



Brenton J. Boyce For District Court Judge

October 18, 2022

Greetings Friends and Colleagues,

I am sending this correspondence to announce my candidacy for appointment to the vacant judicial seat of the Honorable Tonia Cutchin. I am a deserving candidate for appointment because I have ample experience practicing both with the state as a public defender and in private practice as both an associate attorney and as the proprietor of my own firm. I also have an unmatched work ethic and willingness to learn more about making the Guilford County court system more just and efficient.

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I have been in Guilford County since I first arrived here in the Fall of 1999 to attend North Carolina A&T State University. Even though I was born and raised in Gaston County, North Carolina, I became an adult here in Guilford County, and I consider it a true home away from home. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Economics in the Spring of 2003, and left Guilford County in 2004 to begin my journey to become the attorney that I am today. I attended the North Carolina Central University School of Law, and earned my Juris Doctor degree in the Spring of 2007. I promptly returned to Guilford County where I worked as an associate attorney with the law firm of Gray, Newell, Johnson and Blackmon, LLP. I then obtained a position with the Guilford County Public Defender's Office where I worked under the late Wallace Harrelson and Frederick Lind for more than four years. In my capacity as an assistant public defender, I was entrusted with a very large number of criminal cases, and I tried and disposed of matters ranging from misdemeanors in district court to felonies in superior court.

In 2012, I accepted a position with The Montgomery & Haley Law Firm, PLLC in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. In my capacity as associate attorney with The Montgomery & Haley Law Firm, I had the pleasure of assisting with and disposing of both civil and criminal matters in twenty-three (23) counties, stemming as far west as Cleveland County and as far east as Wake County. I also assisted in the disposal of matters in South Carolina. I subsequently decided to return to Guilford County, my home away from home, to open my own firm. In September 2013, the Law Offices of Brenton J. Boyce, PA was officially open for business. Returning to Guilford County has been the most rewarding career decision that I have made. My experience in disposing of both civil and criminal matters in so many counties allowed me to see exactly how efficient Guilford County really is. I have enjoyed my experiences with other attorneys here, whether co-counsel or opposing counsel. It is the aforementioned experience that makes me a capable and deserving candidate for judicial appointment to this seat.

It is my plan to couple my career experience with my unmatched work ethic and willingness to learn in order to add to the district court judiciary of Guilford County. In my experience, I long ago realized that there is no such thing as an attorney that knows everything and there is no such thing as a judge that knows everything. I therefore believe that the frailties of the justice system can only be combated with hard work and the humility to realize that I will never know everything. Spending the extra time to stay updated on the law and maintaining a down-to-earth relationship with attorneys is the only way to cultivate the ideal that it truly takes a village to create a truly just and efficient legal system. Whether it was in my office in the Guilford County courthouse as an assistant public defender or whether it is in my office now at the Law Offices of Brenton J. Boyce, PA, I realized that the day almost never ends when the clock strikes five. It takes preparing before the work day begins, it takes bringing work home after hours, and it sometimes even requires that I think about matters as I toss and turn in the comfort of my bed at night in order to get justice. I plan on bringing this same dedication and work ethic to the bench, and that is why I am a capable and deserving candidate for appointment to this judicial seat.

I contend that I am a capable and deserving candidate for appointment to the vacant district court judicial seat of the Honorable Tonia Cutchin. I make this contention on the basis of my career experience and my work ethic coupled with my willingness to listen and learn.

The special joint meeting for the selection of nominees for the District Court vacancy of the judicial seat of the Honorable Tonia Cutchin will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 in the County Commissioners meeting room of the Old Guilford County Courthouse, located at 301 West Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27401. Member check-in and distribution of ballots will begin at 3:00pm. I humbly ask for your vote and your support.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding my legal/judicial ideology or my ability to serve, please feel free to contact me via the information provided below. I look forward to engaging in dialogue and learning. I thank you in advance for your kind consideration as I remain

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenton J. Boyce", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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PERSONAL

Date of Birth: July 9, 1981

Place of Birth: Gastonia, North Carolina, USA

OBJECTIVE

For Informational Purposes

EDUCATION

North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina

Juris Doctor, Law

May 2007

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Greensboro, North Carolina

Bachelor of Science, Economics

May 2003

Focus on General Economics

EMPLOYMENT

Law Offices of Brenton J. Boyce, PA, Greensboro, North Carolina

September 9, 2013 - present

Attorney at Law/Proprietor

- Oversee Day-to-Day Operations
- Litigate Civil and Criminal Cases for Both Retained and Appointed Clients
- Created Marketing Strategies to Bolster New Client Intake

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Greensboro, North Carolina

August 18, 2021 – Present

Adjunct Professor/Lecturer, Department of Liberal Studies

- Teach/Lecture Law, Humanities and Social Change
- Teach/Lecture Human Rights and the Law
- Advise/Coach Aggies Mock Trial Team

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Greensboro, North Carolina
January 1, 2012 – July 9, 2021

Adjunct Professor/Lecturer, Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice

- Teach/Lecture Criminal Law
- Teach/Lecture Criminal Procedure
- Teach/Lecture Courts and the Judicial Process
- Teach/Lecture Courtroom Testimony
- Advise/Coach Aggies Mock Trial Team

The Montgomery Haley Law Firm, Charlotte, North Carolina
September 4, 2012 – August 31, 2013

Associate Attorney

- Litigated Civil and Criminal Cases for Retained Clients
- Created Marketing Strategies to Bolster New Client Intake
- Disposed of Criminal and Civil Cases in 23 out of the 100 Counties in North Carolina

The Office of the Guilford County Public Defender, Greensboro, North Carolina
April 15, 2008 – August 10, 2012

Deputy Public Defender

- Litigated Criminal Cases for Court-Appointed Clients
- Managed Caseload of More Than 300 Clients
- Maintained Regular Communication and Counseling with Clients

The Law Offices of Gray Johnson Blackmon Lee and Lawson, PLLC, Greensboro, North Carolina
September 4, 2012 – August 31, 2013

Associate Attorney

- Litigated Civil and Criminal Cases for Retained Clients
- Created Marketing Strategies to Bolster New Client Intake
- Disposed of Criminal and Civil Cases in 23 out of the 100 Counties in North Carolina

LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS

North Carolina State Courts – Licensed With The North Carolina State Bar Since August 24, 2007

Federal Courts – Licensed With The Middle District of North Carolina Since September 29, 2014

PROFESIONAL HONORS

December 2014- Voted by the members of the Guilford County Bar to be a candidate for gubernatorial appointment to the vacant District Court judicial seat of the Honorable William K. “Pete” Hunter.

August 2015- Voted by the members of the Guilford County Bar to be a candidate for gubernatorial appointment to the vacant District Court judicial seat of the Honorable Linda Falls

SKILLS

Computer Skills - Microsoft Office, Google Calendar and Google Applications

Communications Skills – Client Counseling, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Negotiations to Resolve Legal Matters, Student Career Goals Advising

CIVIC SERVICE/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Organizations – Guilford County Association of Black Lawyers, Greensboro Criminal Defense Lawyers, Greensboro Bar Association, Greensboro Chapter of the NAACP, Tau Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., C.W. Lawrence Lodge #837 of the North Carolina Prince Hall Affiliated Free Masons, Raper Chapter #64 of the North Carolina Prince Hall Affiliated Holy Royal Arch Masons, King Solomon Council #15 of the North Carolina Prince Hall Affiliated Royal and Select Masters, E.R. Hopkins Commandery of the North Carolina Prince Hall Affiliated Knights Templar Tarheel Grand Commandery, Greensboro Consistory #106 of the Prince Hall Affiliated Scottish Rite Masons, Khalif Temple #144 of the Prince Hall Affiliated Shriners

Boards – Inaugural Member of the Young Alumni Council of North Carolina A&T State University, Board Member of the Gate City Charter Academy, Appointed Member Representing City Council District 3 on the Greensboro Solid Waste Management Commission, Chair of the Legal Redress Committee for the Greensboro Chapter of the NAACP

Personal Interests – Mentoring College/High School Students, Serving the needs of indigent clients by providing guidance and mentoring, serving the greater Greensboro community through volunteerism, Staying engaged and making financial contributions to North Carolina A&T SU and NCCU School of Law