

SHAMIEKA LACHER RHINEHART (NC SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Superior Court Judge, State of NC Judicial Branch – District 14A; Durham, NC
(03/2023-Present)

- Presides over a variety of criminal cases (pleas, trials, and probation violation hearings) in the superior court, including, but not limited to, first degree murder offenses, and all other criminal cases ranging from Class A to Class I felonies, and misdemeanors along with hearings, including, but not limited to, suppression and discovery motions.
- Conducts first appearances and sets pre-trial release conditions for felony cases.
- Presides over case management system in felony matters.
- Presides over a variety of civil cases, including, but not limited to, employment disputes, breach of contract, etc. where the amount in controversy is \$25,000 or greater.

District Court Judge, State of NC Judicial Branch – District 14; Durham, NC
(1/2017-03/2023)

- Presided over a variety of legal matters in the district court, including, but not limited to, domestic violence matters (criminal and civil), traffic offenses (including DWIs), first appearances in jail court, bond forfeiture hearings, child support hearings, probation violation hearings, involuntary commitment hearings, and civil district court matters.
- Served as one of two regularly assigned juvenile judges in abuse, neglect & dependency court.
- Participated in updating Durham County local rules for the abuse, neglect & dependency court.
- Participated in quarterly meetings with Durham Department of Social Services to discuss data and strategies of improving permanency outcomes for children in foster care.
- Presided over the special court traffic session and remitted outstanding court costs and fines to assist citizens in the restoration of their driver's licenses. (2019)
- Served as the judge in the Misdemeanor Diversion Court. (2017-2020)
- Served as a member of the Criminal Justice Resource Center's Mental Health Sub-Committee to discuss how the court system can accommodate the needs of those who were mentally ill in the court system. (2017-2018)
- Served as a member of the Durham Grievance Committee to investigate filed grievances against attorneys and made recommendations to NC State Bar for disciplinary actions. (2016-2018)

Asst. District Attorney; District Attorney's Office – Prosecutorial District 16; Durham, NC
(6/2005-12/2016)

- Represented the State of NC in district court (including domestic violence, traffic, criminal district, child support) and superior court, including prosecuting various felonies, and misdemeanors.
- Served as the domestic violence prosecutor (2007-2008).
- Served as the property supervisor of the felony property & fraud team (2008-2011) and supervised and assisted other assistant district attorneys in the prosecution of these cases.
- Served as the district court supervisor in traffic, domestic violence, juvenile and criminal courts.
- Created court schedule assignments for all assistant district attorneys assigned to district court.
- Created Merchant Mondays to address and focus on misdemeanor theft crimes committed against the business community.
- Engaged in community outreach with Partners Against Crime and was the liaison to the Court Watch Program (2014-2016).

- Served as the representative for the district attorney's office in the creation of the first Misdemeanor Diversion Program in NC and served as the prosecutor in the misdemeanor diversion court (2014-2016).
- Served on the mental health sub-committee of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee to focus on how the court system could better address individuals with mental health diagnoses (2016-2018).

Staff Attorney; Browne, Flebotte, Wilson, Horn & Webb, PLLC; Durham, NC
(6/2003-5/2005)

- Provided legal representation in reviewing legal documentation to members in various areas such as criminal law, civil law, landlord-tenant, and consumer finance.

Staff Attorney; Law Office of Willie R. Perry, Jr.; Durham, NC
(8/2003-8/2004)

- Represented clients in criminal district court and traffic court matters.
- Assisted in preparation of settlement negotiation packets for personal injury cases.

EDUCATION

- North Carolina Central University School of Law; Durham, NC
Juris Doctor, May 2001
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill, NC
Bachelor of Arts in English, May 1997

AWARDS

- Mayor's Esteemed Citizen Award, City of Rocky Mount, North Carolina (2023)
- Jasper Harris, Sr. Leadership Award, Durham Alumni Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (2023)
- Elizabeth Schmoke Randolph Civic Service Award, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (2020)
- Human Rights Award, Durham Human Relations Commission (2019)
- Leaders in the Law Award, Lawyers Weekly Magazine (2016)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & LEGAL AFFILIATIONS

- 16th Judicial District Bar & Durham County Bar Association (current member)
- George H. White Bar Association (current member)
- Durham Grievance Committee (former member)
- N.C. Association of Women Attorneys (DOWA Chapter / Durham-Chapel Hill Chapter) (current member)

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter, (current Executive Board Member)
 - Ivory Community Center Foundation (current board member)
 - Standards Committee (former chair)
 - Global Missions Committee
 - Sisterly Relations Committee
 - Nominating Committee (former chair)
 - AKA Connection & Social Action Committee (current co-chair)
 - Advocate for Social Justice Committee (current co-chair)
 - NC Connection and Social Action co-chair for the Mid-Atlantic Region (appointed position)
- Citizens' (of Durham) Advisory Committee (former board member)
- Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People (current member)
- Durham County Teen Court & Restitution Program (former teen court volunteer judge)
- Durham People's Alliance (former vice-president and current member)
- Divine 9 Legislative Day at the Capital Planning Committee Member

- Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties (current member)
 - Community Council (former Vice-President and Asst. Vice President)
 - Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Committee
 - Extra Hands Committee
 - Kids in the Kitchen Committee
 - P.O.W.E.R. Committee
 - Say Her Name Ad Hoc Committee
 - Strategic Planning Committee
 - Membership Development Committee
 - Training and Development Committee
 - Nominating Committee
- Partners for Youth (former mentor)
- Alternatives for Youth (former board member)
- St. Philip's Episcopal Church of Durham, NC
 - Vestry Church Board member (elected by church)
 - Rector Search Committee
 - Outreach Committee
 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee
 - Usher and Lector at Sunday services
- You Can Vote (founding member)

PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter: "Connection & Social Action Committee Report", Eastern Carolina Cluster Meeting, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Goldsboro, NC (9/2023)
- Panelist: "Women in Power Brunch"; Raleigh, NC (8/2023)
- Keynote Speaker: Life Skills Foundation Community Breakfast, Durham, NC (5/2023)
- Panelist: "Women Judges in the Law"; NCCU School of Law; NC Association of Women Attorneys (3/2023)
- Presenter: Connection and Social Action, Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Raleigh, NC (3/2023)
- Keynote Speaker: "Sisterhood: Then & Now"; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (3/2022)
- Panelist: PBAP (Performance Based Admissions Program); NCCU School of Law (2023, 2022, 2021, 2019)
- Keynote Speaker: NC Law Enforcement Women's Association; Fort Sumner, NC (9/2021)
- Workshop Speaker: "Women Who Lead in Male Dominated Roles"; WomenNC, (8/2021)
- Moderator and Co-Planner: "Protecting Your Crown: Getting to the Root of Hair Discrimination"; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (6/2021)
- Panelist: "Keeping the Fires Burning: Staying Politically and Civically Engaged After the Election"; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (3/2021)
- Panelist: "Sisters Who Rule: Empowering Women for Leadership"; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's May Week (5/2021)
- Panelist: 2021 NC Community Action Association Conference (2021)
- Keynote Speaker: "Pearlflection: I am my Sister's Keeper"; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Greensboro, NC Chapter (1/2020)
- Keynote Speaker: Black Law School Association (BLSA); Wake Forest University Law School (2/8/2020)
- Panelist: Durham Explorer Academy; Durham Police Department (2019, 2020)
- Panelist: "Women Who Lead"; Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties (2020)
- Moderator: "What's in it for Durham County?"; NC Black Alliance (10/2020)
- Panelist: "Lunch and Learn: Journey from Law School to the Judiciary"; NCCU School of Law (11/2019)
- Panelist: "An Afternoon with Sisters Who Rule"; Lexis-Nexis, NC State University (10/2019)
- Panelist: "The Challenges of Being a Good Judge in DSS Court"; UNC School of Law (2018 and 2019)

- Panelist: “Back to School Success Summit”; Durham County (2019)
- Keynote Speaker: Delta Sigma Theta Program; GEMS Program, Rocky Mount, NC (2019)
- Panelist: “How Can Civic Engagement Jumpstart a Judicial Career”; Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association”, Washington, DC (2019)
- Keynote Speaker: Black Law School Association Retreat (BLSA); UNC-CH (2019)
- Keynote Speaker: Jewels Outreach Cozart Senior Prom, Durham County, NC (2018)
- Panelist: Let Black Women Lead Forum; NCCU (10/2018)
- Panelist: “Bridge Panel: Re-Visioning Justice”; Duke University Chapel and Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham, NC (11/2018)
- Panelist: “The Benefits of Being a Public Interest Attorney”; Duke Law School (2018)
- Panelist: “Women Judges in the Law”; NCCU School of Law; NC Association of Women Attorneys (2018)
- Keynote Speaker: Annual Minorities in the Professions Pre-Law Conference (2018)
- Panelist: Adelante 2016 - Moving Forward: Law School Skills Building Program (2016)

MEDIA AND PRINT APPEARANCES

- WTVD Segment: “New Superior Court Judge Focused on Representation and Fairness” (aired 3/22/23)
- Podcast: “My Judge is a Black Woman! w/ Judge Shamioka Rhinehart”; Holding Court with Eboni K. Williams, Esq. (aired 4/2021)
- WATL Segment: “Sisters of the Court” - Sisters Circle Live Television Show – National Television Guest Appearance (aired 11/18/2019)
- The Indy Week: “Durham Dismisses Hundreds of Traffic Fines as Part of a License Restoration Effort” (published 1/15/2019)
- WTVD Segment: “4 NCCU Roommates Share Journey Becoming Judges” (aired 11/6/2018)
- WUNC Segment: “Meet the Golden Girls” (aired 12/17/2018)
- The Steve Harvey Show: “Sisters Who Rule” - National Television Guest Appearance (aired 03/11/2018)
- Spectrum News: “Sisters in Law’ Reflect on Careers and Friendship” - Guest Appearance (aired 2/27/2020)
- Elle Magazine: “12 Women in Politics Write Notes to One Another on Valentine’s Day” (published 2/13/2018)
- Choice FM, 92.10: “The Art of Listening Radio Show” - Guest Appearance (aired 04/08/2017)
- Clarion Content: “Shamioka Rhinehart is Running for Judge” (published 09/20/2016)
- The Fayetteville Observer: “New Diversion Program Could Help Teens Keep Clean Records” (published 6/11/2016)