

**ORDER ADOPTING SUPERIOR  
COURT WEATHER POLICY**

**SUPERIOR COURT INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

The following policy is adopted for Superior Courts on Judicial District 25A in the event of inclement weather:

1. When circumstances allow, a decision to cancel or delay a session Superior Court shall be made by the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge. The Judicial Assistants will communicate the decision to the Clerks, the District Attorney, the Judges scheduled to preside, the Sheriffs, the court reporters, probation supervisors, and media outlets serving the two counties. If the Senior Resident Judge is not available, due to vacation or otherwise, the decision shall be made by the other Resident Superior Court Judge. If he is not available to make the decision, the Clerk of Court of each county will make the decision.
2. In the event circumstances do not allow advance notice of inclement weather, the policy will be that as follows:
  - A. **On the first day of inclement weather the Superior Court will follow the decision of the public school system of the county. If schools are cancelled, court is cancelled. If schools have a delay, the Court will be delayed the same length of time.** For example, if there is a two hour delay in school opening, Court will start two hours later than the normal opening time for that day. (10:00 AM on Monday becomes 12:00 NOON Monday.)
  - B. For subsequent days of inclement weather the decision will be made and communicated as outlined in paragraph number 1 above.
3. This policy does not limit the discretion of a presiding judge to deviate from the policy to adjust to particular trial situations.
4. The decision on cancellation of Superior Court does not control the decision of District Courts, Clerk's or other court offices in regard to their operations.
5. This policy shall be published and distributed to District Court officials, resident attorneys and law enforcement agencies, and published on websites established for Burke and Caldwell Counties.

**ORDERED** this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2004.

*S/Beverly T. Beal*  
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**BEVERLY T. BEAL**  
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge