

The Honorable Donna Stroud

Chief Judge Donna Stroud has served on the North Carolina Court of Appeals since her election in 2006 and began serving as chief judge in January 2021. She graduated from Campbell University with a B.A. in Government in 1985; from Campbell University's School of Law in 1988; and in 2014 from the Duke University School of Law LL.M. program in Judicial Studies.

Chief Judge Stroud spent sixteen years in private practice until her election in 2004 as a District Court Judge in Wake County. While in private practice, she was also both a certified Superior Court mediator and a District Court arbitrator.

Chief Judge Stroud serves as an Adjunct Professor at Campbell University School of Law and frequently presents CLE programs for the North Carolina Bar Association and other organizations. She currently serves as a vice president of the North Carolina Bar Association and is a member of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, the North Carolina Courts Commission, and the Family Court Advisory Commission.