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EDUCATION

North Carolina Central University School of Law

Juris Doctorate

1993-1996

North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

1988-1991

North Carolina Central University

Football Scholarship

1987

WORK HISTORY

District Attorney's Office 13th Prosecutorial District

(Brunswick Co. / Bladen Co. / Columbus Co.)

Assistant District Attorney / 1996-1998

- Prosecuted cases in District Court and Juvenile Court.
- Domestic Violence Prosecutor for the tri-county district.
- Assisted in training new prosecutors.

District Attorney's Office 24th Prosecutorial District

(High Point)

Assistant District Attorney / 1998-2004

- Prosecuted cases in Child Support Court, Juvenile Court and District Court.
- Superior Court trials and pleas for low level felonies.

District Attorney's Office 24th Prosecutorial District

(Greensboro)

Assistant District Attorney / 2004 – present

- Superior Court Prosecutor
- Primary focus is the prosecution Drug Trafficking Offenses
- Trials for 1st Degree Murder / Trafficking/ Property Crimes/ Felony Assaults, etc.
- Responsible for addressing post-conviction "Motions for Appropriate Relief".
- Researched and argued "Motions to Suppress" in District and Superior Court.

Members of the Guilford County Bar:

I am seeking appointment for the District Court Judicial Vacancy of Judge Marcus Shields.

I have served the State of North Carolina as a prosecutor for over twenty-six years. I have worked as an Assistant District Attorney in Brunswick, Bladen, Columbus and Guilford County. Of those twenty-six years I have served five years in High Point and nineteen years in Greensboro. Currently, my caseload consists of Drug Trafficking, 1st Degree Murders and Felony Assaults. Some of these trials requires weeks if not months to prepare. If given the opportunity, I will dedicate the same amount of time and effort to the bench as I have as a prosecutor.

As a prosecutor I have been fair and consistent in the prosecution of cases in Guilford County. My current job requires work beyond the nine to five and oftentimes requires time on the weekend. I understand that an attorney's job does not end at five and is more demanding than those who do not practice will ever know. If given this opportunity I will continue do what the job requires. I will do the work necessary to get the job done.

What do you want or expect of a district court judge? I have spent most of my legal career standing before judges from our county as well as visiting judges throughout the state. I have tried bench and jury trials for twenty-five plus years. Those years standing before the Court has given me insight into what I would like to offer if given this opportunity. I know what has mattered to me when standing before a Judge and I have listened to what matters to opposing counsel. First, to listen to the arguments of counsel and be fair. We sometimes spend hours if not days preparing for cases and would like to be given the opportunity to argue our position. I have lost suppression motions but when I walked into courtroom, I knew that I had a judge that would be fair and listen and that is all that mattered. Second, personality from the bench that is consistent. The workload and stress associated with our jobs can be overwhelming. The personality of the judge makes a difference. There are enough things to worry about when preparing for trial and the personality of the judge should not be one. Third, to be mindful that there is a client, victim, defendant that the attorney will need to speak with after the court's decision. And finally, don't embarrass or belittle the attorney in the courtroom. We all have made mistakes. We can appreciate those that remember what it was like before taking the bench. If given the opportunity I will meet if not exceed expectations.

With regards to civil court. There is going to be a learning curve. I will do my best to get up to speed as quickly as possible. In the past we have had several judges come to the bench with their prior experience being criminal practice. We have seen former prosecutors and public defenders become excellent judges in civil court. I will make that transition.

As a prosecutor, I found it awkward to ask for support from an attorney while prosecuting his/her client. I can only hope that this explains why I have not asked some of you for support over the past few weeks. However, today, in this letter I am asking for your vote to be given the opportunity to serve the citizens of Guilford County as a District Court Judge.

With kind regards,

I am,

William H. Hill