

Designation Procedure for Mandatory Complex Business Cases

Requirements for filing a Notice of Designation:

- Timing
 - Plaintiff/third-party plaintiff: contemporaneously with the filing of a complaint or third-party complaint
 - Defendant/other party: within 30 days of receipt of service of the pleading seeking relief from defendant or other party
 - Intervener: contemporaneously with the filing of a motion to intervene
- Contents
 - Basis for designation
 - Certificate by, or on behalf of, the designating party that the civil action meets the criteria for designation as a mandatory complex business case
- Where to send
 - Clerk of Superior Court in county of venue for filing
 - Opposing counsel/unrepresented parties
 - Chief Justice Mark Martin via e-mail to David F. Hoke (david.f.hoke@nccourts.org)
 - Chief Business Court Judge James L. Gale via e-mail to Thomas W. Estes (thomas.w.estes@ncbusinesscourt.net)
 - Documents in support of designation that are sent to the Court at the above e-mail addresses must be saved as individual PDF files with document-descriptive file names, and should include filing dates, as appropriate. The notice of designation and supporting documents must each be sent as separate PDF files.
- Filing fee: Upon assignment of the case to a Business Court judge, an additional filing fee of \$1,100 must be paid to the Clerk of Superior Court in the county of venue.