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District Attorney Candidates'
Debate



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PROGRAM

Welcome

Moderator

Julie Rose, Reporter 90.7 WFAE

Introductions

Candidates

Panel Members

Billy Wilson, Justice Initiatives, Inc.
Professor Anita Blowers, UNCC Department of Criminal Justice
Carolyn Green Logan, Criminal Justice Citizens' Advisory Committee

Presentation of Rules

Opening Statements

Questions and Answers

Panel Questions (40 minutes)
Audience Questions (25 minutes)

Closing Statements

Moderator

The use of cameras and/or other electronic recording devices by the audience is prohibited

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Michael D. Barnes, Attorney at Law

UNC-Chapel Hill, BA 1993
N.C. Central University School of Law, JD 1998

ELECTIVE OFFICES HELD:

Charlotte City Council (D) –November 2005 to present;
Three term member.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: As a Councilman, approved 196 police positions. Led way for the creation of the new University City Police Division and reduction in sizes of all divisions. Resulted in much greater police visibility and presence. Consistently supported funding for police equipment and technology. Approved request to Governor’s Crime Commission to begin Community Prosecution pilot project in Mecklenburg County (this would allow us to assign assistant DAs to specific challenged areas of Charlotte). Fought to strengthen neighborhoods all over Charlotte by providing money for various improvement projects. Current Chair of Council’s Budget Committee (\$1.6 billion budget). Current Vice Chair of Council’s Transportation and Planning Committee. Member of Council’s Public Safety Committee and Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee.

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER:

Attorney –Fuller & Barnes, LLP; Managing Partner; Current practice areas include business and insurance litigation and injury litigation.
Licensed to practice in all North Carolina State courts and the Federal courts of the Western District of North Carolina.

MEMBERSHIPS:

North Carolina State Bar; North Carolina Bar Association;
Mecklenburg County Bar

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Board member of University City Partners and North Carolina
Blumenthal Performing Arts Center

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Andrew Murray, Attorney at Law

A senior attorney with 18 years of practice in Mecklenburg County, Andrew has substantial knowledge and experience in criminal law. In 1992 Andrew began his law career in the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's office where he served as an Assistant District Attorney for four years. Serving in a variety of positions and on several special prosecution teams within the District

Attorney's Office provided Andrew with a breadth of knowledge and insights on the complexities of the office.

Following his service as an Assistant District Attorney, Andrew partnered with Joe Ledford to form Ledford & Murray, P.C. Three years later Andrew joined the firm of Goodman, Carr, Laughrun, Levine, Murray & Green, PA. as an equity partner and later as a managing partner. As managing partner, Andrew successfully leads a fourteen person office that handles an average caseload of 4,400 cases a year.

Andrew has served his country with distinction as a 29 year member of the United States Coast Guard Active and Reserve forces. He has served as a Coast Guard Officer since 1989 and presently holds the rank of Commander (O-5). He has displayed exemplary performance in a multitude of positions over the years with the most recent being Coast Guard Sector Charleston's Senior Reserve Officer where he was responsible for leading a 220+ member reserve force (2004-2007). Presently Andrew travels frequently to Washington, D.C where he is assigned to the Coast Guard Department of Counter Terrorism and Defense Strategies. Andrew maintains a Top Secret clearance.

Andrew graduated from the University Of North Carolina At Charlotte (Magna Cum Laude) with a Political Science Degree and received his law degree from the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) School of Law.

Andrew and his family are active members of Lake Norman Baptist Church (2009-present). Previously, they were members of Hickory Grove Baptist Church from 1989 to 2009. Andrew and his wife Pam have been married for 28 years and have three children: Drew (24) Educated at North Mecklenburg High School and Appalachian State; Derek (18) a senior at North Mecklenburg; Josh (16) a freshman at Lake Norman Christian School.