

Richard McCrary Taylor, Jr.

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Experience

- 1996 to present **North Carolina Advocates for Justice** Raleigh, North Carolina
Chief Executive Officer
Overall responsibility of management 3,600 member association of plaintiff and criminal defense lawyers, including administration, legislative advocacy, legal affairs, communication, legal education, and development.
- 1983 to 1995 **Legal Services of North Carolina, Inc.** Raleigh, North Carolina
Executive Director
Responsible for management of statewide Legal Services program for the poor composed of 15 geographic field programs, three special client programs, a support and legislative advocacy unit, a client and community development unit, and a central administrative office. CEO of a corporation with an annual budget in excess of \$14 million, three hundred employees and 120 lawyers. Personally directed legislative campaign resulting in general appropriation of \$1 million to \$1.25 million to Legal Services from the North Carolina General Assembly for eight consecutive years beginning in 1989. Directed annual direct giving campaign geared to the state's lawyers. Represented Legal Services with the bar, legislature, press, Congress, and general public.
- 1976 to 1983 **North State Legal Services** Hillsborough, North Carolina
Executive Director
Began legal aid program for low-income persons in Orange County in 1976 pursuant to joint venture with the bar, county and local community action agency. Developed funding and expanded program, which became an original affiliated program of Legal Services of North Carolina responsible for a seven county area.
- 1973 to 1976 **Private Practice of Law**
Sole practitioner in general practice with emphasis on criminal defense and civil plaintiff work.

Additional Experience

- 1990 to 1995 Project Advisory Group, The National Organization of Legal Services Programs Washington, DC
Chairperson
Elected leader of the national organization of civil legal services programs. Represented the national legal services community with the Legal Services Corporation, the American Bar Association, the Congress and the press. Managed the process of field legal services programs reaching a working consensus on distribution of federal funds after the 1990 census.

Education

- 1972 **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Juris Doctor – 1972, Bachelor of Laws – 1970

Bar Admissions

North Carolina, 1972; US Supreme Court; Fourth Circuit and US Middle District

Professional Memberships

The North Carolina State Bar, North Carolina Bar Association, North Carolina Advocates for Justice, Wake County Bar Association, 15-B Judicial District Bar, American Bar Association, National Legal Aid and Defenders Association, American Association for Justice.

Personal

Married with three children

Active in the Chapel of the Cross, an Episcopal parish in Chapel Hill, former member of the Vestry, chair of personnel and finance committees, currently a delegate to diocesan convention and chair of Stewardship Committee on Financial Resources.