

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

Candidate	George Cooper Bell	✓ Tobias Hampson
General information	Republican challenger. 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) Website (thin): judgegeorgebell.com	Democratic incumbent. Appeals court judge. Age 50. Website: judgetobyhampson.com
An economy for all?	Has a B.S. in business management from Cornell University in 2000 (Ballotpedia)	Endorsed by NC AFL-CIO.
Healthcare for all?	No information found.	Endorsed by Planned Parenthood.
Childcare and Quality K-12 education?	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]" (https://judgetobyhampson.com)
Fair and accessible elections	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.
A healthy planet	No information found.	Endorsed by Sierra Club North Carolina (Ballotpedia)