

People's Alliance Nomination Committee:

I am a Charleston, South Carolina native that migrated to Durham to attend law school at NCCU School of Law. While attending law school, I enjoyed my experiences with the school's Pro Bono Clinic and Family Law Clinic. After graduating in 2007, I followed the advice of my advisor, Professor Joyner, and "hung my own shingle." While operating my first firm, Fludd Law Firm, PLLC, I began to build my family law practice and represented indigent clients on the court-appointed list for misdemeanor criminal and child support contempt cases. During this time, I used my business background to assist in my day-to-day operations as well as to develop a business plan that fostered growth and sustainability. As my practice grew, I lead Absolute Divorce Workshops at North Carolina Legal Aid of Durham and served as a judge with Durham County's Teen Court. Over 10 years later at my current firm of Fludd Stephens Law Office, PLLC, I continue to maintain the spirit and passion of serving my community and working for the people of Durham. Our small firm continues to thrive, even in the mist of the pandemic, putting the needs of the families and clients we serve first.

My greatest joy is my role as a mother. I am the single parent of two beautiful children; a daughter, Jasmine, who is a ten-year old, 5<sup>th</sup> grader attending Durham Public Schools, and a son, MJ, who is 22 years old and serves in the National Guard on active duty. I have been a widow for the past five years and have learned to use the devastating loss of my husband to serve as a lesson for our family to press through adversity and find joy in each day. My faith has provided a strong foundation, clarity of vision, and peace that I believe would serve me well in the position of judge.

It would be a great honor to serve the citizens of Durham as District Court Judge. I humbly ask that the People's Alliance consider supporting me in my quest to fill the vacancy in Durham.

Jessica S. Fludd