

Curriculum Vitae of
SUZANNE REYNOLDS

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EMPLOYMENT

Wake Forest University School of Law, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law, since July, 2010

Wake Forest University School of Law, Professor of Law, since July, 1989.

Wake Forest University School of Law, Associate Professor of Law, April, 1986 - July, 1989.

Wake Forest University School of Law, Assistant Professor of Law, May, 1981 - April, 1986.

Associate, Smith Moore Smith Schell & Hunter, Greensboro, N.C., August, 1977 - May, 1981.
Civil litigation practice, with emphasis in business and real property issues.

Law Clerk for 1977-78 for the Honorable J. Braxton Craven, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. (Before the clerkship began, Judge Craven died May 3, 1977.)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Current:

Contracts; Family Law.

Former:

Business Organizations; Children and Domestic Violence; Comparative Constitutional Law (with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg), Venice Italy, July, 2008; Family Law: Selected Topics; Legal Research and Writing; Professional Responsibility; and Real Property Security.

LAW SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Current:

Faculty Appointments Committee.
Faculty sponsor, Domestic Violence Advocacy Center.
Loan Forgiveness Committee.
Coach, Gabrielli Family Law team.

Former:

Dean's Advisory Committee, Chair (2007-08).
Dean's Search Committee, Chair (2006-07).
Faculty Evaluation Committee, Chair (1993, 1995, 1998, 1999).

Other former committees:

Faculty Appointments, Chair.
University Chair Committee.
Faculty sponsor, Women in Law.
Senator, University Senate.
Steering Committee, Association of Women Faculty and Administrators.
Advisory Board, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies.
Advisory Board, Ethics in Leadership Grant.

EDUCATION

Wake Forest University School of Law, J.D., 1977, cum laude
Wake Forest Law Review, Editor
Wake Forest Law Full Tuition Scholarship, 1974-77
Guy T. Carswell Law Scholarship, 1974-77

UNC-Chapel Hill, M.A., 1976; major - English, minor - Journalism (received while a second-year student in law school).

Meredith College, B.A., 1971, summa cum laude and valedictorian

Lexington Senior High School, valedictorian

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

SUZANNE REYNOLDS, LEE'S NORTH CAROLINA FAMILY LAW (LexisNexis Publishers) (5th eds. in 1993, 1999, and 2002) (*a 3-volume treatise surveying family law topics, with emphasis on the law of North Carolina*).

ANNUAL SUPPLEMENTS for SUZANNE REYNOLDS, LEE'S NORTH CAROLINA FAMILY LAW (LexisNexis Publishers) (Volumes 1, 2, and 3; 1993 to date).

Articles and Essays:

Ralph Peeples, Suzanne Reynolds, and Catherine Harris, [*It's the Conflict Stupid: An Empirical Study of Factors that Inhibit Successful Mediation in High-Conflict Custody Cases*](#), 43 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 505 (2008).

Suzanne Reynolds, Ralph Peeples, and Catherine Harris, [*Back to the Future: An Empirical Study of Child Custody Outcomes*](#), 85 N.C. L. REV. 1629 (2007).

Suzanne Reynolds, [*The Increase in Value of Separate Property and the Evolving Marital Partnership*](#), 24 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 239 (1989).

Suzanne Reynolds, [*The Relationship of Property Division and Alimony: The Division of Property to Address Need*](#), 56 FORDHAM L. REV. 827 (1988).

Chapter 11: The Uniform Premarital Agreement Act, in GARY N. SKOLOFF, RICHARD H. SINGER, JR., AND RONALD L. BROWN, DRAFTING PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENTS (Aspen Publishers)(1997 Supplement).

Other professional publications:

Case Update on Family Law, N.C. Bar Foundation, annual meetings of the Family Law Section of the N.C. Bar Association in 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

North Carolina Family Law, lecture, manuscript, and teaching materials for BarBri, Inc., annually from 1994 - 2008.

Case Update on Family Law, N.C. Association of Women Attorneys, Asheville, NC, October 2006.

Equitable Distribution, N.C. Bar Foundation, High Point, November, 2004; Winston-Salem, November, 2002.

National Trends in the Appreciation of Separate Property, N.C. Bar Foundation, Wrightsville Beach, February, 2004; Charlotte, November, 2003.

Custody Update, N.C. Association of Women Attorneys, Annual Meeting, Wrightsville Beach, October, 2003.

National Trends in Family Law, N.C. Family Law Specialists, Charleston, S.C., July, 2003.

Premarital Agreements, BASICS IN FAMILY LAW, N.C. Bar Association, Fall, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992.

Amicus briefs filed for the N.C. Association of Women Attorneys in the following cases:

- *Boseman v. Jarrell*, COA08-957, 681 S.E.2d 374 (N.C. App. 2009)
- *Mason v. Dwinell*, COA07-176, 660 S.E.2d 58 (N.C. App. 2008).
- *Whitt v. Harris*, COA03-335, 614 S.E.2d 531 (N.C. 2005).
- *Starr v. Erez*, COA99-1534 (N.C. App. 2000).
- *Forsyth Memorial Hospital v. Chisholm*, 9421DC102, 467 S.E.2d 88 (N.C. 1996).

SELECTED ADDRESSES And MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

Zahra's Stepmother Married 7 Times, interview by Tom Breen for the Associated Press, February 3, 2011.

What Overturning Prop 8 Means for NC, interview on WUNC Public Radio, August 5, 2010.

Custody Guardians Ad Litem for Children in Homes with Intimate Partner Violence, Law School Convocation, Northern Illinois Univ. School of Law, DeKalb, IL, April 1, 2010.

Deciding the Custody Issue for Children in Homes with Intimate Partner Violence, Address, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, April 1, 2010.

Inquiring Minds and Open Hearts: Wake Forest and Public Engagement, Convocation Address, Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC, September 17, 2009.

The Effects of Incarceration on the Family, panelist in THE EFFECTS OF INCARCERATION ON AMERICAN FAMILIES, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, NC, February 21, 2009.

A Family Law Professor Seeks the Bench: May I Confound Your Data, keynote address in RED STATE V. BLUE STATE: THE JUDICIAL ROLE IN AN ERA OF PARTISANSHIP, University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School, Kansas City, MO, September 12, 2008.

Interviewer, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, *The Changing Face of Justice*, Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC, October 18, 2007.

Interviewer, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, *A Conversation with Sandra Day O'Connor*, Wait Chapel, Winston-Salem, NC, September 21, 2006.

Interviewer, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, *A Conversation with Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, Wait Chapel, Winston-Salem, NC, September 28, 2005.

Legal Update and Trends in Alimony, Equitable Distribution, and Custody, N.C. Assoc. of Professional Family Mediators, Greensboro, NC, December, 2003.

Family Law Update, Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina, Winston-Salem, December, 2003.

ABA Panel on Professionalism, ABA Annual Meeting, New York, N.Y., July, 2000.

Implementing the New Alimony Law and Changes in the Law of Equitable Distribution, Conference of District Court Judges, Boone, NC, October, 1997.

The Law and Domestic Violence: Legislative Efforts to be Responsive, sponsored by Family Services, the Forsyth County DA's Office, the Winston-Salem Police Dept., and the Northwest AHEC Mental Health Section, Kernersville, NC, May 9, 1997.

Welfare Reform, North Carolina General Assembly, Raleigh, NC, May and June, 1995.

North Carolina Adoption Reform, at DEFINING FAMILY: ADOPTION LAW AND POLICY, Duke University, Durham, NC, April, 1994.

Speaker, GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON THE FAMILY, Raleigh, NC (1994).

Ethical Problems for the Family Law Practitioner, N. C. Bar Association, Wrightsville Beach, NC, May, 1993.

Speaker, *Responding to Perinatal Addiction*, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC, April, 1992.

Changes in the Laws Affecting Women and the Challenge for Third Generation Feminists, Emily Prudden Lecturer, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, NC, March, 1992.

Women and the Law, Meredith College, Raleigh, April, 1991 (with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Commissioner, Uniform Laws Conference, appointed by Gov. Beverly Perdue, January, 2010.

Advisory Board, NC Administrative Office of Courts: Task Force on Domestic Violence, 2010-date.

Candidate for Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, November, 2008 (losing by 2 percentage points).

Children's Law Center of North Carolina, Board of Directors (2006-2009) (help conduct training as requested for volunteer lawyers, students, and community participants).

Women in the Profession, Changing Face of Justice Planning Committee, N.C. Bar Association (2006-07).

Women in the Profession, Long Range Planning Chair, N.C. Bar Association (2005-06).

United Way of Forsyth County, Impact Council on Domestic Violence, Co-Chair (2005-07).

North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, Board of Directors (1999-2001, 2003-2005).

Center for Community Safety, Board of Directors, Winston-Salem, NC (2001-date).

Co-chair, Equitable Distribution Subcommittee of the Family Law Section of the N. C. Bar Association (1997-98).

Co-founder, DVAC, the Domestic Violence Advocacy Center of Forsyth County (1995) (since its founding, help to conduct training annually or semi-annually for volunteer lawyers and students).

Chair, Alimony Subcommittee of the N.C. Bar Association (1992-95).

Drafting Committee, Chair, Revision to Alimony Statutes, N. C. Bar Association (1995).

Member, Family Law Council, N.C. Bar Association (1993-98).

Drafting Committee, Revision to Adoption Statutes, N.C. General Statutes Commission (1991-95).

AWARDS

Women of Achievement, General Federation of Women's Clubs of North Carolina, April, 2009.

Woman of Wisdom, North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, October, 2006.

Governor's Distinguished Woman of North Carolina for Education, 1998.

Co-founder of DVAC, which was cited by the ABA in the Harrison Tweed Award for a bar association's legal services to the poor, July, 1998.

Gwyneth B. Davis Award for Public Service, North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys 1996.

Joseph Branch Teaching Excellence, Wake Forest University School of Law, 1994.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, NC (Co-chair, Rector Search Committee, 2009-2010); Senior Warden, 2005-06; vestry, 2003-06; choir member, 1998-present; Sunday School teacher, 1999-2003).

Center for Urban Ministries, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Board of Directors (2006-date).

Meredith College, Board of Trustees, 2001-04; Executive committee, 2003-04.

PERSONAL

Born: July 5, 1949, Lexington, NC.

Married: Robert M. (Hoppy) Elliot, partner, Elliot Pishko Morgan P.A.

Children: Michael Elliot, born 2/22/80; Caroline Elliot, born 7/10/82; and Lillie Elliot, born 4/7/87.