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who served nine years in the Army and Army Reserves, Attorney Jerry Jordan says he has the ability to relate to the people who find themselves in District Court better than many of his adversaries.

"Personal experience, as well as professional experience, is important at the District Court level," said Jordan, an Arkansas native who is a former member of the Forsyth County Board of Elections. "I grew up in a very modest family. I worked my way through high school, college and law school... That personal experience I think sets me apart from the other candi-

dates because I know a lot of the struggles of people who come through District Court."

Richard "Dick" Ramsey, an alumnus of Wake Forest School of Law, says his longevity in the field would serve him well on the bench.

"After doing this for 34 years, I'm clearly the most experienced candidate," said the 61-year-old father of three. "I've had hundreds of jury trials."

As judge, Ramsey said he would pay special attention to juvenile defendants.

"I've represented defendants in 20-30 murder cases, and with two or three excep-

tions, they all started out as troubled youth," explained the former UNC-Chapel Hill basketball player. "I'd like to see if I could help save some of those kids, get them on the right path."



Judge Davis

Assistant District Attorney David Sipprell is the only prosecutor running for the seat. While some might see that as a drawback, the 40-year-old Clemmons native notes that he has a proven record to run on.

"I already have a certain amount of discretion and accountability in the job that I have now," stated the UNC

School of Law alumnus. "I think I've got a reputation of being very fair and equitable in my prosecutorial duties. Our guiding principle is to seek justice - that's our mandate - and I take that seriously."

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Patterson Avenue. The self-described "Watermelon King" has hawked fruits and vegetables for more than 60 years.

"We used to go around out the back of the truck and sell everything in the vegetable line," explained the grandfather of six. "It just kept getting bigger and bigger, so I went to renting buildings and buying buildings (to house the shop) and I'm still at it. I ain't gonna quit."

Absolute Enterprises began in 2001 as a side job for Clark, a former mechanical engineer.

"I started changing oil, doing mobile oil changes from the back of my SUV," explained Clark, the oldest of three children. "Then my grandfather bought me a van, and I started doing the mobile detailing from the van and that led to pressure washing and carpet cleaning."

Today, Absolute Enterprises offers an array of services, from minor car repairs to pressure washing, carpet cleaning, decorative concrete resurfacing and even a small convenience store at its 3000 Carver School Road location. Clark says he has expanded the business according to customer demand. The North Carolina State University alumnus credits his grandfather with teaching him the golden rule of a successful business.

"He's very influential as far as teaching me how to do something right the first time so you don't have to do it again," said Clark, 37. "He taught me about making customers happy at any cost - they'll always come back if you make them happy."

By 2005, Clark had enough happy customers to support his wife and two sons with just his mobile car washing business. He left his job behind in order to pursue his dreams to the fullest.

"It was scary at first, but I believed in him," said Tamisha Clark, a general manager at Cook Medical and Victor's wife of 12 years. "I knew he could do it."

In 2010, Clark put up his life savings to purchase and renovate the Carver School Road building. It officially opened its doors in January 2011. The site previously housed a gas station owned and operated by Nathaniel Jones, the grandfather of NBA star Chris Paul. The station shut down soon after Jones, 61, was murdered at his home during a robbery in 2002.

Residents of the area say they were glad to see the building restored to its former glory. City native Jerry Robinson says he remembers watching the building's progress with great anticipation.

"Every step of the way, the place was looking better and better," said Robinson, a former flight attendant and current Winston-Salem State University student. "It doesn't even look like the same place. This is just so professional - I can't even believe it. I am so proud."

Clark, who currently employs three full time and two part time workers, says he values the role he is able to play in the community as a business owner.



Photos by Layla Garris

(Above) Absolute Enterprises Shop Manager Cristyl Scott tends to a vehicle while Victor Clark Jr. stands nearby.



(Left) The Clarks with their two sons, Victor III (left) and Xavier.

"I have a lot of freedom. I have a lot of opportunities to give people jobs or opportunities that they wouldn't have had, providing a service that makes a lot of customers happy," Clark stated.

"I give them good work at affordable prices."

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Solid Waste Management Plan Update

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Utility Commission will hold a public meeting Monday, May 14, 2012, on the Forsyth County 10 Year Solid Waste Management Plan Update. The purpose of this meeting is to receive public comment on the three-year update to the plan. This public meeting will be held during the Utility Commission's regularly scheduled meeting at 2 p.m. in the Winston-Salem City Council Chamber, Room 230, City Hall, 101 N. Main Street, Winston-Salem.

Draft copies of the update to the 10 Year Solid Waste Management Plan will be available for review at all municipal town halls in Forsyth County; the main branch of the Forsyth County Library, 660 W. Fifth St. Winston-Salem; the City/County Utilities Division Administrative Offices, 101 N. Main Street, Suite 357, Winston-Salem; and online at Utilities.CityofWS.org.

Those who do not wish to attend the public meeting can submit comments in writing. Comments may be e-mailed to swmplancomments@cityofws.org or mailed to:

SW Plan Comments
Utilities Administration
P. O. Box 2500
Winston-Salem, NC 27102

The public comment period ends May 14, 2012.

For more information, call CityLink 311.



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