

Gary S. Cash, J.D., served as an elected North Carolina District Court Judge in Judicial District 28 in Asheville, N.C. for twenty-five years until his retirement on December 31, 2010. He was the District's Chief Judge for the eight years before he stepped down from the bench.

He obtained his undergraduate degree from Davidson College, during which time he was an International Rotary Scholar at the University of Muenster, West Germany. Following his graduation from Davidson in 1971, he attended Yale University Divinity School as a Rockefeller Fellow before earning his J.D. degree from the UNC-School of Law in 1976.

Prior to being first elected to the bench in 1986, Judge Cash worked in Asheville as a general practitioner in the private practice of law. He has held numerous judicial leadership positions including serving as President of the N.C. Conference of Chief District Court Judges, President of the N.C. Association of District Court Judges, and as a Director of the N.C. Joint Judicial Conference.

In 2014, N.C. Chief Justice Mark Martin appointed Judge Cash Chair of the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission. Other professional and community activities include, among others, his serving as Chair of the N.C. Custody Mediation Advisory Committee, as a member of the N.C. Domestic Violence Commission and N.C. Dispute Resolution Commission, on the N.C. Family Court Advisory Committee, on the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Advisory Panel, and as a founding member of the board of directors of the Child Abuse Center of Asheville.

Judge Cash has been awarded the 2008-2009 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Bar Professionalism Award, the 2009 N.C. Advocates for Justice (N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers) Outstanding N.C. Trial Judge Award, the 2009 North Carolina Association for Marriage and Family Therapists Champion of the Family Award, and the 2010 Pisgah Legal Services Roy Davis Award.

Currently certified by the N.C. Dispute Resolution Commission as a N.C. Superior Court and District Court Family Financial Mediator, as well as a Mediator in Guardianship and Special Proceedings before the N.C. Clerks of Superior Court, he now exclusively offers mediation and arbitration services with Gary Cash Mediation, Inc. in Asheville.