

## LISA V. L. MENEFEE DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The Honorable Lisa V. L. Menefee attended Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, receiving a BA in 1977. She obtained a Jurist Doctorate from the New England School of Law, Boston, MA in 1981.

Judge Menefee has worked in various legal capacities:

- 1. She was licensed to practice in North Carolina in May 1982 working private practice primarily in the area of family law.
- 2. 1984-1986, ran a community based mediation center and assisted in drafting North Carolina's first mediated settlement legislation and rules for settlement conferences.
- 3. 1986-1989: Assistant District Attorney for Forsyth County.
- 4. 1989-1999: in private practice with a focus on family and criminal law; certified mediator and arbitrator.
- 5. 1999: was appointed as a District Court Judge for the 21<sub>st</sub> Judicial District in Forsyth County, North Carolina and has served 11 years on the bench as of 2010. Judge Menefee has served as a judge for drug treatment court for adults and juveniles and is one of the four judges designated for juvenile court.

Judge Menefee is an active member in her community:

- 1. YMCA Community Outreach Services Board of Directors, now with the YMCA Winston Lake Branch Board of Directors.
- 2. Administrative Office of the Courts Custody Mediation Advisory Committee.
- 3. Court Improvement Project: Juvenile Abuse, Neglect and Dependency cases.
- 4. Authorizing Action-Board of Directors: introducing creative writing and the spoken word to youth ages 13-16 as a tool for self-discovery and speaking out for change.
- 5. Mental Health Collaborative: improving quality, access and continuity of mental health, substance abuse and developmentally delayed services in Forsyth County.

Judge Menefee has one daughter and three step daughters and is married to Andy Cromer, Superior Court Judge for District 17B.