

RE-ELECT DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Elizabeth Thornton
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EXPERIENCED, DEDICATED AND IMPARTIAL

EXPERIENCE

District Court Judge, MECKLENBURG COUNTY DISTRICT COURT, Charlotte, NC *2009-Present*

- Presides over Civil and Criminal District Courtrooms with an emphasis on Juvenile Law, Domestic Violence, Drug Treatment Court and Child Support Enforcement
- *Presiding Judge*, Mecklenburg County Youth Treatment Court (a problem-solving court for youthful offenders suffering from addiction)
- Dependency Judge Certification, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- Nationally trained to administer Mecklenburg County's Drug Treatment Courts by the National Drug Court Institute
- *Presiding Judge*, Mecklenburg County Truancy Court at McClintock Middle School, 2009-present (a partnership between Mecklenburg County District Court and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools to remedy root causes of chronic truancy)
- *Lead Judge*, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Assistant Public Defender, PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE, Charlotte, NC *2002-2008*

- Represented over one thousand indigent defendants in both District and Superior Court
- Tried cases ranging from traffic offenses to felony crimes
- Team member, MECKLENBURG COUNTY DWI DRUG TREATMENT COURT, 2004-2008

Student Attorney, WOMBLE CARLYLE, SANDRIDGE, & RICE, Winston-Salem, NC (Civil Clinic) *Fall 2001*

- Drafted and argued civil motions and briefs
- Represented clients in deposition

Student Attorney, WHITE & CRUMPLER, Winston-Salem, NC (Criminal Clinic)

- Researched legal issues on immigration law and legal ethics

Intern, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, Washington, DC *Summer 2001*

- Actively assisted student claimants to preserve their civil rights through researching legal issues, drafting memoranda, and resolving disputes arising from the Americans with Disabilities Act

Judicial Intern, MECKLENBURG COUNTY DISTRICT COURT, Charlotte, NC *Summer 2000*

- Researched and co-wrote grant proposal that achieved funding for innovative family court mediation pilot program, which was later adopted statewide by the NC legislature
- Developed standardized juvenile court orders specifically designed for the 26th Judicial District

- for efficient disposition of juvenile delinquency cases
- Conducted research for District Court Judges and drafted judicial rulings and court orders

Residential Counselor, LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES, Hendersonville, NC

1998-1999

- Provided therapeutic services to Willie M. classified youth offenders by creating implementing and monitoring treatment plans

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- *Lead Judge*, CHARLOTTE MODEL COURT, 2010-present (lead efforts to foster best practices and innovative approaches in juvenile court in partnership with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges)
- *Chair*, MODEL COURT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 2010-present; *Member*, 2009-present (a collaboration of juvenile court stakeholders implementing systemic changes to improve outcomes for children in abuse, neglect and dependency cases)
- *Chair*, PERMANENCY PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE, 2009-present (lead efforts to reform the Mecklenburg County Mediation program and to improve the quality of court hearings in abuse, neglect and dependency cases)
- *Member*, PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE, 2009-present (leadership team designed to maintain ongoing dialogue between juvenile court judges and the directors of local child serving agencies)
- *Member*, JUVENILE JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE, 2009-present (collaborative committee of juvenile justice partners developing and implementing best practices in delinquency cases)
- *Member*, MECKLENBURG COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY BOARD, 2009-present (appointed by the County Commission to research the prevalence and impact of domestic violence on the community and make recommendations to the County Commission and City Council to improve community responses to domestic violence)
- *Judicial Liaison*, MECKLENBURG COUNTY CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION AND PROTECTION TEAM, 2009-present (team mandated by statute to review all child fatalities in Mecklenburg County and develop recommendations for improvements to systems and agencies to reduce the number of preventable child deaths)
- *Judicial Liaison*, CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE, 2010-present
- *Member*, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT COMMITTEE, 2009-present (collaboration of court partners who evaluate the quality of court responses to domestic violence cases and court services to victims and perpetrators of domestic violence)
- *Member*, NATIONAL CHILD TRAUMATIC STRESS NETWORK, JUSTICE CONSORTIUM, 2011-present (Established by Congress in 2000, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network is a unique collaboration of academic and community-based service centers whose mission is to raise the standard of care and increase access to services for traumatized children and their families across the United States. Combining knowledge of child development, expertise in the full range of child traumatic experiences, and attention to cultural perspectives, the NCTSN serves as a national resource for developing and disseminating evidence-based interventions, trauma-informed services, and public and professional education)
- *Member*, Mecklenburg County Bar, 2002-present
- *Member*, Young Lawyers Division, 2002-2010; Lawyers Teaching Justice Committee, *Chair*,

2008

- *Member*, Criminal Justice Section, 2002-2008
- *Member*, Mecklenburg County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, 2002-2009
- *Member*, ABA Law Student Division; *Lieutenant Governor*, Public Interest Law Section, 2000-2001

EDUCATION

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW, JURIS DOCTOR, May 2002

- Recipient, James White Scholarship, Mason Scholarship
- NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD, 2002 *Student Recipient*
- Chair, Student Funded Fellowship Committee, 2000; Public Interest Law Organization
- President, Criminal Law Roundtable, 2001-2002
- Recipient, CALI Award for Highest Grade in Constitutional Law: Selected Topics
- Recipient, CALI Award for Highest Grade in Comparative Constitutional Law

HOLLINS COLLEGE, B.A., CUM LAUDE, Double Major in Philosophy and Social Psychology, May 1998

- Graduated with Philosophy Departmental Honors; completion and defense of honors thesis
- Recipient, Philosophy and Religion Department Award as most outstanding student
- Recipient, Ruby Lee Sanders Scholarship; Louise M. Cooper Scholarship for academic excellence
- Inducted, Phi Sigma Tau, International Honor Society in Philosophy
- Inducted, Alpha Psi Omega, National Theater Honor Society

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- *Sunday School Teacher*, Christ Lutheran Church, 2008-present
- LARRY KING COURT CLUBHOUSE, current *Board Member, Chair* 2009-2011
- *PTA Member*, Wadell Academy of Languages
- *Volunteer*, Urban Ministries Soup Kitchen
- *Volunteer*, Room at the Inn, Christ Lutheran Church
- *Girls Scout Leader*, 2004-2006
- Leadership Team, *Member*, Christ Lutheran Church Capital Campaign
- Domestic Violence Advocacy Center, Winston-Salem, NC, *Volunteer* 2000-2002
- CITIZEN SCHOOLS, *Volunteer/Mentor*, 2006-2007
- *Recipient*, Winchester Star Leadership Award, 1994 (for outstanding student leadership)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Completed all of the research and drafted the following law review articles for two university professors:
 - Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 v. States' Sovereign Immunity Rights, 35 BUS.

- L. REV. 165 (Fall, 2002)
 - Eleventh Amendment Sovereign Immunity v. The Equal Pay Act, 34 BUS. L. REV. 151 (Fall, 2001)
- Presenter; Right From the Start, 3rd Annual Model Court Abuse, Neglect and Dependency Conference, *The Courts Catalyzing Change Preliminary Protective Hearing Benchcard Demonstration*, November 19, 2010, Charlotte, NC
- Co-Presenter; Right From the Start, 3rd Annual Model Court Abuse, Neglect and Dependency Conference, *Model Courts Moving Forward: A Focus on Tribes*, November 19, 2010, Charlotte, NC
- Guest Lecturer on *The Role of The Courts in Domestic Violence Cases*, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Criminal Justice, Spring 2011, Charlotte, NC
- Presenter; Tribes, Child Welfare and Court Partners Gathering, *Court Strategies within North Carolina and Other Jurisdictions to Improve Wellbeing and Permanency for Indian Children*, September 22, 2011, Raleigh, NC
- Guest Lecturer; Charlotte School of Law, *Professional Responsibility—a Judge's Perspective*, Fall 2010, Charlotte, NC
- Panelist, *Campus Conversations—Domestic Violence*, University of North Carolina—Charlotte, Broadcast Fall 2010-present, Charlotte, NC
- Panelist; Domestic Violence Training for Volunteer Lawyers, Spring 2009, Charlotte, NC

PERSONAL

- Married to Eric C. Trosch, August 17, 2002; Two Children, Alec and Joseph
- Member, Christ Lutheran Church
- Avid Runner (enjoys local races, including Hit The Bricks 10K, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and Thunder Road Half Marathon)
- Yoga Practitioner