

2014 NCFEF State Judicial Candidate Questionnaire



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Marital Status (Spouse's Name if Applicable)	Married; Billy Warden
Number of Children	2
Religion	Christian
Education/Degrees Held	University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D. with honors, 1990; North Carolina State University, B.A. in English with highest honors, 1984
Professional License(s) or Certification(s) Held	Admitted to practice in North Carolina, 1990; Admitted to practice in California, 1992
Military Service	N/A
Previous Elected or Appointed Public Service, and Community/Civic Involvement	(1) North Carolina Bar Association, member since approximately 2000. I currently serve on the Section Council for the Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Council, the Bench-Bar Liaison Committee, and the BarCares board of directors, and I previously served on the Section Council for

the Litigation Section.
(2) Wake County Bar Association, member since approximately 2000. I currently serve on the Memorials Committee. I have previously served on the board of directors, the External Communication Committee, and the Diversity Committee.
(3) Friends of the Gregg Museum of Art and Design at N.C. State University. I have been a board member since 2010.
(4) Disability Rights NC, previously Carolina Legal Assistance. I served as a member of the board of directors from 2003 until I became a judge in 2010.
(5) Lucy Daniels Foundation. I am a founding member of the board and have served on it continuously since 1990.
(6) North Carolinians Against Gun Violence. I served on the board of this organization in 2001 and 2002.

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**Have you already or do you plan to seek
the support from the following groups of
organizations:**

- NC Advocates for Justice
(formerly the NC Academy of
Trial Lawyers)**
- The American Association for
Justice (formerly the Association
of Trial Lawyers of America)**
- Labor Unions, including the NC
Association of Educators (NCAE)
or the State Employees
Association of NC (SEANC)**
- US Chamber or NC Chamber**
- National Federation of
Independent Businesses (NFIB)**
- Congressional Leadership or
State Legislative Caucus
Committees**
- Medical Providers, including
Hospitals and Doctors**
- Insurance, Banking and
Financial Services**
- Utility and Telecom Companies**
- Professional Services (engineers,
accountants, etc.)**
- Construction/Real Estate**
- Retail/Wholesale Companies**
- Agribusiness**
- Transportation**
- Biotechnology, Life Science,
Pharmaceuticals**

List other political organizations, trade associations or other groups whose endorsement you plan to seek.

I want every endorsement because I will serve all citizens of divergent views.

State Judicial Candidates (request that answers be kept to 150 words or fewer):

Of the justices currently serving on the US Supreme Court, whose judicial philosophy most closely reflects your own?

- Kagan**
- Sotomayor**
- Alito**
- Roberts**
- Breyer**
- Ginsberg**
- Thomas**
- Kennedy**
- Scalia**

Do you believe the words and meaning of the constitution should be interpreted in the context of present culture or as closely to the intent of the original authors as possible?

I believe the words and meaning of the Constitution should be interpreted as closely as possible to the intent of the original authors. However, I do believe that judges should, in certain circumstances, consider the context of present culture, among other considerations, in resolving issues that the founders could not have anticipated. Resolving old questions is simple; judges should follow established precedent. The challenge for the judicial branch is in resolving novel issues. In such cases, judges must work to protect the rights provided by the Constitution from specific infringements that the original authors could not have anticipated, while refraining from making moral and policy decisions that are the province of the legislative branch. In my view, when deciding novel issues that could not have been anticipated by the founders, it may be appropriate to consider the context of present culture in attempting to determine how the founders would have resolved

such an issue. Doing so, I believe, will lead to the result that most closely resembles what the founders intended.

Do you support North Carolina's current system of electing judges, or would you propose another method (if so, what method)?

The North Carolina Constitution, which I am sworn to uphold, provides for the election of judges. This method of selection places judges in the untenable position of having to raise funds for election campaigns. Unlike candidates for executive and legislative offices, judicial candidates should not promise to advance any substantive agenda, because the bedrock of justice is impartiality and a willingness to decide each case based on the evidence before the court. For more than two decades, the North Carolina Bar Association and legislative committees have proposed a merit selection system, which provides for a committee comprised of various constituent group representatives to screen and nominate candidates to be appointed by the governor. This proposal has never succeeded because various interest groups have not trusted any alternative to public elections. Generally speaking, the political party with the most power tends to support election of judges, and the political party with the least power tends to support merit selection. I would propose a hybrid system, in which judges are screened for nomination and appointed from a limited field determined to be the best qualified candidates, and then stand for retention election after an initial term. This method would spare judges and judicial candidates from much of the fundraising necessary to wage an effective election campaign, would result in higher substantive standards for judicial selection, and would reserve for the public the power to turn out judges at the end of their terms.

In your opinion, what are the main principles of free enterprise, and what do they mean to you?

The main principles of free enterprise, in my view, are that (1) competition fosters innovation; (2) individual accomplishments are best rewarded, and therefore encouraged, by a system based on merit; and (3) imbalances in any given

market are generally corrected by the marketplace adjustments without the need for government interference.

(1) Competition fosters innovation means to me that, just as necessity is the mother of invention, the natural pressure of competition will drive people to think of smarter, better, more efficient ways to achieve results.

(2) Individual accomplishments are best rewarded, and therefore encouraged, by a system based on merit means to me that our society is best advanced by people who are driven to excel in their substantive areas of skill and interest.

(3) Imbalances in any given market are generally corrected by marketplace adjustments without the need for governmental interference means to me that the most lasting and predictable results are those flowing from natural market forces, as opposed to government subsidies.