



# The Political Action Committee of the NC Association of Defense Attorneys

## **Mission Statement**

The N.C. Association of Defense Attorneys is an organization of attorneys who primarily represent businesses and industry, including insurance companies, in civil litigation. Its members recognize the value that these entities provide to the citizens of the State.

The N.C. Defense Fund, the political action committee of the NCADA, has been established to ensure that those entities, including those that find themselves defendants in civil actions, are treated fairly in our judicial process and in all other venues where disputes are resolved. In order to further these objectives, the N.C. Defense Fund endorses candidates for judicial and legislative races to enable constituents who share its goals and principles to evaluate candidates effectively.

## **Endorsement criteria**

### **JUDICIAL**

- Substantial experience in and demonstrated understanding of civil litigation and issues recurrent in defense of claims;
- A willingness to fairly and even-handedly apply the law as written, including the Rules of Evidence, the Rules of Civil Procedure, the application of affirmative defenses, and the granting of dispositive motions when warranted;
- A recognition of the legislature's role in changing existing common laws and statutes and the Court's role in interpreting existing common law and statutes in a fair, consistent and predictable manner;
- Judicial temperament.

### **LEGISLATIVE**

- A demonstrated understanding of the value of businesses and industry to the citizens of North Carolina as employers, vendors, risk managers and contributors of tax revenue;
- A demonstrated commitment to the fair allocation of risks and responsibilities among consumers, businesses and industry in order to promote an efficient marketplace for all.

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