



# TANIYA D. REAVES

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“One of the most important things in the courtroom is not just the experience you **bring to** the bench, but the experience you **give from** the bench.”

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**The Person:** I am Attorney Taniya D. Reaves – a native of Guilford County. I have well-grounded roots in this area and a family based in civil rights advocacy with plenty of feet on the ground experience in serving our community. For fun, I help my Dad with farming, hobby-building (sheds, etc.), rebuilding care and truck engines and transmissions, fishing, and listening to my Dad talk about his stint in motorcycle racing in the late ‘60s.

**The Journey:** I started my career in the legal field 12 years ago in 2010 after securing my Master’s Degree in Education from UNC-Chapel Hill. I went back to school for an Associate’s in Science in Paralegal Technology from our distinguished Guilford Technical Community College in Greensboro, NC under the tutelage of Robert (“Bob”) S. Payne, former fair housing attorney for the State of North Carolina. Bob enforced mastery in the both the State and Federal Rules of Evidence and Rules of Civil Procedure to make sure that all of “his” paralegal students would be able to assist attorneys from client intake to preparing closing arguments.

**The Background:** I worked in private practice for the Roupas Law Firm, PLLC as the Senior Paralegal until May 2014 before my stint with Guilford County Government under J. Mark Payne (not related to Bob Payne!), County Attorney at that time. I worked full-time as the County’s Senior Paralegal and went to law school in the evening at NC Central University School of Law. After becoming a licensed attorney, Mark hired me as an Assistant County Attorney and one (1) year later promoted me to Deputy County Attorney. I have represented the County in matters ranging from Clerk hearings to the Office of Administrative Hearings to District/Superior Courts, NC Court of Appeals, and our Federal Courts, up to the Fourth Circuit.

**The Qualifications:** I am licensed in North Carolina and the District of Columbia and admitted to practice in the Middle, Eastern, and Western Districts for the North Carolina Federal Courts as well as the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. I have experience handling criminal cases and countless expunctions, but most of my experience has been in civil court litigation, including: child support, family law, DSS child and adult protective services, municipal law, real property, contracts, bankruptcy, local tax law, foreclosures, building and code enforcement, planning, development and zoning law, public health law, probate/estate law, and employment law – just to name a few!

**The Reason:** Second only to family matters, law is my passion. I offer our attorneys and our citizens fairness and a real opportunity to be heard. I have diverse legal experience and a clear-cut goals to ensure a competent, compassionate, and considerate judiciary. I am able to hit the ground running as a District Court Judge and I am ready to serve the citizens of Guilford County.

# Taniya D. Reaves

J.D., M.Ed., AAS, NCCP, Notary Public

*General Civil Litigation  
Attorney with  
Extraordinary Ability to  
Organize and Motivate  
The Team*

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Teamwork is the building block for success . . .  
Who's on your team?

## HONORS, CERTIFICATION, LICENSES and BAR ADMISSIONS

**GSO Bar Association Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award:** January 20, 2022  
**Washington, D.C. Bar Admission:** April 17, 2021 (District)  
**Western District of North Carolina Admission:** April 21, 2020 (Federal)  
**Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Admission:** January 23, 2018 (Federal)  
**Middle District of North Carolina Admission:** August 28, 2017 (Federal)  
**NC State Bar Admission and Licensure:** May 12, 2017 (State)  
**NC State Bar Certified Legal Intern (Practice of Law):** January 1, 2015 – May 2017  
**North Carolina State Bar Certified Paralegal:** April 2013 - present  
**North Carolina Notary Public:** March 2000 - Present  
**President's List (Guilford Technical Community College):** May 2012  
**Honor's Society (Guilford Technical Community College):** May 2012  
**Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society (UNC-Chapel Hill):** May 2011  
**Publication: (For NC Department of Public Instruction for presentation to NC General Assembly) Diagnostic Reading Assessment Pilot Program (DRAP) Final Evaluation Report:** August 2010

## EDUCATION

**North Carolina Central University School of Law: GRADUATE CLASS OF 2015**  
**Guilford Technical Community College:** August 2010 – June 2012)  
Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies  
**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:** August 2009 - May 2011  
Master's Degree in Education  
Concentration in Early Childhood Intervention and Family Services  
**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:** August 2006 - December 2008  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology  
Concentration in Child Development and Disorders

## CAREER PATH

### Guilford County Attorney's Office

- Deputy County Attorney (June 2018 – Present)
- Assistant County Attorney (June 2017 – June 2018)
- Senior Paralegal (May 2014 – May 2017)

### The Law Office of Thomas F. Roupas, Jr. (April 2011 – December 2017)

- Senior Paralegal – Civil and Criminal Litigation

### Guilford Technical Community College (October 2010 – June 2012)

- Teaching Assistant and Assistant Program Coordinator

### UNC-Chapel Hill: School of Education (Nov. 2009 – August 2010) Evaluation, Assessment and Policy Connections (EvAP) Lab

- Researcher
- Statistician