

Our Candidates

NC Supreme Court Justice



Judge Paul Martin Newby

Paul Martin Newby is the Senior Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, having first been elected in 2004. Justice

Newby is an Adjunct Professor at Campbell University School of Law, where he

teaches courses on state constitutional law and appellate practice. He is also

the co-author of *The North Carolina State Constitution with History and*

Commentary (2d ed. 2013) with Professor John V. Orth of the University of North

Carolina School of Law. The North Carolina Bar Association honored Justice

Newby in 2011 with its Citizen Lawyer Award, and in 2012 he received its John

McNeill Smith, Jr. Award, recognizing his work in the area of constitutional

rights and responsibilities. In recognition of his professional service,

Justice Newby received the James Iredell Award and an Honorary Doctor of Laws

from Southern Wesleyan University.

Justice Newby works to enhance professionalism among North

Carolina's lawyers having served as chair of the Commission on Professionalism.

Justice Newby co-chairs the Chief Justice's civic education initiative,

traveling across North Carolina to meet with school and civic groups to discuss

the Supreme Court and the role of the judiciary. He is the Court's liaison to

the North Carolina Business Court and the North Carolina Board of Law

Examiners. He is a frequent judge at various moot court and mock trial events.

Justice Newby speaks to lawyers and judges from around the world about the

American legal system and the rule of law, including groups of international

parliamentarians and judges for the Open World Program, sponsored by the

Library of Congress. He has been an instructor for the North Carolina Judicial

College and various continuing legal education courses.

Justice Newby actively participates in the North Carolina Bar Association. He is currently a member of the Justice and Judiciary

Committee (2018-present). In the past, Justice Newby has served on the

Strategic Planning & Emerging Trends Committee (2015-2018), the Appellate

Practice Section Council (2015-2016), International Law Section Council

(2010-2015), the Technology Advisory Committee (2005-2011), the Litigation

Council (2005-2011), and as Vice President (2008-2009).

Born in Asheboro, North Carolina on May 5, 1955 to Samuel O.

and Ruth Parks Newby, he was raised in Jamestown where he

graduated from Ragsdale High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy Studies (magna cum laude) from Duke University and a Juris Doctor from the University of North Carolina School of Law. Before beginning his legal career, Justice Newby served as a judicial intern in the United States Supreme Court and interned in the 18th Judicial District Public Defender's Office (Greensboro/High Point). He began his law practice in Asheville with Van Winkle, Buck, Wall, Starnes, and Davis, P.A. and later served as Vice President and General Counsel of Cannon Mills Realty and Development Corporation in Kannapolis. In 1985, Justice Newby was appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina in Raleigh where he served for over nineteen years. During this time, he taught many courses for the United States Department of Justice and received the Crime Victims Fund Award. He also played an integral role in conducting the undercover sting operation which recovered North Carolina's original copy of the Bill of Rights, stolen during the Civil War.

Justice Newby is an Eagle Scout and is the recipient of the Heroism Award for rescuing nine people from a riptide, the God and Service Award, the Silver Beaver Award, and the Scouter of the Year Award. In 2012, Justice Newby was designated a Distinguished Eagle Scout, a

national honor that recognizes both his service to the Boy Scouts and his dedication to public service.

Justice Newby has been married to Macon Tucker Newby since 1983, and they have four children. He and his wife attend Christ Baptist Church in Raleigh where he is an Elder and Sunday School teacher.