

Presenter Bio's

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Sharlene Anderson, Associate County Attorney – *Moore County Atty's Office*



Sharlene graduated from Brigham Young University in Social Work in 1996. She graduated from the J. Rueben Clark School of Law at Brigham Young University in 1999. Sharlene is licensed in Virginia (1999), Utah (2001) and North Carolina (2017). Sharlene's early career centered around domestic violence work, and she served as a Guardian ad Litem in Utah's Fourth Judicial District. From there, she went a different route for a time and worked as corporate counsel for software companies off and on as she raised her 3 children and moved back and forth across the country as a military spouse. In 2015, she settled in North Carolina and is thrilled to call Moore County her home. In 2017, she opened a private practice working primarily with estates and court-appointed work in child support and abuse, neglect, and dependency cases. Sharlene has been with the Moore County Attorney's Office since February 2021. In 2023, Sharlene was certified by the North Carolina State Bar as a child welfare law specialist.



Dr. Mary Hemphill, *Human-Centered Leadership Strategist / Executive Coach / Forbes Contributor / Speaker/ Author– NC School of Government*



Dr. Mary Hemphill is a human-centered leadership strategist, executive coach, and author with over 20 years of experience. As the CEO & Founder of The Limitless Leader LLC, she equips leaders to drive innovation, impact, and transformation through coaching, consulting, and executive workshops. She has served as North Carolina's first State Director of Computer Science, Chief Academic Officer, and adjunct professor of Leadership Studies at UNC-Chapel Hill. Dr. Hemphill is a Forbes contributor and a Senior Fellow at The Center for Model Schools. She has been named one of District Administration's Top 100 Education Influencers and EdTech Digest's Top 100 Influencers for 2023-24, in addition to being a 2024 EdTech Digest Leadership Award Finalist. She is also the author of *The One-Minute Meeting: Creating Student Stakeholders in Schools*, a go-to resource for education leaders. Her work centers on human-centered leadership and innovation, ensuring professionals at every level lead with purpose, authenticity, and impact.

Judge Warren McSweeney, Superior Court Judge for District #29



Judge Warren McSweeney grew up in Greer, South Carolina and is the son of Colin and Jackie McSweeney. He graduated from Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina in 1998 and began law school at Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina in the fall of 1998. Following graduation from law school in 2001 he successfully passed the North Carolina Bar Exam and began work as an Assistant District Attorney covering Moore, Randolph, and Montgomery Counties. He served the people as a prosecutor for over seventeen years and sought justice for the State of NC in homicide, sexual assaults, armed robbery, kidnapping, Weapons Offenses, and Drug Trafficking. In 2018 he was elected without opposition to a seat on the District Court bench covering Moore and Hoke counties. He successfully defended his District Court seat without opposition again in 2022. As a District Court Judge he presides over cases involving misdemeanor criminal offenses, family court matters such as custody, child support, divorce, alimony, and equitable distribution, cases involving Department of Social Services, juvenile delinquency, and civil matters. In 2024, Judge Warren McSweeney was elected as Superior Court Judge for District #29, serving Hoke and Moore County.

Dr. Elliot Stoller, Assistant Professor of Leadership and Governance – North Carolina



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Elliot Stoller serves municipal, county, and state officials in North Carolina areas of leadership, management, and governance. Stoller’s academic research uses organizational behavior to study executive branch governance and public sector learning processes. His applied work focuses on gauging and improving respect and trust between public officials. Stoller is the faculty lead for *Advanced Leadership Corps* and *Essentials of Municipal Government*. Stoller joined the school’s faculty in December 2023. Previously, Stoller has worked in state government as an assistant project manager for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) as well as in legislative and constituent affairs for an Illinois state senator. He also has experience as a substitute teacher and as the co-founder and co-president of AMENDS. Stoller earned a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University, a master’s degree in sociology from Harvard University, as well as a Ph.D. in organizational behavior from Harvard Business School.

Lanée Borsman, NCLAP (North Carolina Lawyers Assistance Program)



Lanée practices real property title curative and litigation as a Partner with Hutchens Law Firm in the Fayetteville office. She received her undergraduate degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and her law degree from Wake Forest in 1993. Lanée has served on the Board of Directors for the Lawyers’ Assistance Program of the NC State Bar and is also a volunteer with that program’s outreach and education efforts to help lawyers who struggle with substance abuse and mental health issues. She works with other non-profit community organizations and 12-step programs to help carry the message of hope and recovery to lawyers and non-lawyers.



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