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Prior to his service on the bench, Judge Myers served on the faculty at the University of North Carolina School of Law as the Henry Brandis Distinguished Professor of Law. While at Carolina Law, his teaching and research interests included criminal law and procedure, evidence, trial practice and legal ethics. Judge Myers is the author of numerous book chapters, articles, and essays on constitutional criminal procedure, comparative criminal law and accuracy-increasing innovations. His work has appeared in the University of Chicago Legal Forum, the University of North Carolina Law Review, the Cornell Law Review and the Duke Journal of International Law, among others. He is a co-author of Brandis & Broun on North Carolina Evidence. Judge Myers also served as Director of Trial Advocacy for the law school.

Judge Myers attended the UNC School of Law where he was an Articles Editor for the University of North Carolina Law Review and graduated with high honors. He holds a M.A. in History from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. After law school, Judge Myers clerked for Judge David Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. He practiced law at O'Melveny & Myers, LLP, then served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California and the Eastern District of North Carolina prior to joining Carolina Law. Judge Myers worked as a newspaper reporter in Wilmington, North Carolina, prior to law school.