# REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS COURT

## Calendar Year 2010

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#### 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 there were 117 new cases 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 inactive but kept open awaiting settlement or to enforce court-ordered administrations of settlement. Of the 247 pending cases, 196 are

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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 | DIS               | STRIBUTION |         |  |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|---------|--|
|                  |                 | <u>Greensboro</u> | Charlotte  | Raleigh |  |
| 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                 | <u> </u>   | 1       |  |
| Cumberland       | 2               |                   |            | 2       |  |
| Dare             | 6               | 3                 | 1          | 2       |  |
| Davidson         | 1               | 1                 |            |         |  |
| Durham           | 11              | 4                 | 2          | 5       |  |
| Edgecombe        | 1               |                   |            | 1       |  |
| 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                 |            |         |  |
| McDowell         | 1               |                   | 1          |         |  |
| Mecklenburg      | 49              | 8                 | 36         | 5       |  |
| Moore            | 2               | 2                 |            |         |  |
| Nash             | 1               | 1                 |            |         |  |
| 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               |                   | 1          |         |  |
| 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, 5 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 596 days.

Twenty-four cases were closed in calendar year 2010.

FY 2009-10 expenditures for the Business Court-Greensboro were \$346,784.89.

The 88 pending cases are listed below.

| <u>Nan</u> | ne of Case   | County of<br>Origin | Date<br><u>Assigned</u> | Case Number              | Status<br>(age in days) |
|------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.         | Alexander Hosp.Investors v. Frye Reg'l Med. Center   | Alexander           | 11/17/09                | 09 CVS 757<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>409           |
| 2.         | Allen v. Land Resources<br>Grp. Of NC                | Rutherford          | 10/15/08                | 08 CVS 1283<br>Mandatory | Active<br>807           |
| 3.         | Am Cmty Bank v Royal Am Co.                          | Union               | 10/10/06                | 06 CVS 1609<br>Mandatory | Stayed                  |
| 4.         | Armacell LLC v. Bostic                               | Alamance            | 5/28/08                 | 08 CVS 224<br>Mandatory  | On Appeal               |
| 5.         | Arnold v. A3 IT Solutions                            | Guilford            | 9/10/10                 | 10 CVS 9277<br>Mandatory | Active<br>112           |
| 6.         | Associated Packaging, Inc. v. Jackson Paper Mfg. Co. | Jackson             | 11/02/10                | 10 CVS 745<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>59            |
| 7.         | Azalea Garden Board v.<br>Vanhoy                     | Davidson            | 5/31/07                 | 06 CVS 0948<br>2.1       | Stayed                  |
| 8.         | Bollinger v. Biltmore Fin.                           | Catawba             | 12/15/08                | 08 CVS 4340              | Stayed                  |

| G     | Grp., Inc.  |             |          | Mandatory                  |                                      |
|-------|---|-------------|----------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|       | CDKP Dev., Inc. v. Burton Farm Dev. Co., LLC                          | Nash        | 3/30/09  | 09 CVS 669<br>Mandatory    | Inactive<br>Settling                 |
|       | CIT Grp/Comm. Svcs, Inc.<br>. Royal Am. Corp.                         | Guilford    | 4/11/07  | 06 CVS 8891<br>2.1 & 2.2.  | Stayed                               |
|       | CIT Grp/Comm. Svcs, Inc.<br>. Royal Cordage Corp.                     | Guilford    | 11/29/06 | 06 CVS 10660<br>Mandatory  | Stayed                               |
|       | Cartridge, Ltd. v. JRi Dev.<br>Grp., LLC                              | Alamance    | 5/21/09  | 09 CVS 1513<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>473                        |
| Н     | Charlotte-Mecklenburg<br>Hospital Authority v.<br>Vachovia Bank, N.A. | Mecklenburg | 12/23/08 | 08 CVS 27739<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>738                        |
|       | CitiCapital Tech. Fin., Inc. v.<br>Royal Am. Co., LLC                 | Gaston      | 1/04/07  | 06 CVS 5547<br>Mandatory   | Inactive                             |
|       | Community Mgt Corp. v.<br>Vestminster Co.                             | Forsyth     | 2/15/10  | 10 CVS 735<br>Mandatory    | Active<br>329                        |
|       | Comor Corp. v. Comor<br>Comm'ns, LLC                                  | Guilford    | 9/14/09  | 09 CVS 11449<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>473                        |
| Ir    | Crockett Capital Corp. v.<br>nland American Winston<br>lotels, Inc.   | Wake        | 1/17/08  | 08 CVS 00691<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>1079                       |
|       | Delhaize America, Inc. v.<br>Secretary of Revenue                     | Wake        | 1/08/08  | 07 CVS 020801<br>Mandatory | Active<br>1088                       |
| Α     | Deutsche Bank Trust Co.<br>Americas v. Tradewinds<br>Airlines, Inc.   | Guilford    | 1/15/04  | 03 CVS 12215<br>2.1 & 2.2  | Active<br>Reopened<br>8/27/08<br>856 |
| 20. D | Dunn v. Dart  | Craven      | 5/24/10  | 10 CVS 2600<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>221                        |
|       | Esquire Trade & Finance,<br>nc. v. Diversified Sr. Svcs.              | Forsyth     | 8/13/08  | 08 CVS 6227<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>778                        |
|       | ail-Safe Group, Inc. v.<br>housand                                    | Guilford    | 10/28/08 | 08 CVS 11725<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>794                        |
| 23. F | aruque v. Bishopric   | Catawba     | 7/9/08   | 08-CVS-2242<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>905                        |
| 24. F | irst Bank v. Royal Am. Co.  | Gaston      | 1/4/07   | 06 CVS5531                 | Inactive                             |

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| 25. Franklin Co. Bd. Of Edu. v.<br>NC Dept. of Revenue   | Wake        | 10/15/09 | 09 CVS 20861<br>Mandatory  | Inactive       |
|--|-------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------|
| 26. Gen. Elec. Capital Corp. v.<br>Royal Am. Co., LLC    | Gaston      | 1/19/07  | 06 CVS 2385<br>Mandatory   | Inactive       |
| 27. Germuth v. Compass<br>Consulting Grp.                | Durham      | 7/12/10  | 10CVS3104<br>Mandatory     | Active<br>172  |
| 28. Harco Nat'l Ins. Co. v. Grant<br>Thornton LLP        | Wake        | 3/14/06  | 05 CVS 2500<br>2.1 & 2.2   | Stayed         |
| 29. Henderson v. Manuel                                  | Guilford    | 5/19/09  | 09 CVS 7254<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>591  |
| 30. Hest Technologies, Inc. v.<br>Prepaid Marketing, LLC | Guilford    | 4/14/10  | 10 CVS 2010<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>261  |
| 31. High Point Bank and Trust<br>Co. v. Sapona Mfg. Co.  | Randolph    | 4/28/08  | 08 CVS 1065<br>Mandatory   | On Appeal      |
| 32. Hill v. StubHub, Inc.                                | Guilford    | 11/15/07 | 07 CVS 11310<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>1142 |
| 33. Holden v. Morlando                                   | Guilford    | 9/29/09  | 09 CVS 12414<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>458  |
| 34. Inland American Winston<br>Hotels, Inc. v. Winston   | Wake        | 12/22/08 | 08 CVS 021786<br>Mandatory | Active<br>739  |
| 35. Isenhour v. Biltmore Fin.<br>Grp., LLC               | Catawba     | 12/22/08 | 08 CVS 4341<br>Mandatory   | Stayed         |
| 36.J2 & Associates, L.L.C v.<br>Rutter                   | Guilford    | 6/15/10  | 10 CVS 7140<br>Mandatory   | Inactive       |
| 37. KLATMW, Inc. v. Electric Systems Protection, Inc.    | Wake        | 10/15/09 | 09 CVS 16393<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>442  |
| 38. Kovary v. Talecris                                   | Wake        | 8/19/10  | 10 CVS 11638<br>Mandatory  | Inactive       |
| 39. Land v. Land   | Guilford    | 1/25/06  | 06 CVS 11688<br>2.1 & 2.2  | Active<br>1801 |
| 40. Leiber v. Arboretum Joint Venture                    | Mecklenburg | 7/17/06  | 05 CVS 18751<br>2.1        | On Appeal      |
| 41. Little v. Biltmore Fin. Grp., LLC                    | Burke       | 12/18/08 | 08 CVS 2045<br>Mandatory   | Stayed         |

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| 42. Loftin v. KPMG LLP   | Wake         | 7/25/06  | 03 CVS 16882<br>2.1       | Stayed        |
|--|--------------|----------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 43. Lorillard Tobacco Co. v. RJ<br>Reynolds Tobacco Co.                            | Guilford     | 11/08/10 | 10 CVS 11471<br>Mandatory | Active<br>53  |
| 44. Matthews v. Barker   | Guilford     | 6/15/10  | 10 CVS 7249<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>199 |
| 45. McKinnon v. CV Industries  | Guilford(HP) | 9/08/09  | 09 CVS 1556<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>479 |
| 46. Megawash LLC v. TDK<br>Ventures  | Guilford     | 12/13/10 | 10 CVS 11413<br>Mandatory | Active<br>18  |
| 47. NNN Durham Office Portfolio 1, LLC LLC v. Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership | Durham       | 5/3/10   | 10 CVS 2597<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>242 |
| 48. NNN Durham Office Portfolio 1, LLC LLC v. Grubb & Ellis Co.                    | Durham       | 8/25/10  | 10 CVS 4392<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>128 |
| 49. O'Donnell v. SYMB, LLC   | Moore        | 7/09/08  | 08 CVS 01100<br>Mandatory | Active<br>905 |
| 50. Oak-Bark Corp. v. French   | New Hanover  | 8/18/09  | 09 CVS 3164<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>500 |
| <ol> <li>Out of the Box Developers,<br/>LLC v. Logicbit Corp.</li> </ol>           | Wake         | 5/18/10  | 10 CVS 8327<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>227 |
| 52. Palles v. Hatteras Inv.<br>Partners LLC  | Wake         | 9/17/08  | 08 CVS 14393<br>Mandatory | Active<br>835 |
| 53. Peak Coastal Ventures v.<br>SunTrust Bank                                      | Forsyth      | 10/13/10 | 10 CVS 6676<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>79  |
| 54. Pittsburgh Corning Corp. v.<br>McCormick Insulation<br>Supply                  | Guilford     | 4/14/10  | 10 CVS 5466<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>261 |
| 55. Press Comm'ns., LLC v.<br>Wachovia Bank, N.A.                                  | Mecklenburg  | 11/20/09 | 09CVS21335<br>2.1         | Active<br>406 |
| 56. RBC Bank v. Duea   | Wake         | 8/01/10  | 10 CVS 8999<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>152 |
| 57. RS & M Appraisal Svcs.,  | Alamance     | 1/27/10  | 09 CVS 1961               | Active        |

| Inc. v. Alamance County  |             |          | Mandatory                 | 338                               |
|--|-------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 58. Regions Bank v. Royal Am<br>Co., LLC                           | Mecklenburg | 10/23/06 | 06 CVS 13184<br>Mandatory | Stayed                            |
| 59. Revolutionary Concepts ,<br>Inc. v. Clements Walker,<br>PLLC   | Mecklenburg | 3/03/08  | 08 CVS 4333<br>Mandatory  | On Appeal                         |
| 60. Rubin v. Charpie   | Durham      | 7/22/10  | 10CVS4507<br>Mandatory    | Inactive                          |
| 61. SCR-Tech LLC v. Evonik<br>Energy Svcs. , LLC                   | Mecklenburg | 10/10/08 | 08 CVS 16632<br>2.1 & 2.2 | Active<br>812                     |
| 62. Sea Ranch II, Inc. v. Sea<br>Ranch II Homeowners Ass'n<br>Inc. | Dare        | 6/12/06  | 06 CVS 280<br>Mandatory   | Inactive                          |
| 63. Sea Ranch II, Inc. v. Gusler                                   | Dare        | 9/04/09  | 09 CVS 721<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>483                     |
| 64. Siemens Fin. Svcs, Inc. v. V.H. Ind., Inc.                     | Gaston      | 7/09/07  | 07 CVS 1757<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>1271                    |
| 65. Southern Pines Fitness,<br>LLC v. Irvin                        | New Hanover | 11/12/08 | 08 CVS 4525<br>Mandatory  | Inactive<br>Settling              |
| 66. Springs Leasing Corp. v.<br>Royal Cordage Corp.                | Mecklenburg | 2/06/07  | 06 CVS 22029<br>Mandatory | Active<br>1304                    |
| 67. State v. Philip Morris Inc.                                    | Wake        | 11/05/03 | 99 CVS 14377<br>2.1       | Inactive<br>COA07-1572<br>12/2008 |
| 68. Superior Performers, Inc. v.<br>Shenandoah Life Ins. Co.       | Alamance    | 8/05/08  | 08 CVS 1190<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>878                     |
| 69. Superior Performers, Inc. v. Simpson                           | Alamance    | 1/23/09  | 09 CVS 3764<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>707                     |
| 70. Teague v. Bayer AG   | Buncombe    | 3/15/05  | 05 CVS 90<br>2.1 & 2.2    | Inactive                          |
| 71. Technocom Business<br>Systems, Inc. v. NCDR                    | Wake        | 3/22/10  | 10 CVS 4398<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>284                     |
| 72. Tedder v. Tedder   | Dare        | 5/12/09  | 08 CVS 259<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>598                     |
| 73. Thompson v. Manuel   | Rowan       | 8/04/09  | 09 CVS 2074<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>514                     |

| 74. Thousand v. Fail-Safe                                    | Guilford    | 10/27/08  | 08 CVS 11053<br>Mandatory | Active<br>794        |
|--|-------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 75. Triad Grp., Inc. v. Wachovia                             | Yadkin      | 5/21/09   | 09 CVS 355<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>589        |
| 76. Trident Mgt., Inc. v.<br>SimpliCTI Software<br>Solutions | Moore       | 11/4/10   | 10 CVS 1814<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>57         |
| 77. UPS Capital Bus. Credit v.<br>Royal Am. Co. LLC          | Gaston      | 10/ 23/06 | 06 CVS 3512<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>1530       |
| 78. Vernon v. Cuomo  | Wake        | 6/12/06   | 06 CVS 8416<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>1663       |
| 79. Walters & Zimmerman,<br>PLLC v. Zimmerman                | Wake        | 3/13/08   | 08 CVS 4182<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>1023       |
| 80. Ward v. Lance  | Mecklenburg | 9/01/10   | 10 CVS 16553<br>Mandatory | Active<br>121        |
| 81. Webb v. Royal Am. Co.,<br>LLC                            | Gaston      | 10/06/06  | 06 CVS 4626<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>1547       |
| 82. Wells Fargo Bank, NA v.<br>Royal America Co., LLC        | Wake        | 1/30/08   | 07 CVS 24448<br>Mandatory | Active<br>1066       |
| 83. Wilkie v. Stanley  | Guilford    | 10/27/10  | 10 CVS 6257<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>65         |
| 84. Williams v. Crimson Wolf Productions, Ltd.               | Forsyth     | 8/10/10   | 10 CVS 5977<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>143        |
| 85. Williams Overman Pierce,<br>LLP v. Duncan                | Wake        | 6/22/10   | 10 CVS 8100<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>192        |
| 86. York v. York   | Guilford    | 7/05/06   | 06 CVS 7867<br>Mandatory  | Inactive<br>Settling |
| 87. York v. York   | Guilford    | 7/05/06   | 06 CVS 7868<br>Mandatory  | Inactive<br>Settling |
| 88. Zairy v. VKO, Inc.                                       | Guilford    | 7/09/09   | 09 CVS 8023<br>Mandatory  | On Appeal            |

# 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, 4 of which are on appeal and 6 stayed or inactive. The average age of the active cases is 401 days.

Thirty-eight cases were closed in calendar year 2010.

FY 2009-10 expenditures for the Business Court-Charlotte were \$296,193.75.

The 61 pending cases are listed below.

|    | Name of Case  | County of<br><u>Origin</u> | <u>Date</u><br><u>Assigned</u> | Case Number               | Status<br>(age in days)                 |
|----|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 1. | Allen Smith Inv. Prop. V.<br>Barbarry Prop.           | Mecklenburg                | 12/28/09                       | 09 CVS 28709<br>Mandatory | Active<br>368                           |
| 2. | Allran v. BB&T  | Gaston                     | 12/20/10                       | 10 CVS 4582<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>11                            |
| 3. | American Mechanical, Inc. v.<br>Bostic                | Randolph                   | 11/30/09                       | 09 CVS 3197<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>396                           |
| 4. | Anderson v. Certified Estate Planners, Inc.           | Gaston                     | 11/16/07                       | 06 CVS 5363<br>2.1 & 2.2  | Active<br>Stay lifted<br>12/16/10<br>15 |
| 5. | Auten v. Certified Estate<br>Planners, Inc.           | Gaston                     | 11/16/07                       | 06 CVS 5364<br>2.1 & 2.2  | Active<br>Stay lifted<br>12/16/10<br>15 |
| 6. | BB&T BOLI Plan Trust v.<br>Mass. Mutual Life Ins. Co. | Forsyth                    | 6/22/09                        | 09 CVS 4007<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>557                           |
| 7. | BOGNC, LLC v. Pruitt                                  | Mecklenburg                | 11/01/10                       | 10 CVS 19072<br>Mandatory | Active<br>60                            |
| 8. | Beacon Dev. Co. v. Beacon<br>Inv. Properties          | Mecklenburg                | 9/07/10                        | 10 CVS 18397<br>Mandatory | Active<br>115                           |
| 9. | Bella Sera Villas Ass'n v.<br>Bellasera Ventures, LLC | Mecklenburg                | 4/27/10                        | 10 CVS 26684<br>Mandatory | Active<br>248                           |
| 10 | . Blitz v. Agean, Inc.                                | Durham                     | 1/20/06                        | 05 CVS 441<br>2.1         | Inactive                                |

| <ol> <li>Blount Three Properties, LLC v. York Properties of Raleigh</li> </ol>                     | New Hanover | 10/07/10 | 10 CVS 3731<br>Mandatory                                      | Active<br>85                            |
|--|-------------|----------|---|---|
| 12. Broad v. Certified Estate<br>Planners, Inc.  | Henderson   | 1/25/08  | 06 CVS 1941<br>2.1 & 2.2                                      | Active<br>Stay lifted<br>12/16/10<br>15 |
| <ol> <li>Building Union Inv. and Local<br/>Dev. Fund of Am. Trust. v.<br/>Bromont Invs.</li> </ol> | Mecklenburg | 10/8/09  | 09 CVS 21528<br>Mandatory                                     | Active<br>449                           |
| 14. Buncombe Co. v. Hotels.com, LP   | Buncombe    | 2/05/07  | 07 CVS 00585<br><i>Mandatory</i><br>Cons Wake 06 CVS<br>16256 | Active<br>1425                          |
| 15. Cabrera v. Ridges at Morgan<br>Creek   | McDowell    | 7/29/09  | 09 CVS 544<br>Mandatory                                       | Active<br>520                           |
| 16. Carolinas AGC, Inc. v.<br>Goodrich Hendry LLC  | Mecklenburg | 10/14/10 | 10 CVS 21114<br>Mandatory                                     | Active<br>78                            |
| 17. Carpenter v. Lancaster   | Mecklenburg | 1/13/09  | 08 CVS 22823<br>2.1, 2.2<br>Cons Meck 08 CVS<br>22640         | Active<br>717                           |
| 18. Confecciones Intl. v. Liberty de Honduras  | Guilford    | 1/2/09   | 08 CVS 10084<br>2.1   | Active<br>728                           |
| 19. Cunniff v. Lewis   | Mecklenburg | 4/20/09  | 09 CVS 3978<br>Mandatory                                      | Stayed                                  |
| 20. Danius v. India Abroad Publications, Inc.  | Mecklenburg | 10/21/09 | 09 CVS 17908<br>Mandatory                                     | Active<br>437                           |
| 21. Dare Co. v. Hotels.com, LP   | Dare        | 2/27/07  | 07 CVS 56<br>Mandatory<br>Cons Wake 06 CVS 16256              | Active<br>1403                          |
| 22. DeGorter v. Capital Bancorp Ltd.   | Mecklenburg | 12/08/10 | 10 CVS 20825<br>Mandatory                                     | Active<br>23                            |
| 23. Dugdale v. Polymer Grp., Inc.  | Mecklenburg | 10/18/10 | 10 CVS 20527<br>Mandatory                                     | Active<br>74                            |
| 24. Ehrenhaus v. Baker   | Mecklenburg | 10/17/08 | 08 CVS 22632<br>Mandatory                                     | On Appeal                               |
| 25. Ervin v. Copeland  | Burke       | 8/30/10  | 10 CVS 1168<br>Mandatory                                      | Active<br>123                           |

| 26. Estwanik v. Gudeman                         | Mecklenburg | 5/29/08  | 08 CVS 11485<br>Mandatory                                | Active<br>946                           |
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| 27. Fisher v. Comm'n Workers of<br>America      | Gaston      | 6/12/08  | 08 CVS 3154<br>Mandatory                                 | On Appeal                               |
| 28. Five Brothers Properties, Ltd. v. Zero, LLC | Mecklenburg | 12/22/10 | 10 CVS 25433<br>Mandatory                                | Active<br>9                             |
| 29. Hilb Rogal & Hobbs Co. v.<br>Sellars        | Mecklenburg | 10/01/07 | 07 CVS 19339<br>Mandatory                                | On Appeal                               |
| 30. Jacobson v. Walsh                           | Mecklenburg | 5/27/10  | 10 CVS 9619<br>Mandatory                                 | Active<br>218                           |
| 31. Jones v. Sutherland                         | Mecklenburg | 8/25/10  | 10 CVS 12948<br>Mandatory                                | Active<br>128                           |
| 32. Kopf v. Smartflow Technologies, Inc.        | Wake        | 5/06/10  | 10 CVS 5644<br>Mandatory                                 | Active<br>239                           |
| 33. Kopf v. Smartflow Technologies, Inc.        | Wake        | 5/06/10  | 10 CVS 5596<br>Mandatory                                 | Active<br>239                           |
| 34. Lending Tree v. Beddingfield                | Mecklenburg | 4/22/08  | 08 CVS 9108<br>Mandatory                                 | Active<br>983                           |
| 35. Lwin Family Co. v. Cyros, LLC               | Mecklenburg | 9/10/10  | 10 CVS 18803<br>Mandatory                                | Active<br>112                           |
| 36. Mark v. Wachovia Bank                       | McDowell    | 2/23/10  | 10 CVS 1062<br>Mandatory                                 | Active<br>311                           |
| 37. McKee v. James                              | Robeson     | 10/26/09 | 09 CVS 3031<br>Mandatory                                 | Active<br>431                           |
| 38. Mecklenburg County v.<br>Hotels.com, LP     | Mecklenburg | 1/22/08  | 08 CVS 741<br><i>Mandatory</i><br>Cons Wake 06 CVS 16256 | Active<br>1074                          |
| 39. Northfield Invs., Inc. v.<br>Regions Bank   | Mecklenburg | 10/01/07 | 07 CVS 12568<br>Mandatory                                | Stayed                                  |
| 40. Novant Health, Inc. v. Aetna<br>Health Inc. | Mecklenburg | 6/29/10  | 10 CVS 11620<br>Mandatory                                | Inactive                                |
| 41. Parker v. Certified Estate Planners         | Mecklenburg | 11/05/07 | 06 CVS 22773<br>2.1 & 2.2                                | Active<br>Stay lifted<br>12/16/10<br>15 |
| 42. Ray v. Deloitte & Touche                    | Mecklenburg | 7/5/06   | 06 CVS 10418   | Active                                  |

|   |             |          | Mandatory  | Receivership)<br>1640 |
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| 43. Regional Property v.<br>Carpenter   | Mecklenburg | 12/1/08  | 08 CVS 22640  Mandatory  Cons with Regions cases       | Active<br>760         |
| 44. Regions Bank v. Regional<br>Prop. Dev. Corp.                              | Mecklenburg | 7/13/ 07 | 07 CVS 12469<br>Mandatory<br>Cons Meck 08 CVS<br>22640 | Active<br>1267        |
| 45. Shoals Saloon and Grill, LLC v. Docksons Ltd, LLC                         | Iredell     | 12/13/10 | 10 CVS 3641<br>Mandatory                               | Active<br>18          |
| 46. Speedway Motorsports Int'l v. Bronwen Energy Trading Ltd.                 | Mecklenburg | 6/9/08   | 08 CVS 9450<br>Mandatory                               | On Appeal             |
| 47. Strategic Materials, Inc. v. Precision Recycling Indus.                   | Mecklenburg | 12/22/10 | 10 CVS 24006<br>Mandatory                              | Active<br>9           |
| 48. TAI Sports, Inc. v. Hall  | Gaston      | 5/7/09   | 09 CVS 2201<br>Mandatory                               | Active<br>603         |
| 49. Tate Larkhaven, LLC v.<br>McAlpine Grp., Inc.                             | Mecklenburg | 5/03/10  | 10 CVS 9676<br>Mandatory                               | Active<br>242         |
| 50. Technik v. Winwholesale, Inc.   | Mecklenburg | 9/21/10  | 10 CVS 15709<br>Mandatory                              | Active<br>101         |
| 51. Thomas v. McMahon   | Mecklenburg | 9/07/10  | 08 CVS 24887<br>Mandatory                              | Active<br>115         |
| 52. Time Warner Entertainment<br>Advance/Newhouse P'ship v.<br>Town of Landis | Rowan       | 4/21/10  | 10 CVS 1172<br>Mandatory                               | Active<br>254         |
| 53. Wachovia Bank v. Clontz   | Mecklenburg | 5/24/10  | 10 CVS 8437<br>Mandatory                               | Active<br>221         |
| 54. Wachovia Bank, N.A. v.<br>Harbinger Cap. Partners<br>Master Fund I, Ltd.  | Mecklenburg | 5/09/07  | 07 CVS 5097<br>2.1                                     | Inactive              |
| 55. Wake Co. v. Hotels.com, LP  | Wake        | 2/27/07  | 06 CVS 16256<br>2.1 & 2.2<br>Cons with Hotels.com      | Active<br>1403        |
| 56. Watson v. Walton  | Mecklenburg | 8/09/10  | 10 VS 12371<br>Mandatory                               | Active<br>144         |
| 57. West v. Certified Estate  | Gaston      | 11/16/07 | 06 CVS 5362  | Active                |

| Planners, Inc.   |             |          | 2.1 & 2.2                  | Stay lifted 12/16/10 15 |
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| 58. Wireless Communications, Inc. v. Epicor Software Corp.   | Mecklenburg | 10/04/10 | 10 CVS 18891<br>Mandatory  | Inactive                |
| 59. Yates v. Medical Specialties, Inc.                       | Mecklenburg | 12/06/10 | 10 CVS 24536<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>25            |
| 60. Yates Constr. Co. v. Bostic                              | Rockingham  | 11/30/09 | 09 CVS 2480<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>396           |
| 61. Zweig White, LLC v. Rusk<br>O'Brien Gido + Partners, LLC | Durham      | 7/06/10  | 10 CVS 004306<br>Mandatory | Active<br>178           |

## 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 NC Business Court–Raleigh.

The Court currently has 98 open cases, 4 of which are on appeal and 9 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 below.

| Name of Case   | County of<br>Origin | Date<br><u>Assigned</u> | Case Number               | <u>Status</u><br>(age in days)                      |
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| A. David Tyre and Assocs.,<br>Inc. v. McCray                       | Wake                | 12/01/10                | 10 CVS 17980<br>Mandatory | Active<br>31  |
| 2. Abraham v. Jauregui   | Onslow              | 10/15/09                | 09 CVS 3608<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>442                                       |
| American Drywall v.     Intracoastal Living                        | Brunswick           | 04/29/08                | 07 CVS 2805<br>2.1        | Inactive  |
| 4. Anderson v. Daniel  | New Hanover         | 8/27/10                 | 10 CVS 4051<br>Mandatory  | Inactive<br>Removed to<br>US<br>Bankruptcy<br>Court |
| 5. Anderson v. Coastal<br>Communities at Ocean<br>Ridge Plantation | Brunswick           | 2/26/10                 | 09 CVS 1042<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>308                                       |

| 6.  | Anderson Roofing v.<br>Intracoastal Living                      | Brunswick   | 08/21/08 | 08 CVS 1395<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>862                      |
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| 7.  | Arcadius Dev. LLC v. Patton                                     | Mecklenburg | 12/04/06 | 06 CVS 13738<br>2.1 & 2.2 | Active<br>1488                     |
| 8.  | Arky v. Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company                 | Durham      | 12/14/09 | 09 CVS 5283<br>Mandatory  | Inactive<br>Awaiting<br>settlement |
| 9.  | Arnesen v. Rivers Edge Golf<br>Club & Plantation                | Brunswick   | 4/07/10  | 10 CVS 781<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>268                      |
| 10. | Associated Behavioral<br>Services, Inc. v. Smith                | Robeson     | 2/15/10  | 09 CVS 3854<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>319                      |
| 11. | Barker-Guidry Architects v.<br>Intracoastal Living              | Brunswick   | 04/29/08 | 08 CVS 437<br>2.1         | Active<br>976                      |
| 12. | Barnhill Contracting v.<br>Intracoastal Living                  | Brunswick   | 09/10/08 | 08 CVS 6<br>Mandatory     | Active<br>842                      |
| 13. | Barry v. Ocean Isle Palms, Inc.                                 | Brunswick   | 3/22/10  | 10 CVS 314<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>284                      |
| 14. | Barton v. Coastal Communities at Ocean Ridge Plantation         | Brunswick   | 2/26/10  | 10 CVS 314<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>308                      |
| 15. | Beadnell v. Coastal<br>Communities at Ocean<br>Ridge Plantation | Brunswick   | 1/12/10  | 09 CVS 3376<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>353                      |
| 16. | . Beattie v. BB&T   | New Hanover | 9/21/10  | 10 CVS 3891<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>101                      |
| 17. | Bodie Island Beach Club<br>Ass'n v. Wray                        | Dare        | 7/21/09  | 09 CVS 586<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>528                      |
| 18. | Bolton v. Jacobson  | Wake        | 9/07/10  | 10 CVS 12062<br>Mandatory | Active<br>115                      |
| 19. | Branch Banking and Trust<br>Company v. Gilmartin                | New Hanover | 2/26/10  | 09 CVS 1208<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>308                      |
| 20. | Browne v. Thompson  | Forsyth     | 10/15/09 | 09 CVS 8588<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>442                      |

| 21. Builder Svcs. Grp., Inc. v. Intracoastal Living                      | Brunswick   | 2/15/08  | 07 CVS 2152<br>2.1        | Active<br>1050                     |
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| 22. Builders Firstsource<br>Southeast Grp. v. Super.<br>Constr. Corp.    | Brunswick   | 2/15/08  | 07 CVS 2427<br>2.1        | Active<br>1050                     |
| 23. Byelick v. Carpp   | Wake        | 9/07/10  | 10 CVS 13981<br>Mandatory | Active<br>115                      |
| 24. Cape Fear Electric v.<br>Intracoastal Living                         | New Hanover | 02/28/08 | 07 CVS 1744<br>2.1 & 2.2  | Active<br>1037                     |
| 25. Cape Fear Realty, LLC v.<br>Cape Fear Trading Grp.                   | Brunswick   | 6/21/07  | 07 CVS 1310<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>1289                     |
| 26. Capps v. Blondeau  | Wake        | 11/07/07 | 07 CVS 16486<br>Mandatory | Active<br>1150                     |
| 27. Cernugel v. Chiuli   | New Hanover | 6/18/10  | 10 CVS 2860<br>Mandatory  | Inactive<br>Awaiting<br>settlement |
| 28. Cheatham v. Ribonomics, Inc  | Durham      | 2/09/10  | 09 CVS 7838<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>325                      |
| 29. Cherry v. Fawole   | Wake        | 05/28/08 | 08 CVS 9143<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>947                      |
| 30. Chirico v. Hyson   | Chatham     | 5/21/07  | 07 CVS 289<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>1320                     |
| 31. Clark v. Alan Vester Auto Grp., Inc.                                 | Vance       | 5/09/06  | 06 CVS 141<br>2.1         | Inactive                           |
| 32. Coast Mechanical<br>Contractors, Inc. v.<br>Intracoastal Living, LLC | Brunswick   | 2/15/08  | 07 CVS 2401<br>2.1        | Active<br>1050                     |
| 33. Coastal Sash & Door v.<br>Super. Constr. Corp.                       | Brunswick   | 2/15/08  | 07 CVS 1464<br>2.1        | Active<br>1050                     |
| 34. Connett v. Jackson Nat'l Life Ins. Co.                               | New Hanover | 1/25/10  | 09 CVS 6088<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>340                      |
| 35. Contractor Yard v.<br>Intracoastal Living                            | New Hanover | 05/14/08 | 07 CVS 5435<br>2.1 & 2.2  | Active<br>961                      |
| 36. Custom Colors v.<br>Intracoastal Living                              | Brunswick   | 08/27/08 | 07 CVS 2561<br>2.1        | Active<br>856                      |
| 37. Deyton v. Estate of Kenneth  | New Hanover | 7/06/10  | 10CVS2582                 | Active                             |

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| 38. Diverse Networks v. Time<br>Warner Entertainment               | Wake        | 09/03/08 | 08 CVS 15395<br>Mandatory       | Active<br>849  |
| 39. EHP Land v. Bosher   | Perquimans  | 4/10/07  | 07 CVS 59<br>Mandatory          | Active<br>1361 |
| 40. Edgewater Svcs., Inc. v. Epic Logistics, Inc.                  | Wake        | 4/17/06  | 05 CVS 1971<br>2.1 & 2.2        | Active<br>1354 |
| 41. Elite Financial Grp. v.<br>Hardison                            | Pitt        | 7/22/10  | 10CVS1747<br>Mandatory          | Active<br>162  |
| 42. Elliott v. KB Home North<br>Carolina Inc.                      | Wake        | 6/17/10  | 10CVS1747<br>2.1 & 2.2          | Active<br>197  |
| 43. Ellrod v. Bank of Currituck                                    | Dare        | 8/19/10  | 08 CVS 21190<br>Mandatory       | Active<br>134  |
| 44. Emergys v. Consort, Inc.                                       | Wake        | 9/10/10  | 10 CVS 13792<br>Mandatory       | Active<br>112  |
| 45. Fayetteville-Cumberland<br>Co. Chamber of Commerce<br>v. Baker | Cumberland  | 11/04/10 | 10 CVS 9290<br><i>Mandatory</i> | Active<br>57   |
| 46. Fidelity Bank v. NCDR  | Wake        | 3/02/10  | 10 CVS 3405<br>Mandatory        | Active<br>304  |
| 47. Fritscher v. Peak Nutrition, Inc.                              | Wake        | 7/02/10  | 10 CVS 10443<br>Mandatory       | On Appeal      |
| 48. Front Street Construction,<br>LLC v. Colonial Bank             | Wake        | 10/22/10 | 10 CVS 15759<br>Mandatory       | Active<br>70   |
| 49. Gardner v. First Citizens<br>Bank & Trust Co.                  | New Hanover | 11/29/10 | 10 CVS 5098<br>Mandatory        | Active<br>32   |
| 50. GoRhinoGo, LLC v. Lewis  | Wake        | 7/15/10  | 10 CVS 11767<br>Mandatory       | Active<br>169  |
| 51. Greason v. Frontier<br>Spinning Mills, Inc.                    | Wake        | 5/21/10  | 10 CVS 8307<br>Mandatory        | Active<br>224  |
| 52. Hamm v. BCBS of NC   | Durham      | 7/6/06   | 05 CVS 5606<br>2.1              | Active<br>1669 |
| 53. Hargrove v. Alan Vester<br>Auto Grp.                           | Vance       | 8/01/07  | 06 CVS 1309<br>2.1              | Inactive       |

| 54. Harris v. Wachovia   | Mecklenburg | 10/15/09 | 09 CVS 25270<br>Mandatory | Active<br>442  |
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| 55. Health Mgmt Assocs, Inc. v. Yerby                              | Franklin    | 7/24/07  | 06 CVS 839<br>2.1 & 2.2   | On Appeal      |
| 56. Inspiration of Wilmington, LLC v. PCJ Ventures, LLC            | New Hanover | 5/03/10  | 10 CVS 1346<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>242  |
| 57. Inspiration of Wilmington, LLC v. PCJ Ventures, LLC            | New Hanover | 5/03/10  | 10 CVS 1347<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>242  |
| 58. Intracoastal Living LLC v.<br>Hyson                            | Brunswick   | 8/21/08  | 07 CVS 2836<br>2.1        | Active<br>862  |
| 59. LS Mtron, Ltd. v. Escorts, Ltd.                                | Edgecombe   | 1/19/10  | 10 CVS 1539<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>346  |
| 60. Lancaster v. Harold K.<br>Jordan & Co.                         | New Hanover | 04/01/08 | 08 CVS 883<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>1004 |
| 61. LeCann v. Cobham   | Wake        | 7/13/10  | 10 CVS 11169<br>Mandatory | Active<br>171  |
| 62. Lee v. Coastal Agro<br>Business, Inc.                          | Sampson     | 11/24/09 | 09 CVS 1719<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>402  |
| 63. Mancinelli v. Momentum<br>Research                             | Durham      | 02/11/09 | 09 CVS 1383<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>688  |
| 64. Marsh & McLennan Agency,<br>LLC v. Moore                       | Wake        | 12/08/10 | 10 CVS 19838<br>Mandatory | Active<br>23   |
| 65. Medcall, LLC v. Pharmacy<br>Providers of the Southeast,<br>LLC | Granville   | 12/13/10 | 10 CVS 1178<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>18   |
| 66. Mid-Carolina Cabinets v. Superior Construction                 | Mecklenburg | 03/12/08 | 07 CVS 21933<br>2.1 & 2.2 | Active<br>1022 |
| 67. Miller & Long Co., v.<br>Intracoastal Living, LLC              | Brunswick   | 2/15/08  | 07 CVS 1760<br>2.1        | Active<br>1047 |
| 68. Mitchell, Brewer, et al. v.<br>Brewer                          | Cumberland  | 7/14/06  | 06 CVS 6091<br>Mandatory  | On Appeal      |
| 69. NRC Golf Course, L.L.C. v. JMR Golf L.L.C.                     | Carteret    | 12/23/09 | 09 CVS 1835<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>373  |

| 70. Nestor v. Webb   | Scotland    | 10/04/10 | 10 CVS 905<br>Mandatory   | Inactive<br>Removed to<br>Fed. Court |
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| 71. Patton v. Arcadius Invs., LLC                                | New Hanover | 10/13/06 | 06 CVS 3785<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>1540                       |
| 72. Pendergraph v. NC Dept of Rev.                               | Wake        | 09/29/09 | 09 CVS 19607<br>Mandatory | Active<br>458                        |
| 73. RJM Plumbing v. Superior Construction                        | Brunswick   | 04/29/08 | 08 CVS 189<br>2.1         | Active<br>976                        |
| 74. Richardson v. Frontier Spinning Mills, Inc.                  | Wake        | 3/25/10  | 10 CVS 4660<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>281                        |
| 75. Riddle v. Sicel Technologies, Inc.                           | Wake        | 9/21/10  | 10 CVS 3212<br>Mandatory  | Stayed<br>Bankruptcy                 |
| 76. Ruth Cook Blue Living Trust v. Blue                          | Watauga     | 5/31/07  | 07 CVS 222<br>Mandatory   | Active<br>1310                       |
| 77. S&W Ready Mix Concrete<br>Co. v. Intracoastal Living,<br>LLC | Brunswick   | 2/15/08  | 07 CVS 2157<br>2.1        | Active<br>1050                       |
| 78. Schindler Elevator v.<br>Superior Construction               | Brunswick   | 04/29/08 | 08 CVS 414<br>2.1         | Active<br>976                        |
| 79. Shamoon v. Turkow  | Wake        | 11/19/08 | 08 CVS 18850<br>Mandatory | Active<br>770                        |
| 80. Shareff v. Lakebound Fixed Return Fund, LLC                  | Wake        | 06/08/09 | 09 CVS 9983<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>571                        |
| 81. Sherwin-Williams Company v. Intracoastal Living, LLC         | Brunswick   | 02/15/08 | 07 CVS 2124<br>2.1        | Active<br>1050                       |
| 82. Smith v. Lewis   | Wake        | 4/09/07  | 05 CVS 17912<br>2.1 & 2.2 | Active<br>1362                       |
| 83. Smith v. Educated Design & Development, Inc.                 | Wake        | 11/02/10 | 10 CVS 16359<br>Mandatory | Active<br>51                         |
| 84. Sonic Automotive v.<br>Mercedes-Benz USA                     | Mecklenburg | 04/18/08 | 08 CVS 4259<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>987                        |
| 85. Southern Mechanical, Inc. v. Intracoastal Living, LLC        | Brunswick   | 2/15/08  | 07 CVS 2099<br>2.1        | Active<br>1050                       |

| 86. Stewart v. Mozingo                                     | Craven      | 8/31/10  | 10 CVS 1017<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>122  |
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| 87. Stratton v. RBC Centura<br>Banks                       | Wake        | 10/26/07 | 07 CVS 15079<br>Mandatory | On Appeal      |
| 88. Superior v. Intracoastal                               | Brunswick   | 12/11/08 | 07 CVS 2806<br>2.1 & 2.2  | Active<br>750  |
| 89. Sutton v. Schnitzler                                   | New Hanover | 3/23/10  | 09 CVS 6172<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>283  |
| 90. Sutton v. Sutton                                       | Onslow      | 3/23/10  | 10 CVS 3961<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>283  |
| 91. Thomas v. Moonracer, Inc.                              | Wake        | 10/28/10 | 10 CVS 1716<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>64   |
| 92. Thompson v. Hendrickson                                | Wake        | 01/05/09 | 08 CVS 12734<br>Mandatory | Inactive       |
| 93. Truss Link, Inc. v.<br>Intracoastal Living, LLC        | Brunswick   | 2/15/08  | 07 CVS 2569<br>2.1        | Active<br>1050 |
| 94. Turner Electrical of South<br>Carolina v. Intracoastal | Brunswick   | 04/29/08 | 07 CVS 2825<br>2.1        | Active<br>976  |
| 95. Tyson v. Tyson   | Durham      | 11/10/09 | 09 CVS 6826<br>Mandatory  | Active<br>416  |
| 96. Village Landing v. Withers & Ravenel                   | New Hanover | 08/05/08 | 07 CVS 5554<br>2.1        | Active<br>878  |
| 97. Wachovia Bank, N.A. v.<br>Superior Construction Corp.  | Mecklenburg | 3/12/08  | 07 CVS 21256<br>2.1, 2.2  | Active<br>1024 |
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#### 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 web site at www.ncbusinesscourt.net.<sup>1</sup> Decisions which have been affirmed or reversed on appeal are noted.

#### **COURT OPINIONS**

NOTICE: The official opinions in the cases below are on file in the courthouse of the county of jurisdiction. The following are unofficial, electronically formatted copies.

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NRC GOLF COURSE, LLC v. JMR GOLF, LLC 2010 NCBC 20 (12/29/10) 09-CVS-1835 (Carteret - Jolly)

INLAND AM. WINSTON HOTELS, INC. v. WINSTON 2010 NCBC 19 (11/24/10) 08-CVS-21786 (Wake - Tennille)

SMITH v. RAYMOND 2010 NCBC 18 (10/21/10) 10-CVS-5321 (Mecklenburg - Diaz)

PITTSBURGH CORNING CORP. v. McCORMICK INSULATION SUPPLY, INC. 2010 NCBC 17 (10/13/10) 10-CVS-5466 (Guilford - Tennille)

EHP LAND CO., INC. v. BOSHER 2010 NCBC 16 (10/05/10) 07-CVS-59 (Perquimans - Jolly)

ALLEN V. LAND RES. GROUP OF N.C., LLC 2010 NCBC 15 (09/22/10) 08-CVS-1283 (Rutherford - Tennille)

HAMM v. BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF N.C. 2010 NCBC 14 (08/27/10) 05-CVS-5606 (Durham - Jolly)

<sup>1</sup> Each Business Court Judge decides which orders will be posted on the Court's web site as Opinions. NC Business Court Activities, March 2009 report

BODIE ISLAND BEACH CLUB ASS'N, INC. V. DIXON 2010 NCBC 13 (07/30/10) 09-CVS-568 (Dare - Jolly)

FRANKLIN COUNTY BD. OF EDUC. v. N.C. DEP'T OF REVENUE 2010 NCBC 12 (06/28/10) 09-CVS-20861 (Wake - Tennille)

HIGH POINT BANK & TRUST CO. v. SAPONA MFG. CO. 2010 NCBC 11 (06/22/10) 08-CVS-1065 (Randolph - Tennille)

SONIC AUTO., INC. v. MERCEDES-BENZ USA, LLC 2010 NCBC 10 (05/04/10) 08-CVS-4259 (Mecklenburg - Jolly)

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#### 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.