

Dear Colleagues,

As you may know, Judge Craig Croom was recently confirmed by the North Carolina General Assembly to serve as a Special Superior Court Judge. I am pleased and humbled to announce my candidacy to be appointed as District Court Judge for North Carolina Judicial District 10B, the district in which I reside and Judge Croom's former seat. My service as a prosecutor coupled with my experience at a law firm allow me to understand the unique challenges and demands of District Court.

I graduated from South Carolina State University in 2011, where I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. I graduated from North Carolina Central University School of Law, where I earned my Juris Doctor, in 2014. I was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in August of 2014.

Prior to beginning my service as an Assistant District Attorney with the Wake County District Attorney's Office, I worked at a law firm in Henderson, North Carolina, Baskerville and Baskerville, PLLC as an Associate Attorney. It was there that I represented clients in the areas of civil law, including family law, child support court, and abuse, neglect and dependency court. As a result of the complexities of the cases I have handled in private practice and as a prosecutor, I am uniquely qualified to understand the various issues presented by both sides of the aisle.

As an Assistant District Attorney, I have prosecuted hundreds of cases, ranging from traffic violations to murder. I have been assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit and assigned to prosecute alcohol and drug impaired driving cases. I currently serve as a prosecutor in Superior Court reviewing cases appealed from District Court. In this capacity, I have tried numerous jury trials and argued pretrial motions based on alleged US and North Carolina constitutional violations.

Not only should a judge be dedicated to serving as a judicial official, but a judge should also be dedicated to serving the community. Raised in Wake County, I am a proud product of the Wake County Public School System. I recognize and understand the needs of Wake County citizens because I have been dedicated to serving them.

I have meaningful experience in serving our community, and I will continue to do so in my role as a District Court Judge. I have spoken to high school students about criminal law, served as a judge and a mentor attorney with the Capital Area Teen Court program and volunteered with Wake County Department of Health and Human Services at a local shelter during Hurricane Florence. I have also spoken to participants of the Raleigh Youth Services program through the Raleigh Police Department. For the past four years, I have volunteered with the Clarence E.

Lightner YMCA Achievers program, where I work with middle and high school students twice a month. I am currently an adviser for the Clarence E. Lightner chapter of North Carolina Youth and Government program. I also serve as an advisory board member for this program. This year, I was honored to be named the “Clarence E. Lightner YMCA-Achiever Volunteer of the Year” based on my work.

I humbly offer myself as a candidate to serve as a District Court Judge for District 10B. I possess the ability and willingness to be fair and impartial. I am dedicated to serving the community. Additionally, I have earned a reputation amongst attorneys for being fair and reasonable. I ask for your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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EDUCATION

North Carolina Central University, *Cum Laude*

Durham, NC

Juris Doctor

May 2014

Honors: Senior Editor, *The North Carolina Central University Law Review*

Activities: Academic Services, *Constitutional Law Tutor*, 2013-2014

The In-School Truancy Court Program, *Volunteer Coordinator and Recruiter*, 2012-2014

South Carolina State University, *Magna Cum Laude*

Orangeburg, SC

Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education

May 2011

EXPERIENCE

The Wake County District Attorney's Office

Raleigh, NC

- Prosecute misdemeanor offenses that have been appealed to Superior Court
- Prosecute felony probation violations
- Conduct pretrial hearings in Superior Court, as well as litigate trials in front of juries
- Speak with members of law enforcement and civilian witnesses regarding offenses
- Negotiate plea agreements with opposing counsel
- Interpret and apply statutes and case laws for use in preparation of trials
- Previously assigned to the Driving While Impaired Unit to prosecute numerous Driving While Impaired offenses
- Previously assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit, which consisted of developing case files, including retrieving photos, 911 calls, reports, etc., as well as speaking with victims
- Conducted trials in District Court involving a multitude of offenses, including, but not limited to, minor traffic infractions, violent offenses, and larcenies
- Facilitated and investigated misdemeanor child abuse cases as a specialty area

The Law Office of Baskerville and Baskerville, PLLC

Henderson, NC

- Facilitated the adoption of minor child
- Administered the funding of a revocable living trust
- Represented clients in areas of family law, child support and abuse, neglect and dependency court

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Clarence E. Lightner YMCA Achievers

- Volunteers twice a month with youth ranging from middle school to high school age
- Serves as the Chair of the Youth and Government Committee, as well as the adviser of the Youth and Government chapter
- Received an award for "Clarence E. Lightner YMCA-Achiever Volunteer of the Year" in 2018
- Member of the Advisory Board for the Lightner YMCA-Achievers.

BAR ADMISSION

Admitted to practice in North Carolina.

August 2014