



NORTH CAROLINA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
of the COURTS



Retirement Reception in Honor of

Judge John W. Smith

Director of the North Carolina
Administrative Office of the Courts

Friday, April 24, 2015
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

North Carolina Judicial Center



Keynote Speaker: Chief Justice Mark Martin • Remarks and presentations from representatives of judicial associations and offices, including former Chief Justice Sarah Parker, Superior Court Judge Osmond Smith, District Court Judge William “Billy” Hamby, Durham County Clerk of Superior Court Archie Smith, District Attorney Robert Evans, Magistrates Association President Sharon McLaurin, Indigent Defense Services Director Tom Maher, Administrative Office of the Courts Senior Deputy Director Jon Williams, Administrative Office of the Courts Deputy Director McKinley Wooten

North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts Director
John W. Smith has served the Judicial Branch for more than 40 years,
including his leadership as NCAOC director since 2009.



Judge Smith was appointed NCAOC director by Chief Justice Sarah Parker, 2009. Appointed by Gov. Easley as Special Superior Court Judge, 2005. Appointed Chief District Court Judge, Fifth Judicial District, 1996, Chief Judge through 2001, Assistant District Attorney in the Fifth Prosecutorial District, 14 years. Elected District Court Judge, 1988. Commissioned officer, U.S. Army. General practice partnership in Raleigh, 1972-74. Past president, N.C. Association of District Court Judges. Board member and past treasurer, N.C. Judicial Conference. Graduate: Justice Executives Program of U.N.C. School of Business Administration, the Institute of Government, and Governor's Crime Commission; National Judicial College Special Courts Course. Board member: State Guardian Ad Litem Program, Child Custody Mediation Program, and Equitable Distribution Mediation Subcommittee of the Dispute Resolution Commission. Certified as Juvenile Court Judge, 1990. Established the Family Court for New Hanover County. Past president, New Hanover County Bar Association. Serves on the Education Committee and the Technology Committee for the N.C. Conference of Superior Court Judges. Graduate, Davidson College and Wake Forest University School of Law. Married to Harriet, a retired educator, for 43 years.

*For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven.*

“It is with gratitude in my heart
that I say thank you to every
public official and every employee
of the Judicial Branch.
It has been an honor
to work with you.”

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'J. Smith', positioned to the left of the portrait.

