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Chief Judge Donna Stroud (left) takes the oath of office while her husband holds the Bible.

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RALEIGH — [Chief Judge Donna S. Stroud](#) has been formally invested as Chief Judge of the [North Carolina Court of Appeals](#) during a swearing-in ceremony in the Court of Appeals courtroom on Monday, January 9.

Dignitaries attending the ceremony included Supreme Court of North Carolina Chief Justice Paul Newby and former Chief Justice Mark Martin, and representatives from all three branches of state government.

Chief Judge Stroud was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in November 2006 and re-elected without opposition in 2014. She was initially appointed as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals effective January 1, 2021.

MORE INFORMATION

- [Watch the ceremony video](#)
- [Ceremony program](#)

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