IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA

ORDER AMENDING THE GENERAL RULES OF PRACTICE FOR THE SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT COURTS

Pursuant to section 7A-34 and subsection 7A-49.5(e) of the General Statutes of

North Carolina, the Court hereby adopts Rule 29 of the General Rules of Practice for

the Superior and District Courts.

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Rule 29. Definition of "Seal."

In all cases in which the seal of any court or judicial office is required by law to be affixed to any paper issuing from a court or office, the word "seal" shall be construed to include an impression of the official seal, made upon the paper alone, an impression made by means of a wafer or of wax affixed thereto, or an electronic image adopted as the official seal affixed thereto. The Administrative Office of the Courts may prescribe the format and appearance of an electronic image adopted for use as an official seal.

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This amendment to the General Rules of Practice for the Superior and District

Courts becomes effective on 13 February 2023.

This amendment shall be published in the North Carolina Reports and posted

on the rules web page of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Ordered by the Court in Conference, this the 9th day of February 2023.

For the Court

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, this the 9th day of February 2023.

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GRANT E. BUCKNER Clerk of the Supreme Court