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RE: Marc R. Tyrey
Nominee Submission for District Court Judge

Dear Mr. Richardson and Mr. Bryson:

Please accept this letter as my request to be a candidate at the Special Joint Meeting on October 23, 2019 for the selection of nominees for the District Court vacancy occasioned by the untimely passing of The Honorable H. Thomas Jarrell, Jr. I am duly authorized to practice in, and reside within, the 24/24H Judicial Districts.

I attach an open letter setting forth my background and qualifications that I request be posted to the GBA website and any other database that may be used to compile candidate information for the Special Joint Meeting.

With warm regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.R. Tyrey', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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Dear Members of the Guilford County Bar:

As I enter my 22nd year of law practice, I have submitted my name as a potential nominee to occupy the seat left vacant by Judge Jarrell's untimely passing. I would like your support, and ask for your vote, at the upcoming meeting to elect nominees for the office of District Court Judge to be held on **October 23rd at 3:30 pm, at the Old Guilford County Courthouse.**

Quite frankly, these are not the circumstances under which I ever imagined I would be seeking appointment to a vacant seat on the district court bench. I first met Judge Jarrell (then just "Tom") on my first day as an Assistant District Attorney in High Point where he was my supervisor and I practiced regularly before him after he became a district court judge. Anyone who spent time around Judge Jarrell knows the natural ease with which he carried out his duties, his extraordinary presence as a person and judge and the profound impact he had on our legal community. Thus, I enter this process fully aware that we will not find a candidate who can "replace" Judge Jarrell or "fill" his shoes. We can, however, provide Governor Cooper with a list of nominees who we believe will do their best to follow in Judge Jarrell's footsteps by being diligent, fair, consistent, approachable, respectful and mindful of the trust we place in our judiciary. I believe my experience has prepared me to meet those expectations.

I attended Guilford College (B.A., 1994) and Campbell University's Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1997). After beginning law practice at a small general practice firm in Wilson, N.C., I returned to Guilford County in 1998 as an Assistant District Attorney. Over the next three years, I prosecuted felonies and misdemeanors in the district and superior courts. In 2001, I re-entered private practice in High Point and I started my own law firm in 2010. I have practiced in High Point my entire career and, in 2017, opened a second office in Greensboro. My private practice experience has primarily involved representation of clients in criminal and civil litigation matters. In my criminal practice, I represent those accused of both misdemeanors and felonies. My civil practice experience includes representation of individuals and businesses as plaintiffs and defendants in diverse types of litigation matters. In short, I have been in and around our courtrooms my entire career. In addition to my law practice, I regularly taught a Business Law course at Guilford College for ten years. I am a member of the High Point and Greensboro Bar Associations and the Guilford Inn of Court.

My experience over 22 years of practicing law has taught me the importance of managing busy dockets and efficiently moving cases from inception to conclusion. I understand and know how to apply the Rules of Civil Procedure, the Rules of Evidence, and the applicable burdens of proof in civil and criminal proceedings. I understand that technical expertise in every area is not possible and that an attorney's right to educate the court is a critical component in the process of reaching legally correct decisions. I have learned that a judge can assuage the sting of an adverse ruling by steadfastly ensuring each party's right to be heard. In a more general sense, I have learned that the most effective judges exhibit a calm, thoughtful, patient and respectful temperament, and I believe that my interactions within and outside the courthouse are indicative of those characteristics.

The experience and perspective I have gained over two decades of practicing law in this community have prepared me well to accept the new role and challenge I am seeking. On a personal note, if appointed District Court Judge, I will be committed to being approachable and accessible to members of the Bar, and mindful of my roots as a practicing attorney in the very same courtrooms.

I respectfully ask for your support and vote on October 23rd, 2019.

Very truly yours,

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Marc R. Tyrey