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RALEIGH — In the [latest episode](#) of the *All Things Judicial* podcast, we listen to excerpts from the January 2023 investiture ceremonies of [Supreme Court of North Carolina](#) Associate Justice [Trey Allen](#) and [North Carolina Court of Appeals](#) Chief Judge [Donna Stroud](#). In the first segment, Supreme Court of North Carolina Chief Justice [Paul Newby](#) administers the oath of office to Associate Justice Allen, who then shares his thoughts on the important role of the Supreme Court in our society.

"Why does the public at large honor our judgments," Justice Allen asked during the ceremonial session. "It seems to me in the final analysis, the willingness of our society to abide by judicial decisions flows from people's confidence in the impartiality and fairness of our courts."



*Associate Justice Allen takes the oath of office with his family by his side.*

In the second segment, North Carolina Court of Appeals Judge [Chris Dillon](#) presides over Chief Judge Stroud's investiture. Chief Justice Newby administers her oath of office and Chief Judge Stroud shares her thoughts on the importance of these ceremonies as a way to increase public trust and confidence in our courts and strengthen the rule of law.

"A reason to have this (public) investiture is to bring us together and to give people a chance to learn a little bit about our courts," Chief Judge Stroud said during the ceremony. "I believe when people learn more about our judicial system, this knowledge helps increase public trust and confidence in our courts and that strengthens the rule of law."

Full videos of [Associate Justice Allen's investiture](#) and [Chief Judge Stroud's investiture](#) can be viewed on the Judicial Branch YouTube Channel.



*Chief Judge Stroud takes the oath of office while her husband holds the Bible.*

### **MORE INFORMATION**

*All Things Judicial* is a podcast about the important role of the North Carolina Judicial Branch in state government. The podcast follows a bi-monthly release schedule with each new episode available for download every other Wednesday and can be found on all podcast apps and on [NCCourts.gov](#).

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