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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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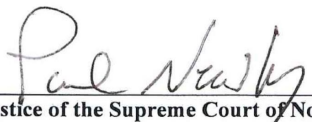
North Carolina State University
v.
Monsanto Company and Pharmacia, LLC

Wake County File Number: 25CV034830-910

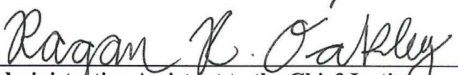
To the Honorable **Paul C. Ridgeway**, one of the **Senior Resident Judges** of the Superior Court of North Carolina, Greeting:

As Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution of North Carolina, and in accordance with the laws of North Carolina, the Rules of the Supreme Court and, specifically, **Rule 2.1** of the General Rules of Practice for the Superior and District Courts, I hereby designate the above-referenced case as **exceptional**. Therefore, I hereby assign the Honorable **A. Graham Shirley**, one of the **Special Judges** of the Superior Court of North Carolina, to hold such sessions of court as may be set, to enter orders, and to attend to such in-chambers matters and other business as may be necessary and proper for the orderly disposition of the case until otherwise ordered.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, on this day, **August 31, 2026**.



Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina



Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice