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ARTS & SCIENCE ADVISORY COUNCILS

North/West Region
District 1 Slot
Applicants

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENT NEEDED TO FILL:

One (1) North/West District 1 unexpired term expiring 6/30/20.

There are seven (7) applicants.

District	Name	Race	Gender
1	Ashe-Suber, Natasha	B	F
1	Cummings, Sara	W	F
1	Davidson, Janice	B	F
1	James, Elizabeth	W	F
1	McCully, Juliana	W	F
1	Rice, Donna	B	F
1	Simolin, George	W	M

North/West Region:
District 1
At-Large

Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Arts and Science Advisory Council
- **Name:** Natasha Ashe-Suber
- **Home address:** 20410 Middleton Road
- **City:** Cornelius
- **Zip code:** 28031
- **Home Phone:** 704-895-5510
- **Work Phone:** 704-986-1582
- **Email:** natasha.suber@monarchnc.org
- **Occupation:** Vice President, Marketing & Communication
- **Place of employment:** Monarch
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 45
- **Hours per month available for position:** 6
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** Master's degree
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** Email from Arts and Science Advisory Council
- **Business and civic experience:** A resident of North Mecklenburg since 2004, I am interested in representing our community by serving as a member of the ASC Advisory Council. I have more than 17 years of experience in public relations and marketing, which has allowed me to play an active role as communications advisor during the planning and promotion of theatre productions, artist exhibitions, musical and dance performances and other cultural and creative arts initiatives. I have been a volunteer for several professional and nonprofit planning communities, served as co-chair of the Arts and Letters Committee for my sorority's alumnae graduate chapter and am currently a Y-Reader and Miracle League volunteer for the YMCA of Greater Charlotte. I am also an active member of the Public Relations Society of America's Charlotte Chapter and serve on several committees.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** I have experience providing strategic solutions, chairing committees, staying informed on committee matters, reporting to stakeholders, managing and preparing organizational budgets, writing and reviewing grants, supervising and coaching teammates and planning and promoting events. I am confident that the qualities that I possess combined with my passion, dependability and administrative leadership could be an asset. I would be thrilled to have an opportunity to

continue to serve my community as a member of the ASC Advisory Council. Thank you in advance for your consideration and the privilege of your time!

- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 1
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that this application is subject to the N.C. Public Records Law (NCGS 132-1) and may be released upon request.** I agree
- **Signature of applicant:** Natasha Ashe-Suber
- **Date:** 5/22/2019

North/West Region:
District 1
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Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Arts and Science Advisory Council
- **Name:** Sara Cummings
- **Home address:** 19101 Callaway Hills Ln
- **City:** Davidson
- **Zip code:** 28036
- **Home Phone:** 704-340-5922
- **Work Phone:** 704-340-5922
- **Email:** saramgc@yahoo.com
- **Occupation:** Technology Business Executive
- **Place of employment:** Bank of America
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 43
- **Hours per month available for position:** 5-10
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** Bachelors, Clemson University
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** Email from Arts and Science Advisory Council
- **Business and civic experience:** I have no prior experience as I've been focused on my career and raising 3 kids. As my children are now older, I'd like to begin getting more active in the community. I have been a long-time donor to ASC and am a patron of the Blumenthal theater. I have a passion for the arts in the community and the benefits it provides to our neighborhoods.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** I have a keen interest in the arts, and attend many local theater events.
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- **Signature of applicant:** Sara Cummings
- **Date:** 5/16/2019

North/West Region:
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At-Large

Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Arts and Science Advisory Council
- **Name:** Janice Davidson
- **Home address:** 8713 Canter Post Drive,
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28216
- **Home Phone:** 7049576856
- **Work Phone:** N/A
- **Email:** janice27davidson@aol.com
- **Occupation:** Retired Principal
- **Place of employment:** Formerly Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 66
- **Hours per month available for position:** My schedule is flexible - Possibly up to 10- 12 hours per month.
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** BA Music Education: North Carolina Central University; MA in Educational Administration and Curriculum and Instruction UNC- Charlotte
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** Email from Arts and Science Advisory Council
- **Business and civic experience:** Prior to becoming a principal within Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS), I served as a liaison between CMS and Charlotte (North Carolina) Opera.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** I am a strong advocate for education and believe that the arts, plus the academics are very important. This holds true, not only for our children, but for the greater Charlotte community. Personally, I am still a very active and vibrant musician and I play for a church in the Huntersville area. I also have experience performing and prior experience singing with the North Carolina Opera. In my spare time I write music and poetry.
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- **Signature of applicant:** Janice Lynn Davidson
- **Date:** 5/21/2019

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Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Arts and Science Advisory Council
- **Name:** Elizabeth James
- **Home address:** 16225 Leeward Lane
- **City:** Huntersville
- **Zip code:** 28078
- **Home Phone:** 803-348-6728
- **Work Phone:** 704-716-0879
- **Email:** ljames@horacktalley.com
- **Occupation:** Attorney
- **Place of employment:** Horack Talley
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 38
- **Hours per month available for position:** 10
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** J.D. University of South Carolina School of Law, B.A. University of Tennessee
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** Facebook
- **Business and civic experience:**

  Professional Memberships & Activities
  American Bar Association
  North Carolina Bar Association
  • Board Certified Family Law Specialist, 2010 to present
  • Family Law Section •Domestic Violence Issues Committee, co-chair, 2015-2016
  Mecklenburg County Bar
  • Board of Directors, Member (2018-2021)
  • Pro Bono and Legal Services Committee, Member (2017)
  • Fee Dispute Resolution Committee, Member (2014, 2015, 2016)
  • Grievance Committee, Member (2011, 2012, 2013)
  • Young Lawyer's Division, Past Membership Committee Co-Chair
  Community Involvement
  St. Mark's Episcopal Church
  • Stewardship Committee chair (2013-present)
  • Sunday school teacher
  Executive Women of Lake Norman

Leadership Charlotte Class XXXIII, Selection Committee
Women's Impact Fund, Membership Committee
Lookout Point Homeowners' Association, HOA Board Member
Barnette Elementary School, 3rd Grade Room Mother
Women's Commission, Free Legal Clinics

- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** I am a family law attorney (board certified specialist). I have played the oboe since 1991.
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- **Signature of applicant:** E. James
- **Date:** 5/20/2019

ELIZABETH JOHNSTONE JAMES
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301 S. College Street
Suite 2600
Charlotte, NC 28202
704-377-7213

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW, Columbia, SC
J.D. May 2005

Honors and Activities:
Moot Court, Associate Justice (2004-05)
S.C. Journal of International Law and Business, Student Works Editor (2004-05)
G.G. Dowling Scholarship Recipient
Pro Bono Board
CALI Award, Advanced Civil Procedure

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, Knoxville, TN
B.A. *magna cum laude* May 2002
Honors Political Science and Religious Studies.

Honors and Activities:
Phi Beta Kappa
Golden Key
Order of Omega
Pi Sigma Alpha
Phi Alpha Delta, Pre-Law
Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority
Edward G. Guenther Scholar, Urban Politics

WORK EXPERIENCE

HORACK, TALLEY, PHARR & LOWNDES, Charlotte, NC
Attorney, October 2006 to Present

- Associate, October 2006 to January 2010
- Shareholder, January 2010 to Present
- Managing Caseload of 50-60 clients at any given time;
- Practice focused on Family Law: alimony, post-separation support, equitable distribution, separation agreements, premarital agreements, child support, child custody, contempt motions, qualified domestic relations orders, step-parent adoptions, guardianships, name changes, domestic violence protective orders;

DOUGLAS K. SIMMONS & ASSOCIATES, Charlotte, NC
Attorney, August 2005 to September 2006

- Managing Caseload of 50-60 clients at any given time;
- Practice focused on Family Law: alimony, post-separation support, equitable distribution, separation agreements, premarital agreements, child support, child custody, contempt motions, qualified domestic relations orders, step-parent adoptions, guardianships, name changes, domestic violence protective orders;
- Practice also in civil litigation, small claims, landlord/tenant, traffic and real estate;
- Constant interaction with clients and opposing counsel, requiring effective communication and negotiation skills;

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Charlotte, NC
Intern-Domestic Violence Team, Summer 2004

- Trial Practice Certified by NC Bar
- Interviewed victims, witnesses

Intern-Property Team, Summer 2003

- Legal research
- Trial preparation

LESTER & JONES, Columbia, SC
Family Law Intern, Spring 2004

- Discovery
- Legal Writing

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, Columbia, SC
Fellow/Law Clerk, Fall 2003-Spring 2004, Fall 2004-Spring 2005

- Legal Research
- Assisting Senate Counsel in Judicial Merit Process

TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Nashville, Tennessee
Intern/Bill Clerk, January 2001 to May 2001

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Licensed to Practice in:
North Carolina, 2005
South Carolina, 2007
Western District of North Carolina, 2005

Board Certified Specialist in Family Law, 2010 (recertified in 2015)

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Berens v. Berens, 818 S.E.2d 155 (N.C. Ct. App. 2018) (argued at Court of Appeals)

Comstock v. Comstock, 780 S.E.2d 183 (N.C. Ct. App. 2015) (as amicus curiae for North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence)
Peeples v. Peeples, No. COA 14-1026, 2015 N.C. App. LEXIS 48 (N.C. Ct. App. Feb. 3, 2015)
Hinshaw v. Kuntz, 760 S.E.2d 296 (2014)
In re J.D., 234 N.C. App. 342, 759 S.E.2d 375 (2014)
Belk v. Belk, 221 N.C. App. 1, 728 S.E.2d 356 (2012)
In re K.O., 223 N.C. App. 420, 735 S.E.2d 369 (2012)
Hibshman v. Hibshman, 212 N.C. App. 113, 710 S.E.2d 438 (2011)
Maxwell v. Maxwell, 212 N.C. App. 614, 713 S.E.2d 489 (2011)
Velasquez v. Ralls, 192 N.C. App. 505, 665 S.E.2d 825 (2008)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association
North Carolina Bar Association

- Board Certified Family Law Specialist, 2010 to present
- Family Law Section •Domestic Violence Issues Committee, co-chair, 2015-2016

Mecklenburg County Bar

- Board of Directors, Member (2018-2021)
- Pro Bono and Legal Services Committee, Member (2017)
- Fee Dispute Resolution Committee, Member (2014, 2015, 2016)
- Grievance Committee, Member (2011, 2012, 2013)
- Young Lawyer's Division, Past Membership Committee Co-Chair

HONORS & AWARDS

Best Lawyers in America, Family Law, 2013-2019
Super Lawyers, North Carolina "Rising Stars," Family Law, 2013-2019
Legal Elite, Family Law, Business North Carolina, 2017, 2019
ATHENA Corporate Leadership honoree, 2017

PUBLICATIONS

- *7 Reasons Fail Marriages Fail in the First 5 years*, Yahoo.com, (*contributor)* https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/7-reasons-marriages-fail-first-213430173.html
- *A Different Type of PC*, QNotes, April 19, 2019
- *Learning from Jeff Bezos: Protecting your assets in a divorce*, The Charlotte Business Journal, March 22, 2019.
- *Common Reasons Marriages Fail (& How to Keep Yours Strong).* Style Blueprint Atlanta, February 8, 2019.
- *15 Money Mistakes to Avoid During a Divorce.* The Reader's Digest, September 2018. To read the complete article, please follow this link.
- *Protecting Your Marriage, Even if the Trump Administration Won't*, QNotes, August 10, 2018.

- *Why modern custody agreements look so different: 'Anything goes, as long as the children are happy'.* The Chicago Tribune, March 12, 2018.
- *New Tax Law Eliminates Alimony Deduction.* The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 makes significant changes to the tax treatment of alimony payments, January 15, 2018.
- *What is the Role Parent Coordinators Play in a Divorce?* QC Playground is Charlotte Five's channel for parents in the "Queen City," June 19, 2017.
- *32 Signs Your Marriage Is Built to Last: You don't just love your partner — you also like them.* Redbook, October 30, 2017.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
- Stewardship Committee chair (2013-present)
- Sunday school teacher

Executive Women of Lake Norman
Leadership Charlotte Class XXXIII, Selection Committee
Women's Impact Fund
Lookout Point Homeowners' Association, HOA Board Member
Barnette Elementary School
Women's Commission, Free Legal Clinics

North/West Region:
District 1
At-Large

Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Arts and Science Advisory Council
- **Name:** Juliana McCully
- **Home address:** 4800 Fortunes Ridge Trail
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28269
- **Home Phone:** 704-408-4132
- **Work Phone:** 704-408-4132
- **Email:** julianamccully@outlook.com
- **Occupation:** Editor/Freelance writer
- **Place of employment:** (self)/freelance
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 51
- **Hours per month available for position:** as needed
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** BA/Communications, Magna Cum Laude
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** Email from Arts and Science Advisory Council
- **Business and civic experience:**

  Editor, Strategic Applications International (SAI), LLC/Servant Forge
  February 2014 to present
  Projects include publications primarily generated for government contracts; non-profit organizational grants; strategic-planning and community-policing documents, including work for the Town Hall on Community Policing, US Department of Justice; faith-based international concerns; annual reports; variety of book and text projects; social media

  North Carolina State University/College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
  October 2018 to present
  Freelance writer, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:**

  Volunteer: Children's Theater of Charlotte; Blumenthal Performing Arts Center; Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools; Autism Charlotte; Paperhand Puppet Intervention; Topiary Project/Lincoln Heights Park

- **Topeka Junior League:** Jaytalk magazine editor; Race Against Breast Cancer
- **Florence Crittenton Services (Topeka, KS):** Board of Directors; mom-in-support

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- **Signature of applicant:** Juliana Proffitt McCully
- **Date:** 5/22/2019

Juliana Proffitt McCully

Julianamccully@outlook.com

704-408-4132

EXPERIENCE

- **Editor, Strategic Applications International (SAI), LLC/Servant Forge**
  February 2014 to present

  Projects include publications primarily generated for government contracts; non-profit organizational grants; strategic-planning and community-policing documents, including work for the Town Hall on Community Policing, US Department of Justice; faith-based international concerns; annual reports; variety of book and text projects; social media

- **North Carolina State University/College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**
  October 2018 to present

  Freelance writer, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

- **Member Writer/Shoeleather.com** https://shoeleather.us/user/julianaproffittmccully/

- **The Topeka Capital-Journal:** Copy editor; reporter; design desk; columnist; special sections; reviews; obituary desk; copy clerk; freelance projects

- **Self-Employed, freelance writer, editor, print-design and print-production, social media**

  Clients have included: The Topeka Capital-Journal; Charlotte World/World Publications; Junior League of Topeka; Topeka Performing Arts Center; KANSAS! Magazine; Kirk & Cobb Inc. Realtors (Helen Crow); International Center of Topeka, Inc.; Topeka-Shawnee County Metropolitan Planning Agency; Mulvane Art Museum; University of Kansas Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies; Washburn University; Washburn Alumni Association; HPC Puckett; Kansas Press Association; Kansas Bar Association – Kansas Law Journal; Capper Foundation; Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center; KTEC;
  *Consulting editor/Magnet Schools Grant/Broad Foundation/CMS (unpaid)

- **Jones & Seel Advertising:** Copywriter; graphic design; media planning/media-buyer; print production; video, radio, TV projects

EDUCATION

Washburn University, BA/Communications, magna cum laude

VOLUNTARISM & ADVOCACY

- **Volunteer:** Children's Theater of Charlotte; Blumenthal Performing Arts Center; Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools; Autism Charlotte; Paperhand Puppet Intervention; Topiary Project/Lincoln Heights Park
- **Topeka Junior League:** Jaytalk magazine editor; Race Against Breast Cancer
- **Florence Crittenton Services (Topeka, KS):** Board of Directors; mom-in-support

REFERENCES

James Copple (principal owner SAI/Servant Forge): jcopple@sai-dc.com
Deirdre Shore (NC State University): deeshore@ncsu.edu
Cynthia McGowan (Formerly, Topeka Capital-Journal): cindymcgowan@gmail.com
Rod Seel (Formerly, Jones & Seel Advertising, principal owner): rws1958@gmail.com

North/West Region:
District 1
At-Large

Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Arts and Science Advisory Council
- **Name:** Donna Rice
- **Home address:** 9327 Culcairn Rd
- **City:** Huntersville
- **Zip code:**28078
- **Home Phone:** 704-577-4203
- **Work Phone:** 8283222921
- **Email:** driceerie4@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** Human Services
- **Place of employment:** NC Dept of Health & Human Services Div of Vocational Rehab/Independent Living
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age: 62**
- **Hours per month available for position: 20+**
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** BS Degree Business Administration
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** Email from Arts and Science Advisory Council
- **Business and civic experience:**
  Present - 2011 - Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte/Winston Salem – Annual Meal Preparation Volunteer. Past House Operations Volunteer (Charlotte)
  Past - 2016 - Member - Charlotte Urban League - Charlotte, NC
  Past - 2016 - Angels and Sparrows Soup Kitchen Volunteer - Huntersville, NC
  Past - 10/13 – 4/2015 – Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan (MLCP) - Health/Wellness Chairperson - Charlotte, NC
  Past - 7/2014 – Hands on Charlotte – Varied Projects - Charlotte, NC
  Past - 2010 - Arts and Science Council of Charlotte, NC – Past Cultural Project Grant Program Reviewer (One-Time Service) - Charlotte, NC
  Past - 2010 - Solomon House Volunteer - Huntersville, NC
  Past - 2009 - Friendship Community Development Corp. – Great Things Thrift Store Volunteer - Charlotte, NC
  Past - 2007/09 – Mecklenburg Community in Schools Mentoring Program - Links, Inc. - Charlotte, NC
  Past - 2007-2008 Iredell County Emergency Food and Shelter Board (United Way) - Statesville, NC

Past - 2008 - Statesville Rotary Club - Statesville, NC
Past - 3/08 – Mentor Iredell Statesville Schools Mentoring Program - Statesville, NC

- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:**
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- **Signature of applicant:** Donna E. Rice
- **Date:** 5/21/2019

North/West Region:
District 1
At-Large

Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Arts and Science Advisory Council
- **Name:** George Simolin
- **Home address:** 15704 Centennial Forest Dr.
- **City:** Huntersville
- **Zip code:** 28206
- **Home Phone:** 631-889-1912
- **Work Phone:** 631-889-1912
- **Email:** georgeas139@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** Retired
- **Place of employment:** Retired
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 71
- **Hours per month available for position: 5**
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** Master in Finance
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** Email from Arts and Science Advisory Council
- **Business and civic experience:** Accounting and Finance
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** I currently serve as Treasurer on the HOA Board of Centennial at Historic Huntersville. I currently serve as Treasurer on the Board of the Charlotte Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA, Inc) known locally as The Gold Standard Chorus.
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- **Signature of applicant:** George Simolin
- **Date:** 5/16/2019