

Former NC Justice to Fill 24th DA Position

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When Governor Pat McCrory wants to be sure to not favor one candidate over another, his reach is deep and broad. That was evident today as Former N.C. Supreme Court Justice Robert Orr was picked to take the position of interim district attorney for the 24th Judicial District. In the release from the Governor's office, McCrory thanked Orr, saying, "I would like to thank Justice Orr for his willingness to serve our great state again," and he said, "Justice Orr's wealth of experience will be a perfect fit to fill the remainder of this term, and that, "The people of the 24th Prosecutorial District are fortunate to have a former justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court and a man of Bob Orr's character serve them in this capacity." Orr is slated to be sworn in as interim district attorney is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. tomorrow in Courtroom 1 of the Watauga County Courthouse. He will fill the remaining months of District Attorney Jerry Wilson's term after he retired early on March 31st due to health problems and will serve until a new district attorney is elected this year. He is taking a leave of absence from the law firm Poyner & Spruill to take the appointment. Orr served as a member of the N.C. Court of Appeals for eight years before joining the N.C. Supreme Court, where he served for 10 years.