

24th Judicial District Bar
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January 23, 2023

TO: Members of the Bar, 24th Judicial District and 24H Judicial District

FROM: Marcus A. Shields, President of the 24th Judicial District Bar and
David L. Cecil, President of the 24H Judicial District Bar

RE: Notice of Special Joint Meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023, for the
Selection of Nominees for the District Court Judicial Vacancy occasioned
by the appointment of the Honorable Tonia A. Cutchin to Superior Court.

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL VACANCY

Notice: Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-142 and the Bylaws of the 24th and 24H Judicial District Bars, notice hereby is given that a **SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE 24th and 24-H JUDICIAL DISTRICT BARS** will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at the Old Guilford County Courthouse at 301 West Market Street in Greensboro, NC for the purpose of selecting nominees to submit to Governor Roy A. Cooper III to fill the District Court judicial vacancy occasioned by the appointment of the Honorable Tonia A. Cutchin on November 10, 2022 as Superior Court Judge. Member check-in and ballot distribution will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Candidates: Any member of the 24th Judicial District Bar or the 24H Judicial District Bar who wishes to be a candidate for the judicial seat and who is a resident in either district must notify us of his or her intention in writing, **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2023, five (5) days in advance of the meeting.** The notification shall state that he or she is duly authorized to practice law in the 24th and 24H Judicial District Bars, and that his or her residence address is located within either district. Notification must be delivered or mailed to at least one of the following: **Marcus A. Shields, Ellis & Winters, LLP, 300 N. Greene Street, Suite 800, Greensboro, NC 27401**, or e-mailed to **marcusallenshields@gmail.com**, or delivered or mailed to **David L. Cecil, Cecil, Cecil & Barker, P.A., 1026 Hutton Lane, High Point, N.C. 27262**, or e-mailed to **dlcecil@cecil-attorneys.com**. If you send notice by e-mail, please request confirmation that the e-mail has been received.

Each candidate is requested to submit a brief resume and a statement as to the candidate's qualifications, contained in (1) .pdf file, for the judicial seat. Such information will be posted on the Greensboro Bar Association's website, www.greensborobar.org, and the High Point Bar Association's website, www.highpointbarassociation.com, prior to the special meeting to assist members of the 24th and 24H Judicial District Bars in evaluating the candidates. Participation by candidates in this evaluation is voluntary.

Speeches by Candidates: Beginning at approximately 3:30 p.m., each judicial candidate will be allowed three minutes to address the members present. To accommodate our members' varying schedules, voting will be allowed before, during, and after the speeches. We encourage you, however, to listen to the presentations of the candidates prior to voting.

Voting: Voting shall be limited to those attorneys licensed to practice in North Carolina who are in attendance at the joint special meeting and are residents and members in good standing of either the 24th Judicial District Bar or the 24H Judicial District Bar. An attorney is not authorized to vote if he or she practices in, but does not reside in, either district, although such individuals are still encouraged to attend the joint special meeting.¹ Proxy voting is prohibited.

Each voting member of the 24th and 24H Judicial District Bars shall be entitled to vote for up to five candidates for the judicial seat by secret, written ballot. Ballots containing votes for more than five candidates will be disqualified, and cumulative voting is prohibited.² The ballots will be counted promptly after completion of the candidates' speeches. The five candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast will be the nominees to fill the District Court judicial vacancy. In the event of a tie for fifth place, the names of the candidates involved in the tie shall be transmitted to Governor Cooper, together with the names of the four other candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Results of the Election: The results of the election will be announced at the joint special meeting. Following the meeting, we will transmit to Governor Cooper the names of the five candidates (six if there is a tie for 5th place) receiving the most votes, along with the number of votes for each. The 24th Judicial District Bar and the 24H Judicial District Bar will be notified by e-mail of the results of the election, and the results will also be listed on the Greensboro Bar Association's web site, www.greensborobar.org.

Please attend and vote at this important joint special election meeting.

Thank you.

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¹ A current membership roster will be obtained from the North Carolina State Bar prior to the joint special meeting. If you recently transferred into either the 24th Judicial District or the 24-H Judicial District, please contact the North Carolina State Bar to make sure your information is current.

² Cumulative voting consists of a member casting more than one vote for a single candidate.