

## Jefferson Griffin Candidate Questionnaire Responses

I believe in the American rule of law, protecting our Constitution, judicial independence, access to justice, civic education, and impartial courts. I believe a judge's role is to interpret the law, not make the law. My wife is an amazing attorney and an even better mother. My most important job is being the father of our two children. North Carolina is our home. I began my legal career in private practice representing civil and criminal defendants. I joined the Wake County District Attorney's Office under Colon Willoughby, where I prosecuted cases from infractions to murder. As a District Court Judge, I presided over civil and criminal courtrooms, including family law. I am an Army veteran. As a Judge Advocate, I advised Commanders while deployed to the Middle East supporting Operation Inherent Resolve. I have authored over 200 opinions at the Court of Appeals. I have dedicated my career to serving the citizens of my state and country. I humbly ask for your support and your vote. [www.jeffersongriffin.com](http://www.jeffersongriffin.com)

- What is your judicial philosophy? **I believe judges should interpret the law, not make the law. The role of a jurist is to apply the law as it is written.**

- Have you ever been publicly sanctioned by the State Bar and if so, why and what did you learn? **NO.**

- What would you do to improve the overall judicial system? **Applying the law as it is written and removing politics from our Courts. Notably, we no longer have a former trial court judge serving on the NC Supreme Court. I believe that is a valuable perspective that we need to have represented.**

- Judges in NC hear cases related to abortion access. Are you pro-choice? How would you respond to those types of cases. **Judges are bound by our Judicial Code of Conduct to not give opinions on matters that may appear before them. The current law in our state allows abortion up to 12 weeks into pregnancy with exceptions after 12 weeks for rape, incest, and health of the mother as well as in the case of fetal anomalies.**