

**OFFICE OF THE  
CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT  
OF THE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
  
ORDER**

*Hoke County Board of Education, et al.*

*And*

*Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, Plaintiff-Intervenors*

*And*

*Rafael Penn; Clifton Jones; et al., Plaintiff-Intervenors*

*v.  
The State of North Carolina and State Board of Education,*

*And*

*Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, Realigned Defendant*

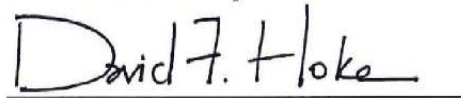
*Wake County File Number: 95-CVS-1158*

*To the Honorable **Donald W. Stephens**, one of the **Senior Resident** Judges of the Superior Court of North Carolina, Greeting:*

*As Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution of North Carolina, and in accordance with the laws of North Carolina, the Rules of the Supreme Court and, specifically, **Rule 2.1** of the General Rules of Practice for the Superior and District Courts, and having previously designated the above-referenced case as exceptional, I hereby assign the Honorable **W. David Lee**, one of the **Emergency** judges of the Superior Court of North Carolina, in lieu of the Honorable **Howard E. Manning, Jr.**, to hold such sessions of court as may be set and to attend to such in-chambers matters and other business as may be necessary and proper for the orderly disposition of the case until otherwise ordered.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, on this day, **October 7, 2016.***

  
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina

  
Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice