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ARNITA DULA TO SERVE ON CATAWBA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

HICKORY -- Arnita Dula, a staff attorney for the city of Hickory, has been appointed to the Catawba County Social Services Board. She was named to a three-year term by the N.C. Social Services Commission.

Dula received her law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law and was admitted to the N.C. State Bar in 2001. She also holds a bachelor's degree in English, graduating summa cum laude from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She earned a master's degree in public school administration from Appalachian State University, graduating magna cum laude in 1992. She was a teacher and principal in the Caldwell County and City of Hickory public school systems before returning to college to study law.



She is a board member of the N.C. Municipal Attorneys Association and is past president of the Catawba County Bar Association. She is a member of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the N.C. Bar Association. Dula is a member of the board of ALFA and the Women's Resource Center of Hickory. She is a former board member of the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce. Dula attends Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church and does public speaking at local churches and other organizations. She is a former board member of the Rape Crisis Center of Hickory and served as a mentor with Project Potential. She also has volunteered as a Lunch Buddy in the Hickory City Schools.

"We are excited to have someone as skilled and talented as Arnita Dula to join the Social Services Board," said John Eller, Social Services director.

"We welcome her input and look forward to our future partnership."

Dula said: "From the time I was a small child, my parents instilled in me that serving others is one of the greatest things we can do on this earth," she said. "My father was a police officer for 25 years. My mother was a nursery school teacher. They were foster parents to a number of children over several years and also served their local community through the church. I want to continue their legacy of public service through my profession and through my volunteer and community activities."