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**RE: District Court Judicial Vacancy**

Dear Mr. Richardson and Mr. Bryson:

Please accept this letter as my formal request to seek the nomination for the district court judicial vacancy created by the unfortunate passing of the Honorable Tom Jarrell.

I am duly authorized to practice law within the 24<sup>th</sup> and 24H Judicial Districts and I reside within the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

I have attached a letter that includes my qualifications for the position of district court judge and would be happy to provide further information if requested.

Sincerely,



Stephanie M. Goldsborough



Dear Members of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 24H Judicial Districts Bars:

While experience is and wisdom are crucial qualities in a district court judge, the essence of the job is public service. This role calls on those in judicial leadership to humble themselves to the position. An individual must be prepared to do the work, whether that is to be educated on the law of a particular case, to give fair hearing to all parties involved, or to be wise when using discretion in determining the facts and evaluating those facts based on the law. A judge must value the lives of all the individuals who come before the court. It is essential to be as unbiased as possible. A judge should be willing to be educated on the unique challenges that may arise in his or her courtroom, from parties with reduced mental capacity, substance use disorders, and mental illness. A deeper understanding of those issues might not change the decision a judge makes, but it is essential to the process.

Public service is at the heart of why I became an attorney 16 years ago. As you will see below, I have worked at both Legal Aid and the Forsyth County Public Defender's office, and I am eager to dedicate myself to the community as a district court judge. I will work hard for Guilford County and all who come before the court.

I encourage each of you to seek out attorneys who know me -- and all of us seeking this appointment. Ask them for their honest opinions. Make your decisions, not based on friendships and loyalties, but based on who you truly believe will do the hard work a judge is called on to do.

### **Work Experience**

I have been licensed to practice law since 2003 and have been actively practicing for over 16 years. I received my JD from Campbell Law School after graduating cum laude from Salem College with a BA in English and a minor in Sociology.

I began my legal practice as a domestic violence attorney at The Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina in Winston-Salem. I primarily litigated 50B actions in Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin Counties. I also represented clients in temporary and permanent custody actions and taught pro se divorce and custody clinics in Forsyth County. As a part of the pro se custody clinics, I authored pro se litigation materials. From 2004 to 2007, I was a Guardian ad Litem in high conflict Chapter 50 actions in Forsyth County through the Child Advocacy Project of Forsyth County, which was the precursor to The Children's Law Center. While at Legal Aid, I was a member of the Forsyth County Women's Attorney's Association for several years and served as Secretary/Treasurer from 2006 to 2007 and Vice-President from 2007 to 2008. At the end of my tenure at Legal Aid, I served as a board member of The Hispanic League of Winston-Salem.



In 2011, I left Legal Aid and began working as an assistant public defender in the Forsyth County Public Defender's Office. I represented indigent defendants in misdemeanor and felony cases in both District and Superior Courts in Forsyth County.

In 2015, I took a position with Dummit Fradin, initially handling domestic cases in Forsyth, Stokes, and Surry Counties. After moving to the Greensboro office, I practiced both domestic and criminal litigation. Eventually, I returned to primarily criminal litigation. I am currently the managing attorney of the Dummit Fradin High Point office, representing clients in criminal matters in both Guilford and Randolph Counties and in 50B/50C matters when needed.

I thank you for your consideration.

