

# S. THOMAS CURRIN II

January 29, 2015

Dear Members of the Tenth Judicial District Bar:

I am writing to request your support and your vote in the election to fill the District Court Judgeship previously held by the late Honorable Jennifer Green. The election will be held on February 11, 2015, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Wake County Justice Center (the new courthouse).

I was born and raised here in Raleigh. After attending St. Timothy's/Hale (now St. David's) School, I attended Hampden-Sydney College and then went on to Campbell University School of Law. Ever since I can remember, I have always wanted to be an attorney. Both of my parents were attorneys when I was growing up—and many of my childhood memories took place in law schools, law offices, and courtrooms. Seeing them in action was what inspired me to pursue the law.

Now I am on the other side of the Bar. No longer am I watching them (or others) practicing—I am practicing myself. And having practiced family/domestic law for the past 4.5 years, I have seen—both first hand and through the eyes of my clients—the need for qualified, impartial, competent judges with the proper judicial temperament. The Courts and her Judges are the closest interaction that many of our fellow citizens have with the government. As attorneys, we advocate for our clients. But a judge is not an advocate. A judge must be an impartial arbiter of the law and facts and must apply the law regardless of the personalities involved. That said, justice must always be tempered with mercy. And a judge cannot—and I would not—let his own personal biases shade his rulings.

In high school, college, and law school, I had the honor of being elected by my classmates to serve on the student court—as well as serving as chairman of the Honor Court my 3L year of law school. I think that this attests to the confidence of my peers to judge matters fairly.

If appointed, I cannot guarantee that I will get every case right. I cannot guarantee that I will never be reversed on appeal. (To guarantee otherwise would be out of ignorance or deceit.) But I can guarantee that I will give each case before me the time, attention, consideration, and research it—and the party before me—deserves.

I would humbly ask for your support and would appreciate your vote.

Yours faithfully,



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**PERSONAL:** Born June 18, 1984, Raleigh, North Carolina.

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT** Rik Lovett & Associates, Raleigh, NC, August 2010-Present  
*Family/Domestic law.*

**EDUCATION**

**Legal:** Campbell University School of Law, J.D. *cum laude*, 2010

**Honors:**

Top 28% of class (Rank: 29/107)

Book Awards: State Constitutional Law (3L; Justice Paul Newby),  
Federal Criminal and Civil Practice (3L; U.S. Magistrate  
Judges William Webb and James Gates), Wills and Trusts  
(2L; Professor James McLaughlin)

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges  
(2L, 3L)

N.C. Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers'  
Outstanding Family Law Student Award (3L)

**Activities:**

Honor Court—Chairman (3L), Representative (1L, 2L)

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity—President (3L), Chairman of Iredell  
Award Banquet (2L)

Raleigh Building Relocation Committee (2L)

**College:** Hampden-Sydney College, B.A. *cum laude*, 2006

**Major:** Political Science; Public Service concentration.

**Honors:**

Dean's Scholarship (1,2,3,4)

Dean's List (Spring 2003; Fall 2003; Fall 2005; Spring 2006)

Harvey B. Morgan Public Service Award (4)

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges  
(4)

The Randolph Minter Glee Club Award (4)

**Activities:**

Student Court Representative (3,4)

James Madison Public Service Program (3,4)

Society of '91: The Hampden-Sydney Leadership Program (2)

Student Admissions Committee (2,3)

Pre-Law Society (1,2,3,4)—Vice-President (3,4)

Jazz Band (1,2)—Alto Sax

Glee Club (1,2,3,4)

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**High School:** St. Timothy's/Hale High School (now St. David's School), Class of 2002

## **PAST EMPLOYMENT and INTERNSHIPS**

Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of North Carolina (Summer, 2009).  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Chambers of Magistrate Judge William Webb (Summer, 2009).  
North Carolina Court of Appeals, Chambers of Judge John M. Tyson (July-August, 2008).  
Rik Lovett & Associates (July 2006-July 2007; June-July, 2008).  
Volunteer Intern, Office of Public Liaison, The White House (July 5-August 11, 2005).  
U.S. Senate Intern (Senator Jesse Helms) (July 15-August 9, 2002).  
U.S. Congressional Intern (Congressman Robin Hayes) (July 8-12, 2002).  
N.C. Legislative Page (June 25-29, 2001).  
N.C. Governor's Page (June 11-15, 2001).

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS and AFFILIATIONS**

North Carolina State Bar (2010-Present)  
Tenth Judicial District Bar (2010-Present)  
North Carolina Bar Association (2010-Present)  
Family Law Section  
Co-Editor of Family Law Forum (Newsletter of the Family Law Section) (2014-Present)  
Wake County Bar Association (2010-Present)  
Bar of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina (2010-Present)

## **CIVIC and VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

Hayes Barton Baptist Church—Member since 1994. Youth Council (1999-2000); Chancel Choir (1999-2002; 2006 to present); Adult Handbell Choir (1998-2002; 2006-present); Youth Choir (1994-2002); Boys Choir (2001-2002).  
Community Service—104.5+ hours including World Changers trips to Savannah (1998) and Chicago (2000); other mission trips to Chowan, NC (1999), NYC (2001), and Philadelphia (2001).  
Farmville Presbyterian Church—Handbell Choir (2004-2006).  
Guest organist and pianist at Hayes Barton Baptist Church; guest organist at Oxford Presbyterian Church (Oxford, NC), Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church (Petersburg, VA), Farmville Presbyterian Church (Farmville, VA).  
Attended National Student Leadership Conference, American University, Washington, D.C. (July 19-29, 2001).