



CHAPTER 7A
ARTICLE 7 - ORGANIZATION

N.C.G.S. § 7A-45.3.

Superior court judges designated for complex business cases.

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The Chief Justice may exercise the authority under rules of practice prescribed pursuant to G.S. 7A-34 to designate up to six of the special superior court judges authorized by G.S. 7A-45.1 to hear and decide complex business cases as prescribed by the rules of practice if the Chief Justice determines that the judge to be designated has the requisite expertise and experience to serve as a Business Court Judge. Any judge so designated shall be known as a Business Court Judge and shall preside in the Business Court. If there is more than one Business Court Judge, the Chief Justice may designate one of them as the Chief Business Court Judge. If there is no designation by the Chief Justice, the Business Court Judge with the longest term of service on the court shall serve as Chief Business Court Judge until the Chief Justice makes an appointment to the position. The presiding Business Court Judge shall issue a written opinion in connection with any order granting or denying a motion under G.S. 1A-1, Rule 12, 56, 59, or 60, or any order finally disposing of a complex business case, other than an order effecting a settlement agreement or jury verdict. (2005-425, s. 1.1; 2014-102, s. 2; 2016-91, s. 1; 2025-54, s. 14(a).)

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3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 7A-34		"rules of practice prescribed pursuant to"
G.S. 7A-45.1		"special superior court judges authorized by"

G.S. 1A-1

"granting or denying a motion under"

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Citation

FULL SECTION

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