

## *BHA Board Candidate for 2025*

# Derek Crump



**Profession and education:** Attended North Carolina State University 1981-1985. Attended Wake Forest University Law School from 1985-1988. Passed the North Carolina bar in 1988 and began practicing law, concentrating in civil defense litigation over the past 34 years. Currently a founding member and partner in the law firm of Brown, Crump & Tierney, PLLC.

**What is your history with Bald Head Island that has brought you to ownership and now a candidate for BHA?** I have been visiting Bald Head Island since 1988 and knew the moment that I arrived that it was the place where I wanted to be. We love the Island for its beautiful scenery, laid back lifestyle, great people and quietness. Christy and I were married on the Island in 1997 and bought a home in the Villas in 1999. We are members of the Bald Head Club and I have been a member of the Bald Head Island Villas Association Board for many years.

**What professional skills and life experiences do you feel would be most valued as a member of the BHA Board?** As an attorney, I have been exposed to many complex issues and disputes and have extensive experience in exploring various ways to resolve those disputes. In addition to being an attorney, I am a certified mediator, and have assisted parties in resolving their disputes in various and unique ways. I have learned through being an attorney and mediator, that it is very important to make sure that you not only listen, but understand the concerns of all sides, and to invite and implement new ideas into existing and future plans.

**As a BHI property owner, what aspect of the Island life is most important to you as a key to BHI's future and, if elected, how would you help craft that future?** Our Island is a very special place and I have had the opportunity to watch it grow and expand for the last 36 years. Our most treasured resources are those that are natural to the Island which include our beautiful and tranquil beaches, forests and sunsets. I understand that our Island has become a desirable place for many who want to live and visit here and, therefore, growth will need to continue to meet our needs. However, that growth needs to be smart, well planned and responsible in order to protect the Island's resources and the reasons that many homeowners are here. My top priorities would be to: (1) assist in making sure that requests submitted for property changes/improvements are responded to promptly and consistently and to promote objective standards for such reviews; (2) communicate regularly, thoroughly and truthfully with Island property owners on all Board issues; and (3) to make sure that your BHA is providing the best possible service it can for its property owners.