B. degree in 1943. She attended the UNC School of Law from which she earned her law degree in 1955. She was admitted to the Bar in 1955 and practiced law in Wilson until July 1967, when Governor Dan K. Moore appointed her to the Court of Appeals. She was elected to the Court in November 1968 and re-elected in 1974. On 1 December 1978, she was designated by Chief Justice Susie Sharp to serve as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. She retired from the Court on 31 December 1982. Chief Judge Morris died 11 September 1986.



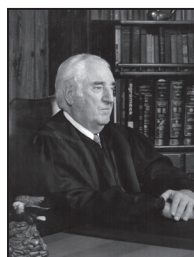
NAOMI E. MORRIS
1967-1982



FRANK M. PARKER
1968-1980

FRANCIS MARION PARKER was born in Asheville, North Carolina on 25 August 1912. He earned his A.B. degree at UNC Chapel Hill in 1934 and earned his law degree from UNC Law School in 1936. He was admitted to the Bar in 1936 and entered private practice in Asheville that same year. He served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1945, earning the rank of sergeant. He returned to private practice in Asheville, and served in the State Senate during the 1947 and 1949 sessions. He remained in private practice until 23 January 1968, when Governor Dan K. Moore appointed him to a vacancy on the Court of Appeals caused by the death of Judge James Colly Farthing. Judge Parker was elected to the Court in 1968 and re-elected in 1974. He retired from the Court on 31 August 1980. Judge Parker died in May 1995.

ROBERT ALFRED HEDRICK was born in Statesville, North Carolina on 23 August 1922. He attended the Governor Morehead School and UNC-Chapel Hill where he earned his A.B. degree in 1946. He attended UNC Law School and earned his law degree in 1949. He was admitted to the Bar that same year and entered private practice in Statesville, serving as solicitor of the Iredell County Court from 1950 to 1958 and as judge of the County Court from 1958 to 1969. In July 1969, he was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Robert W. Scott. Judge Hedrick was elected to the Court in 1970, and re-elected in 1976 and 1984. Chief Justice Joseph Branch named Judge Hedrick Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals on 3 January 1985. Chief Judge Hedrick retired from the Court in December 1992. Chief Judge Hedrick died on 18 July 2009.



R.A. HEDRICK
1969-1992



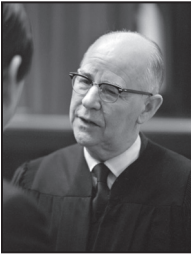
EARL W. VAUGHN
1969-1985

EARL WRAY VAUGHN was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina on 17 June 1928. He attended Pheiffer College and then served two years in the U.S. Army, serving in Korea, and earning the rank of sergeant. He attended UNC-Chapel Hill where he earned his B.A. degree in 1950. He attended UNC Law School and earned his law degree in 1952. He was admitted to the Bar in 1952 and practiced law in Greensboro until 1953 when he moved to Draper, North Carolina, where he continued practicing. He served in the state House of Representatives from the 1961 session through the 1969 session, serving as Speaker from July 1967 to July 1969. Governor Robert W. Scott appointed him to the Court of Appeals on 1 July 1969. Judge Vaughn was elected to the Court in 1970 and re-elected in 1976 and 1984. Chief Justice Joseph Branch named Judge Vaughn Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals on 3 January 1983. Chief Judge Vaughn served in that position until 2 January 1985, when he was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., as an associate justice of the Supreme Court. Justice Vaughn retired for health reasons on 1 August 1985 and died on 1 April 1986.

WILLIAM EDGAR GRAHAM, JR. was born in Jackson Springs, North Carolina. He attended UNC-Chapel Hill where he earned his A.B. degree in 1952. He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1954. He attended UNC Law School and earned his law degree in 1956 and, following his admission to the Bar in 1956, practiced law in Charlotte. He was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Robert W. Scott on 1 July 1969 and was elected to the Court in November 1970. Judge Graham resigned from the Court on 31 March 1973 to enter the legal department of Carolina Power & Light Company.



WILLIAM E. GRAHAM, JR.
1969-1973



JAMES M. BALEY, JR.
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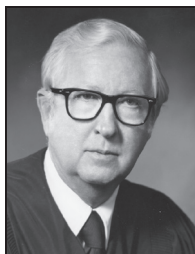
JAMES M. BALEY, JR. was born in Greensboro, North Carolina on 23 January 1912. He attended Mars Hill College and UNC-Chapel Hill where he earned his A.B. degree in 1931. He attended UNC Law School where he earned his law degree in 1933. He was admitted to the Bar in 1933 and practiced law in Marshall, North Carolina from 1933 to 1953, except for the years 1942 to 1946, when he served in the U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant Commander. He represented Madison County in the state House of Representatives in the 1937 and 1939 sessions. In 1953, he was appointed by President Eisenhower as United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, and served in that

office until 1961, when he entered the private practice of law in Asheville. On 1 May 1973, he was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge William E. Graham, Jr. In 1974, Judge Baley did not file for election to the Court of Appeals, but filed for election to the Supreme Court, and was defeated. His tenure on the Court of Appeals expired 26 November 1974. In January 1975, Judge Baley was appointed a Special Superior Court Judge and served in that capacity until he resigned in August 1978. Judge Baley died on 11 May 2003.

JAMES HOLMES CARSON, JR. was born in Charlotte, North Carolina on 14 February 1935. He attended the Darlington School in Rome, Georgia from 1949 to 1952, after which he attended UNC-Chapel Hill, where he earned his A.B. degree in 1961. He attended UNC Law School and earned his law degree in 1963. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1959 and from 1961 to 1962. After his admission to the Bar in 1963, he practiced law in Charlotte and served in the state House of Representatives during the 1967 and 1969 sessions. He was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. on 3 December 1973 to fill the vacancy created by Chief Judge Mallard's retirement. Judge Carson resigned from the Court on 17 July 1974 when Governor Holshouser appointed him as attorney general. He was defeated in the November 1974 election and re-entered private practice in Charlotte. Judge Carson died on 28 August 2015.



JAMES H. CARSON, JR.
1973-1974



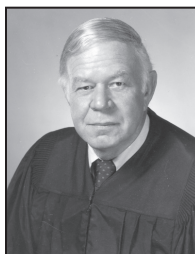
ROBERT M. MARTIN
1974-1982

ROBERT McKINNEY MARTIN was born near Conway, in Northampton County, North Carolina on 8 September 1912. He attended Wake Forest College and was admitted to the Bar in 1937. He practiced law in High Point until 1 July 1967, when he was appointed by Governor Dan K. Moore as a Special Superior Court Judge. He was re-appointed by Governor Robert W. Scott. In the 1974 Democratic primary, he became the nominee for the Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Hugh Brown Campbell who was retiring. On 29 July 1974, Judge Martin resigned as Judge of the Superior Court to accept an appointment by Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. to fill the vacancy on the Court of Appeals caused by the resignation of Judge Carson. In November 1974, he was elected to the Court. Judge Martin retired on 31 December 1982. After his retirement from the Court, he served as a Special Consultant to the Department of State Treasurer. Judge Martin died on 29 January 2006.

STANLEY GERALD ARNOLD was born in Harnett County, North Carolina. He attended Oak Ridge Military Institute and earned his A.B. degree from East Carolina University in 1963. He attended UNC Law School where he earned his law degree in 1966. Following his admission to the Bar in 1966, he entered the practice of law in Lillington, where he practiced until 1974. He served in the state House of Representatives from 1970 until 1974. In November 1974, he was elected to the Court of Appeals to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge James M. Baley, Jr. He was re-elected in 1976, 1984, and 1992. On 1 January 1993, Judge Arnold was designated by Chief Justice James G. Exum, Jr. as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. Chief Judge Arnold retired from the Court in May 1998. After his retirement, he served as Senior Vice President for Lawyers' Mutual Insurance Company of North Carolina and acted as Interim Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts.



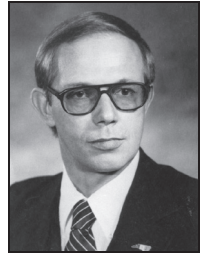
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1974-1998



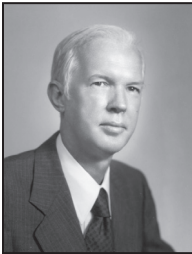
EDWARD B. CLARK
1974-1982

EDWARD BREEDEN CLARK was born on 29 January 1916 in Abbottsburg, North Carolina. He attended UNC-Chapel Hill where he earned his B.S. degree in 1936 and his law degree in 1939. Following his admission to the Bar in 1939, he entered private practice in Elizabethtown. During World War II, he served in the Infantry and Judge Advocate General Department from 1942 until 1946, earning the rank of Captain. After his military service, he continued his practice in Elizabethtown. He served as judge of the Bladen County Court for several years and in the state Senate during the 1957 and 1961 sessions. He served as a Superior Court judge from 1961 until 1974, when he was elected to the Court of Appeals to fill the seat formerly held by Judge Hugh Brown Campbell. He served as chairman of the N.C. Judicial Standards Commission from 1980 until 1982. He retired from the Court on 30 June 1982. Judge Clark died on 29 November 2000.

BURLEY BAYARD MITCHELL, JR. was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1958 to 1962. He earned his B.A. degree from N.C. State University in 1967. He attended UNC Law School where he earned his Juris Doctor in 1969. He was admitted to the Bar that same year. He served as an Assistant Attorney General of North Carolina from 1969 to 1972, when he was appointed District Attorney for the Tenth District. He was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. on 2 December 1977 as one of the new judges authorized by the 1977 General Assembly. He was elected to the Court in 1978 and resigned on 20 August 1979 to become Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. On 3 February 1982, he was appointed by Governor Hunt to the Supreme Court to succeed Justice J. Frank Huskins. He was elected to retain his seat on the Supreme Court in 1982, and was re-elected in 1984 and 1992. He was appointed Chief Justice on 3 January 1995. Chief Justice Mitchell retired from the Supreme Court on 31 August 1999 and entered private practice in Raleigh.



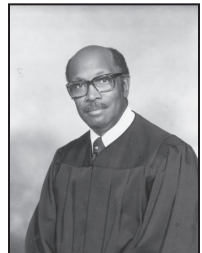
BURLEY B.
MITCHELL, JR.
1977-1979



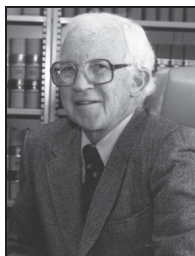
JOHN WEBB
1977-1986

JOHN WEBB was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina on 18 September 1926. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946. He attended UNC-Chapel Hill from 1946 to 1949 and, in 1952, earned his law degree from the Columbia University School of Law. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1953 and the North Carolina Bar in 1956, after which he practiced law in Wilson until 1971. He served as a Superior Court judge from 1971 to 1977, when Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. appointed him to the Court of Appeals as one of the three new judges authorized by the 1977 General Assembly. He was elected to the Court in 1978 and re-elected in 1984. On 26 November 1986, after being elected as an associate justice of the Supreme Court, he resigned from the Court of Appeals. He retired from the Supreme Court in September 1998. Justice Webb died on 18 September 2008.

RICHARD CANNON ERWIN was born in Marion, North Carolina on 23 August 1923. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 until 1946 and was a First Sergeant at the time of his discharge. He earned his B.A. degree from Johnson C. Smith University in 1947 and his law degree from the Howard University Law School in 1951. Following his admission to the Bar, he practiced law in Winston-Salem. He served in the state House of Representatives during the 1975 and 1977 sessions. On 2 December 1977, he was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to the Court of Appeals as one of the three new judges authorized by the 1977 General Assembly. He was elected in 1978, and resigned from the Court on 30 October 1980 to accept an appointment as judge of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina. Judge Erwin died 7 November 2006.



RICHARD C. ERWIN
1977-1980



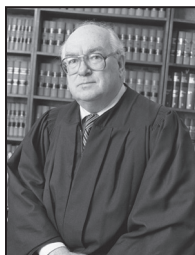
HARRY C. MARTIN
1978-1982

HARRY CORPENING MARTIN was born in Lenoir, North Carolina on 13 January 1920. After attending John B. Stetson University from 1937 to 1938, he entered UNC-Chapel Hill, where he earned his A.B. degree in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945. In 1948, he earned his law degree from Harvard University School of Law and his LL.M. degree from the University of Virginia Law School in 1982. Following his admission to the Bar in 1948, he entered the practice of law in Asheville. In 1962, he was appointed as a Special Superior Court Judge by Governor Terry Sanford and served in that capacity until 1 September 1978, when he was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to fill the vacancy created by Judge David Britt's appointment to the Supreme Court. He was elected to the Court of Appeals in 1980, and served until August 1982, when he was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Hunt to the vacancy caused by the retirement of Justice Britt. In 1982, he was elected to fill Justice Britt's term and, in 1986, was elected to a full term on the Supreme Court. Justice Martin retired from the Supreme Court in 1992. He taught at UNC School of Law until 1996 and, from 1994 to 1999, he was Chief Circuit Mediator for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. He then served as Chief Justice of the Cherokee Supreme Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Justice Martin died on 3 May 2015.

JOHN PHILLIPS CARLTON was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He earned his B.S. degree from N.C. State University in 1960 and his law degree from UNC School of Law in 1963. Following his admission to the Bar in 1963, he practiced law in Tarboro. He served as Chief Judge of the District Court from 1968 until 1977, when he was appointed Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. On 2 January 1979, he was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to the Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Walter Brock who had become a member of the Supreme Court. On 2 August 1979, he resigned from the Court of Appeals to accept an appointment to the Supreme Court. Justice Carlton retired from the Supreme Court in 1983 and entered private practice.



J. PHIL CARLTON
1979-1979

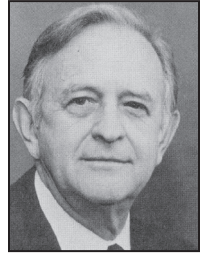


HUGH A. WELLS
1979-1994

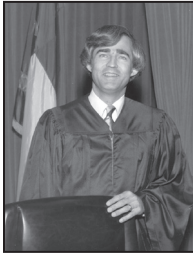
HUGH ALBERT WELLS was born in Shelby, North Carolina on 8 June 1922. After serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 until 1945, he entered UNC-Chapel Hill, where he earned his law degree in June 1952. Following his admission to the Bar in 1952, he practiced law in Shelby until 1960, in Atlanta from 1960 until 1963, and in Raleigh from 1963 until 1969. In December 1969, he was appointed by Governor Robert W. Scott to the N.C. Utilities Commission, where he served until he resigned in May 1975. He then served as Vice-President and General Counsel for the N.C. Electric Membership Corporation until June 1977. During 1976-1977, he served as counsel to the Utility Review Committee of the N.C. General Assembly. Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. appointed him as Executive Director of the Public Staff of the N.C. Utilities Commission in June 1977. In August 1979, he was appointed by Governor Hunt to the Court of Appeals to succeed

Judge Phil Carlton, who had been appointed to the Supreme Court. Judge Wells was elected to the Court in 1980, re-elected in 1982, and 1990. Judge Wells retired from the Court in 1994 to accept appointment as Chairman of the N.C. Utilities Commission. He left the Utilities Commission in 1996 and returned to Shelby. Judge Wells died on 4 December 2000.

CECIL JAMES HILL was born in Asheville, North Carolina on 20 November 1919. After attending Mars Hill College for two years, he entered UNC-Chapel Hill where he earned his B.S. degree in 1943 and his law degree in 1945. Following his admission to the Bar in 1945, he practiced law in Brevard. He served in the state Senate from 1974 until 1979. On 14 September 1979, he was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to succeed Judge Burley Mitchell, Jr. who had resigned. He was elected in 1980 and did not seek re-election in 1984. After leaving the Court, he re-entered private practice. Judge Hill died on 29 October 2002.



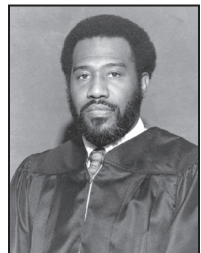
CECIL J. HILL
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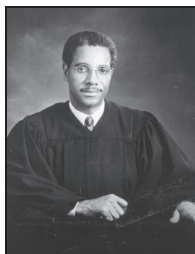
WILLIS P. WHICHARD
1980-1986

WILLIS PADGETT WHICHARD was born in Durham, North Carolina. He earned his A.B. degree at UNC-Chapel Hill in 1962 and his law degree from UNC Law School in 1965. After his admission to the Bar in 1965, he practiced law in Durham. He served in the state House of Representatives from 1970 to 1974, and in the state Senate from 1975 to 1980. On 2 September 1980, he was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to the Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Frank M. Parker, who had retired. He was elected to the Court in 1980 and re-elected in 1982. On 2 September 1986, he resigned from the Court to pursue his candidacy for justice of the Supreme Court. He was elected to the Supreme Court in November 1986 and was re-elected in 1990. Justice Whichard retired from the Supreme Court in December 1998. On 1 July 1999, he was named Dean and Professor of Law of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University. Dean Whichard retired from Campbell on 30 June 2006 and is now in private practice.

CHARLES L. BECTON was born in Morehead City, North Carolina. After earning his B.A. degree from Howard University in 1966, he entered Duke University Law School where he earned his J.D. degree in 1969. Following his admission to the Bar in 1969, he practiced law in Chapel Hill until 19 January 1981, when Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. appointed him to the Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Richard C. Erwin, who had resigned from the Court to accept appointment as a Federal District Court judge. Judge Becton was elected in 1982 to complete the unexpired term of Judge Erwin, and was elected to a full term in 1984. He earned his LL.M degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1986. Judge Becton retired from the Court in 1990 and entered private practice.



CHARLES L. BECTON
1981-1990



CLIFTON E. JOHNSON
1982-1996

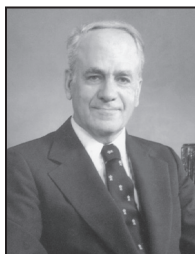
CLIFTON E. JOHNSON was born in Williamston, North Carolina on 9 December 1941. He attended North Carolina Central University and North Carolina Central University School of Law where, under the law school's combined degree program, he earned a B.A. degree in 1965 and a law degree in 1967. Following his admission to the Bar in 1967, he entered private practice in Durham. In 1969, he made history by being named Assistant Prosecutor for Mecklenburg County, the first African-American to serve in that capacity in North Carolina since the 19th Century. In the same year, appointed by Governor Robert W.

Scott, he became the first African-American to serve as District Court Judge of Mecklenburg County, ultimately serving as the first African-American Chief District Court Judge. In 1977, Judge Johnson became the first African-American Resident Superior Court Judge and served until 1982, when he was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to the North Carolina Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Harry C. Martin. He subsequently was elected to the Court in November 1982 and re-elected in 1990. While with the Court of Appeals, he was appointed by Chief Justice Exum to the North Carolina Judicial Standards Commission, serving as Chairman. Judge Johnson retired from the Court in 1996. He later served as a Recall Judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals and a North Carolina Emergency Superior Court Judge. Judge Johnson died on 25 June 2009.

EDWIN MAURICE BRASWELL was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He attended undergraduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill and earned his law degree from UNC Law School in 1950. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 until 1945. Following his admission to the Bar in 1950, he entered the practice of law in Fayetteville. He served as District Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial District from 1955 to 1962, and as Superior Court Judge for that district from 1963 until 1982. In November 1982, he was elected to the Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Edward B. Clark who did not run for re-election. Judge Braswell retired from the Court on 31 December 1984.



E. MAURICE BRASWELL
1982-1984



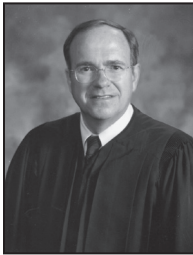
EUGENE H. PHILLIPS
1983-1991

EUGENE HAROLD PHILLIPS was born in Barnardsville, North Carolina on 5 September 1919. He attended Wake Forest College and its law school, where he earned his law degree in 1940. He earned his LL.M degree at Duke University Law School in 1946. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1941 to 1945, where he earned the rank of major. He entered the practice of law in Winston-Salem in 1946 and continued in that practice until November 1982, when he was elected to the Court of Appeals to succeed Chief Judge Naomi Morris who did not seek re-election. He retired from the Court in 1990. Judge Phillips died on 19 January 2000.

SIDNEY SMITH EAGLES, JR. was born in Asheville, North Carolina. He graduated from Gordon Military College, Barnesville, Georgia, in 1957, received his B.A. degree from Wake Forest College in 1961, and received his law degree from Wake Forest University Law School in 1964. He served on active duty in the U.S. Air Force from 1964 until 1967, and in Reserves from 1967 until his retirement in 1991, with the rank of Colonel. In 1967, he became Revisor of Statutes. He later was an Assistant Attorney General of North Carolina and held that position until 1976, when he left the Attorney General's Office to become General Counsel to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. On 2 November 1982, he was elected to the Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Robert Martin who sought election to the Supreme Court. He was re-elected in 1990 and 1998. In May 1998, he was designated Chief Judge by Chief Justice Burley Mitchell to succeed Chief Judge Gerald Arnold, who had retired. Chief Judge Eagles retired from the Court on 31 January 2004 and is currently in private practice in Raleigh.



SIDNEY S. EAGLES, JR.
1983-2004



JOHN C. MARTIN
1985-1988,
1993-2014

JOHN CHARLES MARTIN was born in Durham, North Carolina. He attended Wake Forest University and earned his B.A. degree in 1965, and Wake Forest Law School, earning his law degree in 1967. He was admitted to the Bar in 1967 and from 1967 until 1969, served in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant. He entered private practice in Durham in 1969 and practiced there until 1977. In December 1977, he became a judge of the Superior Court and served until November 1984, when he was elected to the Court of Appeals. Judge Martin resigned from the Court on 2 January 1988 to re-enter private practice in Durham. He was again elected to the Court of Appeals in November 1992 to succeed Chief Judge Robert Hedrick, who did not seek re-

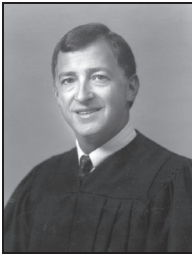
election. Judge Martin thus became the first judge to serve non-consecutive terms on the Court. He was re-elected for a second full term in November 2000. In February 2004, he was designated Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals by Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake, Jr., to succeed Chief Judge Sidney Eagles who had retired. He was re-elected without opposition to a third term in 2008. Chief Judge Martin retired in August 2014.

SARAH ELIZABETH PARKER was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. From 1960 until 1962, she attended Meredith College after which she attended UNC-Chapel Hill, where she earned her A.B. degree in 1964, and her Juris Doctor degree from UNC Law School in 1969. After being admitted to the Bar in 1969, she practiced law in Charlotte from 1969 until 1985. On 3 January 1985, she was appointed to the Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Maurice Braswell who had resigned. She was elected to the Court in November 1986, and resigned from the Court in December 1992, after being elected to the Supreme Court. Although Justice Parker was unsuccessful in the election of 1994, she was re-appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. In February 2006, Justice Parker was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court by Governor Michael F. Easley to succeed Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake, Jr., who retired.



SARAH PARKER
1985-1992

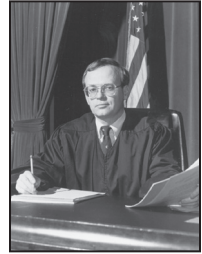
She was elected to a full term as Chief Justice in November 2006. Chief Justice Parker retired from the Supreme Court in August 2014.



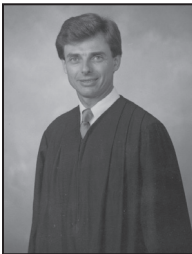
JACK L. COZORT
1985-1996

JACK LOWELL COZORT was born in Valdese, North Carolina. He earned his B.A. degree from N.C. State University in 1972 and his Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1975. He was admitted to the Bar in 1975 and served as an Associate Attorney for the Attorney General of North Carolina from 1975 until 1977. From 1977 until 1985, he served as legal counsel to Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. On 3 January 1985, he was appointed by Governor Hunt to the Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Earl Vaughn who had been appointed to the Supreme Court. In 1986, he was elected to the Court of Appeals and was re-elected in 1990. Judge Cozort retired from the Court in July 1997 and entered private practice in Raleigh.

ROBERT FLYNN ORR was born in Norfolk, Virginia. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1971. He attended UNC-Chapel Hill, where he earned his B.A. degree in 1971 and his Juris Doctor from UNC Law School in 1975. He was admitted to the Bar in 1975, and entered private practice in Asheville. During 1985 and 1986, he served as a member of the state A.B.C. Commission. On 3 September 1986, he was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor James G. Martin to succeed Judge Willis Whichard, who had resigned. He was not successful in the November 1986 election, but on 26 November 1986, he was re-appointed by Governor Martin to the Court of Appeals to succeed Judge John Webb, who had been elected to the Supreme Court. Judge Orr was elected in November 1988 to complete the unexpired term of Judge Webb and was elected to a full term in November 1992. In November 1994, Judge Orr was elected to a full term as associate justice on the Supreme Court. Justice Orr retired from the Supreme Court on 31 July 2004 and entered private practice.



ROBERT F. ORR
1986-1995



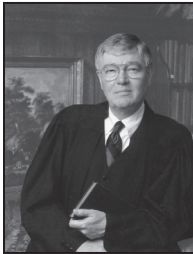
K. EDWARD GREENE
1986-2002

K. EDWARD GREENE was born in Biscoe, North Carolina. He received his B.A. degree from East Carolina University in 1966 and his Juris Doctor from the UNC Law School in 1969. He earned his LL.M. in Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1990. He was admitted to the Bar in 1969 and practiced law in Dunn from 1969 until 1979, when he became a district court judge. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1969 until 1975. He served as a district court judge until November 1986, when he was elected to the Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Robert Orr, who had been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Willis Whichard. He was re-elected to full terms in 1990 and 1998. Judge Greene retired from the Court on 31 December 2002 and is currently in private practice in Raleigh.

DONALD L. SMITH was born in Sampson County, North Carolina on 25 March 1939. After attending UNC-Chapel Hill and Pembroke State University, he attended the Wake Forest University Law School from which he earned his law degree in 1964. He was admitted to the Bar and worked with the U.S. Treasury Department for one year. For the next six years, he served the City of Raleigh as Associate City Attorney and as City Attorney. From 1971 to 1973, he was in the general practice of law in Raleigh. From 1973 until 1988, he served as a superior court judge, being appointed by Governors Holshouser, Hunt, and Martin. On 4 January 1988, he was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Martin to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge John C. Martin. He was not successful in his bid for election to the Court in the November 1988 election. In 1989, he entered private practice. He received a commission as Emergency Recall Judge in 1995. Judge Smith died on 4 January 2015.



DONALD L. SMITH
1988-1989



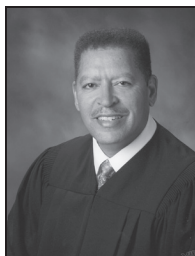
JOHN B. LEWIS, JR.
1989-2000

JOHN BAKER LEWIS, JR. was born in Farmville, North Carolina. After graduating from Farmville High School, he earned a B.A. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1958 and his law degree from UNC Law School in 1961. He was commissioned in the U.S. Naval Reserve on 13 April 1961, and remained on active duty until 16 April 1966, serving in Georgia, Japan, and Vietnam as Legal Officer of the USS Coral Sea. He retired from the Naval Reserve in 1991 as Captain. After practicing law in Farmville for sixteen years, he was appointed a superior court judge by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. in 1982, and was re-appointed by Governor James G. Martin in 1987. In 1988, he was elected to the Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Donald L. Smith and was re-elected to a full eight-year term in November 1992. Judge Lewis retired from the Court on 31 December 2000, and served as Emergency Recall Judge for the Court.

ALLYSON KAY DUNCAN was born in Durham, North Carolina. In 1972, she earned her B.A. degree from Hampton University in Virginia. In 1975, as an Earl Warren Scholar, she earned her Juris Doctor from Duke University. She was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1975 and to the Washington, D.C. Bar in 1977. From 1977 to 1978, she served as law clerk to Judge Julia C. Mack of the D.C. Court of Appeals. From 1978 to 1986, she served in legal positions with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. From 1986 to 1990, she served as Professor of Law at N.C. Central University. On 12 February 1990, she was appointed by Governor James G. Martin to the Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Charles L. Becton, who had resigned. She was the first black female to serve on the Court. She was not successful in her bid for election to the Court in November 1990. Judge Duncan was appointed by President George W. Bush to the United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, in April 2003.



ALLYSON K. DUNCAN
1990-1990

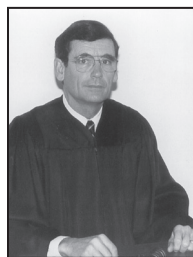


JAMES A. WYNN, JR.
1990-1998,
1999-2010

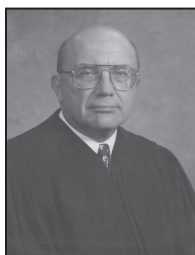
JAMES ANDREW WYNN, JR. was born in Robersonville, North Carolina. He earned his B.A. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1975 and his Juris Doctor from Marquette University Law School in 1979. He earned his LL.M. in Judicial Process from the University of Virginia Law School. He served on active duty in the Judge Advocate Generals Corps of the U.S. Navy from 1979 until 1983. He has served in the Naval Reserves since 1983, and currently holds the rank of Captain. From 1983 to 1984, he served as an Assistant Appellate Defender for the State of North Carolina. In 1984, he entered the private practice of law, practicing primarily in Wilson and Greenville, until November 1990, when he was elected to the Court of Appeals to succeed

Judge Allyson Duncan. He was elected to a full term in November 1992. In 1998, he was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to fulfill the unexpired term of Justice John Webb. After an unsuccessful bid for election to the Supreme Court, he was re-appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Hunt. He was elected to a full term of the Court of Appeals in November 2000. Judge Wynn was appointed by President Barack Obama to the United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, in August 2010.

RALPH A. WALKER was born in Morganton, North Carolina. He attended Wake Forest University and its law school, earning his B.A. degree in 1958, and his law degree in 1963. He served in the U.S. Army and the N.C. National Guard from 1958 to 1961. Following his admission to the Bar in 1963, he practiced law in Greensboro and served as County Attorney for Guilford County, Judge of the Domestic Relations Court, and Superior Court Judge. In October 1991, he was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor James G. Martin to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Judge Eugene Phillips, and served through 1992. He was elected to the Court in November 1994 to succeed Judge Hugh Wells, and served until 2002. He then served as Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts until his retirement from that position in 2008. Currently, Judge Walker is a mediator, an arbitrator, an Emergency Superior Court Judge, and a Court of Appeals Emergency Recall Judge.



RALPH A. WALKER
1991-1992,
1995-2002



JOSEPH R. JOHN, SR.
1993-2000

JOSEPH R. JOHN, SR. was born in East Chicago, Indiana. He attended Belmont Abbey College (1958), UNC-Chapel Hill (1960), University of Paris, France (1962-63), University of Heidelberg, Germany (1964), UNC-Chapel Hill (M.A. 1967), and UNC-Chapel Hill (Juris Doctor 1967). He has practiced in Greensboro and has served both as Assistant District Attorney and Chief Assistant District Attorney for the 18th Judicial District. He has served as a District Court Judge and as Chief District Court Judge in the 18th Judicial District and was Resident Superior Court Judge for the 18th Judicial District. In 1992, he was elected to the Court of Appeals and served until his retirement on 1 September 2000. He then served as Emergency Recall Judge for the Court. In 2011, Judge John was named Director of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation crime lab by Attorney General Roy Cooper. He was elected to the N.C. House of Representatives in 2016.

ELIZABETH GORDON McCRODDEN was born in Hamlet, North Carolina. She received her A.B. degree from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in 1966, and her Juris Doctor from UNC Law School in 1977, and was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1977. She received her M.A. in History from North Carolina State University in 2001. She served as research assistant to the North Carolina Court of Appeals, as Staff Attorney to the North Carolina Court of Appeals, as Chief Deputy Commissioner on the North Carolina Industrial Commission, as Assistant Attorney General, and as Adjunct Professor at Peace College. She was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in February 1993 and served as a judge on the Court of Appeals until December 1994. Judge McCrodden was not elected in the 1994 election and entered private practice.



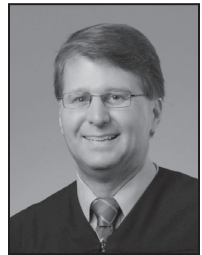
ELIZABETH GORDON
McCRODDEN
1993-1994



SYDNOR THOMPSON
1994-1994

SYDNOR THOMPSON was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1924. He received his B.A. degree in 1947 from Syracuse University and his LL.B. degree from Harvard University in 1950. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1952 and the North Carolina Bar in 1956. He began his legal career in New York City and later practiced law in Charlotte. He was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in 1994. He was unsuccessful in the 1994 election and returned to private practice in Charlotte. Judge Thompson died on 27 January 2015.

MARK D. MARTIN received his B.S. and B.A. degrees from Western Carolina University, his Juris Doctor from UNC Law School, and an LL.M. in Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law. His professional, legal, and judicial experiences include Law Clerk in the United States District Court, private law practice, Legal Counsel to North Carolina Governor James G. Martin, and Resident Superior Court Judge in Judicial District 3A from 1992 to 1994. In 1994, Judge Martin was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He was elected as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of North Carolina in November 1998 and was re-elected in 2006. In 2014, he was elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.



MARK D. MARTIN
1994-1999



LINDA M. MCGEE
1995-PRESENT

LINDA M. MCGEE was born in Marion, North Carolina. She received her B.A. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1971 and her Juris Doctor from UNC Law School in 1973. She served as the first Executive Director to the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers from 1973 to 1978. She practiced law and was a partner in a law firm in Boone for seventeen years. She was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1995 by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. Judge McGee was elected to an eight-year term in 1996, and was re-elected in 2004 and 2012. On 1 August 2014, she was sworn in as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

PATRICIA TIMMONS-GOODSON was born in Florence, South Carolina. She received her B.A. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1976 and her Juris Doctor from UNC Law School in 1979. She was an Assistant District Attorney, Twelfth Prosecutorial District, and Staff Attorney with Lumbee River Legal Services. She served as a District Court Judge, Twelfth Judicial District, from 17 September 1984 to 20 February 1997. On 21 February 1997, she was appointed to the North Carolina Court of Appeals by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. and served until 2005. In February 2006, she was appointed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina by Governor Michael F. Easley and was elected in November 2006 to a full term. She retired from the Supreme Court in 2012. In 2014, Justice Timmons-Goodson was appointed by President Barack Obama to the United States Commission on Civil Rights.



PATRICIA
TIMMONS-GOODSON
1997-2005



CLARENCE E.
HORTON, JR.
1998-2000

CLARENCE E. HORTON, JR. was born in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. He received his A.B. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1962 and his law degree from UNC School of Law in 1965, and entered into private practice in Kannapolis. In 1966 and 1967, he served as Judge of the Cabarrus County Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court. In 1981, he was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to the District Court bench and served until 31 December 1997, when Governor Hunt appointed him to the Court of Appeals. Judge Horton lost his 1998 election, but was appointed by Governor Michael F. Easley to a vacancy on the Court of Appeals, where he served until 2000. Judge Horton then served as a Special Superior Court Judge until his retirement on 31 December 2004. Thereafter, he served as an Emergency Superior Court judge until May 2012. Judge Horton continues to enjoy serving as a mediator and arbitrator.

ROBERT C. HUNTER was born in Marion, North Carolina. He received his B.A. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1966, and his Juris Doctor from UNC Law School in 1969. He attended the National Judicial College in 1999 for the appellate judge course. He served as both Assistant District Attorney and County Attorney for McDowell County, and was in private practice in Marion. He represented the 49th House District in the North Carolina General Assembly. In July 1998, he was appointed to the North Carolina Court of Appeals by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., and was elected in November 1998 and re-elected in 2006. Judge Hunter retired from the Court on 31 December 2014 and currently serves as a member of the Supreme Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.



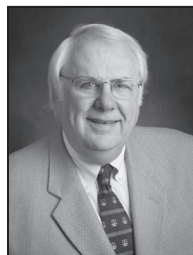
ROBERT C. HUNTER
1998-2014



ROBERT H.
EDMUNDS, JR.
1999-2000

ROBERT HOLT EDMUNDS, JR. was born in Danville, Virginia. He attended Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, from 1967 to 1969, and Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York, where he received his B.A. degree in 1971. In 1975, he received his Juris Doctor from UNC Law School. He has served as an Assistant District Attorney, Eighteenth Judicial District, Guilford County; as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina; and as the United States Attorney for the Middle District. He was also engaged in private practice. He was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in 1998. In November 2000, he was elected as associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, and was re-elected in 2008 and served until 2016.

JAMES C. FULLER, JR. was born in Salisbury, North Carolina. He received his B.A. degree from Davidson College in 1965 and his Juris Doctor from the UNC Law School in 1971. He served as Law Clerk to Chief Justice Susie M. Sharp before entering private practice. In August 2000, he was appointed to the Court of Appeals and served for the remainder of that year. Judge Fuller was not successful in the 2000 election and is currently in private practice in Davidson.



JAMES C. FULLER
2000-2000



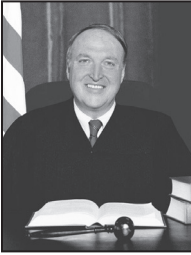
J. DOUGLAS
McCULLOUGH
2001-2008,
2011-2017

JOHN DOUGLAS McCULLOUGH was born in Tyler, Texas. He received his A.B. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1967 and his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1970. He served on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1970-74 and was in the Marine Reserves from 1974 until his retirement in 1998 with the rank of Colonel. He then worked as a prosecutor with the Philadelphia Organized Crime Strike Force. He was counsel to the Senate Ethics Committee and was Counsel to a United States Senator. He worked with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of North Carolina, serving as Acting U.S. Attorney twice, after which he entered private practice. After being elected in 2000, Judge McCullough took the oath of office on 9 February 2001 as Judge on the Court of Appeals. He was unsuccessful in his bid for re-election in 2008, but was re-elected to the Court in 2010. Judge McCullough resigned on 24 April 2017.

ROBIN E. HUDSON was born in DeKalb County, Georgia. She received her B.A. degree from Yale University in 1973 and her Juris Doctor from UNC School of Law in 1976. She was in private practice in Raleigh and Durham and served as an assistant appellate defender. She was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in November 2000. She served on the North Carolina Court of Appeals from January 2001 until 2006, when she was elected to the North Carolina Supreme Court. She was re-elected to the Supreme Court in 2014.



ROBIN E. HUDSON
2001-2006

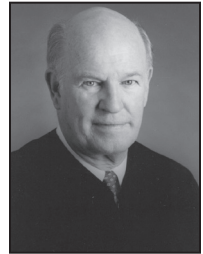


JOHN M. TYSON
2001-2009,
2015-PRESENT

JOHN MARSH TYSON was born in Cumberland County, North Carolina. He received his B.A. from UNC-Wilmington in 1974 and his Juris Doctor from Campbell University School of Law Cum Laude as a member of the Charter Class in 1979. He attended the London School of Economics and Political Science through Notre Dame Law School in 1977; and received graduate degrees from Duke University, Fuqua School of Business, MBA, in 1988; and the University of Virginia School of Law, LL.M., Masters of Law in Judicial Process, in 2004. Judge Tyson taught in public schools and teaches law at Campbell University School of Law. He practiced law through 2000, when he was elected to the Court of Appeals and served until 2009. Judge Tyson served as a

Court of Appeals Emergency Recall Judge, and Emergency Superior Court Judge from 2009-2013, Arbitrator and Mediator, and as Chairman of the State Ethics Commission in 2013-2014 prior to being re-elected to the Court of Appeals in 2014. He holds the designation of Board Certified Specialist – Real Property Law – Business, Commercial, and Industrial Transactions by the North Carolina State Bar, and is the only North Carolina judge so certified. Judge Tyson is a frequent continuing legal education author and presenter.

HUGH B. CAMPBELL, JR. was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. He received his B.A. from Davidson College in 1959 and his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1962. His other educational experiences include University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Case Manager (judicial officer); Duke University Private Adjudication Center (mediation training and certification); and Harvard University (advanced mediation training). Judge Campbell was in private practice in Charlotte before being appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to the Court of Appeals in 2001, where he served through 2002. Judge Hugh B. Campbell, Jr. and his father, Judge Hugh B. Campbell, Sr., were the first son and father to serve as judges on the Court of Appeals. Judge Campbell was unsuccessful in the 2002 election. He went on to serve as a District Court Judge in Mecklenburg County. Judge Campbell died on 11 September 2015.



HUGH B.
CAMPBELL, JR.
2001-2002



ALBERT S. THOMAS, JR.
2001-2002

ALBERT S. THOMAS, JR. was born in Wilson, North Carolina. He graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1971 with an A.B. degree and received his Juris Doctor from UNC Law School in 1975. He was in private practice before serving as a District Court Judge and later as Chief District Court Judge of the Seventh Judicial District. He was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to the Court of Appeals in 2001, where he served through 2002. Judge Thomas did not seek re-election in 2002 and is currently in private practice in Wilson.

LORETTA C. BIGGS was born in Atlanta, Georgia. She received her B.A. degree from Spelman College in 1976 and her Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law in 1979. She worked as Staff Counsel with the Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta, Georgia, and as an assistant district attorney, Twenty-first District of North Carolina, and as Executive Assistant, United States Attorney, Middle District of North Carolina. She was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to the Court of Appeals in 2001, where she served through 2002. She was not successful in the 2002 election and returned to private practice in Winston-Salem. In 2014, Judge Biggs was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as a United States District Court Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.



LORETTA COPELAND
BIGGS
2001-2002



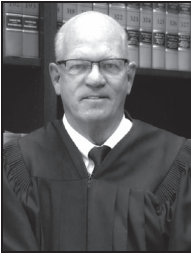
WANDA G. BRYANT
2001-PRESENT

WANDA G. BRYANT was born in Brunswick County, North Carolina. She received her B.A. from Duke University in 1977 and her Juris Doctor from North Carolina Central University School of Law in 1982. She was in private practice briefly before becoming the first female and first African American Assistant District Attorney in the Thirteenth Prosecutorial District (Brunswick, Bladen, and Columbus counties). She was Legal Counsel at the Police Executive Research Forum before serving as Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. For eight years she served as Senior Deputy Attorney General in the Office of the North Carolina Attorney General. Judge Bryant was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Michael Easley in March 2001 and re-appointed in December 2002 after an unsuccessful bid for election. She was elected to a full eight-year term in November 2004, and re-elected in November 2012. In 2014, Judge Bryant became Chair of the North Carolina Judicial Standards Commission.

ANN MARIE CALABRIA was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. She received a Certificate of Proficiency in Dental Hygiene in 1967 from the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine, Philadelphia, her B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1977, and her Juris Doctor from Campbell University School of Law in 1983. Her judicial education includes the School for District Court Judges at the Institute of Government where she was certified as a Juvenile Court Judge and the National Judicial College. She practiced law in Fayetteville and Cary, NC. Prior to her election to the Court of Appeals, she served as a District Court Judge in Judicial District Ten, Wake County. She was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in November 2002, re-elected in November 2010, and has served as a Mediator for the Court of Appeals cases since 2003.



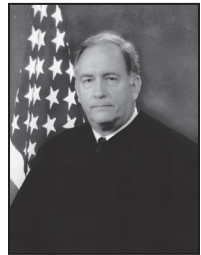
ANN MARIE CALABRIA
2003-PRESENT



RICHARD A. ELMORE
2003-PRESENT

RICHARD ALLEN ELMORE was born and raised in Greensboro, North Carolina where he attended the public schools. He received his B.A. from Guilford College in 1974, and thereafter was employed with the N.C. Department of Correction and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He received his Juris Doctor from North Carolina Central University School of Law in 1982, where he served on the Law Review, and was licensed to practice law that same year. He practiced law in Greensboro for twenty years, with emphasis in the areas of criminal defense and real property. In 2002, he was elected to the Court of Appeals, and in 2010 was re-elected to another eight-year term.

SANFORD L. STEELMAN, JR. was born in Elmhurst, Illinois. He received his B.A. degree from Davidson College in 1973 and his Juris Doctor from UNC Law School in 1976. He also studied at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, England from 1971 to 1972. His judicial education includes the School for Superior Court Judges, Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, and the National Judicial College, General Jurisdiction Course. He practiced law in Monroe and served as Resident Superior Court Judge and Senior Resident Superior Court Judge in Judicial District 20B, Stanly and Union Counties. Judge Steelman was elected to the Court of Appeals in November 2002 and ran unopposed for re-election in 2010. He retired from the Court in July 2015.



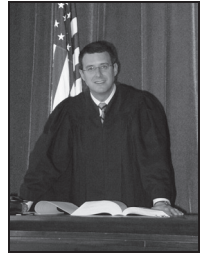
SANFORD L. STEELMAN
2003-2015



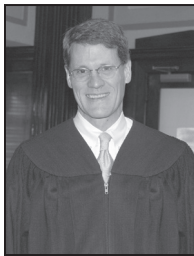
MARTHA GEER
2003-2016

MARTHA GEER was born in Grinnell, Iowa. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1980 summa cum laude with honors in Sociology and received her J.D. with high honors in 1983 from the University of North Carolina School of Law, where she was a Morehead Fellow and also served as Managing Editor of the North Carolina Law Review. She subsequently was a complex civil litigator in private practice for 19 years, including as an associate with the New York firm of Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison. In 1986, she returned to North Carolina where she ultimately became a founding partner of Patterson, Harkavy & Lawrence. She was included in Best Lawyers in America in 2002 and was named as one of the Legal Elite by Business North Carolina in 2002 and 2003. She was elected to the Court of Appeals in 2002 and re-elected in 2010. In May 2016, Judge Geer returned to private practice, joining Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll, PLLC, a national firm, to head their new North Carolina office as its Managing Partner.

ERIC L. LEVINSON was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Georgia in 1989 and his Juris Doctor from the UNC Law School in 1992. He was an assistant district attorney in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties and was a District Court Judge in the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District of North Carolina. He was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in November 2002 and served on the Court until his resignation in 2007. He then served in Iraq as Senior United States Justice Department Official. Judge Levinson currently serves as a superior court judge in the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District.



ERIC L. LEVINSON
2003-2007



ALAN Z. THORNBURG
2004-2004

ALAN Z. THORNBURG was born in Sylva, North Carolina. He received his B.A. degree from Davidson College in 1989 and his Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University Law School in 1996. He served as Legislative Aide to U.S. Senator Terry Sanford, Washington D.C., and as Law Clerk for the Honorable Sam J. Ervin, III, U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, Morganton, North Carolina, and Richmond, Virginia. He then entered private practice. He was appointed by Governor Michael F. Easley to the Court of Appeals in 2004 to fill the vacancy of Chief Judge Sidney Eagles who had retired. Judge Thornburg lost the 2004 election. Judge Thornburg served as an administrator at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. Governor Easley appointed Judge Thornburg to the Superior Court bench in 2009 and he was elected to a full term in 2010.

BARBARA A. JACKSON received her B.A. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1984 and her Juris Doctor from UNC Law School in 1990. She received her LL.M. from Duke University Law School in 2014. She was in private practice in Raleigh, served as General Counsel for the North Carolina Department of Labor, and served as Associate General Counsel for two North Carolina Governors. She was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in November 2004. She left the Court of Appeals in 2010, when she was elected to the North Carolina Supreme Court.



BARBARA A. JACKSON
2005-2010



LINDA STEPHENS
2006-2016

LINDA STEPHENS was born in Woodruff, South Carolina. She received her B.A. from the University of South Carolina in 1973 and her Juris Doctor from UNC School of Law in 1979. She was a Research Assistant at the Court of Appeals, served as a deputy commissioner of the North Carolina Industrial Commission for four years, and then was in private practice in Raleigh for 21 years. In January 2006, Governor Michael F. Easley appointed Judge Stephens to the North Carolina Court of Appeals to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge (later Justice) Patricia Timmons-Goodson. Judge Stephens was unsuccessful in her election in 2006, but was re-appointed to the Court by Governor Easley to fill the unexpired term of Judge Robin Hudson who had been elected to the Supreme Court. Judge Stephens was elected to a full eight-year term on

the Court of Appeals in 2008. She was unsuccessful in her bid for re-election in 2016 and retired from the Court.

DONNA S. STROUD was born in Kinston, North Carolina. She is a graduate of Campbell University, summa cum laude, with a BA in Government in 1985, and a graduate of the Campbell University School of Law, with a J.D. magna cum laude in 1988. She practiced law as an associate and later as a partner with Kirk, Gay, Kirk, Gwynn & Howell in Wendell, Wake County, N.C. from 1988 until 1995; she was then a founding partner of Gay, Stroud & Jackson, LLP, where she continued to practice until her election as a District Court Judge in Wake County in 2004. While in private practice, Judge Stroud was also a certified Superior Court mediator and a District Court arbitrator. Judge Stroud served as a Family Court Judge while on the District Court. She was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in November 2006 and re-elected without opposition in 2014. After joining the Court of Appeals in 2007, Judge Stroud began teaching as an Adjunct Professor at Campbell University School of Law in 2008, teaching Judicial Process and Juvenile Law. In May 2014, she graduated from the Duke University School of Law LL.M. program in Judicial Studies as a member of its charter class.



DONNA S. STROUD
2007-PRESENT



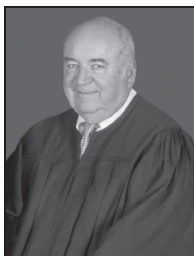
JOHN S. ARROWOOD
2007-2008,
2017-PRESENT

JOHN S. ARROWOOD received his B.A. degree from Catawba College in 1979 and his Juris Doctor from UNC Law School in 1982. He has worked as a Research Assistant and as Staff Attorney / Senior Staff Attorney / Staff Director at the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He has been engaged in the private practice of law and has served as a Special Superior Court Judge. He was appointed to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in 2007 by Governor Michael F. Easley. Judge Arrowood ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the Court of Appeals in 2008 and in 2014. He was appointed by Governor Roy Cooper on 24 April 2017 to fill the vacancy of Judge J. Douglas McCullough.

CHERI BEASLEY received her B.A. degree from Rutgers University in 1988 and her Juris Doctor from the University of Tennessee College of Law. She worked as an Assistant Public Defender in the Twelfth Judicial District from 1994 until 1999. In 1999, she became a District Court Judge in the Twelfth Judicial District. She was elected to the Court of Appeals in 2008. In December 2012, Governor Beverly Perdue appointed Judge Beasley to the North Carolina Supreme Court to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson. Justice Beasley was elected to a full eight-year term on the Supreme Court in November 2014.



CHERI BEASLEY
2009-2014



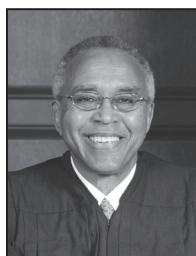
ROBERT N. HUNTER, JR.
2009-2014,
2015-PRESENT

ROBERT N. HUNTER, JR. was born in Greensboro, North Carolina. He attended UNC-Chapel Hill, receiving his B.A. in 1969 and his Juris Doctor in 1973. He served as Deputy Attorney General in 1974. Judge Hunter served as Chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Elections from 1985-1989. For over thirty-five years, Judge Hunter practiced law in Greensboro. He received his L.L.M. in Judicial Studies from Duke University School of Law in 2014. Judge Hunter has taught law as an adjunct professor at UNC-Greensboro, Elon Law School, Wake Forest Law School, and North Carolina Central Law School. He was elected to the Court of Appeals in November 2008. In August 2014, he was appointed by Governor Pat McCrory to the North Carolina Supreme Court to fill the vacancy created by Justice Mark Martin’s appointment to the Chief Justice seat. He was unsuccessful in the 2014 election for that Supreme Court seat, and was subsequently re-appointed to the Court of Appeals. Judge Hunter was elected to the Court of Appeals in 2016.

SAMUEL JAMES ERVIN, IV was born in Morganton, North Carolina. He received his A.B. degree from Davidson College in 1978 and his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School in 1981. From 1981 until 1999, he practiced law in Morganton. In 1999, he was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. He was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in November 2008. Judge Ervin served on the Court of Appeals until 2014, when he was elected to the North Carolina Supreme Court.



SAMUEL J. ERVIN, IV
2009-2014



CRESSIE H.
THIGPEN, JR.
2010-2012

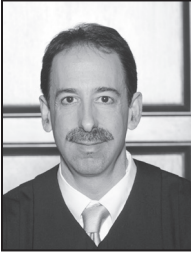
CRESSIE H. THIGPEN, JR. received his B.S. degree from North Carolina Central University in 1966 and his Juris Doctor from Rutgers University in 1973. In 1999, he was elected president of the North Carolina State Bar. In August 2010, he was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Beverly Perdue to fill the vacancy created by Judge James Wynn’s appointment to the federal bench. Judge Thigpen’s term expired at the end of 2010, but he was re-appointed by Governor Perdue on 3 January 2011 to replace Judge Barbara Jackson on the Court of Appeals. Judge Thigpen ran unsuccessfully for re-election in November 2012. He is currently in private practice in Raleigh.

CHRIS DILLON is a “double Tar Heel,” having earned his B.S. in Business Administration and his J.D. from the University of North Carolina. Following law school, Judge Dillon worked in private practice for a number of years in Raleigh, focusing on administrative, business, and real estate law. In the late 1990s, he earned a broker’s license from the North Carolina Real Estate Commission and worked as a commercial real estate entrepreneur in the Raleigh area. In 2006, Judge Dillon helped start a community bank where he served as a Senior



CHRIS DILLON
2013-PRESENT

Vice President. In 2011, he returned to private practice, representing a number of small business owners, professionals, and a state occupational licensing board. In 2012, Judge Dillon was elected to an eight-year term on the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He currently serves on the North Carolina Bar Association's Medico-Legal Liaison Committee and Lawyer Referral Service Committee, and on the Friends of the NC Museum of Natural Sciences Board of Directors. Judge Dillon and his wife, Ann, are both the youngest of five children, and they live in Raleigh with their five children: Sally (19), Matt (18), Anna (16), Molly (16), and Sam (13).



MARK DAVIS
2013-PRESENT

MARK A. DAVIS was appointed to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in 2012 and was elected to a full eight-year term in 2014. He served as a Special Deputy Attorney General in the North Carolina Department of Justice for five years. He spent thirteen years as an attorney at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice where he was a member of the firm in the Litigation Section. He also served as General Counsel in the Office of the Governor for approximately two years. Judge Davis received his law degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law and served on the North Carolina Law Review. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Upon graduation from law school, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Franklin T. Dupree, Jr. in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Judge Davis has been active in the North Carolina Bar Association, serving on the Appellate Rules Committee and the Bench-Bar Liaison Committee. He is a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

LISA C. BELL received her B.A. degree from Wake Forest University and her Juris Doctor from UNC Law School. Judge Bell practiced family law until 1998, when she was elected as a District Court Judge for the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District. In 2009, Chief Justice Sarah Parker appointed Judge Bell as Chief District Court Judge. In March 2013, Judge Bell was appointed to serve as a Special Superior Court Judge. In August 2014, Judge Bell was appointed by Governor Pat McCrory to serve on the North Carolina Court of Appeals to fill the vacant seat of Chief Judge John C. Martin. Judge Bell served on the Court of Appeals until 31 December 2014. She now serves as a Special Superior Court Judge.



LISA C. BELL
2014-2014



RICHARD D. DIETZ
2014-PRESENT

RICHARD D. DIETZ grew up in rural Pennsylvania. Judge Dietz earned his bachelor's degree from Shippensburg University and his Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University School of Law. After law school, Judge Dietz clerked for Judge Samuel Wilson on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia and Judge Emory Widener on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Following his clerkships, Judge Dietz served as a research scholar in comparative law at Kyushu University in Japan. He began his private law practice with Covington & Burling in Washington D.C. and later joined the Appellate &

Supreme Court team at Kilpatrick Stockton in Winston-Salem. He was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor McCrory in August 2014 and was elected to an eight-year term in 2016.

LUCY INMAN was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Thomas Inman, a newspaper reporter, and Lucy Daniels Inman, a fiction writer. She grew up in Raleigh and received all her education in North Carolina public schools and universities. She earned her bachelor's degree in English from North Carolina State University in 1984. She earned her Juris Doctor from UNC School of Law in 1990. She published two notes in the North Carolina Law Review, where she also served as an articles editor. Following college and through law school, Judge Inman worked as a newspaper reporter. After law school, she served as a law clerk for North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice James G. Exum, Jr. Judge Inman practiced civil litigation in private firms in Los Angeles, California from 1992 to 2000, and in Raleigh from 2000 until 2010. She was appointed as Special Superior Court Judge by Governor Beverly Perdue in 2010, and presided in civil and criminal trials across North Carolina through 2014. In November 2014, Judge Inman was elected to an eight-year term on the Court of Appeals. Judge Inman currently serves on the education committee of the Appellate Judges Education Institute. She also serves on the board of directors of BarCARES.



LUCY N. INMAN
2015-PRESENT



VALERIE J. ZACHARY
2015-PRESENT

VALERIE J. ZACHARY was born in Dayton, Ohio. Judge Zachary received her Juris Doctor cum laude from the Harvard Law School in 1987. In 1984, Judge Zachary obtained her Bachelor of Arts with honors in Multidisciplinary Studies (with concentrations in French, Economics, and Political Science) from Michigan State University. While at Harvard Law School, Judge Zachary was employed as a research assistant by Professor Laurence H. Tribe, assisting in the review and revision of the second edition of Professor Tribe's treatise American Constitutional Law. Upon graduating from law school in 1987, Judge Zachary joined the litigation team of the Charlotte firm Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman (now K & L Gates). In 1989, Judge Zachary returned to Yadkin County to marry her husband, Lee Zachary, and practiced law for 26 years at Zachary Law Offices in Yadkinville, where she was a partner. In July 2015, Judge Zachary was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Pat McCrory to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Sanford L. Steelman, Jr. and won her election in 2016 to serve an eight-year term.

WENDY M. ENOCHS received her B.S. degree in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1988 and her Juris Doctor from the Campbell University School of Law in 1991. Judge Enochs was an Assistant District Attorney in Guilford County from 1991 until 1994, when she was elected as a District Court Judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District. In 2011, Chief Justice Sarah Parker appointed Judge Enochs as Chief District Court Judge. In August 2016, Governor Pat McCrory appointed



WENDY M. ENOCHS
2016-2016

Judge Enochs to serve on the North Carolina Court of Appeals to fill the vacant seat of Judge Martha Geer. Judge Enochs resides in Greensboro with her husband Robert, an Assistant District Attorney in Guilford County, and their son, Henry.



PHILIP E. BERGER, JR.
2017-PRESENT

PHILIP EDWARD BERGER, JR. was born in Danville, Virginia on March 26, 1972. He graduated from UNC-Wilmington in 1994 with a B.A. in History. He earned his law degree from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1999. From 1999 through 2006, he was in private practice, working most of that time with his father and brother at The Berger Law Firm. In 2006, he was elected District Attorney in the 17-A Prosecutorial District and was re-elected in 2010. In 2014, he served as President of the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys. From 2015-2016, he was an Administrative Law Judge with the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings. He was elected to the Court of Appeals in 2016.

HUNTER MURPHY was born in Arizona on 24 January 1981, to Jeff and Melonie Murphy. Judge Murphy was raised in Waynesville, North Carolina with two brothers, Kyle and Blake, and was a Varsity Swimmer at Tuscola High School. He received his B.A. in Economics and Religious Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2003 and his J.D. from the University of the Pacific – McGeorge School of Law in 2006. From 2006 to 2012, Judge Murphy was a partner at Ridenour, Murphy & Goss, and a solo practitioner at Hunter Murphy Law, PC from 2012 to 2016. He is a member of the North Carolina State Bar, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Bar, the Federal District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, and the North Carolina Bar Association (Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, and Appellate Law sections). Judge Murphy married his wife, Kellie, in 2009, and is the proud father of twins, Brayden and Eden. In his free time, he enjoys coaching Little League, attending sporting events, and spending time with his wife, children, and their four dogs.



HUNTER MURPHY
2017-PRESENT

*Courtroom
of the
North Carolina
Court of Appeals
Building*



SUPPORT STAFF OF THE COURT

THE COURT OF APPEALS HAS A DEDICATED, TALENTED SUPPORT STAFF WHO ASSIST THE COURT IN CARRYING OUT THE WORK OF THE COURT AND ITS CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES. THESE STAFF MEMBERS INCLUDE THE CLERK OF COURT AND STAFF MEMBERS, DIRECTOR OF STAFF COUNSEL AND STAFF MEMBERS. OTHERS WHO SUPPORT THE COURT OR WHOSE OFFICE IS LOCATED IN THE COURT BUILDING INCLUDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, PRINT SHOP, LIBRARIAN, AND COURT REPORTER OF DECISIONS. THE OFFICE OF THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION IS ALSO LOCATED IN THE COURT BUILDING.

Clerk of the Court of Appeals

THEODORE C. BROWN, JR.	1967-1976
FRANCIS E. DAIL	1976-1993
JOHN H. CONNELL	1993-2015
DANIEL M. HORNE, JR.	2015-PRESENT

THEODORE CECIL BROWN, JR. was born in Ashland, Kentucky on 30 June 1933. He graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law in June 1959, and was a Staff Attorney with the N.C. Attorney General's Office until August 1967. He served as the first Clerk of the North Carolina Court of Appeals taking office in September 1967, and served in that capacity until January of 1976, at which time he resigned to become a Staff Attorney with the N.C. Utilities Commission. He died on 5 November 2003.

FRANCIS EARL DAIL was born in Kinston, North Carolina. He attended High Point University where he received his A.B. in 1963, and attended Wake Forest University School of Law where he received his Juris Doctor in 1973. He was admitted to the Bar in 1973. From 1964 to 1968, he served in the U.S. Army. He entered private law practice in 1973 in Pinehurst and practiced there until 1975 at which time he was employed by Lawyers Title Insurance Company in Raleigh. In 1976, he was appointed Clerk of the North Carolina Court of Appeals by the Court and served in that capacity until January 1993, at which time he was appointed Administrative Counsel to the Court. He retired from the Court in April 2008.

JOHN HEWLETTE CONNELL was born in Augusta, Georgia, six minutes before his twin brother Michael. He graduated from high school in Macon, Georgia in 1977, from UNC Chapel Hill in 1981 with a B.A., and in 1985 with a Juris Doctor. He practiced law in Raleigh for one year before joining the Court of Appeals as its Assistant Clerk in 1986. In January 1993, he became the Clerk of Court. He retired from the Court in October 2015.

DANIEL M. HORNE, JR. was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He graduated from Campbell University, receiving his B.S. in 1980. He attended law school at the University of North Carolina, receiving his Juris Doctor in 1990. He began his work with the Court of Appeals in 1990 as law clerk to Judge Gerald Arnold (later Chief Judge). After his clerkship, he remained with the Court as a member of the Office of Staff Counsel, becoming Assistant Director in 1999. In 2008, Chief Judge John C. Martin named him Administrative Counsel to the Court. In November 2015, he was appointed Clerk of the Court of Appeals.

Director of Office of Staff Counsel

LESLIE HOLLOWELL DAVIS

1989-PRESENT

LESLIE HOLLOWELL DAVIS was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. She attended UNC Chapel Hill, where she received her undergraduate degree in 1979 and her law degree in 1982. After a brief stint working in private practice in Durham, she became a staff attorney for the North Carolina Court of Appeals in May 1983. At that time, each judge only had one research assistant, and the staff attorneys were rotated among the judges and assigned to serve as a second research assistant in addition to performing staff attorney duties. When the Court transitioned to having two research assistants per judge in 1985, Leslie became a permanent research assistant for the Honorable Hugh A. Wells. In May 1986, she left the Court to become a staff attorney for the North Carolina General Assembly, working in the Research Division. She returned to the Court in August 1989 to serve in the newly created position of Director of Central Staff (now "Office of Staff Counsel").



Court of Appeals Building Exterior, 1914

The Court of Appeals is located in a building directly across the street from the State Capitol in downtown Raleigh. The Court building was constructed in 1913, and over the years, the building housed the State Library, the Supreme Court, and the Utilities Commission. The Court of Appeals first moved into part of the building in 1967 and now occupies all four floors. The first floor is occupied by the Office of the Clerk and the Office of Staff Counsel, both of which are important to the work of the Court of Appeals. The upper floors are occupied by the Courtroom, the Library, and chambers for the fifteen judges. The basement level is occupied by the Print Shop for both appellate courts, along with court files.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COURT

THIS HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY MARKS A FOUNDATIONAL MILESTONE WITHIN NORTH CAROLINA'S JUDICIAL BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND WILL PROVIDE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS TO REFLECT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RULE OF LAW AND THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.



In January 2016, Chief Justice Mark Martin announced upcoming milestone anniversaries of the Judicial Branch, and his intention for the Judicial Branch and North Carolina citizens to join him in celebrating each one between 2016 and 2019.

Between 2016 and 2019, North Carolina will celebrate the 50th anniversaries of the unified court system, the District Court, the Court of Appeals, and the Administrative Office of the Courts; the 200th anniversary of the Supreme Court; and the 240th anniversary of the Superior Court.

“These are important milestones for North Carolina. Our courts process nearly three million cases each year – cases that help keep our citizens safe, our economy vibrant, and our rights and liberties secure,” said Chief Justice Martin. “I invite every North Carolinian to join in this celebration by learning more about North Carolina’s Judicial Branch and the importance of courts.”

These important milestones for our court system, including the 50th anniversary of the Court of Appeals, are great opportunities for North Carolinians to reflect on the importance of the rule of law and the fair and impartial administration of justice. During this time of celebration, events will occur across the state to educate North Carolinians on the history of our court system, to engage them in the celebration of these momentous milestones, and to encourage them to join with court officials and staff in thinking strategically about the future of our courts and the pursuit of justice.

In 2017, the North Carolina Court of Appeals celebrated 50 years of upholding law and justice for all North Carolinians through the appellate system. The court is made up of 15 accomplished judges who have been elected to their place on the bench by citizens across the state.

The 1967 General Assembly enacted the necessary legislation establishing the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and the Court of Appeals became operational on October 1, 1967.

THE JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS



*Special thanks to the
50th Anniversary Committee of the
North Carolina Court of Appeals
for presenting the court with the
Judges' Portrait Wall,
which is located on the landing
between the second and third floors
of the Court of Appeals Building
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