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NORTH CAROLINA

Watsi M. Sutton
District Court Judge - District 3 Seat 1

BIOGRAPHY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:



Bio:
Watsi is a Pitt County attorney, mother, community advocate, and church leader with more than 26 years of legal and community service experience. She has served as an Assistant District Attorney, criminal defense attorney, Legal Aid attorney, municipal attorney, nonprofit leader, and community advocate. She also operated a community-centered law firm for 16 years and has extensive experience working with families, youth, local governments, and justice-involved individuals.

Why she's running:
Watsi is running for District Court Judge because she believes courts shape communities and every decision from the bench has real consequences for families, children, public safety, and the community. She wants to bring her broad courtroom experience and balanced perspective to the bench and ensure justice honors both the law and the people it serves.

Fair & Balanced Justice:	• Uphold the Constitution and North Carolina law while treating every person with fairness, dignity, and respect.
Families & Children:	• Bring experience in custody, divorce, child welfare, and juvenile cases to help protect children and support families.
Accountability & Public Safety:	• Promote accountability while supporting approaches that help people successfully comply with the law and reduce barriers to reentry.
Youth & Juvenile Justice	• Support early accountability, education, mentorship, and opportunities that help young people stay out of the justice system.
Community Centered Courts	• Recognize that District Court decisions affect real people and communities, and approach every case with preparation, sound judgment, and compassion.
Prepared, Proved, Ready to Serve	• Use more than 26 years of experience across both sides of the courtroom and multiple areas of law to bring a broad, balanced perspective to the bench.