



# THE NORTH CAROLINA DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION



## David Wijewickrama

**David Wijewickrama** was appointed to the N.C. Dispute Resolution Commission by Governor Roy Cooper, October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2022; and was reappointed on October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2025. as a knowledgeable citizen.

Mr. Wijewickrama grew up in the southern highlands of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Western North Carolina. He attended the University of South Carolina and earning a B.S. in Information Management Systems under a U.S. Navy Scholarship, graduating in 1991.

After commissioning and initial training, he served as a Supply Corp Officer aboard U.S.S. Peleliu (LHA-5) supporting sailors and marines in Long Beach and San Diego before a follow-on assignment supporting the Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMNAVSURFPAC) in Coronado, California. During his tenure he specialized in process management through the Navy's Total Quality Leadership (TQL) program.

Upon completion of his tour with the Navy he attended Washburn University Law School in Topeka, KS where earned his Juris Doctorate in 2000. David started out in the Buncombe County District Attorney's office working with victims of violent crimes. From there he transitioned to civil

work as a small-town country lawyer. There, he represented both plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of cases involving family law, employment law, governmental law and personal injury. He also served as a 9/11 Tort-Litigator.

Currently, his practice areas cover complex civil litigation involving class actions, civil rights, wrongful deaths, officer involved shootings and other law enforcement/government related issues. He also represents private corporations and individuals in a broad spectrum of legal matters. David has also developed a niche in protecting parents and children who must deal with governmental entities when their Constitutional rights have been violated. His focus today takes him to state and federal courts in both North and South Carolina.

Balancing his work with life, he enjoys fly-fishing, traveling and being a mentor to others. David always strives to pay it forward in remembrance of the people who have helped him throughout his life. He lives by a philosophy of being kind, helping folks however he can, never taking himself seriously and being thankful every day for life, while enjoying interesting adventures with his family and friends. David is grateful to the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps leadership that nurtured, cultivated, and empowered him and for the skills he learned that he continues to practice in his daily life.