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North Carolina General Assembly State Legislative Building Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Representatives and Senators:

Enclosed please find a report from the Administrative Office of the Courts on the activities of the North Carolina Business Court, pursuant to Senate Bill 202, Session Law 2009-451, Section 15.4.

This report provides the number of new, pending and closed cases; the average age of pending cases; and annual expenditures for the prior fiscal year for the three Business Courts currently operating in Guilford, Mecklenburg, and Wake counties.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Holmes of the North Carolina Business Court at (336) 334-5252 or jholmes@ncbusinesscourt.net.

Respectfully Yours,

John W. Smith

**Director** 

# NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS COURTS Annual Report of Activities



Calendar Year 2010



### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2009

### SESSION LAW 2009-451 SENATE BILL 202

AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

#### REPORT ON BUSINESS COURTS

**SECTION 15.4.** The Administrative Office of the Courts shall report to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Chairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety by March 1 of each year on the activities of each North Carolina Business Court site, including the number of new, closed, and pending cases, average age of pending cases, and annual expenditures for the prior fiscal year.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

**SECTION 28.6.** Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5th day of August, 2009.



#### I. OVERVIEW OF THE BUSINESS COURT PROGRAM

The North Carolina Business Court is a specialized forum of the trial court division. The first Business Court was established in 1996 in Greensboro; additional Business Courts were established in Charlotte and Raleigh in 2005. Pursuant to Rule 2.1 of the General Rules of Practice for the Superior and District Courts, certain cases are designated mandatory complex business cases — those involving a material issue related to the law of corporations, securities law, antitrust law, state trademark and unfair competition law, and intellectual property law, as well as certain cases involving technology. These cases are assigned to a special superior court judge who oversees resolution of all matters in the case through trial. There are no dollar limitations, and no waiver of jury trial is required.

Legislation expanded the jurisdiction of the Business Court to include those cases that have been removed to Business Court through a Notice of Designation pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-45.4 (House Bill 650, S.L. 2005-425), and judicial review of certain tax cases originating in the Office of Administrative Hearings (Senate Bill 242, S.L. 2007-491). In addition, Senate Bill 357, S.L. 2009-278, authorizes the North Carolina Business Court to consider and resolve disputes concerning the rates, terms, and conditions associated with the use of poles, ducts, and conduits of communication service providers.

Effective September 1, 2009, the Legislature increased the fee for removing mandatory complex business cases to the Business Court by Notice of Designation from \$200 to \$1,000. In 2010, 117 new cases were assigned to the Court.

Both the Greensboro Business Court and the Raleigh Business Court are located in law schools. The Greensboro Court has been at Elon School of Law since July 2006, and the Raleigh Court moved to a new location at Campbell Law School in October 2009.

The Business Court utilizes electronic filing and case management systems to facilitate efficient document processing and case management for civil litigation. The continued expansion of these systems enables the Court to provide benefits such as free public access to files, dockets and calendars, and instant access to opinions without the expense or delay of publication.

#### II. CASELOAD DATA

#### A. Pending and Closed Cases

Since its inception in 1996, the Business Court has been assigned 855 cases from 66 North Carolina counties; 608 of those 855 cases have been closed.

The Business Court currently has a total of 247 pending cases, 12 of which are on appeal and 33 either stayed or were inactive but were kept open awaiting settlement or to enforce court-ordered administrations of settlement. Of the 247 pending cases, 196 are designated mandatory complex business, 23 are discretionary complex business cases, and 28 are exceptional cases. Ninety-nine cases were closed in calendar year 2010.

## **B.** Distribution of Pending Cases

The Business Court currently has 247 pending cases originating from 42 counties, with 114 cases originating in the eastern (geographical) district, 56 from the middle district, and 77 from the western district.

COUNTY OF ORIGIN	NUMBER OF CASES	DISTRIBUTION			
		<u>Greensboro</u>	<u>Charlotte</u>	<u>Raleigh</u>	
Alamance	5	5			
Alexander	1	1			
Brunswick	26			26	
Buncombe	2	1	1		
Burke	2	1	1		
Carteret	1			1	
Catawba	3	3			
Chatham	1			1	
Craven	2	1		1	
Cumberland	2			2	
Dare	6	3	1	2	
Davidson	1	1			
Durham	11	4	2	5	
Edgecombe	1			<u>U</u>	
Forsyth	6	4	1	 1	
Franklin	1	•	•	 1	
Gaston	12	6	6		
Granville	1			1	
Guilford	23	22	1		
Iredell	1		1		
Henderson	1		1		
Jackson	1	1	<u> </u>		
McDowell	1	<u> </u>	1		
	49	8	36	5	
Mecklenburg		2	30	<u> </u>	
Moore	2	·i			
Nash	1	1	4		
New Hanover	18	2	1	15	
Onslow	2			2	
Perquimans	1			1	
Pitt	1			1	
Randolph	2	1	1		
Robeson	2		1	1	
Rockingham	1		11		
Rowan	2	1	1		
Rutherford	2	1	1		
Sampson	1			1	
Scotland	1			1	
Union	1	. 1			
Vance	2			2	
Wake	46	. 17	3	26	
Watauga	1			1	
Yadkin	1	1			
Total Pending Cases					
247	Caseload per judge	88	61	98	

#### III. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND EXPENDITURES BY SITE

#### A. GREENSBORO - As of 12/31/2010

The presiding judge is the Honorable Ben F. Tennille, Chief Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases.

The Business Court-Greensboro has 88 open cases, five of which are on appeal and 24 are inactive, stayed, or are in the process of settling. The average case age of the active cases is 606 days.

Twenty-four cases were closed in calendar year 2010.

FY 2009-2010 expenditures for the Business Court-Greensboro were \$346,784.89.

The 88 pending cases are listed in Appendix A.

#### B. CHARLOTTE - As of 12/31/2010

The Honorable Calvin E. Murphy, judge presiding, was appointed as a Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases on December 23, 2010. He replaced Judge Albert Diaz, who was commissioned as an Article III federal judge for the United States Court of Appeals.

The Business Court-Charlotte currently has 61 open cases, four of which are on appeal and six stayed or inactive. The average age of the active cases is 401 days.

Thirty-eight cases were closed in calendar year 2010.

FY 2009-2010 expenditures for the Business Court-Charlotte were \$296,193.75.

The 61 pending cases are listed in Appendix B.

#### C. RALEIGH - As of 12/31/2010

The Honorable John R. Jolly, Jr., Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases, serves as the presiding judge of the Business Court–Raleigh.

The Court currently has 98 open cases, four of which are on appeal and nine inactive or stayed. The average case age of the active cases is 631 days.

Thirty-seven cases were closed in calendar year 2010.

FY 2009-2010 expenditures for the Raleigh Business Court were \$355,340.30.

The 98 pending cases are listed in Appendix C.

#### IV. OPINIONS ISSUED

The Business Court is required to write opinions in non-jury matters assigned as complex business cases. In the exceptional cases assigned pursuant to Rule 2.1, the decision about whether to write an opinion is in the discretion of the Court. Opinions are generally written in cases involving matters of first impression.

The official opinions entered in the cases listed below in calendar year 2010 are on file in the courthouse of the county of jurisdiction. Electronically-formatted copies of these opinions are also posted on the Business Court website at www.ncbusinesscourt.net. Decisions which have been affirmed or reversed on appeal are noted.

The list of opinions are attached as Appendix D.

#### V. EVALUATION

For those interested in evaluating business courts, a recent law review article sets forth a framework for understanding and a model for evaluating business courts. See Anne Tucker Nees, Making a Case for Business Courts: A Survey of and Proposed Framework to Evaluate Business Courts, 24 Ga. St. U.L. Rev. 477 (2007). The article concludes: "Utilizing the proposed model, North Carolina is the current gold standard in established non-Delaware business courts. . . . Under the proposed framework, North Carolina sets the bar for non-Delaware business courts and has structured its program with attention to efficiency, quality, and due process, which this article argues, serve the underlying goals of civil administration (access, timely action, equality, judicial independence, and public trust)." Id. at 2, 18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Each Business Court Judge decides which orders will be posted on the Court's website as Opinions.

	Name of Case	County of Origin	Date Assigned	Case Number	Status (age in days)
1.	Alexander Hosp.Investors v. Frye Reg'l Med. Center	Alexander	11/17/09	09 CVS 757 Mandatory	Active 409
2.	Allen v. Land Resources Grp. Of NC	Rutherford	10/15/08	08 CVS 1283 Mandatory	Active 807
3.	Am Cmty Bank v Royal Am Co.	Union	10/10/06	06 CVS 1609 Mandatory	Stayed
4.	Armacell LLC v. Bostic	Alamance	5/28/08	08 CVS 224 Mandatory	On Appeal
5.	Arnold v. A3 IT Solutions	Guilford	9/10/10	10 CVS 9277 Mandatory	Active 112
6.	Associated Packaging, Inc. v. Jackson Paper Mfg. Co.	Jackson	11/02/10	10 CVS 745 Mandatory	Active 59
7.	Azalea Garden Board v. Vanhoy	Davidson	5/31/07	06 CVS 0948 2.1	Stayed
8.	Bollinger v. Biltmore Fin. Grp., Inc.	Catawba	12/15/08	08 CVS 4340 Mandatory	Stayed
9.	CDKP Dev., Inc. v. Burton Farm Dev. Co., LLC	Nash	3/30/09	09 CVS 669 Mandatory	Inactive Settling
	CIT Grp/Comm. Svcs, Inc. v. Royal Am. Corp.	Guilford	4/11/07	06 CVS 8891 2.1 & 2.2.	Stayed
	CIT Grp/Comm. Svcs, Inc. v. Royal Cordage Corp	Guilford	11/29/06	06 CVS 10660 Mandatory	Stayed
	Cartridge, Ltd. v. JRi Dev. Grp., LLC	Alamance	5/21/09	09 CVS 1513 Mandatory	Active 473
	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority v. Wachovia Bank, N.A.	Mecklenburg	12/23/08	08 CVS 27739 Mandatory	Active 738
14.	CitiCapital Tech. Fin., Inc. v. Royal Am. Co., LLC	Gaston	1/04/07	06 CVS 5547 Mandatory	Inactive
	Community Mgt Corp. v. Westminster Co.	Forsyth	2/15/10	10 CVS 735 Mandatory	Active 329
16.	Comor Corp. v. Comor Comm'ns, LLC	Guilford	9/14/09	09 CVS 11449 Mandatory	Active 473
17.	Crockett Capital Corp. v. Inland American Winston Hotels, Inc.	Wake	1/17/08	08 CVS 00691 Mandatory	Active 1079
18.	Delhaize America, Inc. v. Secretary of Revenue	Wake	1/08/08	07 CVS 020801 Mandatory	Active 1088
19.	Deutsche Bank Trust Co. Americas v. Tradewinds Airlines, Inc.	Guilford	1/15/04	03 CVS 12215 2.1 & 2.2	Active Reopened 8/27/08, 856
20.	Dunn v. Dart	Craven	5/24/10	10 CVS 2600 Mandatory	Active 221

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<ol> <li>Esquire Trade &amp; Finance, Inc. v. Diversified Sr. Svcs.</li> </ol>	Forsyth	8/13/08	08 CVS 6227 Mandatory	Active 778
22. Fail-Safe Group, Inc. v. Thousand	Guilford	10/28/08	08 CVS 11725 Mandatory	Active 794
23. Faruque v. Bishopric	Catawba	7/9/08	08-CVS-2242  Mandatory	Active 905
24. First Bank v. Royal Am. Co.	Gaston	1/4/07	06 CVS5531 Mandatory	Inactive
<ol> <li>Franklin Co. Bd. Of Edu. v. NC Dept. of Revenue</li> </ol>	Wake	10/15/09	09 CVS 20861 Mandatory	Inactive
<ol> <li>Gen. Elec. Capital Corp. v. Royal Am. Co., LLC</li> </ol>	Gaston	1/19/07	06 CVS 2385 Mandatory	Inactive
<ol> <li>Germuth v. Compass Consulting Grp.</li> </ol>	Durham	7/12/10	10CVS3104  Mandatory	Active 172
28. Harco Nat'l Ins. Co. v. Grant Thornton LLP	Wake	3/14/06	05 CVS 2500 2.1 & 2.2	Stayed
29. Henderson v. Manuel	Guilford	5/19/09	09 CVS 7254  Mandatory	Active 591
<ol> <li>Hest Technologies, Inc. v. Prepaid Marketing, LLC</li> </ol>	Guilford	4/14/10	10 CVS 2010  Mandatory	Active 261
31. High Point Bank and Trust Co. v. Sapona Mfg. Co.	Randolph	4/28/08	08 CVS 1065  Mandatory	On Appeal
32. Hill v. StubHub, Inc.	Guilford	11/15/07	07 CVS 11310  Mandatory	Active 1142
33. Holden v. Morlando	Guilford	9/29/09	09 CVS 12414  Mandatory	Active 458
34. Inland American Winston Hotels, Inc. v. Winston	Wake	12/22/08	08 CVS 021786  Mandatory	Active 739
35. Isenhour v. Biltmore Fin. Grp., LLC	Catawba	12/22/08	08 CVS 4341  Mandatory	Stayed
36. J2 & Associates, L.L.C v. Rutter	Guilford	6/15/10	10 CVS 7140  Mandatory	Inactive
37. KLATMW, Inc. v. Electric Systems Protection, Inc.	Wake	10/15/09	09 CVS 16393  Mandatory	Active 442
38. Kovary v. Talecris	Wake	8/19/10	10 CVS 11638  Mandatory	Inactive
39. Land v. Land	Guilford	1/25/06	06 CVS 11688 2.1 & 2.2	Active 1801
40. Leiber v. Arboretum Joint Venture	Mecklenburg	7/17/06	05 CVS 18751 2.1	On Appeal
41. Little v. Biltmore Fin. Grp., LLC	Burke	12/18/08	08 CVS 2045  Mandatory	Stayed
42. Loftin v. KPMG LLP	Wake	7/25/06	03 CVS 16882 2.1	Stayed
43. Lorillard Tobacco Co. v. RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co.	Guilford	11/08/10	10 CVS 11471  Mandatory	Active 53

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44. Matthews v. Barker	Guilford	6/15/10	10 CVS 7249 Mandatory	Active 199
45. McKinnon v. CV Industries	Guilford(HP)	9/08/09	09 CVS 1556 Mandatory	Active 479
46. Megawash LLC v. TDK Ventures	Guilford	12/13/10	10 CVS 11413 Mandatory	Active 18
47. NNN Durham Office Portfolio 1, LLC LLC v. Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership	Durham	5/3/10	10 CVS 2597 Mandatory	Active 242
48. NNN Durham Office Portfolio 1, LLC LLC v. Grubb & Ellis Co.	Durham	8/25/10	10 CVS 4392 Mandatory	Active 128
49. O'Donnell v. SYMB, LLC	Moore	7/09/08	08 CVS 01100 Mandatory	Active 905
50. Oak-Bark Corp. v. French	New Hanover	8/18/09	09 CVS 3164  Mandatory	Active 500
<ol> <li>Out of the Box Developers, LLC v. Logicbit Corp.</li> </ol>	Wake	5/18/10	10 CVS 8327  Mandatory	Active 227
52. Palles v. Hatteras Inv. Partners LLC	Wake	9/17/08	08 CVS 14393 Mandatory	Active 835
<ol> <li>Peak Coastal Ventures v. SunTrust Bank</li> </ol>	Forsyth	10/13/10	10 CVS 6676  Mandatory	Active 79
<ol> <li>Pittsburgh Corning Corp. v. McCormick Insulation Supply</li> </ol>	Guilford	4/14/10	10 CVS 5466  Mandatory	Active 261
55. Press Comm'ns., LLC v. Wachovia Bank, N.A.	Mecklenburg	11/20/09	09CVS21335 2.1	Active 406
56. RBC Bank v. Duea	Wake	8/01/10	10 CVS 8999 Mandatory	Active 152
57. RS & M Appraisal Svcs., Inc. v. Alamance County	Alamance	1/27/10	09 CVS 1961  Mandatory	Active 338
58. Regions Bank v. Royal Am Co., LLC	Mecklenburg	10/23/06	06 CVS 13184  Mandatory	Stayed
<ol> <li>Revolutionary Concepts , Inc. v. Clements Walker, PLLC</li> </ol>	Mecklenburg	3/03/08	08 CVS 4333 Mandatory	On Appeal
60. Rubin v. Charpie	Durham	7/22/10	10CVS4507 Mandatory	Inactive
61. SCR-Tech LLC v. Evonik Energy Svcs. , LLC	Mecklenburg	10/10/08	08 CVS 16632 2.1 & 2.2	Active 812
62. Sea Ranch II, Inc. v. Sea Ranch II Homeowners Ass'n Inc.	Dare	6/12/06	06 CVS 280 Mandatory	Inactive
63. Sea Ranch II, Inc. v. Gusler	Dare	9/04/09	09 CVS 721 Mandatory	Active 483
64. Siemens Fin. Svcs, Inc. v. V.H. Ind., Inc.	Gaston	7/09/07	07 CVS 1757  Mandatory	Active 1271
65. Southern Pines Fitness, LLC v. Irvin	New Hanover	11/12/08	08 CVS 4525  Mandatory	Inactive Settling
<ol><li>Springs Leasing Corp. v. Royal Cordage Corp.</li></ol>	Mecklenburg	2/06/07	06 CVS 22029 Mandatory	Active 1304

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67. State v. Philip Morris Inc.	Wake	11/05/03	99 CVS 14377 2.1	Inactive COA07-1572 12/2008
68. Superior Performers, Inc. v. Shenandoah Life Ins. Co.	Alamance	8/05/08	08 CVS 1190 Mandatory	Active 878
69. Superior Performers, Inc. v. Simpson	Alamance	1/23/09	09 CVS 3764 Mandatory	Active 707
70. Teague v. Bayer AG	Buncombe	3/15/05	05 CVS 90 2.1 & 2.2	Inactive
71. Technocom Business Systems, Inc. v. NCDR	Wake	3/22/10	10 CVS 4398 Mandatory	Active 284
72. Tedder v. Tedder	Dare	5/12/09	08 CVS 259 Mandatory	Active 598
73. Thompson v. Manuel	Rowan	8/04/09	09 CVS 2074 Mandatory	Active 514
74. Thousand v. Fail-Safe	Guilford	10/27/08	08 CVS 11053 Mandatory	Active 794
75. Triad Grp., Inc. v. Wachovia	Yadkin	5/21/09	09 CVS 355 Mandatory	Active 589
76. Trident Mgt., Inc. v. SimpliCTI Software Solutions	Moore	11/4/10	10 CVS 1814 Mandatory	Active 57
77. UPS Capital Bus. Credit v. Royal Am. Co. LLC	Gaston	10/ 23/06	06 CVS 3512 Mandatory	Active 1530
78. Vernon v. Cuomo	Wake	6/12/06	06 CVS 8416 Mandatory	Active 1663
<ol> <li>Walters &amp; Zimmerman, PLLC v. Zimmerman</li> </ol>	Wake	3/13/08	08 CVS 4182 Mandatory	Active 1023
80. Ward v. Lance	Mecklenburg	9/01/10	10 CVS 16553 Mandatory	Active 121
81. Webb v. Royal Am. Co., LLC	Gaston	10/06/06	06 CVS 4626 Mandatory	Active 1547
82. Wells Fargo Bank, NA v. Royal America Co., LLC	Wake	1/30/08	07 CVS 24448 Mandatory	Active 1066
83. Wilkie v. Stanley	Guilford	10/27/10	10 CVS 6257 Mandatory	Active 65
84. Williams v. Crimson Wolf Productions, Ltd.	Forsyth	8/10/10	10 CVS 5977  Mandatory	Active 143
85. Williams Overman Pierce, LLP v. Duncan	Wake	6/22/10	10 CVS 8100 Mandatory	Active 192
86. York v. York	Guilford	7/05/06	06 CVS 7867 Mandatory	Inactive Settling
87. York v. York	Guilford	7/05/06	06 CVS 7868  Mandatory	Inactive Settling
88. Zairy v. VKO, Inc.	Guilford	7/09/09	09 CVS 8023 Mandatory	On Appeal

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1.	Allen Smith Inv. Prop. V. Barbarry Prop.	Mecklenburg	12/28/09	09 CVS 28709 Mandatory	Active 368
2.	Allran v. BB&T	Gaston	12/20/10	10 CVS 4582 Mandatory	Active 11
3.	American Mechanical, Inc. v. Bostic	Randolph	11/30/09	09 CVS 3197 Mandatory	Active 396
4.	Anderson v. Certified Estate Planners, Inc.	Gaston	11/16/07	06 CVS 5363 2.1 & 2.2	Active Stay lifted 12/16/10 15
5.	Auten v. Certified Estate Planners, Inc.	Gaston	11/16/07	06 CVS 5364 2.1 & 2.2	Active Stay lifted 12/16/10 15
6.	BB&T BOLI Plan Trust v. Mass. Mutual Life Ins. Co.	Forsyth	6/22/09	09 CVS 4007 Mandatory	Active 557
7.	BOGNC, LLC v. Pruitt	Mecklenburg	11/01/10	10 CVS 19072 Mandatory	Active 60
8.	Beacon Dev. Co. v. Beacon Inv. Properties	Mecklenburg	9/07/10	10 CVS 18397 Mandatory	Active 115
9.	Bella Sera Villas Ass'n v. Bellasera Ventures, LLC	Mecklenburg	4/27/10	10 CVS 26684 Mandatory	Active 248
10.	Blitz v. Agean, Inc.	Durham	1/20/06	05 CVS 441 2.1	Inactive
11.	Blount Three Properties, LLC v. York Properties of Raleigh	New Hanover	10/07/10	10 CVS 3731 Mandatory	Active 85
12.	Broad v. Certified Estate Planners, Inc.	Henderson	1/25/08	06 CVS 1941 2.1 & 2.2	Active Stay lifted 12/16/10 15
13.	Building Union Inv. and Local Dev. Fund of Am. Trust. v. Bromont Invs.	Mecklenburg	10/8/09	09 CVS 21528 Mandatory	Active 449
14.	Buncombe Co. v. Hotels.com, LP	Buncombe	2/05/07	07 CVS 00585  Mandatory  Cons Wake 06 CVS 16256	Active 1425
15.	Cabrera v. Ridges at Morgan Creek	McDowell	7/29/09	09 CVS 544 Mandatory	Active 520
16.	Carolinas AGC, Inc. v. Goodrich Hendry LLC	Mecklenburg	10/14/10	10 CVS 21114 Mandatory	Active 78

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17. Carpenter v. Lancaster	Mecklenburg	1/13/09	08 CVS 22823 2.1, 2.2 Cons Meck 08 CVS 22640	Active 717
<ol> <li>Confecciones Intl. v. Liberty de Honduras</li> </ol>	Guilford	1/2/09	08 CVS 10084 2.1	Active 728
19. Cunniff v. Lewis	Mecklenburg	4/20/09	09 CVS 3978 Mandatory	Stayed
20. Danius v. India Abroad Publications, Inc.	Mecklenburg	10/21/09	09 CVS 17908 Mandatory	Active 437
21. Dare Co. v. Hotels.com, LP	Dare	2/27/07	07 CVS 56  Mandatory  Cons Wake 06 CVS 16256	Active 1403
22. DeGorter v. Capital Bancorp Ltd.	Mecklenburg	12/08/10	10 CVS 20825 Mandatory	Active 23
23. Dugdale v. Polymer Grp., Inc.	Mecklenburg	10/18/10	10 CVS 20527 Mandatory	Active 74
24. Ehrenhaus v. Baker	Mecklenburg	10/17/08	08 CVS 22632 Mandatory	On Appeal
25. Ervin v. Copeland	Burke	8/30/10	10 CVS 1168 Mandatory	Active 123
26. Estwanik v. Gudeman	Mecklenburg	5/29/08	08 CVS 11485 Mandatory	Active 946
27. Fisher v. Comm'n Workers of America	Gaston	6/12/08	08 CVS 3154 Mandatory	On Appeal
28. Five Brothers Properties, Ltd. v. Zero, LLC	Mecklenburg	12/22/10	10 CVS 25433 Mandatory	Active 9
29. Hilb Rogal & Hobbs Co. v. Sellars	Mecklenburg	10/01/07	07 CVS 19339 Mandatory	On Appeal
30. Jacobson v. Walsh	Mecklenburg	5/27/10	10 CVS 9619 Mandatory	Active 218
31. Jones v. Sutherland	Mecklenburg	8/25/10	10 CVS 12948 Mandatory	Active 128
32. Kopf v. Smartflow Technologies, Inc.	Wake	5/06/10	10 CVS 5644 Mandatory	Active 239
33. Kopf v. Smartflow Technologies, Inc.	Wake	5/06/10	10 CVS 5596 Mandatory	Active 239
34. Lending Tree v. Beddingfield	Mecklenburg	4/22/08	08 CVS 9108 Mandatory	Active 983
35. Lwin Family Co. v. Cyros, LLC	Mecklenburg	9/10/10	10 CVS 18803 Mandatory	Active 112
36. Mark v. Wachovia Bank	McDowell	2/23/10	10 CVS 1062 Mandatory	Active 311

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37. McKee v. James	Robeson	10/26/09	09 CVS 3031 Mandatory	Active 431
38. Mecklenburg County v. Hotels.com, LP	Mecklenburg	1/22/08	08 CVS 741  Mandatory  Cons Wake 06 CVS 16256	Active 1074
39. Northfield Invs., Inc. v. Regions Bank	Mecklenburg	10/01/07	07 CVS 12568 Mandatory	Stayed
40. Novant Health, Inc. v. Aetna Health Inc.	Mecklenburg	6/29/10	10 CVS 11620 Mandatory	Inactive
41. Parker v. Certified Estate Planners	Mecklenburg	11/05/07	06 CVS 22773 2.1 & 2.2	Active Stay lifted 12/16/10 15
42. Ray v. Deloitte & Touche	Mecklenburg	7/5/06	06 CVS 10418 Mandatory	Active Receivership) 1640
43. Regional Property v. Carpenter	Mecklenburg	12/1/08	08 CVS 22640  Mandatory  Cons with Regions cases	Active 760
44. Regions Bank v. Regional Prop. Dev. Corp.	Mecklenburg	7/13/ 07	07 CVS 12469  Mandatory  Cons Meck 08 CVS 22640	Active 1267
45. Shoals Saloon and Grill, LLC v. Docksons Ltd, LLC	Iredell	12/13/10	10 CVS 3641 Mandatory	Active 18
46. Speedway Motorsports Int'l v. Bronwen Energy Trading Ltd.	Mecklenburg	6/9/08	08 CVS 9450 Mandatory	On Appeal
47. Strategic Materials, Inc. v. Precision Recycling Indus.	Mecklenburg	12/22/10	10 CVS 24006 Mandatory	Active 9
48. TAI Sports, Inc. v. Hall	Gaston	5/7/09	09 CVS 2201 Mandatory	Active 603
49. Tate Larkhaven, LLC v. McAlpine Grp., Inc.	Mecklenburg	5/03/10	10 CVS 9676 Mandatory	Active 242
50. Technik v. Winwholesale, Inc.	Mecklenburg	9/21/10	10 CVS 15709 Mandatory	Active 101
51. Thomas v. McMahon	Mecklenburg	9/07/10	08 CVS 24887 Mandatory	Active 115
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54. Wachovia Bank, N.A. v. Harbinger Cap. Partners Master Fund I, Ltd.	Mecklenburg	5/09/07	07 CVS 5097 2.1	Inactive
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57. West v. Certified Estate Planners, Inc.	Gaston	11/16/07	06 CVS 5362 2.1 & 2.2	Active Stay lifted 12/16/10 15
58. Wireless Communications, Inc. v. Epicor Software Corp.	Mecklenburg	10/04/10	10 CVS 18891 Mandatory	Inactive
59. Yates v. Medical Specialties, Inc.	Mecklenburg	12/06/10	10 CVS 24536 Mandatory	Active 25
60. Yates Constr. Co. v. Bostic	Rockingham	11/30/09	09 CVS 2480 Mandatory	Active 396
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3.	American Drywall v. Intracoastal Living	Brunswick	04/29/08	07 CVS 2805 2.1	Inactive
4.	Anderson v. Daniel	New Hanover	8/27/10	10 CVS 4051 Mandatory	Inactive Removed to US Bankruptcy Court
5.	Anderson v. Coastal Communities at Ocean Ridge Plantation	Brunswick	2/26/10	09 CVS 1042 Mandatory	Active 308
6.	Anderson Roofing v. Intracoastal Living	Brunswick	08/21/08	08 CVS 1395 Mandatory	Active 862
7.	Arcadius Dev. LLC v. Patton	Mecklenburg	12/04/06	06 CVS 13738 2.1 & 2.2	Active 1488
8.	Arky v. Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company	Durham	12/14/09	09 CVS 5283 Mandatory	Inactive Awaiting settlement
9.	Arnesen v. Rivers Edge Golf Club & Plantation	Brunswick	4/07/10	10 CVS 781 Mandatory	Active 268
10.	Associated Behavioral Services, Inc. v. Smith	Robeson	2/15/10	09 CVS 3854 Mandatory	Active 319
11.	Barker-Guidry Architects v. Intracoastal Living	Brunswick	04/29/08	08 CVS 437 2.1	Active 976
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	Beattie v. BB&T	New Hanover	9/21/10	10 CVS 3891 Mandatory	Active 101
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	Bolton v. Jacobson	Wake	9/07/10	10 CVS 12062 Mandatory	Active 115
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20.	Browne v. Thompson	Forsyth	10/15/09	09 CVS 8588	Active
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21.	Builder Svcs. Grp., Inc. v.	Brunswick	2/15/08	07 CVS 2152	Active
	Intracoastal Living			2.1	1050
22.	Builders Firstsource Southeast	Brunswick	2/15/08	07 CVS 2427	Active
	Grp. v. Super. Constr. Corp.			2.1	1050
23.	Byelick v. Carpp	Wake	9/07/10	10 CVS 13981	Active
				Mandatory	115
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	Living			2.1 & 2.2	1037
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	Fear Trading Grp.			Mandatory	1289
26.	Capps v. Blondeau	Wake	11/07/07	07 CVS 16486	Active
				Mandatory	1150
27.	Cernugel v. Chiuli	New Hanover	6/18/10	10 CVS 2860	Inactive
				Mandatory	Awaiting
					settlement
28.	Cheatham v. Ribonomics, Inc	Durham	2/09/10	09 CVS 7838	Active
				Mandatory	325
29.	Cherry v. Fawole	Wake	05/28/08	08 CVS 9143	Active
				Mandatory	947
30.	Chirico v. Hyson	Chatham	5/21/07	07 CVS 289	Active
				Mandatory	1320
31.	Clark v. Alan Vester Auto Grp.,	Vance	5/09/06	06 CVS 141	Inactive
	Inc.			2.1	
32.	Coast Mechanical Contractors, Inc. v. Intracoastal Living, LLC	Brunswick	2/15/08	07 CVS 2401	Active
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33.	Coastal Sash & Door v. Super. Constr. Corp.	Brunswick	2/15/08	07 CVS 1464	Active
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34	Connett v. Jackson Nat'l Life Ins.	New Hanover	1/25/10	09 CVS 6088	Active
04.	Co.	New Hallovel	1/23/10	Mandatory	340
35	Contractor Yard v. Intracoastal	New Hanover	05/14/08	07 CVS 5435	Active
00.	Living	New Hallovel	03/14/08	2.1 & 2.2	961
36.	Custom Colors v. Intracoastal	Brunswick	08/27/08	07 CVS 2561	Active
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37.	Deyton v. Estate of Kenneth C.	New Hanover	7/06/10	10CVS2582	Active
	Waters, Jr.		1700710	Mandatory.	178
38.	Diverse Networks v. Time Warner	Wake	09/03/08	08 CVS 15395	Active
	Entertainment			Mandatory	849
39.	EHP Land v. Bosher	Perquimans	4/10/07	07 CVS 59	Active
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40.	Edgewater Svcs., Inc. v. Epic	Wake	4/17/06	05 CVS 1971	Active
	Logistics, Inc.			2.1 & 2.2	1354
41.	Elite Financial Grp. v. Hardison	Pitt	7/22/10	10CVS1747	Active
				Mandatory	162

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10.	Elliod V. Bank of Garmack	Daie	0/19/10	Mandatory	134
11	Emergys v. Consort, Inc.	Wake	9/10/10	10 CVS 13792	Active
77.	Emergys v. Consort, mc.	vvake	9/10/10	Mandatory	112
15	Fayetteville-Cumberland Co.	Cumberland	11/04/10	10 CVS 9290	Active
45.	Chamber of Commerce v. Baker	Cumpenand	11/04/10		57
16	Fidelity Bank v. NCDR	Wake	3/02/10	Mandatory 10 CVS 3405	Active
40.	I Idelity Bank V. NOBIX	vvake	3/02/10		304
17	Fritscher v. Peak Nutrition, Inc.	Wake	7/00/40	Mandatory	
47.	Filischer V. Feak Nutilition, Inc.	vvake	7/02/10	10 CVS 10443	On Appeal
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40.	Colonial Bank	Wake	10/22/10	10 CVS 15759	Active
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49.	Gardner v. First Citizens Bank & Trust Co.	New Hanover	11/29/10	10 CVS 5098	Active
				Mandatory	32
50.	GoRhinoGo, LLC v. Lewis	Wake	7/15/10	10 CVS 11767	Active
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51.	Greason v. Frontier Spinning Mills,	Wake	5/21/10	10 CVS 8307	Active
	Inc.			Mandatory	224
52.	Hamm v. BCBS of NC	Durham	7/6/06	05 CVS 5606	Active
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54.	Harris v. Wachovia	Mecklenburg	10/15/09	09 CVS 25270	Active
				Mandatory	442
55.	Health Mgmt Assocs, Inc. v. Yerby	Franklin	7/24/07	06 CVS 839	On Appeal
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57	Inspiration of Wilmington, LLC v.	New Hanover	5/03/10	10 CVS 1347	Active
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58	Intracoastal Living LLC v. Hyson	Brunswick	8/21/08	07 CVS 2836	Active
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59	LS Mtron, Ltd. v. Escorts, Ltd.	Edgecombe	1/19/10	10 CVS 1539	Active
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61	LeCann v. Cobham	Maka	7/12/10	10 CVS 11169	Active
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64.	Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC v. Moore	Wake	12/08/10	10 CVS 19838	Active
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66.	Mid-Carolina Cabinets v. Superior	Mecklenburg	03/12/08	07 CVS 21933	Active
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67.	Miller & Long Co., v. Intracoastal	Brunswick	2/15/08	07 CVS 1760	Active
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69.	NRC Golf Course, L.L.C. v. JMR Golf L.L.C.	Carteret	12/23/09	09 CVS 1835 Mandatory	Active 373
70.	Nestor v. Webb	Scotland	10/04/10	10 CVS 905 Mandatory	Inactive Removed to Fed. Court
71.	Patton v. Arcadius Invs., LLC	New Hanover	10/13/06	06 CVS 3785 Mandatory	Active 1540
72.	Pendergraph v. NC Dept of Rev.	Wake	09/29/09	09 CVS 19607 Mandatory	Active 458
73.	RJM Plumbing v. Superior Construction	Brunswick	04/29/08	08 CVS 189 2.1	Active 976
74.	Richardson v. Frontier Spinning Mills, Inc.	Wake	3/25/10	10 CVS 4660 Mandatory	Active 281
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76.	Ruth Cook Blue Living Trust v. Blue	Watauga	5/31/07	07 CVS 222 Mandatory	Active 1310
77.	S&W Ready Mix Concrete Co. v. Intracoastal Living	Brunswick	2/15/08	07 CVS 2157 2.1	Active 1050
78.	Schindler Elevator v. Superior Construction	Brunswick	04/29/08	08 CVS 414 2.1	Active 976
79.	Shamoon v. Turkow	Wake	11/19/08	08 CVS 18850 Mandatory	Active 770
80.	Shareff v. Lakebound Fixed Return Fund, LLC	Wake	06/08/09	09 CVS 9983 Mandatory	Active 571
81.	Sherwin-Williams Company v. Intracoastal Living, LLC	Brunswick	02/15/08	07 CVS 2124 2.1	Active 1050
82.	Smith v. Lewis	Wake	4/09/07	05 CVS 17912 2.1 & 2.2	Active 1362
83.	Smith v. Educated Design & Development, Inc.	Wake	11/02/10	10 CVS 16359 Mandatory	Active 51
84.	Sonic Automotive v. Mercedes- Benz USA	Mecklenburg	04/18/08	08 CVS 4259 Mandatory	Active 987
85.	Southern Mechanical, Inc. v. Intracoastal Living, LLC	Brunswick	2/15/08	07 CVS 2099 2.1	Active 1050
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89. Sutton v. Schnitzler	New Hanover	3/23/10	09 CVS 6172 Mandatory	Active 283
90. Sutton v. Sutton	Onslow	3/23/10	10 CVS 3961 Mandatory	Active 283
91. Thomas v. Moonracer, Inc.	Wake	10/28/10	10 CVS 1716 Mandatory	Active 64
92. Thompson v. Hendrickson	Wake	01/05/09	08 CVS 12734 Mandatory	Inactive
93. Truss Link, Inc. v. Intracoastal Living, LLC	Brunswick	2/15/08	07 CVS 2569 2.1	Active 1050
94. Turner Electrical of South Carolina v. Intracoastal	Brunswick	04/29/08	07 CVS 2825 2.1	Active 976
95. Tyson v. Tyson	Durham	11/10/09	09 CVS 6826 Mandatory	Active 416
96. Village Landing v. Withers & Ravenel	New Hanover	08/05/08	07 CVS 5554 2.1	Active 878
97. Wachovia Bank, N.A. v. Superior Construction Corp.	Mecklenburg	3/12/08	07 CVS 21256 2.1, 2.2	Active 1024
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