

North Carolina Business Court 2013 Annual Report

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NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS COURT 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

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I.

Overview of the North Carolina Business Court

The North Carolina Business Court ("NCBC") is a Superior Court within the North Carolina General Court of Justice. The NCBC was established in 1996 in Greensboro, and additional courts were added in Charlotte and Raleigh in 2005. The judges currently sitting in the NCBC are Chief Judge John R. Jolly, Jr. (Raleigh), Judge James L. Gale (Greensboro), and Judge Calvin E. Murphy (Charlotte).

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-45.4, certain cases may be designated to the NCBC as Mandatory Complex Business Cases ("Mandatory Cases"). Mandatory Cases are those actions that involve a material issue related to: (1) the law governing corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and limited liability partnerships; (2) securities law; (3) antitrust law; (4) state trademark or unfair competition law; (5) intellectual property law; (6) the Internet; and (7) certain areas of tax law. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-350 further authorizes the NCBC to consider and resolve disputes concerning the rates, terms, and conditions associated with the use of poles, ducts, and conduits of communication service providers. Complex business cases and exceptional cases also may be designated and assigned to the NCBC by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina under Rules 2.1 and 2.2 of the General Rules of Practice and Procedure for the Superior and District Courts ("Rule(s)"). A distribution of cases by type is set forth herein.

Rule 2.1(b) requires the NCBC to issue a written opinion upon final disposition of a claim in a complex business case (which includes by definition Mandatory Cases). A list of the opinions issued by the NCBC in 2013 is included in this report. Electronic copies of the opinions are available online at www.ncbusinesscourt.net.

The NCBC utilizes electronic filing and case management systems to facilitate efficiency in litigating complex cases. Each of the three NCBC locations is equipped with a technology-enhanced courtroom for effective evidence presentation at both trials and motion hearings. The expansion of these systems and technologies allows the NCBC to provide benefits such as free public access to files, dockets, and calendars, as well as instant access to opinions and orders without the expense or delay of publication in bound volumes.

II.

Caseload Data

A. Pending and Closed Cases

The North Carolina Business Court has a total of 233 pending cases, 18 of which are on appeal and 32 of which are inactive or stayed.¹ Of the 233 pending cases, 221 are Mandatory Cases, 3 are discretionary complex business cases designated pursuant to Rules 2.1 and 2.2, and 9 are exceptional cases assigned pursuant to Rule 2.1. 147 cases were closed in 2013; 134 new cases were assigned.

B. Case Distribution

The North Carolina Business Court has 233 pending cases, originating from 46 counties.

| County | Charlotte | Greensboro | Raleigh | TOTAL |
|------------|-----------|------------|---------|-------|
| Alamance | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Ashe | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Beaufort | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Bladen | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Brunswick | 0 | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| Buncombe | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Burke | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Cabarrus | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Carteret | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Catawba | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7 |
| Cleveland | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Craven | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Cumberland | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Dare | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Davidson | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Durham | 1 | 6 | 1 | 8 |
| Forsyth | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Gaston | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Graham | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Guilford | 3 | 15 | 1 | 19 |
| Iredell | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Johnston | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Lee | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |

¹ This report is for calendar year 2013. Unless otherwise noted, all statistics in this report are as of December 31, 2013.

| Lincoln | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
|-------------|----|----|----|-----|
| McDowell | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Mecklenburg | 29 | 10 | 3 | 42 |
| Moore | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Nash | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| New Hanover | 0 | 3 | 9 | 12 |
| Onslow | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Orange | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Perquimans | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Pitt | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Polk | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Randolph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Robeson | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Rockingham | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Rowan | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Rutherford | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Sampson | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Surry | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Union | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Vance | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Wake | 3 | 15 | 41 | 59 |
| Watauga | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Yancey | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 70 | 83 | 80 | 233 |

C. Case Assignment and Expenditures by Location

1. Charlotte

| Name of Case | County | Age (in Days) |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Allran v. | Gaston | 1,107 |
| Branch Banking & Trust Corp.* | | |
| Am. Mech., Inc. v. Bostic | Randolph | 548 |
| Atkinson v. Lackey | Mecklenburg | 617 |
| Baker v. Baker | Burke | 265 |
| BB&T BOLI Plan Trust v. | Forsyth | 1,620 |
| Mass. Mut. Life Ins. Co. | | |
| Bell & Watson Telecom Consulting | Catawba | 498 |
| Grp., Inc. v. Knaus | | |
| Blitz v. Agean | Durham | 3,260 |

*On Appeal

| Blue Ridge Pediatric v. First | Watauga | 989 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| BOGNC v. Pruitt | Mecklenburg | 1,156 |
| Bolier & Co., LLC v. Decca Furni- | Catawba | 428 |
| ture (USA), Inc.** | | |
| Bolier & Co., LLC v. Tin** | Guilford | 349 |
| Buncombe Cnty. v. Hotels.com* | Buncombe | 2,521 |
| Chambers v. The Moses Cone | Guilford | 460 |
| Mem'l Hosp. | | |
| Cnty. of Catawba v. | Catawba | 810 |
| Frye Reg'l Med. Ctr. | | |
| CNW Holdings Corp. v. Carolina | Mecklenburg | 238 |
| Nonwovens, LLC | | |
| Cornelius N.C. Self-Storage | Mecklenburg | 324 |
| Daniel v. West | Buncombe | 729 |
| Dare Cnty. v. Hotels.com* | Dare | 2,499 |
| Dealer Residuals Resources, LLC v. | Mecklenburg | 463 |
| Grindstaff Ford, Inc. | | |
| DeGorter v. Capitol Bancorp. Ltd.** | Mecklenburg | 1,161 |
| DSM Dyneema v. Thagard, Ph.D. | Gaston | 247 |
| Ehrenhaus v. Baker | Mecklenburg | 1,905 |
| Ekren v. K&E Real Estate Invs., Inc. | Iredell | 642 |
| Eng'g Design & Testing Corp. v. | Mecklenburg | 125 |
| Crump | 0 | |
| Ferko v. Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co. | Mecklenburg | 531 |
| Garrison v. Garrison | Mecklenburg | 900 |
| Gay v. Peoples Bank | Lincoln | 282 |
| GNB Ventures, LLC | Gaston | 225 |
| Gottfried v. Covington | Watauga | 119 |
| Graham v. First Am. Fin. Mgmt. Co. | Rowan | 247 |
| Green Gulf Grp., FZE v. Nat'l Hold- | Mecklenburg | 187 |
| ing, LLC | 0 | |
| Harvey v. Dambowsky | Union | 268 |
| Hefner v. Mission Hosp., Inc. | Buncombe | 510 |
| Historic Biltmore Village, LLC v. | Buncombe | 275 |
| Spratt | | |
| Holden v. Morlando | Guilford | 1,554 |
| Jacobson v. Walsh | Mecklenburg | 1,314 |
| Karas Hospitality, Inc. v. Lundy | Mecklenburg | 37 |
| Kare Partners, LLC v. Bhargava | Mecklenburg | 128 |
| Kopf v. SmartFlow Techs., Inc. | Wake | 1,336 |

* Inactive or Stayed

| LendingTree v. Anderson | Mecklenburg | 978 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| LendingTree v. Beddingfield | Mecklenburg | 2,081 |
| Lincoln Cnty. v. Blanchard | Lincoln | 449 |
| McKee v. James | Robeson | 1,527 |
| Mecklenburg Cnty. v. Hotels.com* | Mecklenburg | 2,170 |
| Mountain Air Country Club, Inc. v. | Yancey | 168 |
| Mountain Air Dev. Corp. | v | |
| Neiburger v. Stirewalt | Buncombe | 188 |
| Northfield Invs. v. Regions Bank** | Mecklenburg | 2,381 |
| Patton's Inc. v. Quincy Compressor, | Mecklenburg | 180 |
| LLC | U | |
| Phillips & Jordan v. Bostic | Graham | 972 |
| Premier v. Peterson* | Mecklenburg | 1,078 |
| Red Fox Future v. Holbrooks | Polk | 943 |
| Roundpoint Mortg. Co. v. Florez | Mecklenburg | 233 |
| Rutherford Elec. Membership Corp. | Rutherford | 306 |
| v. Time Warner Entm't/Advance | | |
| Newhouse P'ship | | |
| Schoolcraft v. Tucker | Cabarrus | 313 |
| Sci N.C. Funeral Servs. v. McEwen | Mecklenburg | 355 |
| Ellington Funeral Servs. | | |
| Speedway Motorsports Int'l v. | Mecklenburg | 2,032 |
| Bronwen Energy Trading | | |
| Superior Performers v. Simpson** | Alamance | 1,822 |
| Taidoc Tech. v. OK Biotech | Mecklenburg | 391 |
| Tate v. Humana Marketpoint, Inc. | Mecklenburg | 377 |
| Thomas v. McMahon | Mecklenburg | 1,881 |
| Time Warner Entm't Ad- | Rowan | 1,353 |
| vance/Newhouse P'ship v. Town of | | |
| Landis | | |
| Vernon v. Cuomo | Wake | 2,760 |
| Wake Cnty. v. Hotels.com* | Wake | 2,616 |
| Watson v. Bank of Granite | Mecklenburg | 275 |
| Watson v. Walton | Mecklenburg | 1,240 |
| Wilbert, Inc. v. Homan** | Gaston | 376 |
| Williams v. Carolina W. Holdings, | McDowell | 65 |
| LLC | | |
| Wortman v. Hutaff | Union | 1,090 |
| Yates Constr. Co. v. Bostic | Rockingham | 548 |
| Yates v. Med. Specialties** | Mecklenburg | 1,122 |

North Carolina Business Court 2013 Annual Report Page 6 of 22 This court has 70 open cases, 6 of which are on appeal and 7 of which are inactive or stayed. The average age of all cases is 902 days.

Mandatory Cases: 68 Rule 2.1 Cases: 1 Rule 2.1 & Rule 2.2 Cases: 1

The Charlotte Business Court held one jury trial and one bench trial in 2013. The sitting Charlotte Business Court Judge presided over one additional general Superior Court session.

Forty-nine cases were closed in 2013. Forty new cases were assigned to the Charlotte Business Court in 2013.

Fiscal year 2012-2013 expenditures for the Charlotte Business Court were $$379,226.50.^2$

² All data on expenditures reported herein is for fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

2. Greensboro

| Name of Case | County | Age (in Days) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Allegis Grp., Inc. v. Zachary | Durham | 590 |
| Piper LLC | | |
| Atwell v. Johnson | Ashe | 239 |
| BDM Invs. v. Wells Fargo & Co. | Brunswick | 993 |
| Black Rhino Fund v. | Mecklenburg | 775 |
| Invictus Asset Mgmt., LLC | | |
| Blythe v. Bell | Catawba | 618 |
| Bobo v. EQmentor, Inc. | Mecklenburg | 348 |
| Bollinger v. Bilmore Fin. Grp., | Catawba | 1,843 |
| Inc.** Brady v. Van Vlaanderen | Cumberland | 469 |
| Bryan Family Ltd. Liab. Ltd. P'ship | Mecklenburg | 224 |
| v. Brown | meenionig | |
| Chesson v. Rives | Davidson | 377 |
| Clark Consulting, LLC v. AIG | Guilford | 628 |
| Life Ins. Co. | | |
| Comor Corp. v. Comor Comme'ns, | Guilford | 1,570 |
| LLC** | | , |
| DeLuca v. Cape Fear Bluffs, LLC | Brunswick | 210 |
| Dougherty v. Tate | Guilford | 196 |
| Eastwood Investors VII, LLC v. | Guilford | 707 |
| Newgate Gardens | | |
| Estate of Jerry Carl Chambers v. Vi- | Iredell | 322 |
| sion Two Hospitality Mgmt., LLC | | |
| Falk v. Holliday | Wake | 490 |
| Fountain v. Fountain Powerboats, | Beaufort | 1,002 |
| Inc. | | |
| Fowler v. N.C. Dep't of Revenue | Wake | 131 |
| GlaxoSmithKline LLC v. Dendreon | Durham | 796 |
| Corp. | | |
| Gunn v. Lab. Corp. of Am. | Alamance | 106 |
| Hamrick v. Harris Teeter Super- | Mecklenburg | 132 |
| markets, Inc.** | | |
| Hawes v. Vandoros | Guilford | 1,391 |
| Henderson v. Manuel | Guilford | 1,688 |
| Heron Bay Acquisition, LLC v. | Guilford | 616 |
| United Metal Finishing, Inc. | | |
| Home Depot v. N.C. Dep't of Reve- | Wake | 1,022 |
| nue | | |

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| In re Harris Teeter Merger Litiga- | Mecklenburg | 162 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| tion** | | |
| Isenhour v. Biltmore Fin. Grp., | Catawba | 1,843 |
| Inc.** | | |
| J2 & Assocs. v. Rutter** | Guilford | 1,296 |
| Kennedy v. Gauthier | Alamance | 141 |
| Legalzoom.com v. N.C. State Bar | Wake | 786 |
| Little v. Biltmore Fin. Grp., Inc.** | Burke | 1,840 |
| Lockerman v. South River EMC | Sampson | 1,022 |
| Loftin v. KPMG LLP** | Wake | 2,717 |
| Maurer v. Maurer | Wake | 273 |
| McKinnon v. CV Indus., Inc.* | Catawba | 1,722 |
| MicroTechnologies, LLC v. Sullivan | Guilford | 196 |
| Miller v. Burlington Chem. Co. | Guilford | 63 |
| Miller v. Wade Jurney Homes, Inc. | Guilford | 85 |
| Mittelstaedt v. Speed Boats of Tex., | Beaufort | 303 |
| LP** | | |
| Morris v. Scenera Research, LLC* | Wake | 1,001 |
| Morton v. Ivey, McClellan, Gatton & | Moore | 401 |
| Talcott, LLP** | | |
| NNN Durham Office Portfolio 1, | Durham | 538 |
| LLC v. Highwoods Realty Ltd. | | |
| P'ship | | |
| NNN Office Portfolio 1, LLC v. | Durham | 1,225 |
| Grubb & Ellis Co. | | |
| Nelson v. Alliance Hospitality | Wake | 1,014 |
| Mgmt., LLC* | | |
| N.C. State Bar v. Lienguard, Inc. | Wake | 488 |
| Out of the Box Developers, LLC v. | Wake | 1,324 |
| Logicbit Corp.* | | |
| Paradigm Fin. Grp., Inc. v. Church | Surry | 616 |
| Patriot Performance Materials, Inc. | Lee | 475 |
| v. Powell | | |
| Plummer v. Johnson | Ashe | 239 |
| Porter v. Bryant** | Robeson | 456 |
| Powell v. Dunn | Orange | 133 |
| PQ Capital Ventures, LLC v. Vestar | New Hanover | 287 |
| Corp., LLC* | | |
| Preferred Auto Credit Co., LP v. Da- | Lee | 260 |
| vis** | | |
| Priest v. Coch | Durham | 525 |
| Prospect Mortg., LLC v. Goins | Wake | 443 |

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| Prospect Mortg., LLC v. Lemos | Wake | 440 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Prospect Mortg., LLC v. Schoolfield | Wake | 443 |
| RBC Bank (USA) v. Duea** | Wake | 1,310 |
| Revolutionary Concepts, Inc. v. | Mecklenburg | 2,128 |
| Clements Walker PLLC | 0 | , |
| Rouen v. Smith | New Hanover | 706 |
| Safety Test & Equip. Co., Inc. v. Am. | Cleveland | 196 |
| Safety Utility Corp. | | |
| Saidi v. Judeh | Guilford | 41 |
| SCR-Tech v. Evonik Energy Servs. | Mecklenburg | 1,909 |
| LLC | 0 | |
| Se. Air Charter, Inc. v. Stroud | Lee | 792 |
| Simmons v. Freeman | McDowell | 170 |
| Skybridge Terrace, LLC v. Phelan | Mecklenburg | 322 |
| Soft Line, S.p.A. v. It. Homes, LLC | Guilford | 42 |
| Sponaugle v. Mickey & Mooch of | Mecklenburg | 306 |
| Lake Norman, LLC | _ | |
| Stage Rigging Servs., Inc. v. Doell, | Guilford | 128 |
| Jr. | | |
| Surratt v. Brown | Forsyth | 250 |
| Sykes v. Health Network Solutions, | Forsyth | 208 |
| Inc. | | |
| Tedder v. Tedder** | Dare | 1,695 |
| Terus Techs., LLC v. Cornelius | Lee | 224 |
| The Hina Grp. v. InterSouth Part- | Durham | 356 |
| ners | | |
| The Island Beyond, LLC v. Prime | Forsyth | 420 |
| Capital Grp., LLC | | |
| The Paul and Florence Thomas | Ashe | 239 |
| Mem'l Art Sch., Inc. v. Parish | | |
| Tong v. Dunn* | Orange | 852 |
| TruGreen Landcare, LLC v. Har- | New Hanover | 152 |
| ris** | | |
| United Builders Grp., LLC v. Dilla- | Craven | 210 |
| hunt | | |
| Weisman v. Blue Mountain Organics | Guilford | 92 |
| Distrib., LLC | | |
| Westmoreland Cnty. Emps. Ret. | Mecklenburg | 141 |
| Fund v. Belk** | TTT 1 | |
| World Law South, Inc. v. N.C. State | Wake | 124 |
| Bar | | |

North Carolina Business Court 2013 Annual Report Page 10 of 22 This court has 83 open cases, 6 of which are on appeal and 16 of which are inactive or stayed. The average age of all cases is 652 days.

Mandatory Cases: 77 (including 2 tax appeals) Rule 2.1 Cases: 5 Rule 2.1 & Rule 2.2 Cases: 1

The Greensboro Business Court held one four-week jury trial in 2013. The sitting Greensboro Business Court Judge presided over one additional general Superior Court session.

Twenty-nine cases were closed in 2013. Forty-five new cases were assigned to the Greensboro Business Court in 2013.

Fiscal year 2012-2013 expenditures for the Greensboro Business Court were \$409,204.74.

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3. Raleigh

| Name of Case | County | Age (in Days) |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| Advanced Internet Techs., Inc. v. | Cumberland | 96 |
| McGarrity** | | |
| Allan M. Acton, DDS, PA v. Beth C. | Wake | 83 |
| Dunsmoor, DDS, PA | | |
| AmeriGas Propane, LP v. Coffey | Wake | 124 |
| Anderson v. Coastal Cmtys. at | Brunswick | 1,404 |
| Ocean Ridge Plantation | | |
| Anderson v. Daniel** | New Hanover | 1,223 |
| Apex Tool Grp., LLC v. | Wake | 505 |
| Ingersoll-Rand Co.** | | |
| Arnesen v. Rivers Edge Golf | Brunswick | 1,364 |
| Club & Plantation | | |
| Artistic S., Inc. v. Lund | Wake | 491 |
| Assoc. Behavioral Servs. v. Smith | Robeson | 1,415 |
| Barnes v. Robeson Cnty. | Robeson | 240 |
| Barrett's Contents, Inc. v. T2B2, Inc. | Wake | 91 |
| Barry v. Ocean Isle Palms | Brunswick | 1,380 |
| Barton v. Coastal Cmtys. at | Brunswick | 1,404 |
| Ocean Ridge Plantation | | |
| Beadnell v. Coastal Cmtys. at | Brunswick | 1,449 |
| Ocean Ridge Plantation | | |
| Bodford v. N.C. Dep't of Revenue* | Wake | 1,127 |
| Bodford v. N.C. Dep't of Revenue* | Wake | 1,127 |
| Bodford v. N.C. Dep't of Revenue* | Wake | 1,127 |
| Bolton v. Jacobson | Wake | 1,211 |
| Brady v. Prince | Wake | 244 |
| Branch Banking & Trust Co. v. | New Hanover | 1,404 |
| Gilmartin | | |
| Campbell Oil Co. v. AmeriGas Pro- | Bladen | 104 |
| pane, LP | | |
| Cape Hatteras Elec. Membership | Dare | 260 |
| Corp. v. Stevenson | | |
| Capps v. Blondeau | Wake | 2,246 |
| Chavez v. Rex Venture Grp., LLC | Davidson | 455 |
| City of Oxford, NC v. City of Hen- | Vance | 120 |
| derson, NC | | |
| CPI Sec. Sys., Inc. v. Alarm Sec. | Wake | 28 |
| Grp., LLC | | |
| Cribb v. Herring | Onslow | 93 |
| Davis v. Davis | Dare | 99 |

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| Drake v. Prescott Office Mgmt., LLC | Durham | 232 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| EHP Land Co. v. Bosher | Perquimans | 2,194 |
| Elliott v. KB Home NC* | Wake | 1,294 |
| Empire Foods, Inc. v. Aseptia, Inc. | Wake | 169 |
| Fidelity Bank v. NC | Wake | 1,401 |
| Dep't of Revenue | | 1,101 |
| Fisher v. Flue-Cured Tobacco Coop. | Wake | 3,246 |
| Gahagan & Bryant Assocs., Inc. v. | New Hanover | 113 |
| Gibson | | |
| Gholizadeh v. | Wake | 807 |
| Sec. Bonded Warehouse | | |
| Glass v. Fortuna | New Hanover | 61 |
| Global Promotions Grp. v. Danas | Wake | 824 |
| Godwin v. Ameriprise Fin. | Wake | 594 |
| Servs., Inc.** | | |
| Grasinger v. Williams | Wake | 64 |
| Gutmann v. U.S. Transport. Corp. | Wake | 84 |
| Harrington v. Plymell | Onslow | 197 |
| HCW Ret. & Fin. Servs., LLC v. | Orange | 29 |
| HCW Emp. Benefit Servs., LLC | | - |
| Horner Int'l Co. v. McKoy | Wake | 203 |
| Joalpe-Industria De | New Hanover | 905 |
| Expositores v. Alves | | |
| Kezeli v. Logan | Wake | 470 |
| Kight v. Ganymede Holdings II, Inc. | Wake | 498 |
| Koch Measurement Devices, Inc. v. | New Hanover | 548 |
| Armke | | |
| KRG New Hill Place, LLC v. Spring | Wake | 56 |
| Investors, LLC | | |
| Krieger v. Johnson | Mecklenburg | 518 |
| La Familia Cosmovision, Inc. v. The | New Hanover | 282 |
| Inspirational Networks | | |
| Lancaster v. Harold K. Jordan & Co. | New Hanover | 2,127 |
| LeCann v. Cobham | Wake | 1,267 |
| Lewis v. Flue-Cured Tobacco Coop. | Wake | 3,282 |
| MBRAB&B v. Brewer | Cumberland | 2,730 |
| Meir v. Meir | Wake | 393 |
| Moore v. Beaufort Reg'l Health Sys. | Beaufort | 78 |
| N.C. Dep't of State Treasurer v. | Wake | 637 |
| The Bank of NY Mellon | | |
| Ocean Club Master Ass'n, Inc. v. | Carteret | 460 |
| FYH, LLC | | |
| Patch Rubber Co. v. Toelke** | Nash | 224 |

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| Personalized Therapy, Inc. v. Caro- | Pitt | 244 |
|--|-------------|-------|
| lina Choice, LLC | | |
| Poteat v. N.C. Dep't of Revenue* | Wake | 1,077 |
| RMED, LLP v. The Steel Network, | Wake | 68 |
| Inc. | | |
| RREF BB Acquisitions, LLC v. MAS | Brunswick | 195 |
| Props., LLC | | |
| Ragsdale v. Wine & Design, LLC** | Wake | 128 |
| SCA-Blue Ridge, LLC v. WakeMed | Wake | 306 |
| Shareff v. Lakebound Fixed | Wake | 1,667 |
| Return Fund | | |
| Silverdeer v. Burton | Wake | 1,000 |
| Sonic Auto., Inc. v. Suessman | Mecklenburg | 182 |
| Sparkman v. Syngenta | Pitt | 455 |
| Crop Prot., LLC | | |
| State of N.C. v. Philip Morris** | Wake | 3,093 |
| State of N.C. v. The McGraw-Hill | Wake | 368 |
| Cos., Inc.** | | |
| The Fairpoint Commc'ns v. | Mecklenburg | 798 |
| Verizon Commc'ns** | | |
| The Kimberly Rice Kaestner Trust | Wake | 526 |
| v. N.C. Dep't of Revenue | | |
| Tri-Coast Insulation & Servs., Inc. v. | New Hanover | 42 |
| B & H of Wilmington, Inc. | | |
| Utility Risk Mgmt. Corp., Inc. v. | Wake | 239 |
| McKim & Creed, Inc. | | |
| Velleros v. Patterson | Wake | 257 |
| Walter & Zimmerman v. | Wake | 2,210 |
| Zimmerman** | | |
| Wise Recycling, LLC v. Taylor | Johnston | 548 |
| Wood v. Champion Sys., Inc. | Guilford | 128 |

This court has 80 open cases, 6 of which are on appeal and 9 of which are inactive or stayed. The average age of all cases is 755 days.

Mandatory Cases: 76 (including 6 tax appeals) Rule 2.1 Cases: 3 Rule 2.1 & Rule 2.2 Cases: 1

The Raleigh Business Court held no trials in 2013.

North Carolina Business Court 2013 Annual Report Page 14 of 22 Sixty-nine cases were closed in 2013. Forty-nine new cases were assigned to the Raleigh Business Court in 2013.

Fiscal year 2012-2013 expenditures for the Raleigh Business Court were \$454,113.46.

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Allen Smith Inv. Props., LLC v. Barbarry Props., LLC 2013 NCBC 1 (Jan. 3, 2013) 09 CVS 28709 (Mecklenburg – Murphy)

Nelson v. Alliance Hospitality Mgmt., LLC 2013 NCBC 2 (Jan. 3, 2013) 11 CVS 3217 (Wake – Gale)

Yates Constr. Co., Inc. v. Bostic 2013 NCBC 3 (Jan. 18, 2013) 12 CVS 977 (Rockingham – Murphy)

Am. Mech., Inc. v. Bostic 2013 NCBC 4 (Jan. 18, 2013) 12 CVS 1384 (Rockingham – Murphy)

Nelson v. Alliance Hospitality Mgmt., LLC 2013 NCBC 5 (Jan. 25, 2013) 11 CVS 3217 (Wake – Gale)

Priest v. Coch 2013 NCBC 6 (Jan. 25, 2013) 12 CVS 3532 (Durham – Gale)

Blythe v. Bell 2013 NCBC 7 (Feb. 4, 2013) 11 CVS 933 (Catawba – Gale)

Blythe v. Bell 2013 NCBC 8 (Feb. 4, 2013) 11 CVS 933 (Catawba – Gale) The Kimberly Rice Kaestner 1992 Trust v. N.C. Dep't of Rev. 2013 NCBC 9 (Feb. 11, 2013) 12 CVS 8740 (Wake – Jolly)

Patriot Performance Materials, Inc. v. Powell 2013 NCBC 10 (Feb. 13, 2013) 12 CVS 814 (Lee – Gale)

Sci N.C. Funeral Servs., LLC v. McEwen Ellington Funeral Servs., Inc. 2013 NCBC 11 (Feb. 18, 2013) 13 CVS 558 (Mecklenburg – Murphy)

NNN Durham Office Portfolio 1, LLC v. Highwoods Realty Ltd. P'ship 2013 NCBC 12 (Feb. 19, 2013) 12 CVS 3945 (Durham – Gale)

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