



A Lifetime of Service – a biographical sketch

While growing up on her family's farm, North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall became interested in public service at an early age. She discovered the 4-H program, which instilled in her the values of determination, compassion, and hard work. The first person from her family to go to college, she made a lifetime commitment to serve her community. Her first job was as a teacher in Lenior County, North Carolina Public Schools and the North Carolina Community College System. She earned a law degree from Campbell University in 1981 and practiced law in Lillington, North Carolina. She was elected to the state Senate from Harnett, Lee and Johnston counties in 1992, and for her work on behalf of women and children was named "Rookie of the Year."

In 1996, Marshall emerged from a crowded primary and handily won a run-off election to become the Democratic nominee for Secretary of State. In the general election, she defeated NASCAR racing legend, Richard Petty with more than 53% of the vote to become the first woman elected to statewide executive office in North Carolina. In 2000, she was re-elected Secretary of State with more than 54% of the vote. Her accomplishments as Secretary of State include cracking down on white collar crime and on fraud aimed at North Carolina seniors.

Secretary Marshall was honored by the North Carolina Council for Women as 1997's "Distinguished Woman of the Year." In 1998, the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW) honored her as "State Career Woman of the Year" and in 1999 the North Carolina Electronics and Information Technology Association (NCEITA) gave her its top honor for Leadership in Technology in Government. In 2000, she received the Special Achievement Award for Technology from the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. This year, she received the Alumni Appreciation Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a 4-H alumna at the state level.

Secretary Marshall is a graduate of the Campbell University School of Law and holds a B.S. degree from the University of Maryland. She is an attorney who has been admitted to practice before all of North Carolina's State Courts, District and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Secretary Marshall was married to the late Sol Marshall of Wake Forest. She has three step-children, and five grandchildren. She is a member of the Divine Street Methodist Church.

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Recent North Carolina Statewide Elections

1992	Statewide %
Governor	
Hunt	52.70%
Gardner	43.25%
Other	4.04%
US Senate	
Sanford	47.92%
Faircloth	52.08%
1996	
US Senate	
Gantt	45.92%
Helms	52.64%
Other	1.44%
Governor	
Hunt	55.98%
Hayes	42.75%
Other	1.27%
Secretary of State	
Marshall	53.48%
Richard Petty	45.17%
Other	1.35%
1998	
US Senate	
Edwards	51.15%
Faircloth	47.01%
Other	1.84%
2000	
Governor	
Easley	52.00%
Vinroot	46.00%
Other	2.00%
Secretary of State	
Marshall	54.40%
Blake	45.60%

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EDUCATION

1989	Phi Kappa Phi, Academic Honorary
1981	Graduate, Campbell University School of Law, Juris Doctor
1979	Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges
1968	Graduate, University of Maryland, B.S. in Textiles and Clothing

PROFESSIONAL

1993 to 1997	Partner, Marshall & Marshall, Lillington, NC
1985-1992	Partner, Bain & Marshall, Lillington, NC
1981-1984	Associate, Office of Edgar R. Bain, Lillington, NC
1975-1979	Owner and Decorator, The Custom House, Dunn, NC
1970-1977	Instructor, Lenoir Community College and Johnston Tech
1969-1970	Teacher, Lenoir County School System
1969-1974	Co-owner, book and gift store
1964-1966	Director of Camping, Maryland 4-H Foundation (summers)

POLITICAL

1997 to date	N.C. Secretary of State, elected in 1996 and 2000
1993-1994	Senator, 15th District of North Carolina
1991-1992	Harnett County Democratic Party Chair
1983-1987	Democratic Women of Harnett County - President
1977-1979	Young Democrats of America, National Secretary
1974-1977	National Committee Woman, Young Democrats of North Carolina
Various	Many local, district, and state committees

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

2000 to date	National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council Board of Directors
1999 to date	Member, North Carolina Information Resources Management Commission (IRMC)
1998-1999	Chair, IRMC Electronic Commerce Work Group
1999 to date	Chair, IRMC Policy Committee
1998 to date	National Association of Secretaries of State, Board of Directors
1998 to date	Meredith College, Board of Trustees, currently Finance Chair
1997 to date	NC Institute of Political Leadership, Board of Directors
1994-to 1998	NC Justice Academy Foundation, Board of Directors
1993-1994	Co-Chair, N.C. Information Highway Grants Advisory Committee, Family Issues Study Commission, Medicaid Study Commission
1994-to 1999	NC Center for Public Policy Research, Board of Directors
1993-94, 1997 to date	North Carolina Board of Economic Development
1993-1994	NC Rural Economic Development Fund, Inc., Board of Directors
1993-1994	N.C. Courts Commission, Juvenile Code Study Commission, Agriculture and Forestry Resources Study Commission
1993-1994	Joint Legislative Highway Oversight Committee
1992	Legislative Research Study Commission on Alternative Health Care
1990-1998	NC 4-H Development Fund, Inc. Board of Directors
1987 to 1996	Harnett County United Way - Board of Directors

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

2000	North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, Special Achievement Award for Technology
1998	Career Woman of the Year, Business & Professional Women in North Carolina
1998	Leadership in Technology Award.; NC Electronics and Information Technology Association
1997	Richter Moore Public Service, NC Political Science Association
1997	NC Council for Women, Distinguished Citizen
1996	Gwyneth B. Davis Award, NC Association of Women Attorneys
1994	Honorary Member, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society

1994	Lillington Woman of the Year
1994	Public Citizen of the Year, NC Chapter, National Association of Social Workers
1993 to date	Women's Forum of NC, Inc.
1992 to date	Harnett HelpNet for Children, Honorary Chairperson, Founding Chairperson
1992	North Carolina Friend of Extension Award
1991-1992	State Of The Child Conference Planning Committee
1991	Fellow, North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership
1990	Dunn Business Woman of the Year
1989 to 1990	Family Community Leadership Conference Speaker, Kellogg Foundation & N.C. Extension Service
1989	N.C. Extension Homemakers "Special Support" Award
1989	Harnett County 4-H Alumni of the Year
1988-1991	Founding Board, Harnett County Rape Crisis (now SAFE)
1987-1990	N.C. Business and Professional Women Legal Advisor
1982 to date	Harnett Area BPW
1967	International Farm Young Exchange Delegate to Brazil
1963	National Scholarship Winner - 4-H Foundation
1963	Maryland 4-H President
Speaker	1986,1990,1991 Spotlight on Women Series - sponsored by UNC-CH and BPW/NC
Always	4-H and Extension Volunteer

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

1995	Legislative Chairman, N.C. Association of Women Attorneys
1988-1992	Governor, N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers
1991	Speaker, Annual Meeting N.C. Association of Women Attorneys
1988-1989	President, Harnett County Bar Association
1985-1986	Vice-President - Campbell University School of Law Alumni Assoc.
1982-1984	Adjunct faculty, Trial Advocacy Program, Campbell University School of Law
1982 to date	Trial Judge & Appellate Judge for Campbell University Law Students
1981 to date	North Carolina College of Advocacy
Various	Seminar speaker, NC Bar Association, Association of Women Attorneys

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS

North Carolina State Bar
 North Carolina Bar Association
 North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers
 North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys
 American Bar Association
 American Academy of Trial Lawyers
 Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

North Carolina Courts
 U.S. District Court - Eastern & Middle Districts of N.C.
 Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals
 United States Supreme Court

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Born:	November 18, 1945
Raised:	Lineboro, Md., a small farming village on the Mason-Dixon line
Parents:	Donald and Pauline Folk
Occupations:	Farmer and feed dealer; homemaker
Marital Status:	Widow of Sol Marshall
	3 step-children, 5 grandchildren
Member:	Divine Street Methodist Church, Dunn, N.C.