

# THE GBA NEWS DOCKET

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Hon. Bill Davis,  
President of the  
Greensboro Bar  
Association

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## Message from the President

*“When you’ve got so much to say, it’s called gratitude,  
And that’s right.”*

-- Beastie Boys

As I approach the end of my term as president, people keep asking me how I feel. It’s hard to respond to that question. While it’s true that it has been hard work, I have enjoyed my time as GBA president. In reflecting on it, I see some areas that I’m proud of, a few things that I could’ve done better, a few ideas that slipped by without getting them executed. It’s a complex batch of emotions, but there is one feeling that overwhelms all the rest: gratitude.

I have told you many times at our meetings how impressed I am with this association. We have an incredible roster of members, and when we come together as a group, the impact is awesome. We have so many members offering service to their community, either through pro bono legal services or other areas of volunteer work. We have members in leadership in many organizations and areas. We make legal education more accessible through scholarships. We help foster a love of reading and learning and improve the lives of children through our elementary school project. We give grants to a host of organizations that touch our community and our world. We do all of this and so much more.

As I approach the end of my time as president, I’m thankful for the opportunity to hold this position with such a terrific organization. I’m thankful for all our past presidents and leaders, many of whom helped and supported me this year. I am thankful to all our Board members, our committees, and our committee chairs. Their leadership is what really carries the organization and its work forward, more than any president could. I am thankful to our administrator, Diane Lowe; anyone who has worked on any project, organized any event, or simply attended any meeting knows how indispensable she is to everything we do. And I am thankful to each of you, our members.

At our final membership meeting of the year, as Erwin Fuller accepted the Distinguished Service Award, he told a story from very early in his practice of law in Greensboro. It’s his story, and there’s no way I can do it justice here; I hope you were there to get to hear it. At the end, though, he shared the essential message of the story – we look out for each other. This is the greatest strength of this association.

It’s a hard world, and we share a profession that brings incredible stresses and challenges. I have seen and heard about the ways that you are out there looking out for one another and taking care of each other.

***I am grateful to each of you.***

***I am grateful for all of you.***

***I thank you for this time as your president.***

And I look forward to the leadership and the continued great work that we’ll see in the coming year with President Abigail Peoples.

I’ll see you at the ball game, friends!

Hon. Bill Davis  
President, Greensboro Bar Association  
and the 24th Judicial District Bar

You can contribute news or topics of interest to the GBA by contacting Editor Preston Edwards:  
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# CALENDAR NOTES

- May 1 Law Day Event, 1:00 PM, Old Guilford County Courthouse
- May 12 GBA Board Meeting, 4:00 PM, Self-Help Building
- May 15 Sound Healing, 6:00 PM, Radiance Yoga
- May 20 YLS Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, Self-Help Building
- May 31 Picnic at the Ballpark, 1:30 PM, First National Bank Field

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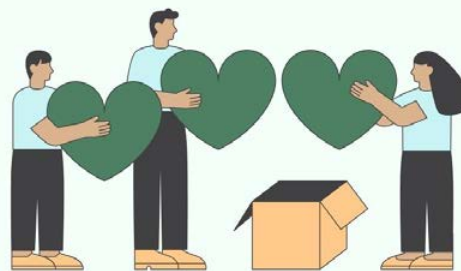
# NEW MEMBER

Approved on April 7, 2026

Joshua R. Plummer  
*Tuggle Duggins P.A.*  
Category: Newly Licensed  
Endorser: Alan B. Felts

## DONATION DRIVE

SPONSORED BY GREENSBORO BAR ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION  
BENEFITTING THE FAMILY ROOM FOSTER CARE RESOURCE CENTER



WE WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

Thursday May 14, 2026  
YLS END OF YEAR PARTY  
ODEN BREWING  
5:30PM

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT ITEMS WE ARE RAISING AND WHAT THE FOSTER CARE RESOURCE CENTER IS IN NEED OF!

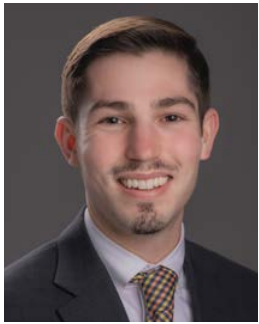
## Wellness Corner

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## NOTICE

Submissions for consideration for the Greensboro Bar Association Newsletter should be made to Preston Edwards at [preston@ndenc.com](mailto:preston@ndenc.com). All written submissions should be made in Word format and should be in complete and final form, and any photographs should be submitted in jpeg format. Any photographs submitted should contain a caption identifying the person or persons in the photograph and, where applicable, other information necessary to understand the context of the photograph. Submissions made in other formats, including e-mail text submissions, may not be considered for publication.



Jonathan Parisi is President of the Greensboro Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section and Attorney at [Spangler Estate Planning](#)

# Young Lawyers Section: Connections



Colleagues and Friends,

I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your support, participation, and enthusiasm throughout this past year. It has been an honor to serve as President of the Young Lawyers Section and to witness firsthand the dedication of our members to service, professionalism, and community engagement. We close out the year on a high note, with several successful events and one final opportunity to come together in celebration.

## BackPack Beginnings Service Event – A Huge Success

Our recent volunteer event with BackPack Beginnings was an incredible success. YLS members came together to bag several hundred grocery bags for students and families in our community, directly supporting children facing food insecurity. It was a meaningful opportunity to give back and make a tangible impact here in Greensboro. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event so special.



Left to right: Tyler Nullmeyer, Ben Raffte, Andrea Pascal, Elizabeth Robertson, Jonathan M. Parisi, Abdul Omer, Bryan Hernandez

## YLS March Madness Bracket Challenge – Winners Announced

March Madness brought out some friendly competition within the YLS, and we are excited to announce our winners for the bracket challenge:

1st Place: Alex Snow, 2nd Place: Morgan Faries, and 3rd Place: Casey Robinson

Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to everyone who joined in on the fun!

## Free Headshot Event – A Resounding Success

The YLS-sponsored free headshot event at the April 16th Joint GBA/24th Judicial District Meeting was a tremendous success. We had a fantastic turnout, and many members took advantage of the opportunity to update their professional photos. A very special thank you to Abigail Seymour and Sue Burch for generously volunteering their time and talents to coordinate, photograph, and edit headshots for our members. Their efforts made this event both seamless and highly valuable.

## End-of-Year Celebration & Officer Elections – May 14

Please join us on **May 14, 2026**, at 5:30 P.M. at Oden Brewing for our YLS End-of-Year Celebration. This event will be a great opportunity to reflect on a successful year of service, networking, and professional growth. In addition, we will hold our 2026–2027 officer elections, so we encourage all members to attend and take part in shaping the future of the YLS.

## Spring Swearing-In Ceremony for New Attorneys

Finally, the YLS is pleased to host our annual Spring Swearing-In Ceremony for attorneys who have recently passed the bar exam and wish to be admitted to practice in North Carolina state and/or federal court.

The ceremony will be held on:

**Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 3:00 P.M.**  
**United States Courthouse**  
**324 W. Market Street, Greensboro**  
**Courtroom 3 (Third Floor)**

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# BUILDING THE BAR FOR THE NEXT 250 YEARS

As our nation reflects on 250 years since the Declaration of Independence, we are invited to think not only about history, but about legacy. Milestones like this encourage us to look back with gratitude – but also ask us to look ahead.

For those of us in the legal profession, that question feels especially important. What kind of profession are we building? What kind of bar are we shaping? What kind of example are we setting for the lawyers who will follow?

If the past 250 years have taught us anything, it is that strong institutions do not sustain themselves. They are renewed, generation after generation, by people willing to lead, serve, and pass on what matters most.

The future of the profession will not only be shaped by technology, economics, and client demand. It will also be shaped by how we prepare our next generation of lawyers to lead with integrity, professionalism, and a sense of responsibility to others.

Much of what defines our profession is passed from one lawyer to another. It is learned in conversations with colleagues, in the patience of a mentor, in the tone of a courtroom exchange, and in the way a lawyer treats clients, staff, opposing counsel, and new attorneys. Professionalism is taught, but it is also absorbed. So are civility, confidence, and character.

That is why investing in the next generation matters so much.

New lawyers are entering a profession that is changing quickly. They face high expectations from clients, pressure to be productive early, and a legal environment shaped by constant change. Many are also navigating questions about balance, well-being, and long-term sustainability. They are being asked to adapt quickly while developing the wisdom and judgment that only time can bring.

That is no small task.

It is also a moment of great opportunity. Next generation lawyers bring energy, fresh perspective, and new ideas. They want to

contribute in meaningful ways. They care about excellence, purpose, and service. The question is whether the profession will meet them with the support and encouragement they need to thrive.

That support begins with mentorship, but it does not end there. New lawyers need experienced lawyers who will answer questions, share perspective, and model what it looks like to practice with competence and humility. They need bar leaders who will invite them into service, leadership, and the life of the profession. They need to know there is a place for them here.

A strong bar is not simply one that attracts new members. It is one that helps people feel welcomed, valued, and connected. It is one where newer lawyers can see a future for themselves. It is one where lawyers from different backgrounds, practice settings, and stages of life feel they have something to contribute. When lawyers feel that they belong to a professional community, they are more likely to engage, lead, serve, and stay committed to the ideals that sustain the profession.

The Greensboro Bar Association is more than a calendar of events or a professional network. At its best, a local bar is where the profession becomes personal. It is where relationships are formed, where younger lawyers begin to find their footing, and where the values of the profession are reinforced in lasting ways. It is where collegiality can grow, mentorship can take root, and lawyers are reminded that they are part of something larger than their individual practices.

That role is especially important now. If we want a profession marked by integrity, service, and public trust, we must create paths for younger lawyers to grow into those responsibilities. We must bring them into the conversation.

We should also remember that leadership is often quieter than we think. It happens in small but meaningful ways: introducing a new lawyer to others at a bar event, encouraging someone who is uncertain, or inviting someone to lead. These acts may

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# STEADY LEADERSHIP, LASTING IMPACT: HONORING JUDGE BILL DAVIS

As the 2025–2026 bar year comes to a close, the Greensboro Bar Association extends its sincere appreciation to Judge Bill Davis for a year of exceptional leadership, service, and vision. Under his guidance as President, the GBA experienced a renewed sense of energy and engagement that resonated across our membership.

Judge Davis curated an outstanding lineup of speakers that elevated each meeting and drew record attendance. From Paul Newby, Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, to Whitney Oakley, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and many others, his thoughtful programming made GBA gatherings both meaningful and memorable. These efforts did more than inform—they brought our members together and reinforced the value of staying connected as a legal community.

Beyond programming, Judge Davis led with purpose and efficiency. He played a key role in reviving Law Day in support of the rule of law, oversaw the election of our District Court judicial nominees, and ensured that each meeting was productive, engaging, and well-run. His steady leadership helped strengthen the foundation of the GBA while fostering a sense of momentum that will carry forward.



L-R: President-Elect Abigail Peoples, President Bill Davis

Judge Davis, thank you for your time, your dedication, and your commitment to this organization. Your leadership has left a lasting mark on the Greensboro Bar Association.

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## YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION: CONNECTIONS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Any new attorneys interested in participating should email [younglawyerssection@greensborobar.org](mailto:younglawyerssection@greensborobar.org) to request application materials.

We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with the newest members of our profession!

### YLS Member Spotlight: Tekia Bazemore, Legal Aid of North Carolina



Tekia Bazemore

Tekia Bazemore is a staff attorney with Legal Aid of North Carolina serving in the Central Intake Unit. Tekia's practice focuses primarily on housing matters, including evictions and Fair Housing issues, as well as education advocacy for students with disabilities. In her education work, she helps ensure that students receive the

services and support they are entitled to through IEPs and 504 Plans, working to secure equal access to quality public education.

Driven by a passion for public service, Tekia was inspired to pursue this work by her commitment to helping others—particularly those in underserved communities who may not fully understand their legal rights. Her day-to-day practice is centered on connecting with clients, often by phone, to identify practical solutions to urgent legal challenges. She finds the most fulfillment in easing her clients' burdens and empowering them with knowledge, helping them navigate complex legal issues with greater confidence and clarity.

Outside of her legal work, Tekia enjoys cooking, reading urban romance novels, traveling, and getting well-earned rest. She brings both dedication and relatability to her role, even joking that many are surprised to learn she has a college-aged child. Looking ahead, Tekia has an ambitious goal: to argue—and win—a case before the United States Supreme Court.

### Connect with YLS

The Young Lawyers Section would like to celebrate the personal milestones and professional accomplishments of its members. Email YLS at [younglawyerssection@greensborobar.org](mailto:younglawyerssection@greensborobar.org) to share achievements that you would like celebrated on our social media platform and in the GBA's member newsletter!

# HONORING A LEGACY OF SERVICE: ERWIN FULLER RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

At its Annual Joint Meeting on April 16, 2026, the Greensboro Bar Association and the 24th Judicial District recognized W. Erwin Fuller Jr. with the Distinguished Service Award—the highest honor bestowed by the GBA. Established in 1993, the award celebrates attorneys who demonstrate an unwavering commitment to the law, the administration of justice, the highest ethical standards, and meaningful public service. Fuller’s career reflects each of these ideals in full measure.

For more than six decades, Fuller has been a pillar of the legal community, beginning his practice with Brooks Pierce in 1965 after graduating from Duke Law School and clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. His leadership within the bar is both deep and enduring—serving as GBA President, chairing its Awards Committee for two decades, and contributing extensively to the North Carolina Bar Association and State Bar. As noted in remarks presented by Judge Robby Hassell, Fuller’s professional accomplishments alone would warrant recognition; yet it is his sustained commitment to service that truly distinguishes his legacy.

Beyond the practice of law, Fuller has devoted himself to the Greensboro community through countless civic, charitable, and faith-based roles. From leadership in Kiwanis and educational institutions to decades of pro bono work and service through his church, he has embodied the very definition of a “citizen lawyer.” His



L-R: Erwin Fuller, Judge Robby Hassell

career stands as a powerful reminder that the impact of our profession extends far beyond the courtroom—it lives in the communities we serve and the example we set.

The Greensboro Bar Association is proud to honor Erwin Fuller for a lifetime of extraordinary service. His dedication, humility, and leadership continue to inspire generations of attorneys who follow in his footsteps.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, STEVE CRIHFIELD!



Steve Crihfield

Past GBA President Steve Crihfield turns 90 years young this month! As previously announced, Steve is collaborating with local author and journalist Margaret Moffett to produce a book about his life and six-decade career in the legal profession. They have made significant progress and continue in their joint editorial endeavors to tell his one-of-a-kind story. Many thanks to those among our membership who have already

contributed toward assisting in defraying the substantial costs of publication. A project now endorsed and facilitated by the GBA History and Archives Committee, this work

will reflect not only Steve’s meaningful contributions on our behalf, but will be one that will tell much of our own story as an Association of contributing and committed professionals. Contributions of \$100 or more will be honored in recognition in the book’s acknowledgments. Please consider donating to this commemorative effort, and checks written to Margaret Moffett (with “Crihfield book” in the memo) can be addressed to our colleague and past GBA President Charles Younce at 4100 Well Spring Dr. Unit 1301, Greensboro, NC 27410.

— The GBA History and Archives Committee and Friends of Steve Crihfield



### **CHERYL KIEL DAVID**

May 8, 1962 – April 10, 2026

Cheryl Kiel David died on a beautiful sunny day, surrounded by family, after a three-year battle with Carcinosarcoma. She fought with everything she had; she was determined, resilient, and unwavering in her pursuit of every possible path forward. True to who she was at her core, Cheryl left no stone unturned. One of her greatest wishes was to live long enough to see her youngest daughter marry, and through her strength and sheer will, she was able to witness that moment, a memory her family will cherish forever.

Born at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, Cheryl was the daughter of Judith and Gerald Kiel. As the child of a military father, her early years were marked by frequent moves and new schools, shaping her resilience, adaptability, and remarkable ability to connect with others.

She attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for her undergraduate studies, where her “claim to fame” was living in the same dorm as Michael Jordan. She liked to comment on the striking height difference when they stood together in the cafeteria line.

After college, Cheryl attended law school at the University of Baltimore, where she earned her Juris Doctor degree, becoming a third generation attorney. She began her legal career as an administrative judge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, where she was able to help others in a way that reflected one of her deepest values, a commitment to fairness. After her time in Baltimore she relocated to Greensboro, North Carolina, with her husband, where she worked as a litigator.

In 1996, Cheryl was selected by renowned trial attorney Gerry Spence to attend the Trial Lawyers College. During her time at his Wyoming ranch, she spent transformative time refining her craft and reflecting on her purpose. While she excelled in the intensity and mental focus of trial work, she ultimately realized she wanted a path that allowed her to serve others deeply while remaining present for her family.

After the birth of her third child, Cheryl made the pivotal decision to shift her focus exclusively on estate planning, an area she had always felt called to. In doing so, she found her life’s work. She founded the Law Offices of Cheryl David, where for more than thirty years she helped tens of thousands of North Carolina families protect what matters most. With compassion, wisdom, and unwavering dedication, she guided clients through estate planning, elder law, and probate. She believed deeply that protecting your family is one of the most important things you can do, and she lived that belief every day through her work.

Her daughter, Blaire McClanahan of North Carolina, has served as Managing Partner of the firm for the past three and a half years under Cheryl’s guidance. Today, she proudly carries forward her mother’s legacy, leading with the same compassion, thoughtful counsel, and deep commitment to client care and family-centered service.

## In Memoriam

An avid reader, early adopter, and lifelong learner, Cheryl loved research, meaningful conversation, and connecting people with each other. She cared deeply for each of her clients and practiced what she preached, ensuring that her own legacy, and the firm she built, would continue to serve families for generations to come.

Cheryl is survived by her husband of 39 years, Mark Davidowitz; her three beloved children, Blaire (George) McClanahan, Jake Davidowitz, and Jennifer (Joseph) Kuperman of Austin, Texas; and her cherished grandson, Benny McClanahan, who knew her as “Gigi.” She is also survived by her parents, Judith and Gerald Kiel; and her brothers, Michael Kiel and Gregory (Bernadette) Kiel. She was preceded in death by her dear sister, Jennie.

Cheryl leaves not only her family and friends, but an entire community of clients whose lives she touched. She also leaves behind her beloved team at the Law Offices of Cheryl David, whom she considered to be her family, and her many friends and colleagues at the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys. Her passing is a profound loss for North Carolina and beyond, and her legacy will live on through the countless families she helped and the work she so passionately built.



### **WILLIAM (BILL) MARION WILCOX IV**

December 26, 1952 – April 16, 2016

William (Bill) Marion Wilcox IV, 73, passed away on April 16, 2016, peacefully at home in Greensboro, North Carolina, surrounded by his loving family. Bill courageously fought two kinds of cancer and will forever be an inspiration to his family and friends.

Bill is survived by his wife Stephanie Jo (Stevie) Wilcox, his daughter Ann Louise Fields, son-in-law Michael Fields and grandson Graham William Fields. He is also survived by his siblings; Elizabeth (Betsy) Wilcox, Mary Hultman and Henry Wilcox (Robyn); as well as his beloved sisters-in-laws, nieces and nephews. Bill was predeceased by his parents, William Marion Wilcox III and Emma Worth Mitchell Wilcox.

Bill attended both Washington and Lee University and Miami University, Ohio, graduating with a B.S. in 1975 from Miami University, Ohio. He then attended Wake Forest University School of Law, graduating with a J.D. in 1982. In addition to being an attorney, Bill was also a Certified Public Accountant.

Bill joined the law firm then known as Adams Kleemeier Hagan Hannah & Fouts (now Maynard Nexsen) in 1986. He became a partner and a firm leader throughout his practice, serving as Managing Partner of Adams Kleemeier in 2001. Later, Bill served as the Corporate/Tax Practice Group Leader for Maynard Nexsen. He continued to enjoy practicing law up until his death.

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## In Memoriam

While Bill was very proud of his career, he also had many passions and hobbies, including volunteering and serving on boards of several local charitable foundations. Some of his favorite organizations were Friends for Early Breast Cancer Detection, the Children's Home Society of North Carolina and his beloved alma maters.

He was an avid golfer, lacrosse player, racquetball player, fisherman, guitarist, sports enthusiast and a master "Dad-joke" teller. Most weekends, he could be found either playing golf at Sedgefield Country Club, scoring ACC golf tournaments, enjoying golf or football on TV or jamming on the guitar with his family and friends in his music room. He also had a deep love for travel, making it a priority over the last 15 years to see as much of the world as he could with Stevie, Ann Louise and Michael.

But most of all, Bill's greatest joy was his 48-year marriage to Stevie, his best friend, and watching his daughter Ann Louise grow up and become a wife to Michael and a mother to Graham. He will be greatly missed.

## BARCARES IS HERE TO HELP

May is widely known as mental health awareness month. As such, the board of directors of BarCARES is continuing to foster education, counseling and support for attorneys, paralegals, law students and their spouses in dealing with problems that might be causing distress including personal issues, anxiety, substance use, financial concerns, family matters, work issues, professional stressors, and provide help with case-related stress among other things. The mission of BarCARES includes:

1. To encourage and enhance the conditions that enable attorneys to successfully practice law in their increasingly complex and competitive profession and achieve personal satisfaction in their professional and personal lives.
2. To study, explore, make recommendations, and implement programs designed to increase attorneys' effectiveness in their profession and personal life.
3. To contract with providers to render services to attorneys designed to increase their effectiveness in their profession, and to oversee and administer those contracts.
4. To provide counseling and lawyer assistance services and make available career re-evaluation services to attorneys.

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### When BarCARES is contacted, you can expect:

- Supported entry to mental health services to make it easier to seek help including providers matched to client preference [gender, experience], presenting concerns and preferred service delivery [in person, telehealth].
- 24/7 access.
- No diagnostic labeling as the BarCARES providers do not have to assign a diagnosis code to BarCARES covered services.
- Privacy: BarCARES providers are bound by HIPAA privacy compliance regulations.
- Encouragement toward selfcare by endorsing regular 'check-ups' to support professionals in a stressful profession.

Our profession can no longer ignore the real life impacts of practicing law on attorneys and those in our orbit. BarCARES is here to help. We are available at 919-929-1227, or 1-800-640-0735. To learn more about BarCARES visit <https://www.ncbar.org/members/barcares/>.



# JUDGE TERESA VINCENT AWARDED ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE



At the April 16 joint meeting of the Greensboro Bar Association and the 24th Judicial District, President Bill Davis presented Judge Teresa Vincent with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is one of the most prestigious awards conferred by the

Governor of the State of North Carolina, and is awarded for exemplary service to the State of North Carolina and the recipients' communities that is above and beyond the call of duty and which has made a significant impact and strengthened North Carolina.

At the time of her retirement at the end of 2024, Judge Vincent had served the people of North Carolina for thirty-one years. Her first seven years, she served as an Assistant District Attorney, prosecuting cases and standing up for victims of crime. In 2000, she was elected as a District Court Judge, and served with great distinction in that position until her retirement. She became the Chief District Court Judge for Guilford County's judicial district in 2019 and is the first black woman to serve in that position. As Chief Judge, she led our local courts through both the COVID pandemic and the transition to electronic filing. She also served as President of the District Court Judges' Association, President of the Greensboro Bar Association, Vice President of the NC Bar Association Board of Governors, and as a member of the NC Judicial Standards Commission. She received the Outstanding Women in the Profession award from Elon Law School Women's Law Association. At the time of her retirement, Chief Justice Paul Newby presented her with the Friend of the Court Award. Earlier this year, she received the



L-R: President Bill Davis, Judge Teresa Vincent

Centennial Award presented jointly by the Greensboro Bar Association and the NC Bar Association.

Judge Vincent dedicated her career to public service in the courts of our State. She is regarded as one of the very finest judges that we have had. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine was richly deserved, and it was wonderful to present it at our annual meeting when so many friends and colleagues could be present.



# GBA RALLIES TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FOR LEGAL AID OF NC

On April 11, 2026, the Greensboro Bar Association gathered at Boxcar Bar + Arcade for its annual Legal Aid Fundraiser, an evening dedicated to celebrating the vital work of Legal Aid of North Carolina and rallying support for its mission to serve communities across the state, and specifically our local Greensboro office's efforts for the triad in particular.

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, law firms, and members of the Bar, this year's event was a resounding success, raising an impressive total of over \$25,000. The achievement reflects the Association's ongoing commitment to advancing access to justice and supporting Legal Aid's critical efforts throughout North Carolina.

Now in its third year at Boxcar, the fundraiser once again brought together legal professionals and their families for a lively night of connection, entertainment, and community spirit, including a silent auction showcasing a variety of items generously donated by local businesses and members of the Bar. The evening was further enriched by heartfelt remarks underscoring the essential role Legal Aid plays—especially in the face of ongoing funding challenges.

Just days later, at the Greensboro Bar Association's membership meeting on April 16, 2026, the funds raised were formally presented to Janet McAuley-Blue, Managing Attorney of the Greensboro office of Legal



L-R: Fundraiser Co-chair Emily Carico, Janet McAuley-Blue

Aid of North Carolina. These contributions will directly support their work providing essential legal services to some of the Triad's most vulnerable individuals and families.

The Greensboro Bar Association extends its sincere thanks to everyone who made the event possible—from sponsors and donors to attendees and bidders. Special recognition goes to event Co-Chairs Jeanna Cooper and Emily Carico, whose dedication and leadership brought this meaningful evening to life.



# ROBERT C. CONE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SOCIETY INDUCTION

The Robert C. Cone Community Involvement Society honors those members of the Greensboro Bar Association who contribute at least 75 hours of community service annually. The society was established in 2025 to honor the life and work of the late Robert C. Cone, a former Greensboro Bar Association president who was deeply committed to community service. The eleven individuals inducted for service completed in 2025 were recognized at the GBA member meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at Starmount Country Club. They are:

Judge Bill Davis: 190 hours

Eloise Hassell: 253 hours

Judge Robby Hassell: 160 hours

Jason Hicks: 177.7 hours

Jennifer Gilbert Mencarini: 100 hours

Barbara Morgenstern: 300 hours

Sarah Roane: 91 hours

Nicole Scallon: 600 hours

Karen McKeithen Schaede: 100 hours

Gray Styers: 180 hours

Jonathan Wall: 85.4 hours



L-R, Chair Jason Hicks, Gray Styers, Sarah Roane, Judge Robby Hassell, Eloise Hassell, President Bill Davis

**Congratulations and thank you for your service!**

# GREENSBORO BAR ASSOCIATION FELLOWS CLASS OF 2026

The Greensboro Bar Association Fellows inducted its Class of 2026 at the April 16 membership meeting at Starmount Forest Country Club. The fellows is an honorary society of attorneys, judges, and law faculty who are members in good standing of the Greensboro Bar Association, who are licensed to practice law and in good standing in any jurisdiction and whose public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession. No more than ten percent of the members of the Greensboro Bar Association can be Fellows at any one time.

Members of the Class of 2026 are:

Judge Tonia A. Cutchin

Jeffrey E. Oleynik

Alan W. Duncan

Jennifer L. Rierson

William A. Eagles

James H. Slaughter

Charles T. Hagan, III

Joseph A. Williams

Eloise McCain Hassell

Edward C. Winslow, III

Jason F. Hicks

Judge William A. Wood, II

Marc L. Isaacson



(L-R) Fellows in attendance- Jason Hicks (Chair); Ed Winslow, Jennifer Rierson, Judge Tonia Cutchin, Eloise Hassell, Joe Williams

seem modest, but they shape careers.

They also shape the profession we leave behind.

If we want the next generation to value civility, we must model it. If we want them to lead ethically, we must show them what ethical leadership looks like in practice. If we want them to care about service, we must invite them to serve alongside us. If we want them to believe there is a place for them in this profession, we must build a bar that reflects that belief.

That is how the future is formed - not only in grand statements, but in daily choices.

The future of the profession will depend on what today's lawyers choose to build.

If we want a strong profession tomorrow, we must welcome, support, and inspire the lawyers who are beginning today. The next 250 years begin with them.

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