## Attorney Spotlight: Jeffrey Warren

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Feffrey Warren comes from a long and distinguished line of attorneys. His mother, Elizabeth McConnell, started her own law firm in Asheville, N.C. focusing on medical malpractice defense. His father, Steve Warren, practiced personal injury, products liability and premises liability law as a plaintiff's attorney. He is now a superior court judge in Western North Carolina.

Mr. Warren attended and graduated cum laude from Asheville School. After receiving a merit scholarship, he attended Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn. While there, he was editor-in-chief of the Rhodes Historical Review and was president of his graduating class. He enjoyed playing lead guitar in a blues band and vigorously pursued his passion for politics. He completed internships with Senators Richard Burr, Kay Hagan and with Representative Steve Cohen.

He was a history major with a focus on post-WWII American history, with an emphasis on the Cold War. Mr. Warren received Rhodes' Ida LeBlanc Smith Scholarship to study for a semester at St. John's College at Oxford University in England.



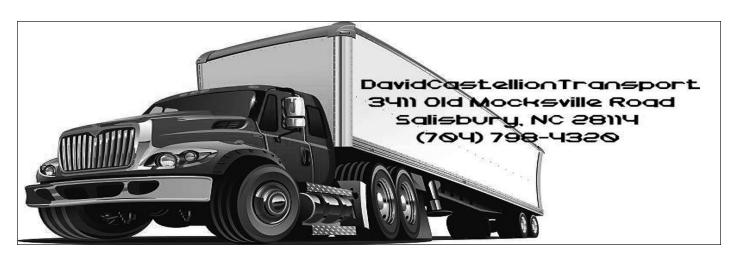
While there, he studied constitutional law. Prior to graduation he was inducted into the Phi Alpha Theta history honors society as an outstanding history major.

In 2015, he received the University of North Carolina School Of Law's Sarah Graham Kenan Scholarship. At UNC, he competed as a member of UNC's National Moot Court team and won the Charleston School of Law National Moot Court Competition. He was recognized as one of five top advocates nationwide. Additionally, he was inducted into the Order of the Barristers. Mr. Warren works primarily as a defense attorney and began his practice focusing on high-exposure premises liability. Now he also handles medical malpractice claims. among others. In 2019, he was referred a case by N.C. PBA involving an employer who had violated their own promotional policy. Mr. Warren filed a claim under Article I, Section 1 of the N.C. Constitution, and the officer subsequently received a promotion, pay raise and back pay.

Since then he has represented more than 40 officers and has routinely worked on behalf of PBA members. He has focused on ensuring that officers' employers follow their own policies and procedures. Additionally, he has argued cases involving Giglio and use of force allegations.

Mr. Warren has always been a proponent of advocating for civil liberties. He feels that working for the PBA has provided him the opportunity to ensure that the constitutional rights of PBA members are protected. He said, "I feel that it is important to do what I can to protect those who protect us."

N.C. law enforcement officers can feel confident in the work that Mr. Warren and other supportive attorneys undertake on their behalf.



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