

## 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) |