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RALEIGH — Chief Justice Paul Newby has declared May 4-10, 2025, as Employee Appreciation Week in the Judicial Branch. The Judicial Branch would like to recognize all the judicial officials and employees who help improve the lives of North Carolinians each day. This has been especially true during the Branch's statewide implementation of the eCourts initiative. Judicial Branch employees have been, and will continue to be, essential to the success of this historic modernization in all 100 counties.

"Each and every day, Judicial Branch employees help provide safety for our communities, prosperity for our economy, and protection for the rights, liberties, and freedoms that form the foundation of our state and federal constitutions," said [Chief Justice Newby](#). "We recognize their contributions and thank them for their dedication to administering justice without favor, denial, or delay."

The Judicial Branch has more elected officials than the Executive and Legislative branches combined, including:

- 7 Supreme Court justices
- 15 Court of Appeals judges
- 121 superior court judges
- 285 district court judges
- 100 clerks of superior court
- 42 district attorneys

The Judicial Branch handles nearly 3 million cases each year, and the entire workforce includes more than 7,000 employees in county courthouses and court offices across all 100 counties.

"I am particularly appreciative of all our employees across the state as they continue to facilitate Judicial Branch business as we make the transition to eCourts," said NCAOC Director Ryan S. Boyce. "Whether they're one of the 73 counties already using eCourts, in transition, or have eCourts in their near future, our employees are the true heroes of the Branch and we appreciate all they do."

[Read the proclamation.](#)

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About North Carolina Judicial Branch

The [North Carolina Judicial Branch](#) is an equal and distinctively separate branch and core function of government. The 7,600 Judicial Branch employees statewide administer justice in courthouses in North Carolina's 100 counties. The [Judicial Branch budget for FY 2023–24](#) was \$750.7M, 90.9% of which is used to pay salaries and 9.1% is used for operations. The Judicial Branch receives 2.53% of the overall State budget.

About North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts

The North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) is the administrative agency for the [North Carolina Judicial Branch](#), providing administrative services to help the North Carolina court system operate more efficiently and effectively, taking into account each courthouse's diverse needs, caseloads, and available resources.

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