

Cressie Thigpen (Court of Appeals Selection)
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Cressie Thigpen (BA'68), was the first African-American elected president of the North Carolina State Bar, has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the state Court of Appeals.

Gov. Beverly Perdue's office announced the appointment on August 30, 2010. Thigpen will serve the remaining four months on the term of Judge Jim Wynn, who now sits on the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Wynn's old term expires at the end of this year. Thigpen plans to file next week to run for a full eight-year term on the Court of Appeals that would begin in January.

Thigpen has been a special Superior Court judge since 2008. In 1999, he became the first black attorney elected to president of the state bar.