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### **N.C. Defense Fund Endorses Judicial Candidates for 2022 Appellate Races**

Raleigh, NC, August 11, 2022 --- The N.C. Defense Fund, the political action committee of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, endorses the following candidates seeking seats on the North Carolina Supreme Court and Court of Appeals:

*For Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court*, the N.C. Defense Fund endorses

For Seat 3: **Richard Dietz** for election to the Court.

For Seat 5: **Samuel J. Ervin IV** for re-election to the Court.

*For Judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals*, the N.C. Defense Fund endorses:

For Seat 8: No Endorsement.

For Seat 9: **Donna Stroud** for re-election to the Court.

For Seat 10: **John M. Tyson** for re-election to the Court.

For Seat 11: **Darren Jackson** for election to the Court.

The NC Defense Fund made the decision to endorse each judicial candidate based on the following criteria:

- Substantial legal experience in and demonstrated understanding of civil litigation and issues recurrent in defense of claims;
- A willingness to impartially apply the statutory law and rules as written and the common law, including the application of affirmative defenses, and the granting of dispositive motions when warranted;
- A recognition of the legislature's exclusive role to enact statutes and the Court's role in interpreting existing common law and statutes in a fair, consistent and predictable manner with respect for prior court rulings as compelled by stare decisis;
- Exemplifying a high level of independence and integrity in applying the law impartially and in compliance with judicial standards and the Rules of Professional Conduct.

The N.C. Defense Fund is the political action committee of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys. The North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys [NCADA] is a professional association

for lawyers and paralegals defending the interests of individuals and businesses in civil litigation. Current membership stands at over 850 attorneys and paralegals from across the State.

For more information about the N.C. Association of Defense Attorneys, please contact the Association office at 919-239-4463.

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