



News Release

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Cumberland County Mourns Loss of County Attorney

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – Cumberland County Government is mourning the death of County Attorney Grainger Barrett, who passed away Wednesday, July 29, at Durham Regional Hospital. Barrett, 59, suffered a massive stroke on Monday, July 27.

“We are in shock and our hearts are broken for the Barrett family. This tremendous loss will be felt beyond Fayetteville and our community. Grainger was committed to representing the interests of Cumberland County and dedicated to the legal profession,” said County Manager James Martin.

Barrett joined the county staff in 1998 and had been the county attorney since 1999. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was the newly installed president of the North Carolina Association of County Attorneys.

During his 35-year legal career, Barrett had been the Person County Attorney, the Chapel Hill Town Attorney, an assistant professor at the Institute of Government at UNC-CH, as well as a corporate and private practice attorney.

He also served on the Advisory Board of the Cumberland County Educational Foundation and was a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars on topics related to government law. Barrett was a councilmember for the Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Section and the Public Sector Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association.

A memorial service celebrating his life is planned for Monday afternoon, Aug. 3. Rogers and Breece Funeral Home in Fayetteville will be assisting the family with the arrangements and details will be forthcoming.

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