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## **County's District Court Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dec. 21**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – The 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of North Carolina's district courts with a breakfast and program on Dec. 21 at 8 a.m. in the Historic Courthouse, 130 Gillespie Street.

“When our district courts began serving the community in December of 1966, court was initially held in the Historic Courthouse,” said Chief District Court Judge Robert Stiehl, who is among 33 judges who have served on the district court bench since 1966.

The program will include recognitions by retired District Court Judge Beth Keever and District Court Judge Ed Pone; a panel discussion about the courts before and after December 1966; and comments from the Cumberland County Bar Association members who have served on North Carolina's appellate bench: Patricia Timmons-Goodson, Edward Brady, Maurice Braswell, Cheri Beasley and John Tyson.

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