

## NC Court of Appeals Seat 1 currently held by Judge John Arrowood

| Candidate                                    | √ <b>John Arrowood</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Michael Byrne</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>General information</b>                   | Democratic incumbent first appointed by former Governor Roy Cooper. Appeal court judge. Age 69. Website: <a href="https://www.keepjudgearrowood.com/">https://www.keepjudgearrowood.com/</a>                                                                                                                                                            | Republican opponent endorsed by former governor Pat McCrory. Administrative law judge. Age 59. Website: <a href="https://mb4nc.com/michael-byrne">https://mb4nc.com/michael-byrne</a>                                                                                                                            |
| <b>An economy for all?</b>                   | Arrowood is Board Chair of the NC Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA), a fund generated from interest from lawyers' general trust accounts that provides civil legal services and other programs for the public's benefit (candidate website). Endorsed by NC AFL-CIO (Ballotpedia).                                                            | Byrne specializes in defending police officers in dismissal cases and his campaign is endorsed by 3 major police organizations: Fraternal Order of Police; North Carolina Police Benevolent Association; and National Association of Police Organizations (candidate website)                                    |
| <b>Healthcare for all?</b>                   | Both Arrowood and Byrne were involved in defending North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Health Services's decision to allow AdventHealth to expand services into Weaverville, a decision supported by Governor Stein for expanding health care and competition in the county. (The Carolina Journal; Asheville Watchdog) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Childcare and Quality K-12 education?</b> | Judge Arrowood dissented in the successful appeal to stop \$1.7 billion in Leandro funding from being awarded to NC public schools in 2021 - because the decision was made in less than a day on a 'shadow docket' with no public calendaring, not allowing enough time for a response (EdNC)                                                           | No information found.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Fair and accessible elections?</b>        | Arrowood stated "[I]t is critical that our [legal] system be allowed to work independently without intimidation or the threat of interference by other branches of government." (NC Newsline)                                                                                                                                                           | No information found except that he once donated to democrat judge John Arrowood's election campaign ( <a href="https://thecaucus.substack.com/p/why-a-north-carolina-court-of-appeals">https://thecaucus.substack.com/p/why-a-north-carolina-court-of-appeals</a> )                                             |
| <b>A healthy planet?</b>                     | Endorsed by Sierra Club North Carolina (Ballotpedia)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | In 2021 Byrne presided over a conflict between the community of Snow Camp, NC, and the NC Dept of Environmental Quality over rock mining rights and environmental protections, disappointing residents whose houses and roads were being damaged and water compromised, in a case that was settled (NC Newsline) |

## NC Court of Appeals Seat 2 currently held by Judge Tobias Hampson

| Candidate                                    | George Cooper Bell                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ✓ Tobias Hampson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>General information</b>                   | Republican challenger.<br>Superior Court judge for District 26C since 2019 whose specialty is criminal law: "I have kept our streets safe and sentenced numerous violent criminals to life in prison without parole. This election is very critical. Our cities are under attack and there are takeovers almost every weekend...." (NC State Board of Elections, The Carolina Journal)<br>Website (thin):<br>judgegeorgebell.com | Democratic incumbent.<br>Appeals court judge.<br>Age 50.<br>Website: judgetobyhampson.com                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>An economy for all?</b>                   | Has a B.S. in business management from Cornell University in 2000 (Ballotpedia)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Endorsed by NC AFL-CIO.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Healthcare for all?</b>                   | No information found.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Endorsed by Planned Parenthood.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Childcare and Quality K-12 education?</b> | Bell is a volunteer wrestling coach at Mooresville High School and a volunteer soccer coach at Strikers Soccer Center (Ballotpedia); on social media identified as "The judge who released Drew Owens, the man accused of threatening to murder children at multiple NC schools" - Bell reduced Owens' bail from \$200,000 to \$75,000 (X).                                                                                      | Describes himself as "a proud product of North Carolina public schools, having attended Sandhills Farm Life Elementary [Moore County, NC], Union Pines High School [Moore County, NC], and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics [Durham, NC]"<br>( <a href="https://judgetobyhampson.com">https://judgetobyhampson.com</a> ) |
| <b>Fair and accessible elections</b>         | No information found.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Focused on preserving democracy: "I am committed to defending the Rule of Law, upholding your rights, and making sure our judicial system works for the people and not extreme partisan agendas." (NC State Board of Elections). Authored dissent from Republican challenge to North Carolina's Supreme Court 2024 election.                 |
| <b>A healthy planet</b>                      | No information found.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Endorsed by Sierra Club North Carolina (Ballotpedia)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## NC Court of Appeals Seat 3 to be vacated by Judge Allegra Collins

| Candidate                                    | Craig Collins                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | √ Christine Walczyk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>General information</b>                   | <p>Republican.<br/>Age 54.<br/>District Court judge in district 27A who is from Gaston County.<br/>Started career as chairman of the Gaston County Republican Party from 2011 to 2013.<br/>Website (thin):<br/>votecraigcollins.com</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>Democrat.<br/>Age 55.<br/>District Court trial judge in Wake County for 19 years.<br/>Judge Allegra Collins endorsed her as her successor (<i>The Assembly</i>).<br/>Website: judgechristine.org</p>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>An economy for all?</b>                   | No information found.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Endorsed by NC AFL-CIO and by Down Home NC, an organization which states "If we want to win working class, people-powered victories in North Carolina, than we can't leave rural communities behind."; "Judges have a greater responsibility to serve our neighbors and increase the public's access to the justice system."<br/>(judgechristine.org)</p>                  |
| <b>Healthcare for all?</b>                   | No information found.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No information found.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Childcare and Quality K-12 education?</b> | <p>Spent many years coaching youth sports, both at the Middle School level and in my church's youth league; AI regulations and policy discussions deserve a full debate through the legislative process (Instagram).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Endorsed by the North Carolina Association of Educators (judgechristine.org); funded by the North Carolina Assn of Educators (Ballotpedia). Received funding from the North Carolina Association of Educators' Great Public Schools Fund (https://www.transparencyusa.org)</p>                                                                                             |
| <b>Fair and accessible elections?</b>        | <p>Came to bench from party politics. Started career as chairman of the Gaston County Republican Party from 2011 to 2013.<br/>Was chairman of the GOP's 10th Congressional District organization (2013-2015), ran for chairman of the state GOP Party in 2015 and lost, appointed by Gov Pat McCrory to the Gaston County District Court, won election to that seat in 2018, was reelected in 2022, and was elected Superior Court Judge in 2024." (Forsyth Democrats Substack).</p> | <p>"[W]e do protect the constitutional and statutory rights of those who appear in our courtrooms. We must do this without bending to political attacks, special interest, or public opinion. I am running because I believe in the rule of law, and I believe that an independent judiciary is the most crucial piece of a lasting democracy. "<br/>(judgechristine.org)</p> |
| <b>A healthy planet?</b>                     | No information found.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Endorsed by Sierra Club of North Carolina.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |