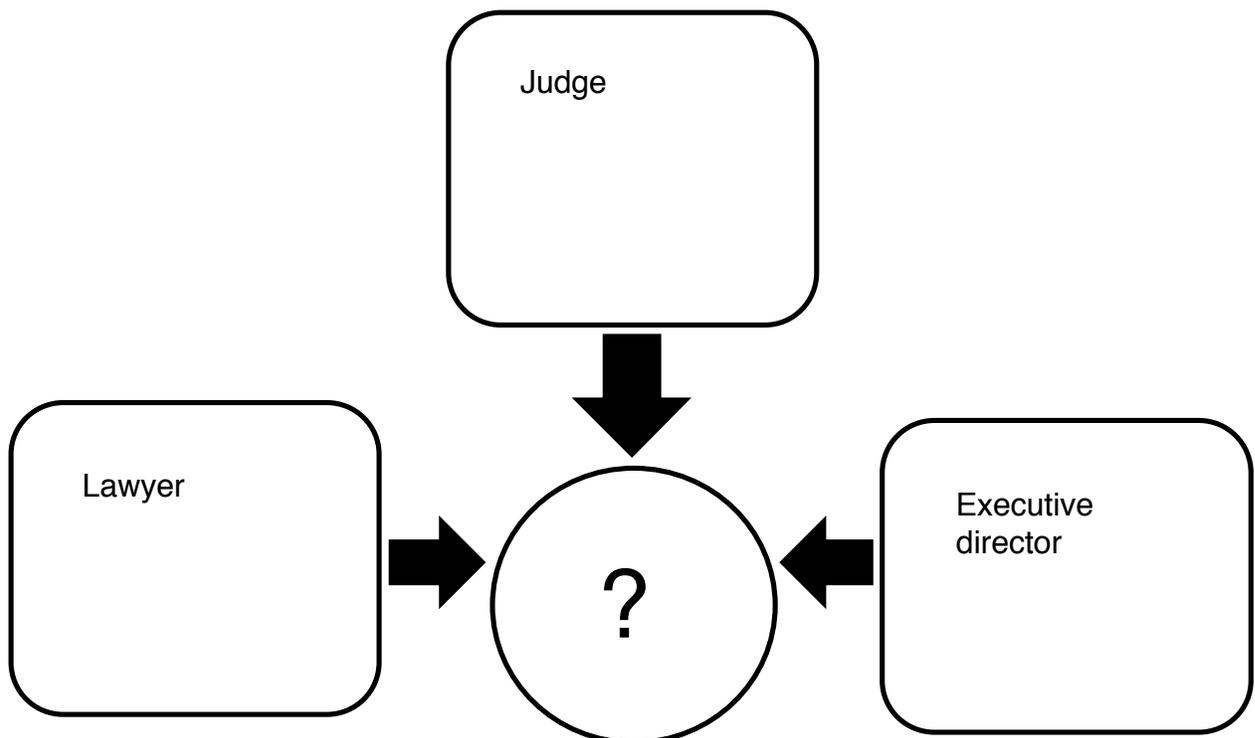


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Tom Ross

1. Where does UNC system president Tom Ross spend most of his time?
 - A. In meetings
 - B. On the phone
 - C. On campuses
 - D. In press conferences
2. How many schools and students make up the UNC system?
 - A. 15 and 200,000
 - B. 17 and 220,000
 - C. 20 and 300,000
 - D. 22 and 250,000
3. Which job did Ross leave to become president of the UNC school system?
 - A. Executive director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation
 - B. Judge of N.C. Superior Court
 - C. Lawyer in Greensboro
 - D. President of Davidson College

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4. Which heading describes best the above jobs, held by Tom Ross?
 - A. in universities
 - B. in the private sector
 - C. outside criminal justice
 - D. outside higher education

5. What motivated Ross to take positions in higher education?
 - A. advocacy for environmental causes
 - B. closing wealth gaps
 - C. impact on students
 - D. influence on public policy

6. How did Ross contribute to the legal system before leaving Greensboro?
 - A. He instituted mandatory sentencing.
 - B. He lengthened sentences for non-violent crimes.
 - C. He led fundraising efforts to build a new courthouse.
 - D. He toughened sentencing for violent and repeat offenders.

7. How has Ross approached every job he has taken on, according to his friend Jim Drennan?
 - A. tackled any problem
 - B. supported worthy efforts
 - C. addressed legal concerns
 - D. understood the complexity of issues

8. Which word best describes Ross' view of UNC school system's future?
 - A. cautious
 - B. optimistic
 - C. productive
 - D. skeptical

WORDS: What does the text tell you about an attribute or meaning of the following? What clues do you find in context? Does any word have a prefix or suffix, similar word or word within the word that aids in defining the word?

1. temporal
2. hectic
3. knack
4. optimistic

WRITING PROMPTS:

Explain what this tells you about Tom Ross and his motivations: “Striving to make a difference in the lives of others....That’s the reason I get up every day, to try and matter.”

Identify others featured in news stories, books and other sources whom you think are motivated to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Explain their actions/choices. Cite sources in your presentation.

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