

YOHAN NAMKUNG - JUDGE DISTRICT COURT SEAT 5 DISTRICT 29 (R)

Key findings include:

- **No campaign website.** Namkung does not have a campaign website.
- **Namkung describes himself as a constitutional textualist and originalist.** Textualism has been criticized as being a smoke screen for conservative judges to use to implement their own ideological views [[Yohan for Judge](#), 7/27/2023] [[Harvard Review](#), accessed 4/7/2026]

North Carolina's District Court system handles high-volume, front-line judicial matters including misdemeanors, traffic infractions, family law, and civil disputes. These courts play a critical role in shaping local justice outcomes, particularly around criminal enforcement, domestic relations, and property disputes.

Judicial District 29 (Hoke and Moore Counties) is a mix of rural and suburban communities in south-central North Carolina. Moore County (home to Pinehurst) tends to lean more affluent and Republican, while Hoke County is more rural and racially diverse, with a higher proportion of Black voters and historically more Democratic performance. This creates a politically mixed but generally right-leaning judicial electorate, especially in low-information judicial races where partisan cues matter. The absence of Democratic candidates in some local judicial races reflects broader structural challenges for Democrats in rural North Carolina.

BACKGROUND

PERSONAL LIFE

Namkung lives in Raeford, North Carolina. [[Yohan for Judge](#), 7/27/2023]

Namkung holds a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a J.D. from Campbell University School of Law. [[Yohan for Judge](#), 7/27/2023]

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, & PUBLIC SECTOR BACKGROUND

Namkung has a legal and military background. Namkung serves as a Captain and Judge Advocate (military lawyer) in the North Carolina Army National Guard, indicating a background in military legal service. He is currently a district court judge serving in North Carolina's 29th Judicial District after being appointed by Governor Roy Cooper (D) in March 2024 [[Sandhill Sentinel](#), 4/11/2024]. [[North Carolina](#), Judicial Branch, 3/15/2024]

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Prior to being the 29th district judge, Namkung was the Assistant District Attorney in District 29. [[Sandhill Sentinel](#), 4/11/2024].

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FAMILY BACKGROUND

Namkung is married to someone named Elizabeth and they have two children. [[Yohan for Judge](#), 7/27/2023] [Database, accessed 4/16/2026]

Namkung has donated \$295 in NC Contributions and does not have any FEC contributions. Namkung made two donations to the Moore Republican Election Committee and on to the Jefferson Griffin Committee. There are no immediate vulnerabilities to note with the Jefferson Griffin Committee. [[FEC](#), accessed 4/7/2026].

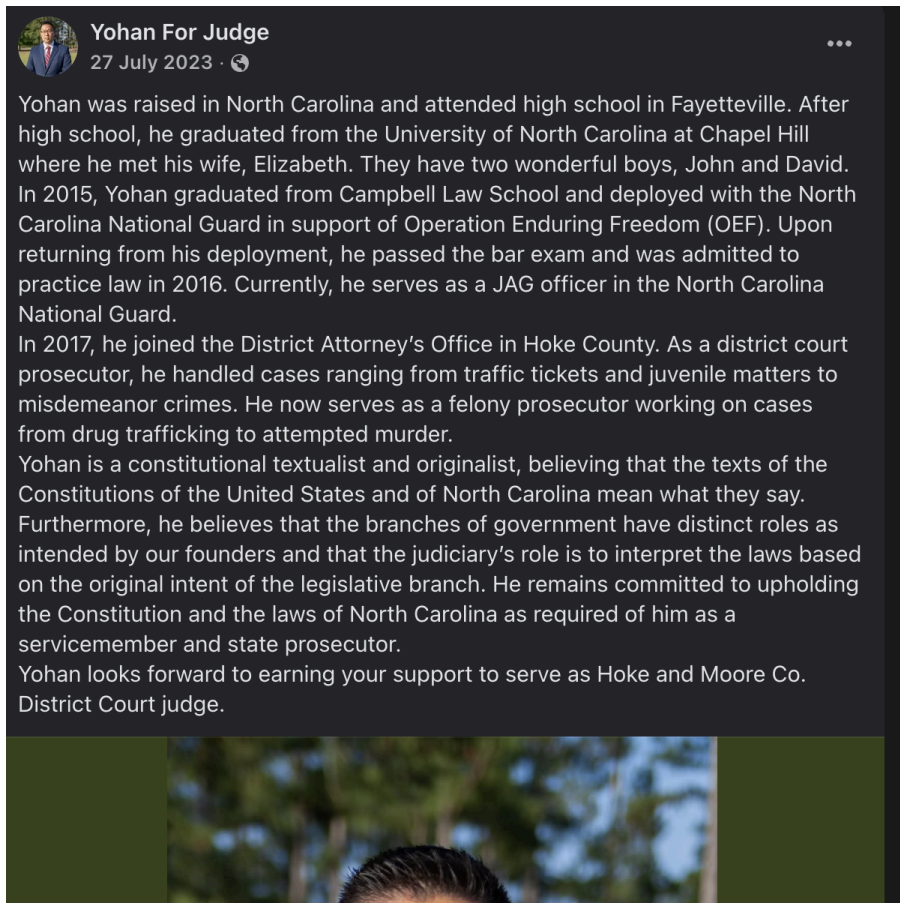
Name	Profession/Job Title	Employer's Name/Specific Field	Committee Name	Amount	Date Occured
Yohan Namkung	Attorney	DA Mike Hardin	THE JEFFERSON GRIFFIN COMMITTEE	\$100.00	06/30/2023
YOHAN NAMKUNG	ATTORNEY	DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	MOORE REC	\$70.00	07/31/2023
YOHAN NAMKUNG	ASST DISTRICT ATTY	HOKE COUNTY	MOORE REC	\$125.00	10/30/2023

ON THE ISSUES

VULNERABILITIES & ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE

Judicial Interpretation

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