

Robin E. Hudson
Justice, Supreme Court of NC, retired



Robin E. Hudson is a Georgia native, but has lived in North Carolina since her early teens. She served on the Supreme Court of North Carolina from January 2007 until her second term ended December 31, 2022. Previously, she served on the North Carolina Court of Appeals from January 2001 through December 2006. She is the first woman in North Carolina elected to either appellate court without having been appointed first.

Justice Hudson graduated from Page High School in Greensboro, then Yale University in 1973, as a member of the first class in which women entered Yale as freshman; she then went to the Law School at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, graduating in 1976. She practiced law out of Raleigh and Durham until her election to the Court of Appeals. Her practice concentrated on workers' compensation and civil and criminal litigation, and included numerous appeals.

Justice Hudson was a member of the steering committee that founded the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys in 1978, and has been a member of the organization ever since. She served on the Family Court Advisory Committee from 2001 to 2022, and is currently a member of several other committees and organizations of lawyers and judges. She has been a member of the National Association of Women Judges since 2003; since 2015 she has served as national co-chair of its Judicial Independence Committee, which oversees the award-winning "Informed Voters Project (IVP)".

Justice Hudson has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, presented by the Governor and Attorney General of North Carolina on February 25, 2023, and the Outstanding Appellate Judge Award, presented by the North Carolina Advocates for Justice in June 2022. She was the recipient of the Champion for Children Award, in April 2023 by the NC Foundation for Public School Children.

Most recently, in December 2023, the National Judicial College honored Justice Hudson by naming her as one of its "60 Courageous Judges" in the United States, the only judge from North Carolina included.

She is married and has two grown children, two beautiful granddaughters, two handsome grandsons, and three English Shepherds.