

# **Tiffanie C. Meyers**

## **Personal and Professional/Qualifications Statement**

I am seeking your vote for the position recently vacated by Judge Craig Croom as Wake County District Court Judge for District 10B.

### **Qualifications**

**Experience and Professional Competence:** I am a 1997 graduate of Shaw University, where I attended as a Presidential Scholar (receiving a full academic scholarship) and graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in English. After completing my undergraduate studies, I worked as a high school English teacher before beginning law school. My legal studies began in 2001 at North Carolina Central University School of Law. I graduated in May 2004 and was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in August 2004. After law school, I worked at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice as a Senior Project Attorney and transitioned to private practice in 2010. My private practice has consisted of working mainly in Family Court litigating child custody, child support, domestic violence, equitable distribution, and spousal support cases. However, I have also litigated cases in criminal (traffic, DWI, misdemeanors) and abuse, neglect and dependency courts as well as appellate cases throughout the years. Additionally, I have worked as a Parenting Coordinator since 2015 using mediation skills and compassionate judgment to assist high conflict parents. In this quasi-judicial role, I have been tasked with listening actively and intently to the issues, investigating the facts and making decisions in a fair and impartial manner to assist the families with framework to operate day to day in their difficult and oftentimes volatile situations.

**Integrity:** “Doing the right thing, even when no one is looking”. For me, there is no room in the judicial system for anything less than the highest regard for being fair and just. Even a hint of impropriety damages the system as it stands. As I operate professionally and personally, I strive always to have the highest moral character. Whether I am serving on my neighborhood’s homeowner’s association board as Vice President or as the Parliamentarian, Chair of the Policies and Procedures and Finance committees for my Sorority, I am entrusted as a person who is knowledgeable of the policies, ensures that they are adhered to, advocates for transparency, honesty and a belief that if things are done according to the rules that just and fair results will occur.

**Judicial Temperament:** Throughout my life and career, I believe that the qualities of judicial temperament have been developing in me all along. In this new age of social media everyone seems to express their opinions swiftly and often without knowing the complete facts. I, on the other hand, often desire to hear more before forming my opinion on things. Making decisions in this manner allows me to be fair and impartial, process facts without bringing in my own bias, decide the issues according to the law and not my personal beliefs, be openminded to the issues involved. Courtesy and civility are both second nature to me. Growing up I was always taught to not only expect respect, but also to give it generously. With leadership comes a certain level of authority, I have learned that although I may have the authority, respect should always be forthright in my mind and actions. As an attorney, I have always strived to show judges, colleagues, clients and all court officials the highest level of respect.

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### **On a Personal Note**

I am a native of a small town called, Aiken, South Carolina. I moved to Wake County in 1993 and currently have lived in Knightdale for the past 11 years. I have been married for 17 years to my amazing husband. We live life with our three awesome sons and our 14-year old dog, Tuxedo. The boys keep me busy, so I can often be spotted at their sporting events, school programs, volunteering at their schools, music and swim lessons, and the list goes on. In line with my commitment to serving the community, I am a life time member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and a current member of the local chapter of Knightdale-Wake Forest Alumnae where we are regularly involved in Town Hall meetings, monthly youth programs, financial, physical and mental wellness programs, scholarship giveaways and other events to serve the rural communities of Wake County. For fun, I love to read, spend time with my family and friends, and I have recently become a runner. I have already signed up for my first 5K of the year (wish me luck). I am also a fan of football. On Sundays during football season, I can be found either on the couch with a do not disturb sign or at the Bank of America Stadium cheering on the Carolina Panthers (Keep Pounding). Being able to continue to serve Wake County citizens by ensuring that every citizen receives equal justice under the law, free from bias, and with the integrity and respect they deserve would fulfill a lifelong dream of mine and I would really appreciate your vote on February 15, 2019.