

Fellow Members of the Guilford County Bar:

My name is Michele Lee and I am asking for your vote in the upcoming election for District Court Judicial Nominees at the Joint 24/24H Bar Meeting on October 23, 2019.

It is with great humility that I seek your consideration and ultimately, your vote. I received my undergraduate degree from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and my law degree from Campbell University School of Law. I have been licensed to practice law for 20 years.

I began my legal career long before I entered law school. I am blessed to be a third-generation attorney. My grandfather, J. Kenneth Lee, and father, Michael E. Lee, practiced law in Guilford County for many years and laid a foundation for activism, social awareness, social responsibility, and a love and respect for the practice of law. Their imprint on the legal community is widespread. Their imprint on me is everlasting. I began working with my father and grandfather at an early age, learning about the practice of law from the ground up and absorbing everything that I possibly could. I still often find myself leaning on their valuable teachings.

I have been proudly serving the people of Guilford County in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, serving at the pleasure of The Honorable Lisa Johnson-Tonkins, since 2015. In my current position as the Senior Hearing Officer in the Greensboro Division, I preside over matters under the Clerk's original jurisdiction, such as guardianship, incompetency, estates and special proceedings. My current judicial role has uniquely prepared me for seeking this District Court judicial position. Each day I am tasked with listening to the facts and analyzing the evidence before me, understanding and applying the law, and mastering the rules of evidence and civil procedure. I have gained invaluable experience in exercising judicial discretion and sincerely believe that I possess the requisite insight, intellect and temperament to join our esteemed panel of District Court Judges presiding in Guilford County.

I am a hard worker and a perfectionist. I am organized, efficient, reasonable, accountable and above all, I have a tremendous respect for the role I am seeking to fulfill.

What I can promise you, is that if given the opportunity to serve you on the District Court bench, I will continue to make decisions based on the facts and apply the law with fairness, compassion and an understanding that everyone deserves the same opportunity to be heard. I will be dedicated and available, I will strive for excellence, I will listen, and I will continue to learn.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about me. I appreciate your consideration and hope to earn your vote on October 23, 2019.

Sincerely yours,  
Michele P. Lee

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*Admitted: State Bar of North Carolina*

## EDUCATION

**CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Buies Creek, NC  
*Juris Doctor*, May 1998

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL**, Chapel Hill, NC  
*BS Psychology*, May 1993

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**GUILFORD CO. CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT – 24<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT, Greensboro, NC** 03/15 – present  
*Assistant Clerk of Superior Court*

*Senior Judicial Hearing Officer – Greensboro Division*

- Ex-Officio Judge of Probate  
Preside over matters including but not limited to:
- Minor Guardianship Proceedings
- Adult Incompetency Proceedings
- Adult Guardianship Proceedings
- Foreclosures
- Adoptions
- Contested Estate Proceedings
- Civil Claim & Delivery Proceedings
- Exemptions

**GRAY & JOHNSON, Greensboro, NC**  
*Of Counsel*

03/14 – 03/15

- Assisted in wrongful death and personal injury trial preparation
- Primary contact for witness preparation for trial
- Drafted pleadings, including complaints, answers, and interrogatories among others
- Conducted legal research and drafted briefs for State Appellate matters
- Prepared for and assisted with mediations

**GRAY, JOHNSON, BLACKMON, LEE & LAWSON, LLP, Greensboro, NC**  
*Managing Partner*

2002 – 2008

- Practiced in the areas of criminal misdemeanor and felony matters, child support, estates, personal injury, wrongful death, family law and general civil litigation
- Drafted documents, including memoranda of law, various motions and pleadings for criminal, civil and estate matters
- Conducted legal research and drafted briefs for State Appellate matters
- Prepared for and assisted with mediations

## MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Greensboro Bar Association; Senior Resources of Guilford, *Board Member*; Primrose School of New Irving Park, *Parent Volunteer*; St. James Presbyterian Church