

Mark Dorosin Bio

Mark Dorosin is the Co-Director of the Julius L. Chambers Center for Civil Rights, a new nonprofit dedicated to providing low-wealth North Carolina communities with sound legal representation in their efforts to dismantle structural racism. The Chambers Center is designed continue the work of the UNC Center for Civil Rights, which Dorosin led for 10 years, until the UNC Board of Governors banned it from engaging in any legal advocacy. The Chambers Center focuses on the continuing impacts of racial segregation and exclusion, including housing discrimination, environmental justice, restrictions on political participation; and racial disparities in education.

Mark teaches Political and Civil Rights and State and Local Government at UNC Law School. In 2010, he was chosen as the Pro Bono Faculty Member of the Year. Mark also taught at Duke University Law School and worked for Self-Help, a leading North Carolina community development corporation. Following graduation from UNC Law in 1994, Dorosin was a partner at the Chapel Hill law firm McSurely, Dorosin & Osment.

Mark was elected to the Board of County Commissioners in 2012, and re-elected in 2016. He has served as Chair of the Board since December 2016.

Mark previously served on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen from 1999-2003, was President of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro ACLU, and a member of the legal redress committee of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro chapter of the NAACP. Mark also owned a nightclub in downtown Chapel Hill for 10 years. He has also written and produced several plays.

Mark lives in Carrboro with his wife, Bronwyn Merritt, an artist and realtor, and their three children, Esmé, Archer and Valentina.