

ERIC ELLER - NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT 35 SEAT 1 (R)

Key findings include:

- **No campaign website.** Eller currently does not have a campaign website.
- **Watauga County Board of Elections and voter obstruction.** Eller served on the Watauga County Board of Elections and during his time, he wanted to prosecute around 200 ASU students that thought they were registered to vote. They thought they were registered because they had filled out registration forms back in August to the close of registration on October 12, but they had failed to include some required information -- last four digits of their SSN, a street address of residence -- or failed to check a box. Because they didn't include a phone number (which is optional), no one could reach them to get the missing information. So their voter registrations got tossed and their provisional ballots could not count [Watauga Watch, 11/20/2018]

JURISDICTION SUMMARY

North Carolina Judicial District 35 covers a cluster of rural, mountainous counties in the state's northwest—Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Watauga, and Yancey [[Watauga Online](#), 11/29/2025]. These counties are part of the Appalachian region, characterized by small towns, tourism (especially around Boone and Appalachian State University), and aging populations alongside student populations in Watauga County. Politically, the region leans Republican, particularly in federal and statewide races, though Watauga County is somewhat more competitive due to the presence of the university.

District courts in North Carolina are trial-level courts handling high-volume matters such as family law, traffic, juvenile cases, and some civil disputes, making judicial temperament and local familiarity particularly important. Judicial elections in North Carolina are partisan.

BACKGROUND

Eric F. Eller is a Republican candidate and longtime attorney based in Boone, North Carolina. According to his personal Facebook, he is married to Connie Eller [[Facebook](#), accessed 3/28/2026]. He has practiced law since 1995, primarily in criminal and traffic defense across several counties in northwest North Carolina. His legal work includes representing clients in district and superior courts and handling expungements. Eller's education includes a bachelor's degree from Appalachian State University (1991) and a J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law (1995). He is also a U.S. Army veteran (1985–1987). Notably, Eller served for approximately eight years on the Watauga County Board of Elections [[Ballotopedia](#), accessed 3/28/2026]. His campaign messaging emphasizes impartiality, adherence to the rule of law, and fairness in judicial decision-making. Eller has donated \$400 to his own campaign in 2025.

TABLE: Eller NC Donations

Name	Profession /Job Title	Employer's Name/Specific Field	Committee Name	Date Occured	Amount
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ERIC ELLER	ATTORNEY	ELLER LAW OFFICE, P.C.	ELLER FOR JUDGE	11/21/2025	\$100.00
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ON THE ISSUES

NO FINDINGS OF NOTE FOR FIRST ROUND VET

VULNERABILITIES & ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE

Voter Intimidation

Eller tried to prosecute ASU students who thought they were eligible to vote. Eller wanted to prosecute around 200 ASU students that thought they were registered to vote. They thought they were registered because they had filled out registration forms back in August, or September, or prior to the close of registration on October 12, but they had failed to include some required information -- last four digits of their SSN, a street address of residence -- or failed to check a box. Because they didn't include a phone number (which is optional), no one could reach them to get the missing information. So their voter registrations got tossed and their provisional ballots could not count [Watauga Watch, 11/20/2018].

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