

North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation  
2010 Questionnaire  
Candidates for North Carolina Appellate Courts

Please complete and return  
by March 19 Deadline

**SECTION I. Candidate Personal Profile Information**

Name: Mark E. Klass Party (optional): Democrat Republican Other: ---  
Office Sought (circle): N.C. Supreme Court N.C. Court of Appeals; seat: Ann Marie Calabria  
Address: 115 Linden Lane  
P.O. Box 1343 City: Lexington State: NC Zip: 27292  
County of Residence: Davidson Length of Residence in County: lifelong - 53 yrs  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: 336-242-6712 Mobile Phone: 336-250-4040  
Email: mbklass56@triad.rr.com Fax: 336-242-6869 office  
Gender: Male Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian Religion: Lutheran  
Place of Birth (city/state): Lexington / NC Date of Birth: 11-12-56  
Marital Status (circle): Married Single Divorced Separated Number of Children: 1  
Occupation: Superior Court Judge Employer: State of NC  
Military Service: --- High School: Central Davidson  
Colleges/Universities Attended: University of NC at Chapel Hill  
Law Degree Received From: Campbell University, Naman A. Wiggins School of Law  
Previous Elected/Appointed Offices: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II. Candidate Campaign Information**

Name of Campaign Committee: Campaign to Elect Mark E. Klass  
Campaign Email: mbklass56@triad.rr.com Campaign Website: pending  
Campaign Phone: 336-250-4040 Campaign Fax: 1-866-235-0149  
Campaign Address: P.O. Box 1343 City: Lexington State: NC Zip: 27293  
Campaign Treasurer: Chris Church Campaign Treasurer Phone: 336-262-6048  
Political Consultants: 5 Star Campaigns

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Do you plan to participate in North Carolina public financing program?

Yes     No     Undecided

Considering your personal and professional associations, how likely are you to receive support from each of the following groups?

	Very Likely	Likely	Unknown	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
A. North Carolina Advocates for Justice (formerly the Academy of Trial Lawyers)	1	2	3	4	5
B. Medical Groups (ex. Doctors, Hospital Administrators)	1	2	3	4	5
C. Banking & Finance Industry	1	2	3	4	5
D. Utility/Telecommunications Companies	1	2	3	4	5
E. Real Estate & Construction Industry	1	2	3	4	5
F. Labor Unions	1	2	3	4	5
G. Retail/Wholesale Businesses	1	2	3	4	5
H. State Employees Association of N.C. (SEANC)	1	2	3	4	5
I. Insurance Industry	1	2	3	4	5
J. N.C. Association of Educators (NCAE)	1	2	3	4	5
K. Business Professionals (ex. Architects, Accountants, Engineers)	1	2	3	4	5
L. Transportation Industry	1	2	3	4	5
M. Agri-business Interests	1	2	3	4	5
N. Legislative Leadership Committees	1	2	3	4	5

Are there other groups not listed that you would expect to receive a campaign contribution or endorsement from? (Ex. Lillian's List, Anti-Tax Groups)

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**SECTION III. CANDIDATE QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS**

**Instructions:** Please respond to the following questions and statements by circling the response that best represents your position or opinion. You are invited to provide additional comments or explanations for your answers on a separate page. Please be sure to identify which question you are commenting on by noting the appropriate question number with your additional comments.

1. Of the justices currently serving on the United States Supreme Court, whose judicial philosophy most closely reflects your own? (Circle one response)

Alito    Breyer    Ginsburg    Kennedy    Roberts    Scalia    Sotomayor    Stevens    Thomas

2. Do you believe the words and meaning of the Constitution should be interpreted in the context of our present culture or as closely to the intent of the original authors as possible?

Present Culture    Original Authors    Undecided

3. Do you believe judges in North Carolina should be appointed by the Governor instead of elected by the people?

Yes    No    Undecided

4. Have you owned or managed a business? (If so, please describe below.)

Yes    No

I have owned a number of businesses, from retail to  
rental.

5. For every \$100.00 of sales, about how much profit do you believe the average North Carolina business nets? (Circle one response)

Under \$1    \$1-5    \$5-10    \$10-25    \$25-50    Over \$50

6. Do you believe the current level of taxes paid by North Carolina businesses is too high, too low, or about right? (Circle one response)

Too high    Too low    About right



Mark E. Klass  
Candidate for N. C. Court of Appeals  
Section IV – Open-Ended Question

My judicial philosophy comes a lot in part from growing up in rural North Carolina and being influenced by many factors. Most of which includes people from all walks of life; from farmers to doctors, and all folks in between. Because of my experiences, I have a good understanding of the average man and the trials and tribulations which they endure each and every day. As a judge I feel that this understanding helps me render better judgments in the court of law. All cases are not the same and all people are not the same, and all situations, even though they may seem to be similar, never are. As a superior court judge for the past twelve years, I have used this philosophy in order to help me treat people fairly and render just decisions when called upon. Also, this philosophy has given me a good work ethic which I bring to the bench, by being to court on time and staying until the work is completed. It is my job to follow the law and I make every effort to do so. Hopefully, I can continue these ideas as a judge on the court of appeals.