



CHAPTER 1D

N.C.G.S. § 1D-15.

Standards for recovery of punitive damages.

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§ 1D-15(a)AGGRAVATING
FACTOR

Punitive damages may be awarded only if the claimant proves that the defendant is liable for compensatory damages and that one of the following aggravating factors was present and was related to the injury for which compensatory damages were awarded:

- (1) Fraud.
- (2) Malice.
- (3) Willful or wanton conduct.

§ 1D-15(b)AGGRAVATING
FACTOR

The claimant must prove the existence of an aggravating factor by clear and convincing evidence.

§ 1D-15(c)AGGRAVATING
FACTOR

Punitive damages shall not be awarded against a person solely on the basis of vicarious liability for the acts or omissions of another. Punitive damages may be awarded against a person only if that person participated in the conduct constituting the aggravating factor giving rise to the punitive damages, or if, in the case of a corporation, the officers, directors, or managers of the corporation participated in or condoned the conduct constituting the aggravating factor giving rise to punitive damages.

§ 1D-15(d)

Punitive damages shall not be awarded against a person solely for breach of contract.

APPARATUS I
1 ACT

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