

## Designation Procedure for Mandatory Complex Business Cases

### Requirements for filing a Notice of Designation:

- Timing
  - Plaintiff/third-party plaintiff: contemporaneously with the filing of a complaint or third-party complaint.
  - Defendant/other party: within 30 days of receipt of service of the pleading seeking relief from defendant or other party.
  - Intervenor: contemporaneously with the filing of a motion to intervene.
- Contents
  - Basis of designation
  - Certificate by or on behalf of the designating party that the civil action meets the criteria for designation as a mandatory complex business case.
- Send to
  - Clerk of Superior Court in county of venue for filing.
  - Opposing counsel/unrepresented parties.
  - Chief Justice Mark Martin via e-mail to David F. Hoke (david.f.hoke@nccourts.org).
  - Chief Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases James L. Gale via e-mail to Christy Rutan (christy.rutan@ncbusinesscourt.net).
- Filing Fee: Additional \$1,100 filing fee to Clerk of Court in county of venue should be paid upon assignment of the case to a Business Court Judge.