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Name And Address Of Plaintiff(s)

VERSUS

Name And Address Of Defendant(s)

ARBITRATION

**NOTICE OF CASE SELECTION
FOR ARBITRATION**

G.S. 7A-37.1; Rules 1, 2, 6, and 9 of the Rules for
Court-Ordered Arbitration in North Carolina

TAKE NOTICE that this case has been assigned to arbitration pursuant to G.S. 7A-37.1 and the Rules for Court-Ordered Arbitration.

Further notice will be given of the date, time and place of the hearing which will be scheduled by the person named below in accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules.

Date

Signature

- Trial Court Administrator's Staff
- District Court Judge's Staff

ARBITRATION

The Court automatically assigns to arbitration all civil cases filed in district court with several classes of cases specifically excepted in the rules, including: domestic cases, claims for civil no-contact orders, class actions, and summary ejection actions. See Rule 2(a)(1) of the Rules for Court-Ordered Arbitration in North Carolina. Information about Court-Ordered Arbitration and the Rules for Court-Ordered Arbitration may be found on the Judicial Branch website at the following link: www.nccourts.gov/programs/court-ordered-arbitration.

The Court maintains and selects a list of qualified arbitrators who are experienced trial attorneys. The Court will appoint an arbitrator from the Court's list in accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules for Court-Ordered Arbitration in North Carolina.

All parties in this civil action shall be present at the hearing or represented through counsel. Parties may appear pro se as permitted by law. The parties may agree in writing to rely on stipulations and/or statements rather than live testimony of witnesses.

The time allocated for the **entire** hearing is one hour. Traditional rules of evidence and procedure will not apply, but shall be considered as a guide toward full and fair development of the facts. The arbitrator will render a decision within three (3) days after the hearing. The award is **not** binding. Any party dissatisfied with the outcome can reject the award and have a trial de novo after proper motion before the Court. The award rejection and demand for a trial de novo must be filed with the Court within thirty (30) days after the service of the arbitrator's award. The rejecting party must also pay a fee equivalent to the arbitrator's compensation unless the party is found to be indigent or partially indigent. This fee will be returned **only** if there is a trial in which, in the judge's opinion, the demanding party's position is improved over the arbitrator's award [Rule 9(b)]. Cases still pending after the 30-day rejection period in which no demand for trial de novo is filed will have the award of the arbitrator entered by the Court as its judgment, which is not appealable.