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To the members of the 24th and 24H District Bars:

I am asking for your vote on February 25, 2026 at our joint meeting to fill the vacancy left upon the Honorable K. Michelle Fletcher's retirement. Judge Fletcher has been an asset to the Guilford County District Court bench, particularly her dedication and service to our mental health, drug treatment and domestic courts. I am sure that those of you who practice in our district courtrooms want a judge that will be able to step into the vacancy ready to work and with the experience to do so. I believe I am that candidate.

For over 22 years, I have worked in both public service positions at Legal Aid of NC and the Forsyth County Public Defender's Office and in private firms at Dummit Fradin and Garrett, Walker, Aycoth & Olson.

I have tried numerous cases in criminal and civil district courtrooms across North Carolina including traffic tickets, DWIs, 50Bs, and custody matters. I have been a Guardian ad Litem in several high conflict custody cases through the Children's Law Center. I also have extensive superior court experience handling everything from simple deferred prosecution matters and low level felony pleas to complex jury trials on high level felonies. I am especially proud of the most recent acquittal my husband, Brandon Goldsborough, and I obtained on a first degree murder case in which our client was acting in self defense. As a result of my legal experience, representation of people from all backgrounds, interaction with courthouse staff and law enforcement, I have gained valuable insight and wisdom that I would bring to the bench.

If chosen, I will treat all people with dignity and respect. I will strive to continually educate myself on all areas of the law, approach legal and factual issues from an unbiased perspective, learn from my mistakes, and resolve to handle the unexpected with wisdom and grace. I will further work to be introspective, humble, and temper justice with mercy.

Guilford County is my home. I was born and raised here and Guilford County is where my husband and I have chosen to raise our family. I love my work, my work family, my courthouse family and the law. I've already met many of you and encourage those of you I don't know to reach out to me.

On February 25, vote for me to serve you and the citizens of Guilford County as a district court judge.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020 - Present Garrett, Walker, Aycoth, & Olson Greensboro, NC *Trial Attorney*

- District and superior court criminal practice in Guilford and Randolph Counties
- Focus on Driving While Impaired and traffic cases
- Handle 50B and 50C cases
- Handle DMV hearings

2015 - 2020 Dummit Fradin High Point, NC *Attorney/Managing Attorney*

- District and superior court criminal practice in Forsyth, Guilford, and Randolph Counties
- Focused on Driving While Impaired and traffic cases
- Handled domestic civil matters including custody and 50B and 50C cases
- Supervised criminal docketing paralegal and law office staff

2011 - 2015 Forsyth County Public Defender's Office Winston-Salem, NC *Assistant Public Defender*

- Represented indigent individuals in misdemeanor and felony cases in Forsyth County district and superior courtrooms
- Handled district court bench trials and superior court jury trials

2003 - 2011 The Legal Aid Society of NW NC, Inc./Legal Aid of NC, Inc. Winston-Salem, NC *Staff Attorney*

- Draft pleadings, motions, and orders for custody, visitation and divorce
- Handle 10-day hearings for 50B Domestic Violence Protective Orders in Forsyth, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin Counties; including motions, negotiations, consent orders and trials as needed

- Represented and negotiated on behalf of clients subject to home foreclosure
- Represented clients in permanent and temporary custody actions
- Acted as Guardian ad Litem for minor children in high-conflict custody cases, 2004-2007
- Consulted and corresponded with prospective clients on matters such as custody, visitation, and emancipation
- Taught pro se clinics on Divorce and Custody at the public library
- Developed pro se materials for Grandparents seeking Custody
- Cooperated with Domestic Violence Advocacy Organizations
- Serviced Spanish-speaking clientele with assistance of translator

1997 - 1999 Guardian Ad Litem Program Winston-Salem, NC *Volunteer Advocate*

- Interviewed juveniles, family members, and social workers
- Organized and summarized case reports for Court presentation
- Presented case recommendation in Court regarding restoration of stable home environment

#### OTHER EXPERIENCE

2019 (March) ABC'S of DWI Raleigh, NC *Instructor*

- Prepared and filmed continuing legal education seminar on the fundamentals DWI litigation in district court

2016 (February) The Criminal Defense Trial from Start to Finish Raleigh, NC *Instructor*

- Prepared continuing legal education seminar on opening and closing statements

2010 (June) North Carolina Domestic Violence Protective Orders Winston-Salem, NC *Instructor*

- Prepared continuing legal education seminar on representing plaintiffs in 50B protective order actions, presented live and broadcast remotely to several locations of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice, PLLC, in North Carolina

2010 (February) Trial Briefs Magazine

- Featured in an article about the representation of a disabled woman whose home was saved from foreclosure

2005 (Spring) Courses for Community, Salem College Winston-Salem, NC *Instructor*

- Developed and taught course for LSAT preparation

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2003 - Present North Carolina State Bar

2017 - Present High Point Bar Association

2015 - Present Greensboro Bar Association

2003 - 2015 Forsyth County Bar Association

2005 - 2009 Forsyth County Women's Attorney's Association

*Secretary/Treasurer, 2006-2007*

*Vice-President, 2007-2008*

2009 - 2011 Board Member of the Hispanic League in Winston-Salem

*Chair of PR/Marketing Committee*

#### EDUCATION

1999 - 2002 Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law Buies Creek, NC *Juris Doctor*

- Finalist, 2000 Client Counseling Competition
- Secretary, 2001-2002 term, Christian Legal Society
- Member, 1999-2001, Legal Runarounds
- Member, 2001, American Bar Association
- Class Honors, Church and State

1995 - 1999 Salem College Winston-Salem, NC *Bachelor of Arts in English, Minor in Sociology: cum laude*

- Member Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society,
- Vice President Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society,
- Mortar Board, Academic Council
- Harry and Hanna Smith Social Science Scholar

- Five-time recipient, Dean's List