



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
General Court of Justice
Forty-Third Prosecutorial District

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Dear Ms. Dismukes,

Thank you very much for speaking with me concerning the voter fraud allegations surrounding former Congressman and White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows. After careful consideration and review of the North Carolina State Bar rules, I feel that my office has a conflict of interest pursuant to North Carolina State Bar Rule 1.7 resulting in the recusal of my office. I am requesting the Attorney General's Office handle both the advisement of law enforcement agencies as to any criminal investigation as well as any potential prosecution of Mark Meadows.

Last week, several news media outlets contacted my office in reference to voter fraud allegations made against Mark Meadows. Until being contacted by the media, I was unaware of any allegations of voter fraud surrounding Mark Meadows.

Mark Meadows is the former Congressman for the 11th District, which includes Macon County. In late 2014, Congressman Meadows made a financial contribution to my political campaign for District Attorney as well as appeared in several political advertisements endorsing my bid for District Attorney.

The allegations in this case involve potential crimes committed by a government official. Historically, I have requested the Attorney General's Office to handle prosecutions involving alleged misconduct of government officials. It is in the best interest of justice and the best interest of the people of North Carolina that the Attorney General's office handles the prosecution of this case.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Ashley Hornsby Welch
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