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Ameshia is employed as a Special Deputy Attorney General with the North Carolina Department of Justice. There she prosecutes violations of North Carolina's tax law on behalf of the North Carolina Department of Revenue and represents the State in criminal appellate cases. Before taking on this role, Ameshia advised and litigated on behalf of the two agencies that certify law enforcement in our state, the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. She also represented the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission in this role and litigated on their behalf in cases that were appealed to Superior Court. She is the intern supervisor for the Special Prosecutions and Law Enforcement Section and is a member of DOJ's hiring committee. Ameshia also assists with facilitating the African American Safe Space at DOJ, an initiative of the Department's Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, Ameshia served the people of Durham County as a Felony Prosecutor. As an Assistant District Attorney at the Durham County District Attorney's Office, she ushered victims of crime through the criminal justice system with compassion and ensured that persons charged with crime were provided the rights afforded to them by law and the dignity they required as human beings.

Ameshia serves her community in numerous capacities. She is a life-long member of Union Baptist Church, regularly volunteers with the Durham County Teen Court and Restitution Program and is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Psi Gamma Omega Chapter. Ameshia has an adoring and spirited husband, Darren, who serves our state as an Assistant Public Defender in Wake County.