

# Wiley Nickel (NC-13)

New seat for 2022



# **Biography**

**BIRTH DATE** 

Unknown

#### **EDUCATION**

JD, Law, Pepperdine Univ. School of Law, 2002-2005;BA, Political Science, Tulane Univ., 1994-1998

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Caroline; 2 Children: Prescott, Adeline

## **Background**

A criminal defense lawyer and veteran of two White House administrations, Nickel has prioritized voting rights and economic issues in North Carolina's Senate and as a House candidate

After graduating from college in 1998, Nickel embarked on a career in politics, campaigning and working at the White House for then-Vice President Al Gore (D) until 2001

Shifting to a career in law, Nickel worked in a district attorney's office and later a private law firm in California; first ran for office in 2006, but lost in the general election for California's 12th Senate District

In 2008, Nickel joined the national advance staff of presidential candidate Barack Obama and returned to serving in the White House for the first term of the Obama administration

In 2011, Nickel and his wife, Caroline, decided to move closer to where Caroline was from in North Carolina; started his own criminal defense law practice in Cary, where Nickel and his wife have been raising two children

Returning to a career in politics, Nickel successfully ran for state Senate in 2018, when Democrats ended the Republican supermajority in the General Assembly; as a state Senator, Nickel has represented parts of Wake County and has prioritized redistricting and voting reform, criminal justice reform, clean energy, and extending unemployment benefits and Medicaid coverage

## **District Profile**

COOK PVI 2022 VOTE RATING DISTRICT LOCATION

R+2 Toss Up Southern Raleigh suburbs

### **Election Results**

2022 GENERAL

Nickel 52% Hines 48%