



## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

### **CLASS XVII GOVERNMENT SESSION**

#### **JACK BETTS**

**Associate Editor, The Charlotte Observer**

Jack Betts is an associate editor of The Charlotte Observer. He is based in Raleigh, where he writes editorials and columns about North Carolina politics, government and public policy. A Greensboro native, graduate of UNC Chapel Hill and an Army veteran, he has been a journalist since 1968. He has been Washington and Raleigh correspondent for the Greensboro Daily News, editor of North Carolina Insight magazine for the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research and since 1992 a member of the editorial board for The Charlotte Observer. His column appears in The Charlotte Observer and The News & Observer in Raleigh. He is a member of the N.C. Journalism Hall of Fame.

#### **LESLIE BEVACQUA COMAN**

**Executive Vice President, Government Relations, Capstrat**

Leslie manages Capstrat's extensive public affairs work. An expert lobbyist with a reputation for insightful and vigorous advocacy, Leslie is sought after by legislators and community leaders as a trustworthy resource on issues that matter. Leslie has been helping solve North Carolina's thorniest policy problems for more than 30 years.

She represents Capstrat clients before the N.C. General Assembly and in the executive branch agencies of state government and has helped clients such as Land for Tomorrow, Youth Villages and Nurse Family Partnership build positive relationships with local and state government.

Leslie is consistently ranked in the top 50 the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research's listing of most effective lobbyists.

Before coming to Capstrat, Leslie also served as vice president of governmental affairs for North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry (NCCBI, now the State Chamber of Commerce). There, she led the successful \$3.1 billion higher education bond referendum campaign and other successful statewide bond campaigns including for self-financing bonds, water and sewer, schools and roads.

Prior to her work with NCCBI, Leslie spent 12 years as director of government affairs for the law firm of Powe, Porter and Alphin (now Williams Mullin). She also served four years on the staff of Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., as Appointments Aide where she helped him make appointments to more than 400 state boards and commissions.

Leslie serves on numerous boards and commissions. A native of Goldsboro, N.C., she attended Guilford College and North Carolina State University.

#### **MAGGIE N. BREWER**

**Judicial District Manager for District 10, Wake County**

Judicial District Manager Maggie Brewer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Criminal Justice from North Carolina State University. She began her career with the Department of Correction in November 1996. She counseled inmates at Central Prison as well as Polk Youth Institution until becoming a probation officer in Wake County in 1998. Maggie rose through the ranks in Wake County becoming a Sex Offender Probation Officer as well as Chief Probation and Parole Officer for the Sex Offender Unit. She is a Firearms and OC Pepper Spray Instructor for the Division of Community Corrections and has served as President for the North Carolina Probation and Parole Association. Maggie was named the Judicial District Manager for Wake County in 2008 and presently continues to lead the Probation and Parole Department in Wake County.

**THE HONORABLE BRYAN COLLINS  
PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR WAKE COUNTY**

Bryan Collins graduated from Davidson College and the University of North Carolina School of Law. He has been Wake County's Public Defender since 2005 and the President of the North Carolina Public Defenders Association since 2007. Collins is a Board Certified Specialist in North Carolina Criminal Law and has practiced law in Raleigh since 1985.

Collins believes the single greatest leadership challenge we face today is the tendency of our leaders to do what is popular instead of having the courage to do what is right.

**THE HONORABLE TRICIA ANN COTHAM  
Member, North Carolina House of Representatives**

Representative Tricia Ann Cotham represents District 100 in the North Carolina General Assembly. Rep. Cotham is the youngest woman in the House of Representatives and is in her second term. Rep. Cotham serves on nine distinguished committees and on Education and Election Oversight. Rep. Cotham is the chair of the Education PreK-12 Committee and the Under Forty Legislative Caucus.

Representative Cotham brings unique perspectives and values to Raleigh. She is the only current and licensed principal in the NC General Assembly. Ms. Cotham became a high school administrator at the age of twenty-five at a low performing school in Charlotte. At the time, she was the youngest administrator in North Carolina. Prior to administration, Ms. Cotham taught Social Studies and Coordinated the AVID Program. She has been honored twice at "Teacher of the Year." In her spare time, she teaches other teachers on to better assist children of poverty and children of color.

Representative Cotham is passionate about issues of education, children, safety, globalization, social justice, and equality. She has introduced a variety of legislation that supports these passions.

Representative Cotham started her career in politics at a very early age. When she was ten, she was fascinated with government and elections. She worked every weekend to register people in inner city neighborhoods to vote. Her love of politics and government continued throughout high school and college by serving on many campaigns. She was a debate champion and athlete. Rep. Cotham was Senator John Edwards's first intern. Ms. Cotham studied abroad in Cuba while in college. She recently went on a political exchange to Japan and will go to Singapore in January.

Rep. Cotham is honored and committed to public service. She was recently honored as UNC Most Outstanding Young Alumna.

Rep. Cotham is married to Jerry Meek, an Attorney and Partner, at Poyner Spruill Law Firm. Mr. Meek was the Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party. The two live in Mecklenburg County.

**TOM COVINGTON  
Principal, NewFound Mountain Associates, LLC  
Former Executive Director, North Carolina Progress Board**

Tom has made a "career" out of careers, holding positions in an assortment of organizations. From 1961 – 2006, he has spent his time with a dozen companies or organizations. He has served at two public universities, at a private college as an assistant dean of students and later as assistant to the President, at a "Big 4" accounting firm's consulting practice, where he was also member of the Firm's national training staff for managers and partners, at a statewide higher education coordinating agency as a principal investigator of a statewide study of adult and continuing education, at a school of public health as director of continuing education, at a community health center as executive director, at a small privately-held company engaged in management development training, and at a county government (where he recommended his job be eliminated because he was doing little or nothing!). He then took a "real" job with the NC General Assembly where he served as Director of Fiscal Research for 17 years (1982–1999) and then served from 1999 – January 2004 as Executive Director of the North Carolina Progress Board. The Progress Board is a statewide "strategic visioning" board that recommends goals and targets for the year 2020 in eight key issue areas, and keeps score by assessing progress toward those goals each year. Additionally in 2003, the Board published *Our State, Our Money*, a document describing North Carolina's state budget expenditures and revenues and how the budget is developed, then enacted through the Legislature's appropriations process.

Tom earned his undergraduate degree in American literature with minors in Philosophy and Religion from Davidson College. He received a Master's degree in personnel guidance and counseling from NC State University and did doctoral work in organizational behavior (no degree) at Duke University.

Tom is “re-singled”, a father of two magnificent and creative children, and a proud grandfather [aka, “Grumps”] of McKinley and Amelia Lettre of Washington, DC. Daughter Simmons is a graduate of the Harvard University School of Education, and son-in-law, Marcel, is a staff member of the US Senate Majority Leader, Sen. Harry Reid. His son, Archer, a College of Charleston graduate, is a trader with Bear Sterns in New York City.

Tom is an autoharp “picker”, strongly partial to old-timey music, bluegrass and bluegrass gospel, blues, jazz, classical, and Russian liturgical choral music. He has served as Staff Co-Chair, Assembly on State Issues, National Conference of State Legislatures, and as a member of the Demographics Advisory Committee of the Council of State Governments’ Megatrends Committee. He is a recipient of the John Bragg Staff Leadership Award and the Carter-Helliard Award from the Southern Legislative Conference. For about 14 years, he has served as a guest lecturer for the North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of The Healing Place of Wake County; the current Board Chairman of Pavilion (a recovery center in Polk County) and a Board Member of the UNC Asheville Alumni Foundation and Handmade in America. In his spare time, you will likely find Tom with his Plott Hound, Liston-Swain, at his farm in the Garrett Cove of the Big Sandy Mush community in Buncombe County killing kudzu, rocking on the front porch, or just wanderin’ ‘round.

**COURTNEY A. CROWDER**  
**Legislative Director, Office of the Governor**

Courtney Crowder is an alumnus of North Carolina Central University in Durham, class of 2000, graduating Cum Laude with degrees in both English Literature and French. He has studied at Oxford University in Oxford, England. At Duke University, Mr. Crowder earned a master’s degree in Liberal Studies with a focus in African and African-American studies.

For three years Mr. Crowder worked as a District Representative in Congressman Bob Etheridge’s office in Raleigh. He managed Etheridge’s highly successful re-election campaign in the fall of 2002. That campaign garnered Congressman Etheridge the largest vote percentage he had ever received. Representative Etheridge won nearly two out of every three votes cast in his 10-county district.

Crowder, from 2003 until 2006, served as the Legislative Liaison for the NC Department of Insurance and Special Assistant to Commissioner Jim Long. Crowder then joined Capstrat, Incorporated, a Raleigh (NC)-based strategic consulting firm prior to joining the administration of Governor Bev Perdue. In December 2008 Courtney was appointed by Governor Perdue to serve in a senior advisor role as Legislative Director.

Deeply involved in the community, Courtney rolls up his sleeves for a wide range of causes, including public safety, affordable housing, the arts, and the state’s election system.

**THE HONORABLE JAMES G. “JIM” EXUM, JR.**  
**Of Counsel, Smith Moore, LLP**

A retired Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court (1994), The Honorable James Exum, Jr. currently works for Smith Moore, LLP and leads the company’s Appellate Practice Group. He is also a Distinguished Jurist in Residence for Elon University and a Certified North Carolina Mediator.

Exum earned a B.A. in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1957, attended New York University School of Law and receiving an LL.B. in 1960 and also attended the National Judicial College through 1969. He began his career in the court system as a Law Clerk in the North Carolina Supreme Court System in 1960. Exum then was hired as an attorney for Smith Moore Smith Schell & Hunter. He was elected to the General Assembly in 1967 and then became the Resident Superior Court Judge for Guilford County from 1967 to 1974. From 1974 to 1986 he was an Associate Justice and then a Chief Justice from 1986 to 1994 of the North Carolina Supreme Court. Exum has also served as an Adjunct Faculty member of both the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University and has also served as General Counsel for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s General Alumni Association (1998-2001).

He has earned several awards in his career, including: Judge John J. Parker Award, North Carolina Bar Association; Alumni Achievement Award, NYU School of Law; Herbert Harley Award, The American Judicature Society; James Iredell Award, Norman A Wiggins School of Law, Campbell University; Distinguished Alumnus Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; William Richardson Davie Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Distinguished Service Award, General Alumni Association, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Frank Porter Graham Award, American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina; President, Phi Beta Kappa, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Morehead Scholar, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Root-Tilden Scholar, NYU School of Law; and the Benjamin F. Butler Memorial Award, NYU School of Law.

Judge Exum serves on the Paul Green Foundation and enjoys sailing, tennis, motorcycling, traveling and reading in his free time.

**THE HONORABLE ROBERT L. FARMER**  
**Certified Mediator and Arbitrator**

Judge Farmer is a Johnston County native. He received both his undergraduate degree and law degree from UNC Chapel Hill.

Judge Farmer was elected to the N.C. House of Representatives from Wake County in 1970, 1972, 1974 and 1976 where he chaired the Judiciary III and Finance Committees. While in the House, he sponsored legislation that created ethics laws for the Legislature and sponsored legislation that created electronic voting in the Legislature. He is a former attorney for the Wake County Board of Education.

Judge Farmer served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hayes Barton United Methodist Church for 8 years and taught Sunday School for over 15 years.

Judge Farmer served as a Superior Court Judge for 26 years and is past president of the N. C. Conference of Superior Court Judges. He is a recipient of the Joseph Branch Professionalism Award from the Wake County Bar Association. He is currently a certified mediator and arbitrator. He has served as Chairman of the N.C. State Ethics Commission since 1/1/07.

He is married to Martha Lassiter Farmer. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

**CHRIS FITZSIMON**  
**Founder and Director, NC Policy Watch**

Chris Fitzsimon is the Founder and Director of NC Policy Watch – a progressive public policy think tank that is a special project of the N.C. Justice Center. Fitzsimon writes the daily Fitzsimon File, delivers a daily radio commentary that is broadcast statewide on the North Carolina News Network, and hosts News and Views, a weekly radio news magazine that also airs on the network stations.

Prior to NC Policy Watch, Fitzsimon served as the spokesman of the Campaign to Protect America's Lands, a national, nonpartisan advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C. Before heading to Washington, Fitzsimon was the Founder and for nine years the Executive Director of the Common Sense Foundation in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is also a frequent speaker across North Carolina on government and politics.

Fitzsimon has been quoted in scores of national publications including the New York Times, USA Today, the Christian Science Monitor, the Nation, and Columbia Journalism Review. Fitzsimon appears weekly on N.C. Spin, a North Carolina television news talk show aired on stations across the state. Chris was an award-winning television news reporter for nine years, including four years at North Carolina Public Television and three years at WRAL-TV in Raleigh, where he covered government and politics.

In 1991 he left WRAL to become Special Assistant for Policy and Communications for House Speaker Dan Blue. He left Speaker Blue in the spring of 1994 and founded the Common Sense Foundation later that summer. Fitzsimon has a B.A. in Journalism from UNC-Chapel Hill.

**THE HONORABLE STEVE GOSS**  
**Member, North Carolina Senate**

Steve Goss is an ordained Southern Baptist minister and former high school teacher and varsity football coach. He has pastored churches in Ashe, Watauga, Duplin, and Montgomery Counties in North Carolina as well as a church in Martinsville, Virginia. He has also served on the mission field in Tokyo, Japan, appointed by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1983.

An Ashe County native, he is married to the former Phyllis Johnson who was born in Wilkes County. Married for 36 years, they have made their home in Boone for the past 16 years after returning from the mission field.

He has a B.S. in Social Science with a Minor in Education from Appalachian State University and a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Senator Goss was elected to the North Carolina Senate in 2006 and re-elected in 2008. Senator Goss currently serves as co-chairman for the Appropriations committee on Department of Transportation, and co-chairman of the Transportation Oversight Committee. He also sits on the Appropriations Commerce, Finance, Health Care, Transportation and Ways and Means committees.

## **FERREL GUILLORY**

### **Director, Program on Public Life, Center for the Study of the American South, UNC-Chapel Hill**

At UNC-Chapel Hill, Ferrel Guillory is founding director of the Program on Public Life, which has worked to bring university scholarship to bear on the agenda and leadership in North Carolina and the South. Guillory also is a lecturer in the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication, an adjunct faculty member in public policy, and a senior fellow at MDC, Inc., a workforce and economic development non-profit research firm in Chapel Hill.

He has co-authored *The State of the South*, a biennial report to the region and its leadership (1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2007). He also co-authored the book, *The Carolinas: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow: An Exploration of Social and Economic Trends, 1924-1999* (Duke Press, 1999), commissioned by the Duke Endowment.

Guillory now serves on the Council on the Southern Community of the Southern Growth Policies Board and on the board of trustees of the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching. In 2000, Guillory taught at Davidson College as the James K. Batten Professor of Public Policy.

Before academia, Guillory spent more than 25 years as a newspaper and magazine journalist. During his time at The News & Observer in Raleigh, he was the newspaper's state capital columnist, Washington correspondent and editorial page editor. Guillory has contributed chapters to books on David Duke and the politics of race, on economic transition in tobacco regions and on North Carolina politics and government.

He received his bachelor's degree from Loyola University in New Orleans, a master's degree from Columbia University in New York.

Guillory was born in Litcher, La., and he grew up in Baton Rouge. He and his wife, Kathleen, have three children -- Kristen, Lesley and Justin -- and three grandchildren.

## **ANNIE HARVEY**

### **Warden, North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women**

Annie Harvey is the Warden of the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women (NCCIW) in Raleigh, North Carolina. NCCIW, which is the major facility for female offenders in North Carolina, houses up to 1,367 inmates and covers a total of 35 acres within its perimeter. It has an average daily population of 1,300 offenders. As Warden, Ms. Harvey has managed the largest inmate population in the state's history (1,434 inmates on October 1, 2004). In addition to the inmate population, Ms. Harvey manages more than 600 employees.

Ms. Harvey has over 20 years of correctional experience, beginning her career in 1986 as a Correctional Officer. She has also held the positions of Sergeant, Unit Manager, Captain, Superintendent, and Deputy Warden.

In addition to her responsibilities at NCCIW, Ms. Harvey also serves on the Board of Directors for Communities in Schools of Wake County and is currently President of the Association of Women Executives in Correction.

Ms. Harvey has received numerous awards for leadership and service to her community, and she is recognized as a skillful motivational speaker by both government and industry.

Ms. Harvey is a proud inductee of the "Women of Note" series at the African American Cultural Complex in Raleigh, North Carolina. In 2006, she was a Finalist for the Sisters of Strength Award honoring women working for social justice, presented by SWOOP (Strong Women Organizing Outrageous Projects).

Ms. Harvey is a graduate of Shaw University and holds a BA in Public Administration.

**JOHN HOOD**  
**President and Chairman, John Locke Foundation**

John Hood is President and Chairman of the John Locke Foundation, a North Carolina think tank that issues policy studies, hosts dozens of events each year, produces radio and TV programs, and publishes *Carolina Journal*, a monthly newspaper with a readership of nearly 200,000 North Carolinians. Hood helped to found JLF in 1989.

In addition to his duties at JLF, Hood is a syndicated columnist for the *High Point Enterprise*, the *Gaston Gazette*, the *Durham Herald-Sun*, and newspapers in 50 other North Carolina communities. He is a regular radio commentator and a weekly panelist on "N.C. Spin," a discussion program that is broadcast on 16 television stations in Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro, Greenville, Wilmington, Asheville, and elsewhere. He also created "Carolina Journal Radio," a weekly newsmagazine broadcast on 18 radio stations.

Hood's latest book is *Selling the Dream: Why Advertising is Good Business* (Praeger, 2005). *Adweek* raved that *Selling the Dream* offered "a refreshing argument" for the role advertising plays in benefiting consumers. *Choice* rated the book as "highly recommended," concluding that "Hood provides a fascinating look into the world of advertising and beyond to support his view that advertising provides a societal good."

He is also the author of *Investor Politics: The New Force That Will Transform American Business, Government, and Politics in the 21st Century* (Templeton Foundation Press, 2001). "John Hood has produced a timely and informative account of...the most significant demographic shift of this century — the rise of a shareholder democracy in America," said Jack Kemp. *National Review* called *Investor Politics* "chock-full of interesting historical anecdotes, clever policy analysis, and surprising musings."

In 1994-95, Hood was a Bradley Visiting Fellow at the Heritage Foundation, the nation's premier conservative think tank. At Heritage, he researched and wrote a book entitled *The Heroic Enterprise: Business and the Common Good* (The Free Press, 1996). *The Wall Street Journal* praised Hood's book for "demonstrating the nexus between market incentives and socially desirable outcomes" and for providing "an avalanche of examples of Adam Smith's invisible hand at work in the modern corporation."

Hood writes and comments frequently on politics and policy issues for national media organizations. He covers state politics for *National Review Online* and blogs daily at NRO's "The Corner." His articles have appeared in both magazines — such as *Readers' Digest*, *The New Republic*, *National Review*, *Military History*, and *Reason* — and in newspapers, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and *The Chicago Tribune*. He's been interviewed by, among other news media, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, CNN, CNBC, NBC Nightly News, and the Fox News Channel.

Hood received his degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he founded a student magazine called *The Carolina Critic* in the mid-1980s that ultimately grew to encompass five campus editions (at UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State, UNC-Greensboro, UNC-Charlotte, and Wake Forest University). He is a Mecklenburg County native and currently resides in Wake County with his sons Alex and Andrew.

**JOHN G. MEDLIN, JR.**  
**Retired, President and CEO of Wachovia Corporation**

Medlin retired from management of legacy Wachovia Corporation at the end of 1993 after seventeen years as its Chief Executive Officer and was non-executive Chairman of the Board from 1994 to 1998. He retired from the board in 2000 after 41 years of service with Wachovia.

Medlin is a native of Benson, North Carolina and graduated from public schools in 1952. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1956 with a B.S. in Business Administration. While at UNC-Chapel Hill, he was active in campus affairs and was inducted into the Order of the Grail and the Order of the Old Well, honorary societies. After earning his Bachelor degree, Medlin went on to serve in the United States Navy from 1956 to 1959.

Upon his departure from the US Navy, Medlin joined Wachovia Bank and Trust and Company in 1959. After various positions with Wachovia, Medlin was elected President and Chief Operating Officer of Wachovia Bank and Trust in 1974 and President and Chief Executive Officer of Wachovia Corporation and the bank effective January 1, 1977. During his seventeen years as Chief Executive, Wachovia's assets grew tenfold and the compound annual rate of total return on its common stock was 17 percent.

During his professional career, John Medlin has earned many awards, including: the American banker award as the most admired Chief Executive Office in banking for 1991 and 1992, and its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002; Financial World's Chief Executive Officer of the Decade of the Eighties for Southern banks in 1990 and as the best Chief Executive Officer in the nation in 1993; the North Carolina Business Hall of Fame Induction in 1995; and the North Carolina Banking Hall of Fame induction in 2004.

Medlin has served in the past as: chairman of the Commission for the Future of the Justice and the Courts in North Carolina; vice-chairman of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Advisory Group of the United States Department of the Treasury; as a member and president of the Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve System; as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; the Market Oversight Advisory Committee of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Advisory Board of the Export Import Bank; member and chairman of the North Carolina Governor's Business Council on Management and Development; and member of the State Goals and Policy Board of North Carolina.

John has also served on many boards, including: Akzona Corporation; BellSouth Corporation; Burlington Industries, Inc.; Carolina Power & Light Company; Hanes Corporation; Media General, Inc.; Nabisco Holdings Corporation; National Service Industries, Inc.; Norfolk Southern Corporation; Piedmont Airlines inc.; R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings, Inc.; RJR Nabisco Holdings Corporation; Summit Communications; US Airways Group, Inc; The Duke Endowment; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Davidson College; Salem Academy and College; Wake Forest University; the Kenan Institute of the Arts; the Kenan Institute for Private Enterprise; the Kenan Institute for Ethics; the National Humanities Center; the National Urban League; the North Carolina Community College Foundation; the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center; the Citadel Development Foundation; the Winston-Salem Foundation; the Board of Visitors of the North Carolina School of the Arts; and the Colgate Darden Graduate School of Business at the University of Virginia.

Currently, Medlin serves on the State Judicial Council and the Fiscal Modernization Commission of the North Carolina General Assembly. He serves on the boards of the Research Triangle Foundation, Senior Services, Inc, and the Triangle Universities Center for Advances Studies, Inc. He is a member of the Judicial Independence Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association and is Chairman of the Advisory Board of the North Carolina Humanities Council.

**THE HONORABLE MICKEY MICHAUX**  
**Member, NC House of Representatives**

Mickey Michaux is serving his 15<sup>th</sup> term in the NC House of Representatives. Michaux was the first chairman of the N.C. Black Leadership Caucus. Ten years later, Michaux was a candidate for United States Congress (in 1982), losing in a second primary. He has served the House of Representatives as chairman of the following Legislative Commissions; Voter Participation, Divestment of State Funds from Businesses doing business with South Africa and Court Dockets Study Commission. He also served on the Governor's Crime Commission, Governmental Operations and the Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission.

Michaux is also a licensed and practicing real estate broker and a property and casualty insurance agent and broker. From over forty years, he has served as the Executive Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors for family-owned corporations which include Union Insurance and Realty Company; Washington Terrace Apartments, Inc.; Terrace Insurance and Realty Company; and Glenview Memorial Park, Inc.

He has experience in the development and packaging of housing programs under Section 235 and 236 of the Federal Housing Act as well as in the sale of single and multi-family housing and commercial properties. In addition, he served as chairman of the Housing Subcommittee of the Durham Committee of the Affairs of Black People.

Member and partner in the law firm of Michaux & Michaux, PA, he was admitted to the practice of law in North Carolina in 1966. Member of the Fourteenth Judicial District Bar, North Carolina State Bar, North Carolina Bar Association, George H. White Bar Association, North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers, National Bar Association and a former member of the North Carolina Criminal Codes Commission, Michaux also served as a member of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee for United States Attorneys.

Mickey Michaux graduated from NC Central University in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Afterwards, he served on active duty from 1952-1954 with the US Army Medical Corps, where he attained the rank of sergeant. He did graduate work at Rutgers University in Physiology and Biochemistry and at North Carolina Central University in the fields of Business Administration and Economics. He was awarded the Juris Doctor Degree with honors from NC Central University School of Law in May 1964.

Michaux is a native of Durham, North Carolina. He and his wife June have one daughter, three grandchildren and a stepson.

**CHARLES PERUSSE**  
**Deputy State Budget Officer**  
**Office of State Budget and Management**

Charles (Charlie) has served as the Deputy State Budget Officer in the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) since January 2002. His main responsibilities include overseeing the preparation of the Governor's budget to the General Assembly, supervising the development of statewide budget and revenue data necessary for more informed decision-making, and consulting with agency officers on budget execution. He also coordinates North Carolina's economic and financial report presented to the Bond Rating agencies each year.

Prior to his current position, Charlie served as lead budget staff to the House Appropriations Committee where he was responsible for assisting the House of Representatives in developing and adopting the State's budget. He holds a BA from North Carolina State University and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**JOHN W. SMITH**  
**Director**  
**North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts**

Judge John W. Smith is a graduate of Davidson College and Wake Forest Law School. He served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, attached to the Staff Judge Advocate General's Criminal Defense Office at Fort Lee, Virginia; after which he joined a general practice partnership in Raleigh from 1972-1974. He then served fourteen years as an Assistant District Attorney in the Fifth Prosecutorial District consisting of New Hanover and Pender Counties. He was elected as a District Court Judge in 1988 and served for sixteen years. He was appointed Chief District Court Judge for the Fifth Judicial District by Chief Justice Burley Mitchell in 1996, and served as Chief Judge through 2001. He was appointed as a Special Superior Court Judge in January of 2005, and served in that office until he was appointed by Chief Justice Sarah Parker as Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts January 1, 2009.

Judge Smith is a past president of the North Carolina Association of District Court Judges. He was an original member of Board of Directors and past treasurer of the North Carolina Judicial Conference. He is a 1982 graduate of the Justice Executives Program sponsored by the U.N.C. School of Business Administration, the Institute of Government, and the Governor's Crime Commission. He is a 1989 graduate of the National Judicial College Special Courts Course. He was licensed to practice in the state and federal courts and the United States Tax Court. He has served on several state boards, including those of the State Guardian Ad Litem Program, the Child Custody Mediation Program, and the Equitable Distribution Mediation subcommittee of the Dispute Resolution Commission. He is past chairman of the District Court Judges Benchbook Committee. He was certified as a Juvenile Court Judge in 1990. As Chief District Court Judge he established the Family Court for New Hanover County, over which he presided for five years. He taught Business Law at Cape Fear Community College for five years, and was a regular lecturer at the Practical Skills Course for New Prosecutors until he became a judge and then regularly taught at the annual New Judges School for District Court Judges at the Institute of Government. He is past-president of the New Hanover County Bar Association. He has participated for many years as a presiding judge in the annual regional finals of the Wade Edwards Mock Trial Competition for high school students sponsored by the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is the author of *Legal Legacy of the Lower Cape Fear: the Development of the North Carolina Courts from the Revolutionary Period*. He is a former chairman of the diaconate and chairman of the board of trustees for First Baptist Church in Wilmington, and has been involved over the years in many local civic and charitable organizations. Until he became Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, he serves on the Education Committee and the Technology Committee for the North Carolina Conference of Superior Court Judges.

**DR. ANDREW J. "ANDY" TAYLOR**  
**Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration**  
**NC State University**

Andrew J. Taylor, Ph.D is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at NC State University. He teaches courses in American politics, including Introduction to American Government, the Presidency and Congress, the Legislative Process, Public Choice and Political Institutions, and a seminar in the Ph.D program in public administration. He also teaches courses for the Distance Education program at NC State University on cable TV. In 1999, he received the College of Humanities and Social Sciences' Poole Outstanding Teacher Award. He is a native of the United Kingdom.

His main research interests are American governmental institutions. He has published in many journals including the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, and *American Politics Quarterly* and is the author of the book, *Elephant's Edge: The Republicans as a Ruling Party*. He is a recipient of a 2003 Dirksen Congressional Center Research Award and in 2004 obtained a \$200,000 grant for teaching and research in political science at NC State University from the JW Pope Foundation. He also provides political commentary for a number of local media outlets, especially WNCN-17 and WRAL-5 television and WPTF-680 radio and WUNC radio. In 1999-2000, he was the American Political Science Association's Steiger Congressional Fellow.

Taylor earned his BA in American Studies from the University of Kent at Canterbury, UK in 1988 and his MA in Government from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA in 1990. He received a PH.D in Political Science from the University of Connecticut in 1995.

**DR. LAWRENCE J. “LARRY” WHEELER**  
**Executive Director, North Carolina Museum of Art**

Dr. Lawrence J. Wheeler was named director of the North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA) in October 1994. During his tenure, the Museum has become one of the regions and the nation’s most popular and dynamic centers for the visual and performing arts. Blockbuster exhibitions, including *Rodin: Sculpture from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation* and *Monet in Normandy*, have attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Museum from across the nation and around the world.

Under Wheeler’s leadership, in 2006, on the eve of its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the NCMA—the first major American art museum collection to be formed by state legislation and appropriation— unveiled the much-anticipated design for an ambitious expansion initiative, including construction of a new 127,000 square foot building to house the institution’s outstanding permanent collection of more than 5,000 objects spanning antiquity to the present day. This expansion initiative will also transform the NCMA’s existing 1983 Edward Durrell Stone building into a center for temporary exhibitions, collections management, education, and administration, and create lyrical gardens and outdoor galleries in a landscape for art and artist-conceived environmental projects. The institution’s completed 164-acre campus will be the nation’s largest art museum park, with walking paths, bike trails, ecological projects conceived with artists, and site-specific commissioned works in a rolling green landscape fringed by pine woods. The project is being funded with a commitment of nearly \$70 million from the state, the City of Raleigh, and Wake County and a capital campaign is being conducted by the NCMA Foundation to raise \$65 million in endowment and transition funds.

In December 2000, Wheeler was named Tar Heel of the Year by the Raleigh *News and Observer*, which called him “the godfather of the Triangle’s cultural boom” and cited his skill at melding “arts, politics and commerce into a powerful new cultural force.” Recent awards include: the Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters from the republic of France, the Medal of Arts from the city of Raleigh, the Leadership Award from The Triangle Business Journal, the Design Guild Award from the NC State University College of Design, and the Thad Eure Memorial Award from the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau. Recently, Wheeler accepted the Attraction of the Year Award from the NC Travel Industry Association in recognition of the 214,000 visitors who attended the Monet exhibition.

Wheeler grew up in Lakeland Florida. He has B. A. degrees in History and French from Pfeiffer College, and both an M.A. and a Ph.D. in European history from the University of Georgia.

**THE HONORABLE COLON WILLOUGHBY**  
**Wake County District Attorney**

Mr. Willoughby began his education in Tabor City Public Schools. He then received a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1973, a Master of Business Administration from East Carolina University in 1975 and his Juris Doctor in 1979 from Campbell University.

In 1975, he began his career as a Loan Administrator for Cameron Brown. He then became a Business Faculty member at Peace College in 1977 through 1983. In 1979, he joined Bass, Willoughby and Haywood as an Attorney and in 1983 became Acting District Attorney for Wake County. Willoughby was elected Wake County District Attorney in 1987 and continues to serve in that capacity today.

Mr. Willoughby has served and continues to serve the legal and civic community in various roles, including: Fellow – American College of Trial Lawyers; Past President, Wake County Academy of Criminal Trial Lawyers; N.C. State Bar Council (1998 – 2006); Disciplinary Hearing Commission of N. C. State Bar (since 2007); Past President, North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys; National District Attorney’s Association, Director (1997-2002); Served on Legislative Study Commissions reviewing Law Enforcement Issues and Insanity Verdicts, and Bail bonds; Governor’s Task Force on Racial and Religious Violence; North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, (1999-2006); North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission (1999-2006); the Chief Justice’s Commission on Actual Innocence; Past Board of Governors of Summit House, Inc.; Past Director, Artspace, Inc.; Past Director of NCLEAF; and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mr. Willoughby is active as an Elder at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. He married the former Tricia Nickens and has two children, Liz Riley and Mary Graham Willoughby.