

# Stephanie N. Robinson

## Professional Statement

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Dear Colleagues and Friends:

It is with extreme pleasure and humility that I ask for your support to fill the vacant Wake County District Court seat previously held by Judge Craig Croom. This is a request I ask for with confidence, modesty, and respect. I pride myself on having a calm temperament and a good working relationship with all walks of life. I believe every person deserves respect and to be treated fairly under the eyes of the law. Most of my life I have held dear to one particular quote: *"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act, but a habit"*. Your vote should reflect a candidate that has continuously served, acted and made it their duty to understand the many facets of the justice system. Casting a vote for me would reflect exactly that.

I am a native of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and the youngest of five children. My mother and father are veterans of the United States Army. I attended Winston- Salem State University on a full academic scholarship and graduated at the top of my class with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. After my matriculation through undergrad, I attended North Carolina Central University School of Law, graduating in the class of 2009. While in law school, I interned as a Legislative Assistant with the North Carolina General Assembly for Senator Malcolm Graham. In addition, I practiced in Wake County and Durham County my entire third year of law school (under the 3rd Year Practice Rule) with the NCCU Domestic Violence Legal Clinic and in the Wake County Courthouse under the supervision of Attorney Jessie A. Jeffers. In the Fall of 2009, I was admitted to the North Carolina Bar and began practicing with the Jeffers Law Firm (formerly known as The Law Office of Jessie A. Jeffers, PA).

I am uniquely qualified for the position I am asking you to entrust me with. I do not take the duty that is bestowed with the responsibilities of a District Court Judge lightly. This year I celebrate my **10<sup>th</sup>** year of practice. A decade of dedication to the legal profession has afforded me with a wealth of knowledge and a diverse litigation experience in almost every district court room setting: from traffic tickets, misdemeanors, felonies, family court, child support, special proceedings, and domestic violence matters. I strongly believe that in both practice and life, it is important to be professional, respectful, prepared, composed and proficient. I exemplify these qualities. I have also forged positive relationships with the Defense Bar, District Attorney's Office, Clerk of Court Office and the general public. I have been frequently known to go above and beyond to help individuals in court regardless of economic class, race, religion, or gender. For these reasons and more, I am confident that I am the best candidate to sit as a District Court Judge.

Over the years, I have served as a member and/or been involved in various service and professional organizations such as: Wake Women Attorney (2<sup>nd</sup> term Board member), Capital City Lawyers, North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers, Wake County Bar Association, Wake County Bar Leadership Committee, and Wake County Academy of Criminal Trial Lawyers. I have served as a volunteer moot

court judge for various organizations and institutions such as (but not limited to): Duke University School of Law and North Carolina Central University School of Law. I have also served our community as a recurring guest speaker and panelist for various programs like The Raleigh YMCA Y-Achievers youth organization, Women in Law GRIT panel at Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, and a Domestic Violence Awareness panelist at NCCU Law. As recent as October of 2018, I was featured by the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers with a recorded public service announcement discussing non-partisan voter education and exercising the right to vote.

To further show my commitment to the profession and the general public, early in my legal career I joined a Wake County Assistant District Attorney and a supportive group of juvenile court counselors to participate in what became known as the "Charm School". This program targeted adolescent girls who faced criminal charges in the Wake County juvenile court system as defendants. Our goal was to serve as mentors, provide positive reinforcement for personal achievements, teach etiquette and to encourage them to reform so they would be less likely to return to the criminal justice system as adults. I helped with this effort because I wanted to demonstrate that influential work can and should be done within the very justice system in which we practice. There is still work to be done.

Recently, I have been given the honor to be among forty distinguished alumni, recognized for making exceptional contributions to their professional fields and communities as a "2019 Winston-Salem State University 40 Under 40 Honoree". In my spare time I am a strong advocate for Autism Awareness and am a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. In my personal life I am a wife and the mother of a beautiful six year old son, Tristan.

There is no letter that can fully describe the magnitude of an individual. Therefore, I encourage you to contact, ask about, approach, and observe me. I want your support, and I want you to feel confident with your decision. I encourage you to vote for me on **FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at the Wake County Justice Center in Room 102 from 8am to 2pm. Thank you for your time and your vote.

Professional Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Robinson

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## **EDUCATION**

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### **North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, NC**

*Juris Doctor, May 2009*

*Activities/Affiliations:* Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, Black Law Student Association (BLSA) Vice President, BLSA Trial Team Coach, Domestic Violence Legal Clinic, Student Ambassador

### **Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC**

*Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, May 2006*

*Minor: Rehabilitation Studies*

*Magna Cum Laude*

*Activities/Affiliations:* Honors Program Counselor, Dean's List, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior Class President, North Carolina Incentive Scholar, Campus Pal, RAM Ambassador, Women for Change

## **EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

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### **Jeffers Law Firm (formerly named The Law Office of Jessie A. Jeffers, PA)**

***Litigating Attorney***

**Raleigh, NC**

**September 2009 – present**

- Oversee and manage large volume caseloads and broad portfolio of diverse clients. Contribute to the law firms operation as a consistent top performer and new client developer.
- Proficient in client initial intake, negotiations and litigation. Draft and review legal memos, motions and other documents. Researching, interpreting and advising on statutes, case law, administrative rules and regulations
- Criminal defense attorney representing clients charged with felonies, misdemeanors, traffic violations and driver's license.
- District Court and Superior Court trial experience.
- Higher education administrative hearing representation
- Civil litigation experience in the areas of Family Law, Restraining Orders, Special Proceedings, Child Support and Contempt hearings
- Competitive trial experience in child custody/visitation rights hearings and divorce proceedings.
- Contract drafting and negotiations
- Estate Law experience
- Consultant on small business development and operations
- Legal research and writing

### **North Carolina General Assembly**

***Legislative Intern, State Senate***

**Raleigh, NC**

**May 2007 – August 2007**

- Analyzed facts and applied case law to legislation in order to address the effect and legality of proposed bills.
- Attended and provided opinions for assigned committee meetings
- Prepared, organized and maintained the daily Bill Books for legislative sessions
- Maintained an effective and professional relationship with lobbyist and continuants

## **BAR ADMISSION/ PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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### **North Carolina, August 2009, Bar ID number 40033**

**Memberships:** Wake County Bar Association; 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Bar; North Carolina Black Lawyers Association; Wake Women Attorneys Board Member (2nd term); Wake County Bar Leadership Committee; Capital City Lawyers Association; Wake County Academy of Criminal Defense and Trial Lawyers; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated

**North Carolina Real Estate Broker, July 2018**