

# MESSAGE from the CHIEF JUSTICE of the SUPREME COURT of NORTH CAROLINA



Dear Employer,

On behalf of the North Carolina Judicial Branch, thank you for taking the time to review your responsibilities as an employer should your employee(s) receive a summons for jury service in North Carolina.

The right to trial by jury is one of the fundamentals of our democracy, and it is guaranteed by the constitutions of the United States and the State of North Carolina. It protects litigants, provides a vital link between the legal system and community values, and presents an opportunity for citizens to actively participate in the administration of justice.

Thousands of North Carolinians serve as jurors in our courts each month. Jury pools are comprised of citizens without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or economic or employment status. Were it not for the thousands of North Carolinians who perform this important civic duty throughout our great state each month, and the support of their employers, the Judicial Branch could not complete its important mission of upholding the rule of law.

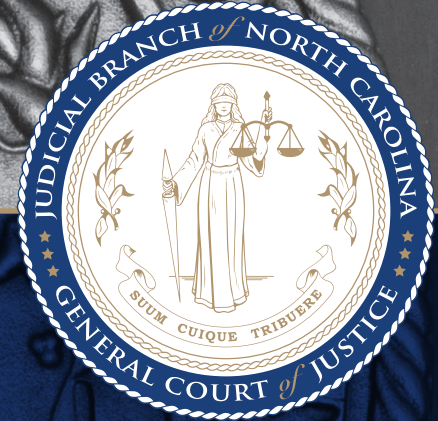
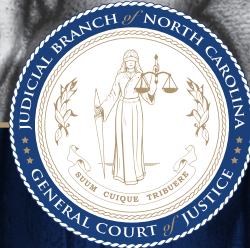
As Chief Justice, I sincerely thank you for your support of the North Carolina Judicial Branch and its mission to administer justice for all.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Paul Newby".

Paul Newby, Chief Justice  
Supreme Court of North Carolina



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