

## Governor Cooper Nominates Special Superior Court Judges

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Governor Roy Cooper has nominated three people to serve the state as Special Superior Court judges. “These nominees bring extensive experience in our justice system to these new roles and are highly qualified to serve as Special Superior Court judges,” Gov. Cooper said. “I’m grateful for these individuals’ willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina.” In a letter delivered todayGov. Cooper submitted the following nominees for confirmation by the General Assembly:

Chief District Court Judge J. Stanley Carmical to fill the vacancy created on May 6, 2018. Judge Carmical has served on the bench in Robeson County since 1989 and as Chief Judge since 2002. A native of Lumberton, he is a graduate of Wake Forest University and the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law.

Bryan Beatty to fill the vacancy created on March 6, 2018. Beatty has served as a Commissioner for the North Carolina Utilities Commission for nearly a decade. He was previously Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety and Director of the State Bureau of Investigation. Beatty grew up in Salisbury and is a graduate of the State University of New York at Stony Brook and the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law.

Chief District Court Judge Athena Brooks to fill the vacancy created on May 16, 2018. Judge Brooks, a Buncombe County native and resident of Hendersonville, has served on the bench in Henderson, Polk and Transylvania counties since 2004. She is a graduate of UNC-Asheville and the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law, and a Major in the US. Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General’s Corps.

By state statute, the General Assembly must confirm the nominees by joint resolution of both chambers.