

**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-Intervenor*

*And*

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

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

*And*

*Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, Realigned Defendant*

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

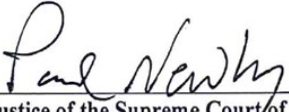
*To the Honorable **Paul C. Ridgeway**, one of the **Senior Resident** Judges of the Superior Court of North Carolina, Greeting:*

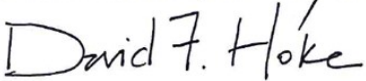
*As noted in the attached order dated 21 March 2022, the Honorable Michael L. Robinson was appointed to hold sessions of court as may be set and to attend to such in-chambers matters and other business as may be necessary and proper to address the Order of remand from the Supreme Court of North Carolina, No. 425A21-2, and to take any action necessary as prescribed by said Order. As stated in the order, that assignment was for the limited purpose of addressing the Order of remand. Given his responsibilities as a North Carolina Business Court judge, Judge Robinson states in the attached letter that he does not believe he can continue to preside over this case and at the same time carry his current responsibilities.*

*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 **James F. Ammons, Jr.**, one of the **Senior Resident** judges of the Superior Court of North Carolina, in lieu of the Honorable **Michael L. Robinson**, 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, **December 29, 2022.***

  
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Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina

  
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Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice