

Government Affairs Summit

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Representative Reives, II
House Democratic Leader
North Carolina House of Representatives

Representative Robert Reives II has served in the North Carolina House of Representatives since 2014. He represents House District 54, serving constituents in a portion of Durham County and all of Chatham County.

Upon entering the NCGA, Robert was immediately tapped for leadership serving as Freshman Caucus Co-Chair and as treasurer of the NC Legislative Black Caucus.

Currently, Robert is still looked to for leadership as he works across party lines in his role as Democratic Leader.

His legislative committee assignments include Agriculture, Appropriations, Appropriations for Justice and Public Safety, Education and Community Colleges, Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Matters, House Select Committee on School Safety, Judiciary, Redistricting and Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

He has been recognized statewide as “legislator of the year” by the NC Optometrists Association, the NC Sheriff’s Association, and the NC League of Conservation Voters, The League of Conservation Voters also awarded him their “Rising Star” Award. In 2019, he received the Carolinas Organized Retail Crime Alliance Legislative Champion Award.

Robert has sponsored legislation to strengthen public schools and to help protect children, the disabled, the environment, and property rights. He listens to the needs of the citizens and has championed specific legislation to help Lee, Chatham and Durham counties meet their vision of tomorrow.

Prior to becoming a legislator, Robert earned the renowned Pogue Scholarship while studying at UNC-Chapel Hill for a B.S. in Business Administration/Finance. Robert continued his studies at UNC-Chapel Hill and received his J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law. After graduating from law school, Robert returned to his community to serve as a prosecutor for the Lee County District Attorney’s Office. A little over four years later, Robert entered private practice and has been a partner in the law firm of Wilson, Reives & Silverman for almost two decades. Wilson, Reives & Silverman is known as a community benefactor sponsoring education scholarships and numerous community events.



As a former assistant District Attorney, Robert approaches legislation with an eye towards protecting those who are marginalized, vulnerable and oppressed. His experience as a certified mediator and attorney gives him a skill set to help opposing factions reach consensus and resolve conflict.

Robert continues his service to his community outside of the NCGA by being a board member of the Lee County Educational Foundation, a board member of the First Citizens Bank local advisory board, a board member of Lee County Boys & Girls Club, a member of the Executive Committee of the Lee County Democratic Party, past president and present member of the Eleventh District Bar Association, and past president and present member of the Lee County Bar Association.

Robert is married to the former Cynthia Taylor from Goldston and they have two children, Brianna, and Robert, III. The Reives family attends Roberts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Goldston and First Calvary Baptist Church in Sanford.