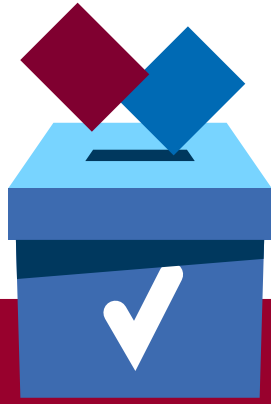


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### DAN BISHOP – REPUBLICAN

Bishop began his political career as a Mecklenburg County Commissioner from 2005 to 2009. After a six year break from politics, he served one term in the North Carolina House of Representatives followed by one term in the North Carolina Senate representing a portion of Mecklenburg County. Bishop currently represents North Carolina's 8th Congressional District, which includes all or part of Mecklenburg, Union, Anson, Richmond, Scotland, Robeson, Hoke, and Moore counties. He serves on the United States House Committee on the Judiciary and United States House Committee on Homeland Security. Before serving in Congress, Bishop was a business litigation attorney with Erwin, Bishop, Capitano, & Moss for nearly three decades.

#### EDUCATION:

BS, UNC-Chapel Hill  
JD, UNC-Chapel Hill

#### POLITICAL OFFICE:

U.S. House of Representatives, North Carolina District 8  
(Assumed office 2023)  
U.S. House of Representatives, North Carolina District 9  
(2019-2023)  
North Carolina State Senate District 39 (2017-2019)  
North Carolina House of Representatives District 104  
(2015-2016)



### JEFF JACKSON – DEMOCRAT

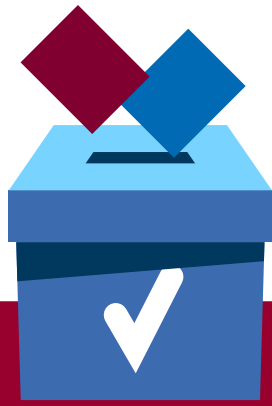
After law school, Jackson served as the assistant district attorney in Gaston County, where he tried more than one hundred cases. He has also worked as a business litigator at Womble Bond Dickinson (previously Womble Carlyle) in Charlotte. Jackson spent eight years as a North Carolina State Senator, representing Mecklenburg County. Jackson currently represents North Carolina's 14th Congressional District, which includes parts of Mecklenburg and Gaston counties. Jackson serves on the United States House Committee on Armed Services and the United States House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. He also served in Afghanistan with Army Special Operations and is a major in the Army National Guard.

#### EDUCATION:

BA, Emory University  
MA, Emory University  
JD, UNC-Chapel Hill

#### POLITICAL OFFICE:

U.S. House of Representatives, North Carolina District  
14 (Assumed office 2023)  
North Carolina State Senate District 37 (2014-2023)



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## CANDIDATES FOR NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 6



### JEFFERSON G. GRIFFIN – REPUBLICAN

In 2008, Judge Griffin began practicing law and two years later joined the Wake County District Attorney's Office as a prosecutor. In 2015, Judge Griffin was appointed by Governor McCrory to be a District Court Judge in Wake County. Judge Griffin was elected to a four-year term in 2016 to retain his seat on the District Court in Wake County. He served there until his election to his current seat on the North Carolina Court of Appeals in 2020. Judge Griffin is also a Captain in the NC Army National Guard.

#### EDUCATION:

BA, UNC-Chapel Hill  
JD, NC Central University



### ALLISON RIGGS – DEMOCRAT

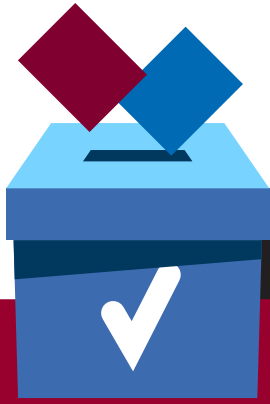
Justice Riggs began her career at the Southern Coalition for Social Justice as a Staff Attorney in 2009, rising to serve as the Co-Executive Director and Chief Counsel for Voting Rights. Justice Riggs is a civil rights litigator and community lawyer who has served as lead counsel in numerous voting rights cases, including twice arguing before the United States Supreme Court. She previously served as a judge on the NC Court of Appeals before being appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Roy Cooper in September 2023.

#### EDUCATION:

BA, University of Florida  
MA, University of Florida  
JD, University of Florida

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### SEAT 12

#### **TOM MURRY – REPUBLICAN**

An attorney, pharmacist, and Army Veteran, Murry began his political career as a member of the Morrisville Town Council from 2005 to 2010, before serving in the NC House until 2014. He has also served as an Assistant District Attorney and the Chief of Staff/Chief Legal Counsel for External Affairs for the NC Judicial Branch. He serves as vice-chair of the North Carolina Bar Association Criminal Justice Section, a Judge Advocate in the NC Army National Guard, and as an adjunct teacher of law.

**EDUCATION:**

PharmD, University of Arkansas  
JD, Campbell University



#### **CAROLYN J. THOMPSON – DEMOCRAT**

Judge Thompson is a former District Court judge and Superior Court judge with over 25 years of combined legal and judicial experience. She was first elected in 2008 and was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Cooper in September 2023. Judge Thompson worked as an attorney and solo practitioner for thirteen years before her first judicial election, and has served as a Deputy Commissioner on the North Carolina Industrial Commission. She also serves as a volunteer Teen Court Judge and youth mentor.

**EDUCATION:**

BA, Hampton University  
JD, NC Central University

### SEAT 14

#### **VALERIE ZACHARY – REPUBLICAN**

Upon graduating from law school in 1987, Judge Zachary joined the litigation team of the Charlotte firm Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman (now K & L Gates). In 1989, Judge Zachary returned to Yadkin County to become a partner in Zachary Law Offices, where she practiced for 26 years. In 2015, Governor McCrory appointed Judge Zachary to the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and she subsequently retained her seat in 2016 for an eight-year term. Since joining the Court, Judge Zachary has served in a number of leadership roles, both internal and external.

**EDUCATION:**

BA, Michigan State University  
JD, Harvard Law School

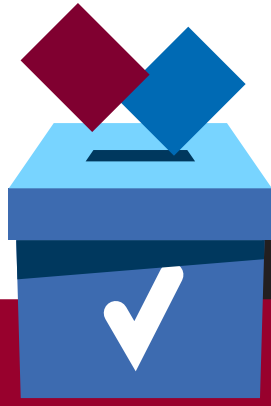


#### **ED ELDRED – DEMOCRAT**

Eldred is a trial and appellate lawyer who focuses his practice on the local district courts and civil and criminal appeals. His experience includes clerking for two judges at the North Carolina Court of Appeals, practicing with a large firm in Raleigh, managing his own practice for 13 years, and practicing with a firm in Chapel Hill specializing in criminal defense. Eldred has practiced appellate law his entire career, handling more than 300 appeals, filing documents and briefs in the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court, and arguing in front of both courts.

**EDUCATION:**

BA, UNC-Chapel Hill  
JD, UNC-Chapel Hill



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### SEAT 15

#### **CHRIS FREEMAN – REPUBLICAN**

Judge Freeman is currently serving his third term as a District Court Judge for Rockingham and Caswell counties. Before joining the bench, he served eight years as an Assistant District Attorney in Rockingham County, trying misdemeanors and felonies before judges and juries. Judge Freeman has served as a JAG officer in the U.S. Air Force Reserve since 2013, providing legal assistance, writing legal reviews, and assisting with court-martials.

**EDUCATION:**

BS, High Point University  
JD, Regent University



#### **MARTIN E. MOORE – DEMOCRAT**

In 2015, Moore began his career as a public defender in Buncombe County handling juvenile, misdemeanor, and felony cases. He joined Van Winkle, Buck, Wall, Starnes, & Davis in 2019 working on state and federal civil litigation, employment law, and land use cases, before starting his own practice in 2021 focusing on mediation and appellate law. Moore was elected as a Buncombe County Commissioner in 2022 and continues to serve in that role.

**EDUCATION:**

BA, UNC-Chapel Hill  
JD, UNC-Chapel Hill