

ChristyMalott

for Durham District Court Judge

I'm excited to seek the gubernatorial appointment to Durham's District Court Bench. I am a Durham native (RHS '97), Duke graduate ('01) and Legal Eagle (NCCU School of Law '05). I have practiced law in Durham for eighteen years in government, non-profit, and private practice. I am uniquely suited to follow the Honorable Shamielka L. Rhinehart in serving Durham with strength and compassion from the District Court bench.

Half of the court rooms in Durham District Court require expertise in civil and family law matters, yet our current bench is mostly attorneys with criminal law backgrounds. **I have the civil law experience Durham needs**, including: family, abuse/neglect, undisciplined/delinquent juveniles, and general civil matters. I know the Rules of Civil Procedure, the Rules of Evidence, trial practice, and court decorum well. My experience as a litigator has made me a strong negotiator and a meticulous reviewer of legal documents.

I am a **nationally certified Child Welfare Law Expert** and know Durham's resources. I understand trauma, substance use issues, immigration struggles, and systemic failures. I spent **seven years at JusticeMatters* working with citizens and immigrants** from a holistic, trauma-informed approach, addressing language and cultural barriers, and educating other attorneys through CLEs.

I am compassionate, thoughtful, disciplined, and fair - character traits learned by life experience as much as law. I am a proud mom to adopted and biological children, dogs, cats, horses, and a bearded dragon. I am grateful to be the wife and sister of Air Force veterans, mother to an Army National Guard soldier, daughter of a Navy veteran, and granddaughter to an Army veteran and former Prisoner of War. I am an avid reader, runner, and sideline coach.

I am an **experienced, dependable leader in a variety of settings**:

- Former Durham Bar president (2011- 2012);
- Chair of Durham's Community Child Protection Team (2015 - present);
- Chair of Durham's Child Fatality Prevention Team (2015 - present);
- Developer of JusticeMatter's Pro Se Center and Family Law section;
- Softball coach at Bull City Little League.

As a Judge, I will:

- uphold the law in a timely, trauma-informed manner;
- display integrity and impartiality;
- listen to and treat everyone with respect;
- exhibit strong leadership and work ethic;
- have cultural humility and constantly seek personal growth.

Durham needs a District Court Judge who knows civil law and will preside over the courtroom with wisdom and respect. I will do that if given the opportunity.

Please vote for Christy Malott!