

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

Hope-A Women's Cancer Center, P.A., and Raleigh Orthopaedic Clinic, P.A.


*v.
State of North Carolina; Michael F. Easley, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in his official capacity; North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; Dempsey E. Benton, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, in his official capacity; Dan A. Myers, M.D., Chairman of the North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council, in his official capacity; Jeff Horton, Acting Director, Division of Health Service Regulation, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, in his official capacity; and Lee B. Hoffman, Chief of the Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, in her official capacity*

Wake County: 08-CVS-007955

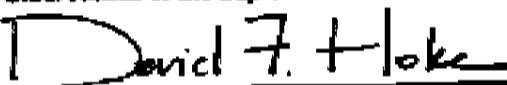
To the Honorable Donald W. Stephens, one of the Senior Resident Judges of the Superior Court of North Carolina, Greeting:

*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, I hereby designate the above-referenced case as **exceptional**. Therefore, I hereby assign the Honorable **Howard E. Manning, Jr.**, one of the Resident Judges of the Superior Court of North Carolina, 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, **September 4, 2008**.*



Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina



Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice