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VIA EMAIL

Sixteenth Judicial District Bar
Durham County Bar Association
c/o Bonnie Biggs, Executive Director
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Re: Nomination for Bar Councilor

Dear fellow bar members:

I want to take this opportunity to let you know that I would be honored to serve as your Bar Councilor. As of this moment I do not know who nominated me for the position, but I believe that service to our fellow bar members is important. If elected, I will do my utmost to serve the Sixteenth Judicial District in a manner that befits the profession and furthers the goals of our Association.

Attached please find a brief biographical statement.

Respectfully yours,



Dieter Mauch

Attachment

DIETER MAUCH
Attorney at Law

Dieter Mauch was born in Germany in 1959. He grew up in Hickory, North Carolina, and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1982 with a BA degree in Political Science and Economics. He received his legal education at the University of North Carolina School of Law, from which he graduated in 1989. While in law school, he participated in the Holderness Moot Court Program and served on the Moot Court Bench. He was a member of the Philip C. Jessup Cup International Moot Court Team and recipient of an American Jurisprudence Award in Contracts.

Mr. Mauch commenced the practice of law in Durham in 1989 with the firm of Newsom Graham Hedrick & Kennon PA. He practiced with Newsom Graham from 1989 to 2003, becoming a partner in 1995. In 1994-95 he served as Instructor in Research and Writing at the University of North Carolina School of Law. From 2003 to 2007 he was a partner with the Durham firm of Pulley Watson King & Lischer PA, before rejoining his former partners in 2007 under the current firm name of Hedrick Murray Bryson Kennett & Mauch PLLC.

Mr. Mauch practices principally in the area of civil litigation, with emphasis upon business litigation, commercial landlord-tenant litigation, employment law and education law. He is admitted to United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of North Carolina, and is admitted to all North Carolina state courts. Additionally, he is admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Mr. Mauch is a member of the Sixteenth Judicial District Bar, the Durham County Bar Association, and the North Carolina Bar Association. He is active in civic organizations including the Durham Sports Club and Rotary Club of Durham. He is a Paul Harris Fellow. He has served on various boards including The Carolina Theatre of Durham. He has been active in the Durham County Bar Association, having served on its Grievance Committee and also as a Director for many years prior to his recent term as President of the Bar Association from 2019 to 2020.

Mr. Mauch currently serves as an Arbitrator for the Durham County District Court. He has an abiding interest in assisting the legal community to maintain the highest standards of professionalism within its ranks.



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November 23, 2021

Dear Members of NC Judicial District 16,

I have the honor of being nominated to be your representative on the NC State Bar Council, and I would appreciate your support in providing me with the opportunity to serve you.

During my time as a member of the bar in our judicial district for over 20 years, the focus of my work has been post-conviction innocence claims and criminal justice reform, through both legislative and voluntary adoption of policy change. Before my legal career, I spent nine years in corporate finance with Northern Telecom, where I had extensive exposure in contract negotiations and human resource related issues, including corporate diversity. The combination of my corporate and criminal background provides me with a unique perspective on a broad spectrum of issues that are important to you and your practice.

As a member of the State Bar, I served on a committee to review the rules associated with attorney-client privilege and how those rules balance with knowledge of injustice. The outcome of that committee's work resulted in the important addition of Rule 8.6 and provided me with an opportunity to work with and learn from incredible members of our State Bar and State Bar staff. Additionally, although a much less positive experience, my time going through the State Bar disciplinary process was a valuable learning experience that will contribute to my ability and commitment to be your representative.

Please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions or provide you with additional information that might help in your decision-making process. I have included my resume here.

Thank you for your consideration. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Christine "Chris" Mumma
Executive Director, NCCAI
Member of NC Judicial District 16

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BAR ADMISSIONS

North Carolina, 1999
 U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina
 U.S. Supreme Court

WORK EXPERIENCE

North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence Executive Director, Legal Counsel

July 2001 – Present

- Investigates and litigates credible post-conviction claims of innocence by North Carolina inmates.
- Coordinates the work of North Carolina's law school Innocence Projects®.
- Manages intake of over 500 innocence claims (down from 1,200) and 100 volunteers each year.
- Responsible for non-profit agency management, fund raising, and state and national policy work.
- Major Achievements:
 - Spearheaded State legislation addressing eyewitness identification, recording of interrogations, preservation of biological evidence in unsolved and closed investigations, access to DNA testing, increased compensation and support for the exonerated, forensic science reform, and establishment of the first Innocence Inquiry Commission in the United States.
- Successfully Represented:
 - Dwayne Dail – exonerated by DNA evidence in August 2007 after over 18 years of incarceration for the rape of a child. The true perpetrator was identified.
 - Joseph Abbitt – exonerated by DNA evidence in September 2009 after 14 years of incarceration for rape.
 - Gregory Taylor – exonerated in February 2010 after 17 years of incarceration for murder.
 - Willie Grimes – exonerated in October 2012 after 24 years of incarceration for the rape of an elderly woman. The true perpetrator was identified.
 - Larry Lamb – exonerated in August 2013 after 20 years of incarceration for murder. The true perpetrator was identified.
 - Joseph Sledge – exonerated January 2015 after 36 years of incarceration for a double-murder.
 - Edward McInnis – exonerated August 2015 after 27 years of incarceration for rape.
 - Johnny Small – exonerated September 2016 after 27 years of incarceration for murder.
 - Mark Carver – exonerated June 2019 after 8 years of incarceration for murder
- Contributed to the exoneration of eighteen other North Carolina citizens.

North Carolina Chief Justice's Criminal Justice Study Commission Executive Director

November 2002 – December 2007

- Coordinated and facilitated the work of a commission of criminal justice representatives, including prosecution, law enforcement, judiciary, victim advocates, and defense, in the study of causation issues associated with wrongful convictions.
- Responsible for setting meeting agendas, researching topics of study, identifying experts, addressing all inquiries and correspondence, obtaining grant funding, assisting in drafting policy and legislative proposals, and serving as the representative for the Commission in public forums.

UNC School of Law Adjunct Professor

January 2000 – Present

- "Wrongful Convictions" for third-year law students
- "Research, Reasoning, and Writing Advocacy" for first-year law students.

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Supreme Court of North Carolina

Research Assistant for Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake, Jr.

March 1999 – June 2001

Research Assistant for Judges Donald Smith and Robert Hunter

August 1998 – December 1998

- In addition to standard clerkship responsibilities researching the law and drafting opinions, assisted Chief Justice Lake with his administration of the State courts and preparation of the State judicial budget.

Nortel, Inc.

Director, Financial Planning & Analysis

April 1992 – June 1994

- Managed staff of nine.
- Prepared budgets and quarterly forecasts to provide senior management with advance insight and analysis of financial data for a \$2.4 billion organization.
- Represented finance department in contract negotiations for telecommunications product quotations and service contracts.
- Identified as one of Nortel's President's Key Resources.
- Received Nortel's highest performance rating for nine consecutive years.

Manager, Contract Reporting and Financial Analyst

July 1985 – March 1992

- Managed staff of eight responsible for analysis and reporting of income and costs associated with more than 7,000 contracts and \$1.7 billion in sales.
- Held analyst positions of increasing responsibility in areas of budgeting, cost accounting, and audit.

BOARD SERVICE

North Carolina Advocates for Justice
North Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense Services
North Carolina Institute for Constitutional Law
North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services
UNC Board of Visitors
UNC Law Alumni Board of Directors, Strategic Planning Committee
Durham Roundtable
American Judicature Society
Fair Trial Initiative, Board of Directors
North Carolina Symphony, Board of Directors

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Fellows of the American Bar Association
Durham County Bar Association
International Association of Chiefs of Police
National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys
North Carolina Advocates for Justice
North Carolina Commission on Racial Justice and Ethnic Disparities
North Carolina Association of Property and Evidence
North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys
North Carolina Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS

NC Justice Center, Defender of Justice Litigation Award, 2018
NC Advocates for Justice, Thurgood Marshall Award, 2017

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U.S. DOJ steering committee for *The National Sexual Assault Policy Symposium*
Indy Weekly, Citizen of the Year, 2015
Lawyer's Weekly Barristers Breaking Barriers, 2014
Lawyer's Weekly Women of Justice Award, Public Service Practitioner, 2012
North Carolina Advocates for Justice, Kellie Crabtree Award, 2010
Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Nancy Susan Reynolds Award for Advocacy, 2009
Business Leader Magazine, Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, 2008
Raleigh News & Observer, Tar Heel of the Year, 2007
NCBA, William L. Thorpe Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, 2005
UNC Law School Outstanding Recent Graduate Award, 2005
Raleigh News & Observer, Tar Heel of the Week, 2003

PUBLICATIONS

- "The North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission – A Process to Catch the Cases that Fall Through the Cracks." In *Making Justice: The Innocence Challenge to Criminal Justice Policy and Practice*, edited by Marvin Zalman and Julia L. Carrano, New York: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, 2013.
- Mumma, Christine C., *The North Carolina Actual Innocence Commission: Uncommon Perspectives Joined by a Common Cause*, 52 Drake L. Rev. 647 (2004).

PRESENTATIONS

North Carolina Association of Property and Evidence
International Association of Crime Analysts
Institute for Law Enforcement Administration
The Center for American and International Law
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
UNC Center for Civil Rights
International Association of Chiefs of Police
Arizona Judicial Conference
National Institute of Justice
Florida Gulf Coast Forensic Science Conference
Kansas City Crime Lab Annual Conference
American Society of Crime Lab Directors Annual Meeting
North Carolina Police Alumni Association
Forsyth County Defense Bar
North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police
UNC Annual Festival of Legal Learning
North Carolina Public Defenders Conference
North Carolina Association of Police Attorneys Annual Conference
Wake County Paralegals Association
University of New Haven Department of Forensic Science

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, School of Law, Juris Doctor, May 1998
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, May 1985

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Strong analytical, organizational and time management skills.
- Strong interest in effective policy, efficient process, and truth in justice. Ran for State Senate in 2004.
- Managed a successful finance career, full-time law school, and a law career while raising three children.
- Established the UNC School of Law "Mumma Scholarship for Single Parents".

TO: Members of the 16th Judicial District Bar
RE: Bar Councilor position

My name is Meredith Nicholson, and I am asking for your vote for the open Durham County Bar Councilor position, previously held by John Bowman. I promise to devote myself and my energies to serving honorably and responsibly.

I am running for Bar Councilor because I am concerned about the disconnect I see between the State Bar and its members. The State Bar should not be the bogeyman of attorneys, serving only to punish for infractions and inspire fear when the auditors arrive in town. Instead, attorneys should feel connected to the State Bar and understand its internal workings. After all, this is our organization! Having a Bar Councilor who can communicate the decisions and work of the NC State Bar Council is key to making sure that our district's attorneys are well represented.

As a small firm lawyer and entrepreneur, I am well-placed to understand and evaluate the stressors that Durham lawyers face. I am frequently in court trying cases, meeting with clients to make difficult decisions, working with opposing counsel to achieve compromises, all the while facing deadlines and struggling to locate that most elusive of goals - work-life balance. I am a bookkeeper, a human resources officer and Chief Financial Officer. I reconcile the trust accounts and enjoy the harmony of a balanced ledger. My work gives me the flexibility for the time away from the office that this position requires.

I opened my law practice of NicholsonPham in April 2009 with Milan Pham and we practice law from a beautiful house (built in 1884) in the Old North Durham neighborhood. It's a short walk from the Durham County courthouse and an even shorter drive on my pink scooter, "Rosie." Sharon Thompson joined us in 2014 as Of Counsel to the firm.

My law practice is concentrated on family law, adoptions and LGBT and parenting issues. I served in the past as appointed counsel and was a contractor with the NC Indigent Defense Services handling both misdemeanor and lower-level felony clients. I've handled everything from child custody battles to incompetency proceedings, domestic violence protection orders to felony larcenies, breach of contract civil district disputes to abuse, neglect and dependency trials.

I believe that my reputation is good among my peers. I try every day to practice law in an ethical manner that upholds the best of our profession and vigorously defends the rights and interests of my clients. I choose my words carefully. I return phone calls.

I am currently a board member on the 16th Judicial District and Durham County Bar Association Board of Directors. Previously I served on the North Carolina Bar Association's Hispanic Affairs Committee and co-wrote a Spanish-English dictionary of legal terms. I served on the Board of the Women's Birth and Wellness Center, I am a past president of the Durham Orange Woman Attorneys (DOWA) and I've presented on domestic violence issues at NCCU School of Law and on non-traditional parenting issues and criminal defense issues at various CLE's. I traveled to Mexico in 2009 and 2012 to instruct lawyers and judges in oral advocacy skills as part of the Mexican criminal justice system's transition to an oral adversarial system.

On a personal note, I am married with three children – including two teenagers who are slowly making my hair turn grey. I speak fluent French and Spanish and I'm leaning Italian with the goal of a post-pandemic European vacation.

Thank you for your interest. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (919) 883-4900.



Meredith S. Nicholson

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November 22, 2021

Members of the 16th Judicial District Bar

VIA EMAIL

Re: JD 16 Bar Councilor Vacancy

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your support in my request to serve the 16th Judicial District as one of your two Bar Councilors. It is my desire to give back both my time and my efforts to the Durham community, and the legal community.

I was born and raised in Durham. I attended Immaculata Catholic School, as well as Carrington Junior High and Northern High School. I have lived in a number of communities throughout Durham City and County in my lifelong residence here, and I am proud to call Durham my home.

I was fortunate enough to be the son of an attorney, Art Vann, II, who practiced in Durham for over 45 years. I attended college at Wake Forest University and graduated in 1979. From there, I went to Law school at the University of North Carolina and graduated in 1982. I passed the Bar in August of 1982 and went to work immediately.

I have been in private practice my entire career, initially working for my father, and later working with Edward J. Falcone and Tyler Pokrass in the heart of downtown Durham. I am now in my 40th year. My primary areas of practice are criminal, personal injury and domestic law. In my earlier years, I also practiced in Juvenile Court. Upon obtaining my license, I began accepting court-appointed cases and have continued to do so for over 30 years. I am still on the Capital Defenders appointment list.

I learned from my father that every person was entitled to the best defense possible, and I am glad to provide that service to my community. I have been fortunate enough to be given an AV rating by Martindale Hubbell and a 10.0 rating by AVO. Throughout my practice, I have been a member of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice and the American Bar Association. I have also been a member of the 16th Judicial Board of Directors for six years, and I am currently President of the Board.

I believe I am uniquely prepared and qualified by my personal and professional ties to this community, and to our profession, to serve as Bar Councilor for the 16th Judicial Bar. Again, I request your support.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Woody Vann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

H. Wood "Woody" Vann

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