

**17 SEPTEMBER 2024**  
**ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE**  
**OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Having consulted the local judicial officials, I hereby determine and declare under N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1) that catastrophic conditions resulting from severe weather and flood advisories exist or have existed in some southeastern North Carolina counties. Pursuant to statutory authority, I therefore extend the time and periods of limitation for filing and for acts due to be done in the following North Carolina counties:

**Brunswick County**

I order that all pleadings, motions, notices, and other documents and papers that were due to be filed in Brunswick County between the dates of 16 September 2024 and 20 September 2024 in civil actions, criminal actions, estates, and special proceedings shall be deemed to be timely filed if they are filed before the close of business on 23 September 2024.

I further order that all other acts that were due to be done in Brunswick County between the dates of 16 September 2024 and 20 September 2024 in civil actions, criminal actions, estates, and special proceedings shall be deemed to be timely done if they are done before the close of business on 23 September 2024.

**Columbus County**

I order that all pleadings, motions, notices, and other documents and papers that were due to be filed in Columbus County between the dates of 16 September 2024 and 20 September 2024 in civil actions, criminal actions, estates, and special proceedings shall be deemed to be timely filed if they are filed before the close of business on 23 September 2024.

I further order that all other acts that were due to be done in Columbus County between the dates of 16 September 2024 and 20 September 2024 in civil actions, criminal actions, estates, and special proceedings shall be deemed to be timely done if they are done before the close of business on 23 September 2024.

**New Hanover County**

I order that all pleadings, motions, notices, and other documents and papers that were due to be filed in New Hanover County between the dates of 16 September 2024 and 20 September 2024 in civil actions, criminal actions, estates, and special

proceedings shall be deemed to be timely filed if they are filed before the close of business on 23 September 2024.

I further order that all other acts that were due to be done in New Hanover County between the dates of 16 September 2024 and 20 September 2024 in civil actions, criminal actions, estates, and special proceedings shall be deemed to be timely done if they are done before the close of business on 23 September 2024.

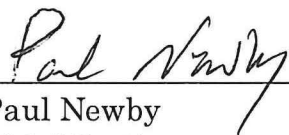
**Pender County**

I order that all pleadings, motions, notices, and other documents and papers that were due to be filed in Pender County between the dates of 16 September 2024 and 20 September 2024 in civil actions, criminal actions, estates, and special proceedings shall be deemed to be timely filed if they are filed before the close of business on 23 September 2024.

I further order that all other acts that were due to be done in Pender County between the dates of 16 September 2024 and 20 September 2024 in civil actions, criminal actions, estates, and special proceedings shall be deemed to be timely done if they are done before the close of business on 23 September 2024.

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This order becomes effective on 17 September 2024. Issued this the 17th day of September, 2024.

  
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Paul Newby  
Chief Justice  
Supreme Court of North Carolina