



GRAY ELLIS N.C. SENATE DISTRICT 20

PLATFORM

Healthcare Reform
Education Funding &
Pre-K Expansion
Equal Access for All
Gun Law Reform

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WORK EXPERIENCE

2008-Present

Owner, Managing Partner

Ellis Family Law, PLLC

Provide legal education and counseling as well as advocate and negotiate resolutions for clients in need of family law services. Argued at all levels of North Carolina courts, including district, superior, and Appellate Court. Developed and implemented sustainable business plans, creating the largest boutique family law firm in Durham. Member of the Living Wage Project of Durham.

1998-2008

Partner, Associate; Associate Attorney; Law Clerk

Burton & Ellis, PLLC

Attorney/Partner: Provided legal education and counseling to clients and advocated and negotiated resolutions for clients in need of family law services. Argued at all levels of North Carolina courts, including district, superior, and Appellate Court.
Law Clerk: Assisted attorneys and clients in litigation and legal support work. Drafted multiple county forms adopted by Durham County Family Court.

1995-1998

Wake County Juvenile Court Counselor

Worked directly with at-risk and delinquent youth and their families, providing counseling and intervention services, as well as, ensuring compliance with all court orders.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & AWARDS

2019: North Carolina BBB Torch Award for Business Ethics, Winner

2018: Head of Durham County Family Court Rules Committee

2017- Present: Created, hosted, and sponsored an annual gala for Meals on Wheels Durham which raised over \$150k in two years.

2017-Present: Board of Directors, Vice President, Meals on Wheels, Durham Chapter

2017: Lawyer's Weekly Leader in the Law

2017: North Carolina BBB Torch Award for Business Ethics, Runner Up

2016, 2017, 2018: North Carolina Business Legal Elite

2015, 2016, 2017, 2018: Martindale-Hubbell Preeminent Rating

2015 Indy Weekly's Best Attorney in the Triangle

2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019: Durham Magazine's Best Lawyer in Durham

2010-2011 Chair of the First Modern Family Committee of the North Carolina Family Bar

2010-2011 Super Lawyers Rising Star

2009-2010 North Carolina Family Bar Membership Committee

2005-2006, 2017-2018 President of Durham Family Bar

EDUCATION

1998-2001

North Carolina Central University School of Law

Juris Doctorate

1990-1994

North Carolina State University

B.S. Political Science