

MARK OSTERHOUT - DISTRICT COURT SEAT 3 DISTRICT 8 (D)

Key findings include:

- **Osterhout has donated to multiple Republicans including an “America First” figure that promotes America First.** Osterhout donated \$500 to Sandy Roberson, an “America First” Republican running for Congress in 2019. His other donations to Republicans include Republican Mike Eatmon, the Al-Pam Republican Club, and Republican Susan Doyle. [[Sandy Roberson](#), accessed 4/4/2025].
- **Very low campaign profile.** Osterhout does not have a campaign website and his Campaign Facebook only has one post. [[Facebook](#), accessed 4/8/2026]

North Carolina’s Judicial District 8 covers Edgecombe, Nash, and Wilson counties in eastern North Carolina—an area that includes small cities like Rocky Mount and Wilson and a mix of rural communities. The region is part of the state’s “Black Belt,” with a significant Black population, relatively high poverty rates, and ongoing economic transition from manufacturing and agriculture toward services and logistics. Politically, these counties lean Democratic in federal and statewide elections, though judicial races in North Carolina are formally nonpartisan and can be influenced by local legal networks and bar associations.

Culturally, the district reflects a blend of traditional Southern political norms and more modern concerns around economic development, criminal justice, and public safety. Courts in this district handle a high volume of family law, juvenile, and criminal matters typical of rural and small-city jurisdictions. Judicial appointments and elections here often emphasize community ties, professionalism, and relationships within the local bar.

BACKGROUND

PERSONAL LIFE

Mark Osterhout has lived in Rocky Mount for over 30 years. [[LinkedIn](#), accessed 4/8/2026]

Osterhout received his JD from Campbell University and a BA in Political Science from Belmont Abbey College. [[LinkedIn](#), accessed 4/4/2026].

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, & PUBLIC SECTOR BACKGROUND

Osterhout has 27 years of legal experience. Osterhout started as an Assistant District Attorney, Judicial District 3A (1997-1999) and has been an Attorney for Fields & Cooper PLLC since 1999. According to his LinkedIn “My legal career revolves around the district and superior courts of the 8th Judicial District and includes a significant emphasis on criminal defense, in which I represent clients in a variety of situations. I have also dedicated substantial time in my practice to representing both plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases, including matters related to contracts, real estate, construction, collections, and landlord/tenant disputes. I have tried a variety of misdemeanor bench trials and felony jury trials. I also have a thorough understanding of civil procedure, representing both plaintiffs and defendants in summary judgment motions,

default judgment motions, and bench trials. The significant experience I have amassed in both criminal and civil court, and my tenure and familiarity with the District Court system have helped drive my proven track record of advocating for my clients and helping them reach solutions to their legal matters” [[LinkedIn](#), accessed 4/4/2026].

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Osterhout has a wife named Anna. There was nothing to note Anna or Osterhout’s immediate family members [Database, accessed 4/16/2026]

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Osterhout has donated \$37,714.20 in total to NC State Contributions. He has not made any federal contributions.

Osterhout donated \$500 to Sandy Roberson, an “America First” Republican running for Congress in 2019. [[Sandy Roberson](#), accessed 4/4/2025].

Osterhout has donated to several Republican candidates and organizations. The contributions include Republican Mike Eatmon, the Al-Pam Republican Club, and Republican Susan Doyle.

TABLE: Osterhout NC Contributions

Name	Profession/Job Title	Employer's Name/Specific Field	Committee Name	Date Occured	Amount
MARK OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	SELF-EMPLOYED	CITIZENS FOR SANDY ROBERSON	06/09/2019	\$500.00
MARK OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS AND COOPER, PLLC	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MIKE EATMON	08/13/2020	\$200.00
MARK OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS AND COOPER	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARK OSTERHOUT	12/04/2023	\$1,626.20
MARK OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS AND COOPER	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARK OSTERHOUT	12/14/2023	\$384.00
MARK OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS & COOPER, PLLC	THE HISTORIC AL-PAM REP CLUB	08/08/2025	\$95.70

MARK OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS & COOPER, PLLC	THE HISTORIC AL-PAM REP CLUB	09/16/2025	\$33.30
MARK OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY		WILSON REC	10/07/2025	\$150.00
MARK OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS AND COOPER	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARK OSTERHOUT	11/21/2023	\$5,000.00
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MARK C OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS & COOPER	SUSAN DOYLE FOR DA	11/04/2006	\$75.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS & COOPER PLLC	COOPER FOR GOVERNOR	05/16/2014	\$250.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS & COOPER PLLC	COOPER FOR GOVERNOR	04/01/2015	\$100.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS & COOPER	JOSH STEIN FOR NORTH CAROLINA	03/08/2016	\$100.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS & COOPER PLLC	COOPER FOR GOVERNOR	05/16/2016	\$200.00
Mark C. Osterhout	Attorney	Fields & Cooper PLLC	COOPER FOR GOVERNOR	08/01/2016	\$100.00

Mark C. Osterhout	Attorney	Fields & Cooper PLLC	COOPER FOR GOVERNOR	09/22/2016	\$500.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS AND COOPER	COOPER FOR GOVERNOR	03/13/2019	\$250.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS AND COOPER	COOPER FOR GOVERNOR	05/20/2019	\$250.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS AND COOPER	COOPER FOR GOVERNOR	06/01/2019	\$250.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS & COOPER	JOSH STEIN FOR NORTH CAROLINA	06/03/2019	\$250.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELD & COOPER PLLC	COOPER FOR GOVERNOR	09/30/2019	\$150.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS & COOPER PLLC	COOPER FOR GOVERNOR	03/09/2020	\$150.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS & COOPER PLLC	COOPER FOR GOVERNOR	10/22/2020	\$250.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS AND COOPER, PLLC	BETH FRESHWATER-S MITH FOR JUDGE	02/04/2022	\$250.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS AND COOPER, PLLC	JOSH STEIN FOR NORTH CAROLINA	04/30/2022	\$500.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS AND COOPER, PLLC	JOSH STEIN FOR NORTH CAROLINA	05/16/2023	\$300.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS AND COOPER, PLLC	JOSH STEIN FOR NORTH CAROLINA	12/29/2023	\$250.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS AND COOPER, PLLC	JOSH STEIN FOR NORTH CAROLINA	12/29/2023	\$250.00
MARK C. OSTERHOUT	ATTORNEY	FIELDS AND COOPER, PLLC	JOSH STEIN FOR NORTH CAROLINA	04/10/2024	\$300.00

ON THE ISSUES

NO FINDINGS OF NOTE FOR FIRST ROUND VET

VULNERABILITIES & ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE

Political Donations

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SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

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