

**Laura Huntingdon Budd**  
*Background Report*

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## Summary of Findings

Laura Huntingdon Budd is a 45-year-old litigator living in Matthews, NC, a suburb of Charlotte, NC. The mother of three children ranging in age from 11 to 18, she is a partner in a small firm focused on business contracts and construction law. Her husband, Charles, works in finance for TIAA. Budd is a newcomer to politics, and her voting record shows 2022 as the first primary in which she participated during a non-presidential election. Note: her first presidential primary occurred in 2008, twelve years after the first presidential primary in which she was eligible to vote.

Budd's financial disclosure shows that the family is living comfortably, although not excessively, and they have interest in a beach house in North Topsail Beach in Onslow County. Oddly, her children, including the 11-year-old, were all paid to work at her law firm, each earning at least \$5,000 during 2021. Despite this, the family shows at least three debts exceeding \$10,000, including a student loan for Charles.

The Budd family finances are relatively uninteresting. In addition to a primary loan on their house, they hold a \$100,000 line of credit. All property taxes on their home are current and were paid on time through their mortgage company. Budd was cited at least seven times during that last twenty years. With exception of a speeding ticket in 2002, incidentally the only time she was held responsible, all other cases included a charge for expired registration. In one case, it included a charge for altered registration. Each of these filings was dismissed, although the pattern of not paying registration on time remains interesting.

In 2010, Budd, her firm, and another attorney and their firm were sued by SK Electric, a small business based in Concord. According to their complaint, Budd was hired after the other attorney failed to properly file a Mechanic's lien against a client, filing against the client's personal home rather than the property where the work was done. Because of the initial failure, SK Electric was not permitted to solve the non-payment by merely a lien. Budd's responsibility was to file a civil complaint, and after the case was placed on the docket, she filed notice of her unavailability, filed a dismissal without prejudice, and failed to appear in court, without the permission of the client. At the time of the suit, the plaintiffs alleged they were continuing to litigate the case in civil court with a third firm. Incidentally, the disposition of the suit was separated from the file, and the court was unable to locate it. We do not know how this suit was solved. On several occasions, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department responded to the Budd's home for animal bites, aggressive animals, and other animal-related offenses. It is unclear from the information we have now if her dogs were biting, or if her family members were the victims of bites. We are requesting additional information to determine more about each of these situations.

In December 2021, Budd announced her intent to run for North Carolina House in the 103<sup>rd</sup> District. She established a campaign finance committee, and to date, she raised just more than \$15,000. Her committee had less than \$4,000 cash on hand at the close of the first quarter. Budd is so new to the political arena; her contributions are limited to none on the federal level and small dollar contributions to Lillian's List, Black Political Committee based in Charlotte, and \$4,500 given to her own campaign-finance committee.

# Background and Biography

## Identifying Information

Name: Laura Huntingdon Budd (aka Laura Stubbs)

DOB: April 29, 1977

Address: 2817 Hampton Glen Ct.  
Matthews, NC 28105

Family: Husband: Charles. Three children: Caleb, Ameila, and Cooper

## Biography

Taken from campaign website:

**Laura H. Budd** is the managing partner of Weaver & Budd Law, PLLC with twenty years of experience in practicing law. She concentrates primarily on business litigation and contract law, which accounts for over 60 percent of her practice. Laura has extensive experience in the areas of appellate law, construction law, negligence, fraud, unfair and deceptive trade practices, and defamation, as well as fiduciary litigation in trusts and estates. She practices both State and Federal Court in North Carolina. Laura also regularly teaches classes in continuing legal education to lawyers and has been a guest lecturer and mock trial judge at Wingate University since 2019.

Laura is a member of the American Bar Association, the North Carolina State Bar, the North Carolina Bar Association, the Mecklenburg County Bar Association, and the Union County Bar Association.

As part of her desire to invest in and serve her community, Laura serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Mecklenburg County Bar Association, the President of the Matthews Athletic Recreation Association (MARA), and Vice- President of the Piedmont Gymnastics Association (PGO) for Southeastern Gymnastics and is a member of the Matthews Chamber of Commerce.

Laura received a B.A. in History and Political Science *cum laude* in 1999 from Ohio University and her J.D. from Wake Forest Law School in 2002. She currently resides in Matthews, North Carolina with her husband, Chuck, three children, Caleb (18), Amelia (16), and Cooper (11), and two dogs, Cole & Beckham.

Why I am Running

I am running for North Carolina State Representative and humbly ask for your vote. I promise to roll-up my sleeves and get to work on the issues that matter to Matthews, Mint Hill, and all corners of District 103. Working families need someone who will fight for our schools, our local economy, and our community. I will be a strong voice in Raleigh to represent the unique needs of our district and make sure our state government is working for you!

### **Marriage License**

Laura Stubbs married Charles Budd on August 15, 2001, in Forsyth County, NC (Winston-Salem).

### **Voter Registration**

Budd registered to vote as a member of the Democratic Party in Mecklenburg County on August 29, 2003 (ID: 000001249542). She is considered an active voter, participating in 21 elections since that time. Of note, she participated in her first primary election in 2008, and her first non-presidential primary election in May 2022.

<b>Election</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Party Affiliation (if Applicable)</b>
11/4/2003 General	In-Person	
11/2/2004 General	In-Person	
11/8/2005 General	In-Person	
11/7/2006 General	In-Person	
11/6/2007 General	In-Person	
5/6/2008 Primary	In-Person	Democrat
11/4/2008 General	In-Person	
11/3/2009 General	In-Person	
11/2/2010 General	In-Person	
5/8/2012 Primary	In-Person	Democrat
11/6/2012 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
11/5/2013 General	In-Person	
11/4/2014 General	In-Person	
3/15/2016 Primary	In-Person	Democrat
11/8/2016 General	In-Person	
11/7/2017 General	In-Person	
11/6/2018 General	In-Person	
11/5/2019 General	In-Person	
3/3/2020 Primary	In-Person	Democrat
11/3/2020 General	In-Person	
5/17/2022 Primary	In-Person	Democrat

**Professional License**

Budd was admitted to practice law in the State of North Carolina on August 27, 2002 (ID: 28823). Her license lists her firm address, Weaver & Budd, Attorneys at Law PLLC, 352 E. Charles Street, Matthews, NC, as the contact for her.

# Legal and Financial Records

## Statements of Economic Interest

Budd completed a Statement of Economic Interests with the North Carolina Ethics Commission in anticipation of her bid for NC House.

### *Candidate Information*

Budd is a Civil litigation attorney employed with Weaver & Budd Attorneys at Law PLLC. She discloses work in administrative, estate, corporate, tort litigation, property, labor, and business litigation (contracts and construction).

### *Family*

- Charles Budd, spouse – TIAA Finance
- Caleb Caswell Graham Budd – son, student
- AB (Amelia) – daughter, student
- CB (Cooper) – son, student

### *Property Interests*

- 100% - Matthews County, Mecklenburg County
- 80% - North Topsail Beach, Onslow County

### *Interests in Non-Public Companies*

- Self/Spouse – Stubbs & Budd Holdings LLC
- Self – Weaver & Budd, Attorneys at Law, PLLC

### *Debts Exceeding \$10,000*

- Self/Spouse – Commercial Bank
- Self/Spouse – Commercial Bank
- Spouse – Loan held by Navient

### *Income Sources Greater Than \$5,000*

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Type</b>
Self/Spouse	Stubbs & Budd Holdings LLC	Real Property Rentals	Rental Income
AB (Amelia, Child)	Weaver & Budd, Attorneys at Law, PLLC	Legal	Salary

Caleb Caswell Graham Budd (Child)	Weaver & Budd, Attorneys at Law, PLLC	Legal	Salary
Charles Budd (Spouse)	TIAA	Financial Institution	Salary
CB (Cooper, Child)	Weaver & Budd, Attorneys at Law, PLLC	Legal	Salary
Laura Huntingdon Budd (Self)	Weaver & Budd, Attorneys at Law, PLLC	Attorney	Salary

### ***Professional/Civic Relationships***

- Budd (Self)
  - President, Matthews Athletic Recreation Association
  - Vice President, Piedmont Gymnastics Organization
  - Board Member, Mecklenburg County Bar

### **Property Records**

#### ***2817 Hampton Glen Court, Matthews, NC 28105***

(APN: 231-212-06)

- Purchased from Michael and Patricia Bare for \$405,000 on July 2, 2013
- Secured a \$324,000 loan through USAA FSB
- Refinanced to a \$356,600 loan on August 21, 2015 with PNC Mortgage
- 3,312 square foot, 4-bed, 3-bath home on 0.37 acres valued at \$483,300 in 2020

#### ***2807 Carriage Crossing Drive, Matthews, NC 28105***

(APN: 227-392-07)

- Purchased on June 26, 2002 for \$194,000 from BN and Nancy Baker
- Secured a \$184,300 mortgage through Wachovia Mortgage Company
- Sold to David and Ashley Cummer for \$247,000 on July 8, 2013
- 2,607 square foot, 4-bed, 3bath home on 0.37 acres valued at \$298,200 in 2020

### **Recorded Documents**

The following documents were recorded in Mecklenburg County and list Budd as a party:

- The Budds purchased a home at 2817 Hampton Glen Court, Matthews, NC from Michael and Patricia Bare on July 9, 2013
- The Budds borrowed \$365,600 through a conventional loan with PNC Mortgage on November 21, 2015. The loan includes a planned unit development rider



- The Budds borrowed up to \$100,000 via a home equity line of credit through PNC Bank on May 18, 2018

## **Property Taxes**

All property taxes on the Budds's home on Hampton Glen Court are current and have been paid on time since they purchased the home in 2013.

Property taxes on their prior home on Carriage Crossing Drive are current and were paid on time back to 2010 (as far back as records are available in Mecklenburg County).

## **Legal Records**

- Speeding, 73mph in a 55mph zone (case no. 2002CR004194)
  - Filed on August 8, 2002 in Chatham County, NC
  - Responsible for lesser, improper equipment - speedometer
- Expired Registration (case no. 2017CR704249)
  - Filed on March 2, 2017 in Mecklenburg County
  - Dismissed following correction
- Expired Registration (case no. 2017CR012011)
  - Filed on April 27, 2017 in Mecklenburg County
  - Dismissed following correction
- Expired Registration and Inspection (case no. 2009CR054602)
  - Filed on August 17, 2009 in Mecklenburg County
  - Dismissed without leave by DA
- No Operator's License and Altered Registration Card/Tag (case no. 2008CR002160)
  - Filed on January 15, 2008 in Mecklenburg County
  - Dismissed without leave by DA
- Expired Registration (case no. 2012CR029251)
  - Filed on June 25, 2012 in Mecklenburg County
  - Dismissed without leave by the DA
- Expired Registration (case no. 2005CR069522)
  - Filed on November 7, 2005 in Mecklenburg County
  - Dismissed without leave by DA

### *Civil Filings*

- S.K. Electric Inc. v. Seth B. Weinshenker Esq., Conroy & Weinshenker, PA; Laura H. Budd, Esq.; Law Office of Laura H. Budd, PLLC (case no. 10CVS19862)
  - Filed on September 25, 2010 in Mecklenburg County Superior Court

S.K. Electric Inc. sued Weinshenker and Budd for failures in their representation regarding an unpaid balance at a home. In 2007, Weinshenker misfiled a form for a mechanic's lien, using the property owner's personal home rather than the parcel where construction was occurring. Because of their error, litigation was the only route to collect the money, rather than a simple lien. They hired Budd to continue the litigation, but she filed a notice of leave after the suit was already on the docket. Rather than attend that day, she did not appear and filed a notice of dismissal without prejudice, without the consent of the plaintiffs. The plaintiff's requested damages exceeding \$10,000 to cover the costs of their continued attorney's fees to litigate the money due.

Budd's answer denied all claims of misrepresentation that related to her, and she requested a dismissal. Despite all of this, the disposition of the suit no longer remains in the record, and it is unclear how this suit was finalized. It is possible to contact the officers of S.K. Electric to determine how the case was disposed.

### **911 Records**

In 2014, Budd was the victim of a motor vehicle theft at her home in Matthews.

- Motor Vehicle Theft (complaint #: 20140713-1011-00)
  - Filed on July 13, 2014 with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department
  - Missing car: 2012 Buick Enclave valued at \$20,000 (Lic: AKA 7861)

In the narrative taken by the officer, Budd left her vehicle in her driveway at 10:00 PM on July 12, 2014. Her keys were left on the passenger floor board overnight, wrapped in items in the car.

Other police responses to the home show a series of calls regarding an animal bite. It is unclear if it was their dogs biting (Budd lists two animals in her biography).

- Animal Bite (12/28/2015) – Initial Report
- Animal Bite (1/3/2016) – 10-day follow up
- Animal Bite (3/17/2016) – Initial Report
- Animal Bite (3/18/2016) – Initial Report
- Animal Bite (3/18/2016) – Initial Report
- Animal Bite (3/19/2016) – Initial Report
- Animal Bite (3/20/2016) – Initial Report
- Animal Bite (3/21/2016) – 10-day follow up
- Animal Bite (3/26/2016) – 10-day follow up
- Animal Bite (4/27/2016) – Initial Report
- Animal Bite (4/28/2016) – Initial Report

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- Animal Bite (4/29/2016) - Initial Report

Other animal-related responses included something catalogues as “Ani-SafeCrn” twice on April April 18, 2016, an Aggressive Animal (Ani-Aggr) on June 2, 2021, and “Ani-CKComp” responses on six occasions between June 11, 2021 and December 11, 2021.

## Political Activities

### Campaign Finance

Budd established a campaign finance committee, Committee to Elect Laura Budd (ID: STA-V6WP14-C-001), with the North Carolina State Board of Elections on December 8, 2021. Since that time, she reported raising \$15,225 and had \$3,780 cash on hand at the end of April.

Time Period	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand
12/9/2021 – 12/31/2021	\$1,500.00	\$115.81	\$1,384.19
1/1/2022 – 4/30/2022	\$13,725.00	\$11,328.69	\$3,780.50

### *Contributions by Industry*

By our count, Budd received the most contributions from people who are retired or not working followed by individuals in the finance sector. She received a \$3,000 contribution from Lillian's List.

Industry	Amount
Pro-Abortion	\$3,000.00
Artist	\$100.00
Athletics	\$100.00
Construction	\$100.00
Education	\$250.00
Finance	\$3,050.00
Legal	\$1,250.00
Medical	\$200.00
Misc.	\$250.00
Not Employed or Retired	\$3,950.00
Real Estate	\$250.00
Restaurant	\$100.00
Tech	\$1,100.00

A complete list of all contributions to Budd's committee is included in Appendix 1.

### Election Results

Budd easily defeated a Democratic opponent in the 2022 primary on May 17, 2022.

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Laura Budd	2,994	56.99%
Ann Harlan	2,260	43.01%

### **Contributions to Others**

According to the Federal Elections Commission website, Budd has not contributed to any federal candidates or committees.

#### ***State Contributions***

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Budd made contributions totaling \$4,682.26 during the past two years. This includes \$4,500 paid to her own campaign finance committee.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Black Political Caucus Of Charlotte Mecklenburg	11/22/21	\$53.00
Lillian's List Pac	4/19/22	\$129.26
Committee To Elect Laura Budd	12/17/21	\$1,500.00
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## Appendix 1: Contributions to Budd's Campaign Committee

Name	City	State	Profession	Employers Name	Date	Amount
Lillian's List PAC	Raleigh	NC			4/26/22	\$3,000.00
Richard Bolen	Charlotte	NC	Artist	Self Employed	3/29/22	\$100.00
Erik Saxon	Matthews	NC	Coach	CJRA	3/9/22	\$100.00
Richard Stubbs	Deland	FL	Architect	Self Employed	2/4/22	\$100.00
Brandy Clemmer	Matthews	NC	Dean in Higher Ed	Wingate University	3/1/22	\$100.00
Jennifer Bell	Charlotte	NC	Teacher	Self Employed	3/29/22	\$250.00
Monica Abebe	Waxhaw	NC	Banker	Bank of America	4/2/22	\$200.00
Jean Staats	Matthews	NC	Banker	Wells Fargo	4/27/22	\$100.00
Hazel Williams	Matthews	NC	Banker	Bank of America	3/15/22	\$100.00
John M Palko	Matthews	NC	Financial Advisor	Capital Investment Companies	1/31/22	\$150.00
Ann L. Campbell	Chapel Hill	NC	Investor	Campbell Full Circle Investments, LLC	4/18/22	\$2,250.00
William Bailey	Matthews	NC	Partner	WKB Holdings	4/14/22	\$150.00
Dave Ulrich	Fort Mill	SC	Portfolio Leader	Wells Fargo	2/22/22	\$100.00
Timothy D. Smith	Charlotte	NC	Attorney	Self Employed	4/13/22	\$100.00
Fred W. DeVore III	Charlotte	NC	Attorney-Partner	DeVore, Acton & Stafford, P.A.	4/7/22	\$150.00
F. Lee Weaver	Matthews	NC	Attorney-Partner	Weaver & Budd Law, LLP	4/7/22	\$1,000.00
Randie Schacter-Fitzgerald	Matthews	NC	Physician	Silver Psychiatric Services	4/13/22	\$200.00
Nathan Clark	Philadelphia	PA	Production Editor	Taylor & Francis Group, LLC	4/13/22	\$250.00
Linda Carlisle	Cary	NC	Not Employed	Not Employed	4/14/22	\$100.00
Helen H. Stubbs	Merritt Island	FL	Not Employed	Not Employed	2/24/22	\$1,000.00
Charlene Budd	Charlotte	NC	Retired	Not Employed	4/3/22	\$500.00
Kay Fortner	Tybee Island	GA	Retired	Not Employed	4/20/22	\$100.00
Perb Fortner	Tybee Island	GA	Retired	Not Employed	4/20/22	\$100.00
Stephen Stillitano	Charlotte	NC	Retired	Not Employed	4/7/22	\$200.00
Stephen Stillitano	Charlotte	NC	Retired	Not Employed	4/7/22	\$300.00
Isabel Lockhart	Charlotte	NC	Retired Pharmacist	Not Employed	4/15/22	\$150.00
Vivian F. Graham	Irvington	VA	Retired Secretary	Not Employed	2/25/22	\$1,000.00

Suzanne W Hernandez	Matthews	NC	Real Estate Agent	Fathom Realty	3/4/22	\$250.00
Barry Steiger	Matthews	NC	Marketing	Mario's Italian Restaurant	2/24/22	\$100.00
Tammy Carlisle	Raleigh	NC	Principal Data Manager	Clinipace D-dmed	4/14/22	\$100.00
Debra L Thurston Slocum	Bow	NH	Robotics Coach	Brady Robotics Team	3/31/22	\$1,000.00

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