JERAULD BRIAN PAFFORD - JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT SEAT 2 DISTRICT 2 (R)

KEY FINDINGS INCLUDE:

- **Pafford posted an event for the Washington County Executive Committee Meeting with a picture of Trump's assisination attempt**. [Facebook, 1/11/2026]
- **Pafford has seven possible criminal offenses that have all been disposed of**. [Database, accessed 4/22/2026]

North Carolina Superior Court District 2 covers a cluster of rural counties in northeastern North Carolina, including Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington counties. These counties are part of eastern NC's coastal plain—economically mixed but generally lower-income, with significant agricultural, fishing, and small-town economies. The region has a substantial Black population and long-standing racial and economic disparities, which often shape local politics and judicial concerns (e.g., access to justice, juvenile systems, and drug-related crime).

Politically, northeastern North Carolina is competitive but trends conservative at the federal level while remaining more fluid in local and judicial elections, which are officially nonpartisan but increasingly influenced by partisan alignment. Judicial races in North Carolina have become more politicized in recent cycles, though local candidates often emphasize experience and temperament over ideology. [WCTI, 3/6/2026]

BACKGROUND

PERSONAL LIFE

Pafford lives in Washington, NC with his wife and two children. [Pafford for Judge, accessed 4/14/2026].

Pafford holds dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Psychology and Philosophy from East Carolina University and earned his Juris Doctor from Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach. [Facebook, accessed 4/14/2026]

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, & PUBLIC SECTOR BACKGROUND

Pafford has 13 years of courtroom experience in criminal, civil, and constitutional law. [Facebook, accessed 4/14/2026]

Pafford has worked in a variety of legal environments. He has served as a Public Defender and as an IDS PAC attorney in multiple districts, including Districts 1, 2, and 3, practicing in both District and Superior Courts. [Facebook, accessed 4/14/2026]

Pafford served the community as a solo practitioner, primarily practicing criminal law while also handling civil matters and also worked as In-House Counsel for East Carolina University, advising on education law, employment law, contracts, Title IX and Title VII compliance, HIPAA, FERPA, and risk management. [Facebook, accessed 4/14/2026]

Family Background

Pafford has a wife named Maggie and two children Sampson and Penelope. Pafford's spouse is a dentist, faculty, and interim Chair of the Department of General Dentistry at ECU School of Dental Medicine. [Pafford for Judge, accessed 4/14/2026].

Campaign Background

No findings of note for first round vet

Ideology & Politics

No findings of note for first round vet

Affiliation with political figures/organizations:

No findings of note for first round vet

Partisan posts

Legal & Ethics

Pafford has seven possible criminal offenses. [From database, accessed 4/22/2026]

Categories: OTHER
Case Number: 7302012CR 706451
Case Type: CRIMINAL
Case Filing Date: 05/18/2012
Offense Town: PITT
Court Disposition: DISPOSED
Court Offense: NOT SPECIFIED

Categories: OTHER
Case Number: 5702010CR 702655
Case Type: CRIMINAL
Case Filing Date: 11/22/2010
Offense Town: MARTIN
Court Disposition: DISPOSED
Court Offense: NOT SPECIFIED

Categories: OTHER
Case Number: 6902010CR 000285

Case Type: CRIMINAL
Case Filing Date: 02/09/2010
Offense Town: PASQUOTANK
Court Disposition: DISPOSED
Court Offense: NOT SPECIFIED

Categories: OTHER
Case Number: 7302009CR 005845
Case Type: CRIMINAL
Case Filing Date: 06/23/2009
Offense Town: PITT
Court Disposition: DISPOSED
Court Offense: NOT SPECIFIED

Categories: OTHER
Case Number: 2702007CR 001559
Case Type: CRIMINAL
Case Filing Date: 06/06/2007
Offense Town: DARE
Court Disposition: DISPOSED
Court Offense: NOT SPECIFIED

Categories: OTHER
Case Number: 2602006CR 002094
Case Type: CRIMINAL
Case Filing Date: 07/12/2006
Offense Town: CURRITUCK
Court Disposition: DISPOSED
Court Offense: NOT SPECIFIED

Categories: OTHER
Case Number: 2602004CR 001491
Case Type: CRIMINAL
Case Filing Date: 08/30/2004
Offense Town: CURRITUCK
Court Disposition: DISPOSED
Court Offense: NOT SPECIFIED

Campaign Infrastructure

No findings of note for first round vet

Endorsements

No findings of note for first round vet

Campaign finance

Pafford does not have any FEC contributions. [FEC, accessed 4/14/2026]

TABLE: Pafford NC Contributions

Contributor	**Employer**	**Date**	**Amount**	Committee
Jerauld Brian Pafford	Administrative Office of the Courts IDS	02/02/2026$	$200	PAFFORD FOR JUDGE
Jerauld Brian Pafford	Administrative Office of the Courts IDS	12/30/2025	$115.8	PAFFORD FOR JUDGE
Jerauld Brian Pafford	Administrative Office of the Courts IDS	12/22/2025	$3,454	PAFFORD FOR JUDGE

OTHER VULNERABILITIES & ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE

Trump

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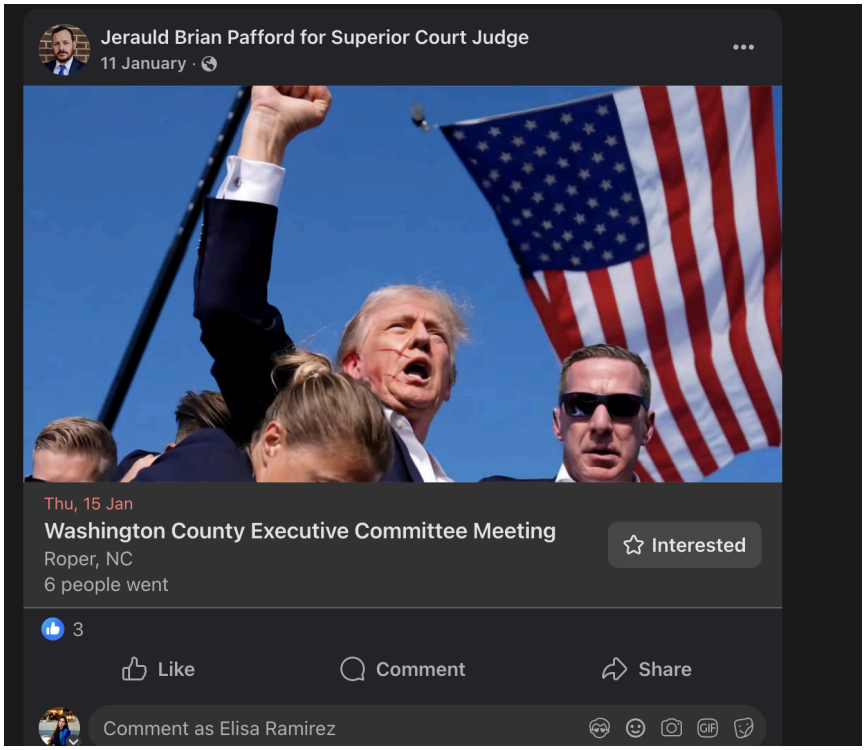

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

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