

Evans Plans Bid For District Court Judge

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Yvonne Evans has been a lawyer for 11 years and has seen a lot of things, but now she's ready for a new challenge-being a District Court Judge.

Evans, 36, plans to run in the May Democratic primary for the seat currently held by Shirley Fulton, who plans to run for a newly-created Superior Court seat in Mecklenburg County.

Since graduating from Duke University Law School and passing the state bar exam, Evans has been an attorney at the firm of Ferguson, Stein, Watt, Wallace and Adkins. Her general experience as a counselor included handling education suits, misdemeanor crime and estates.

Evans said 11 years of work before the bench as a lawyer has given her the incentive to try for a career behind it.

"I feel like I've had experience in District Court in Mecklenburg County and around the state that has prepared me," she said.

Mecklenburg's ten district court judges hear a variety of cases, Evans stated, ranging from juvenile matters and misdemeanor trials to civil suits that involve less than \$10,000.

The district court serves the largest percentage of the public that comes into contact with the judicial system. I feel that my 11 years experience of practice in the varied areas covered by the district court will have a beneficial impact on the administration of justice in Mecklenburg County.

Evans is probably best known as the attorney for the Westside Coalition Against the Garbage Dump, a Charlotte-based organization founded last year to keep the county from locating a recycling center in a black neighborhood.

Evans sought and received an injunction that prevents the county from building the facility until federal judge James McMillan hears the case. Evans said she doesn't believe the case will affect her election bid, re-

gardless of the outcome. "Hopefully the case will be settled before the election," she said. Evans added that she will continue her duties with the coalition unless she is elected to the bench, where she would then turn the case over to another attorney.

Evans has been an active participant in legal circles, most prominently as the first black elected to a full three-year term on the N.C. Bar Association Board of Governors. She is also a member of the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers, N.C. Association of Women Attorneys and the Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Locally, Evans has served on several boards, including the Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center, Planned Parenthood of



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Charlotte and the YWCA. Evans received her undergraduate degree from Wellesley (Mass.) College in 1973.

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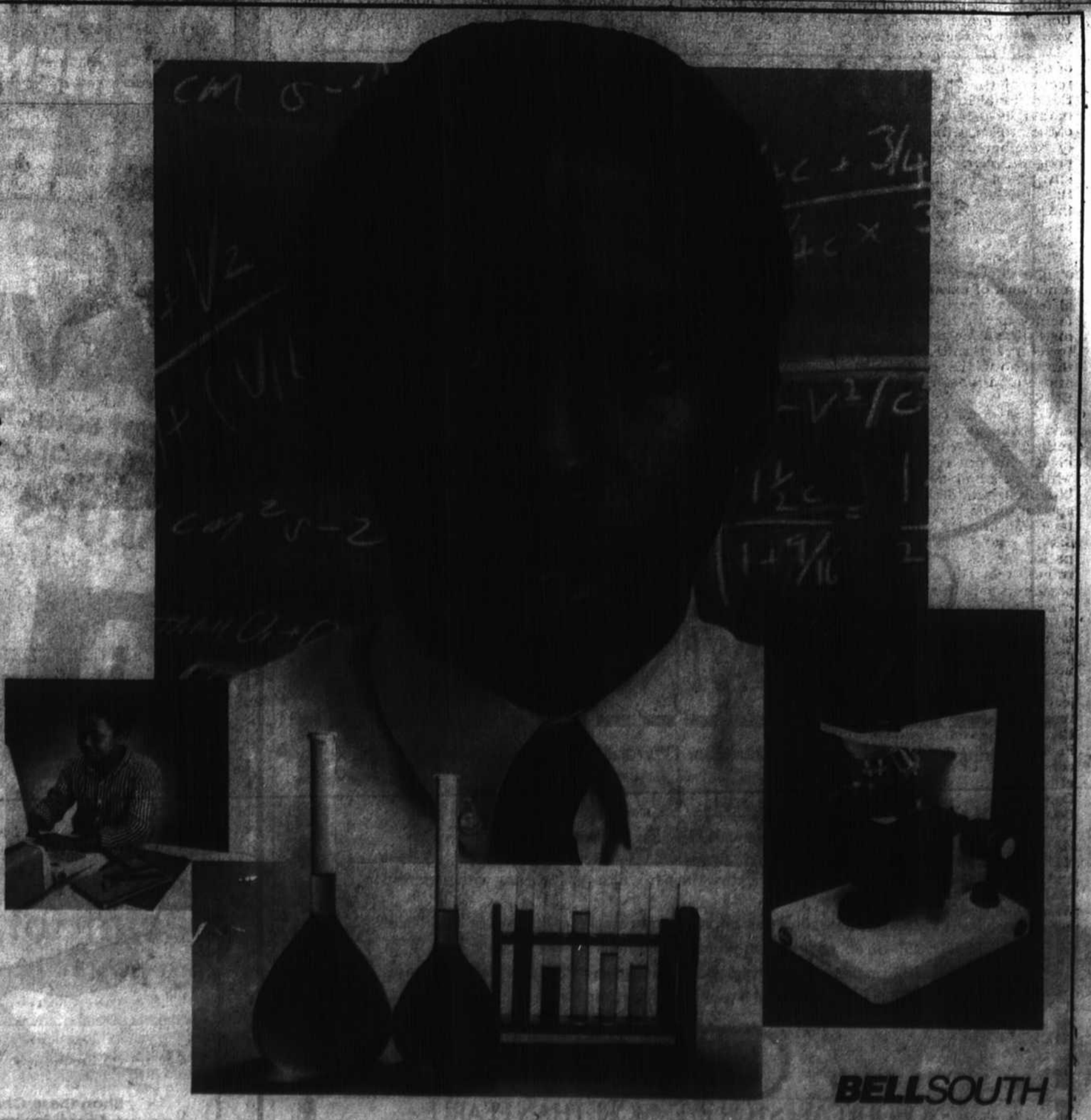
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