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### STATISTICAL COMPILATION OF THE OPINIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA TERMS 1989-90 THROUGH 1992-93

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This statistical review provides a numerical analysis of the work of the North Carolina Supreme Court. Lurking in any such review is the possibility of confusion regarding the meaning of the statistics. In addition, because the tables were compiled by hand-turning and counting the opinions contained in the official reporter, some slight margin of error may remain despite diligent checking and rechecking. Also of note, Tables III-VIII classify opinions by subject matter, a format which entails the exercise of discretion in determining within which classification an opinion should be counted. For instance, a domestic relations case may have been decided upon a rule of civil procedure, and the opinion arguably could be counted within either category.

It should also be noted that the author, Justice Harry C. Martin, retired January 31, 1992, and that Justice J. Beverly Lake only served eleven months, from February 5, 1992, through January 10, 1993. Justice Lake was succeeded by Justice Sarah Parker, who served the remainder of the 1992-93 term. Furthermore, because of the impending retirement of Justice Martin, the court did not hear arguments in December 1991.

The work of the court comes from many sources. This survey is limited, however, to the court's output—the work produced for use by the public, including lawyers, judges, academicians, and others who work in the legal vineyard. This review does not reflect the sources of the cases decided by the court, whether by right of appeal, petition for discretionary review, certiorari, or otherwise. It also does not include many petitions and motions reviewed by the court. The reader should also recognize that this review is not evaluative, since numbers alone are of little value in determining the difficulty and quality of the work produced.

The entire work product of the respective justices should be borne in mind in analyzing this statistical review. For example, Justice Louis Meyer

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authored nine opinions of the court during the 1992-93 term; however, seven were capital cases, which generally require more time to prepare because of the nature of the cases and multiplicity of the issues to be resolved. In addition, Justice Meyer wrote seven dissents and three concurrences, for a total of nineteen authored opinions. The reader also should note that, although all of the justices had additional demands upon their time, Chief Justice James Exum devoted many hours each day to administering the entire judicial branch of North Carolina's government.

A better perspective of the work of the court is gained when the statistics of all four years are reviewed together. Thus, the statistics illustrate the following about the total numbers of majority opinions authored by each justice during the four-year period:

Exum	66	Frye	63
Meyer	71	Webb	69
Mitchell	68	Whichard	69
Martin*	43	Lake*	13
		Parker*	1

<sup>\*</sup> Of the four years surveyed, Justice Martin served two years and seven months, Justice Lake served eleven months, and Justice Parker served six months.

The total number of authored opinions of the court for the four years is 463, an average of 115.75 per year and 16.5 opinions per justice per year. In conclusion, as noted above, the raw data in this study were obtained by hand-turning and counting. If the reader finds any errors, please advise the author.

### 1 JULY 1992 - 30 JUNE 1993

TABLE I

NUMBER OF OPINIONS AUTHORED BY EACH JUSTICE

JUSTICE	NUMBER OF OPINIONS AUTHORED	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
EXUM	13	12.9
MEYER	9	8.9
MITCHELL	17	16.9
FRYE	17	16.9
WEBB	21	20.9
WHICHARD	. 13	12.9
LAKE	10	9.9
PARKER	1	.9
TOTAL	101	100%
n a . n	24	

Per Curiam Decisions 37

TABLE II

ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL JUSTICES

Opinions Written				Opinions Joined			
	Opinions of the Court	Concur- rences*	Dissents*	Total	Concurrences Joined	Dissents Joined	Total
EXUM	13	0	0	13	2	3	5
MEYER	9	3	7	19	0	0	0
MITCHELL	17	2	2	21	1	0	1
FRYE	17	7	5	29	0	2	2
WEBB	21	1	3	25	1	1	2
WHICHARD	13	0	0	13	1	0	1
LAKE	10	0	0 .	10	1	3	4
PARKER	1	00	0	11	0	0	0
TOTAL	101	13	17	131	6	9	15

<sup>\*</sup> Dissents and concurrences include dissents and concurrences as to sentence and in part.

TABLE III

### NUMBER OF OPINIONS FILED BY THE JUSTICES ACCORDING TO SIX CATEGORIES

	Criminal	Criminal (Capital)	Criminal (Minor)*	Worker's Comp.	Domestic Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	1	5	0	1	0	6	13
MEYER	0	7	0	0	0	2	9
MITCHELL	2	10	0	2	0	3	17
FRYE	1	7	0	0	0	9	17
WEBB	1	9	0	1	0	10	21
WHICHARL	) 1	8	0	0	0	4	13
LAKE	1	3	0	0	0	6	10
PARKER	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	7	49	0	4	0	41	101

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Criminal (Minor)" includes all cases where the victim was a minor, i.e., sexual abuse and rape cases.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

### TABLE IV

### **VOTING ALIGNMENTS**

	EXUM	MEYER	MITCHELL	FRYE	WEBB	WHICHARD	LAKE	PARKER
EXUM (13)								
majority	-	11	13	11	13	13	-	1
concur*	-	1	~	1	-	_	-	-
dissent*	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
MEYER (9)								
majority	7	-	7	6	7	9	5	3
concur*	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	. <b>-</b>
dissent*	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	-
MITCHELL (1	7)							
majority	17	13	-	15	14	16	11	4
concur*	-	2	-	2	1	1	-	
dissent*	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-
FRYE (17)								
majority	17	12	16	-	15	17	8	2
concur*	-	<u>-</u>	1	-	-	-	-	-
dissent*	-	4	-	-	1	-	2	-
WEBB (21)								
majority	21	21	19	19	-	21	11	4
concur*	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-
dissent*	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
WHICHARD (	(13)							
majority	12	12	13	12	11	-	7	2
concur*	1	-	-	1	•	-	-	-
dissent*	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
LAKE (10)								
majority	9	10	10	9	9	10	-	-
concur*	-	-	-	•	~	-	-	-
dissent*	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
PARKER (1)								
majority	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
concur*	-	-	-	-	-	•	-	-
dissent*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> All dissents include dissents as to sentence and dissents in part. They also include dissents written by the individual justices and dissents in which the justices joined each other. Concurrences are tabulated in the same way. Thus, the stated number of dissents and concurrences accurately state the number of justices who dissented or concurred, but not necessarily the number of such opinions filed. Where the numbers under majority, concur, and dissent add up to a smaller number than the total number of opinions a particular justice filed, one or more of the other justices did not participate in that opinion.

### TABLE V

### NUMBER OF AUTHORED DISSENTS\* BY EACH JUSTICE AND TYPE OF CASE

		Criminal		Worker's	Domestic		
	Criminal	(Capital)	Juvenile	Comp.	Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEYER	0	1	0	1	0	5	7
MITCHELL	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
FRYE	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
WEBB	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
WHICHARI	0 (	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PARKER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	8	0	1	0	8	17

<sup>\*</sup> Dissents include dissents as to sentence and dissents in part.

TABLE VI

NUMBER OF DISSENTS\* JOINED BY EACH JUSTICE AND
TYPE OF CASE

	Criminal	Criminal (Capital)	Juvenile	Worker's Comp.	Domestic Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
MEYER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MITCHELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FRYE	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
WEBB	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WHICHARI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAKE	0	1	0	0	0	4	5
PARKER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	5	0	0	0	6	11

<sup>\*</sup> Dissents include dissents as to sentence and dissents in part.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

# TABLE VII NUMBER OF AUTHORED CONCURRENCES\* BY EACH JUSTICE AND TYPE OF CASE

	Criminal	Criminal (Capital)	Juvenile	Worker's Comp.	Domestic Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEYER	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
MITCHELL	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
FRYE	2	5	0	0	0	0	7
WEBB	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
WHICHARD	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PARKER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	8	0	0	0	3	13

<sup>\*</sup> Concurrences include concurrences as to sentence and concurrences in part.

TABLE VIII

NUMBER OF CONCURRENCES\* JOINED BY EACH JUSTICE AND

TYPE OF CASE

	Criminal	Criminal (Capital)	Juvenile	Worker's Comp.	Domestic Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
MEYER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MITCHELL	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
FRYE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEBB	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
WHICHARI	) 1	0	0	0	0	0	1
LAKE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PARKER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	3	0	0	0	1	6

<sup>\*</sup> Concurrences include concurrences as to sentence and concurrences in part.

### TABLE IX

### 4-3 DECISIONS

### JUSTICES CONSTITUTING THE MAJORITY\*

Frye, Exum, Mitchell, Whichard Lake, Meyer, Mitchell, Whichard Meyer, Exum, Whichard, Lake

\* Author italicized unless otherwise noted.

### TITLE OF CASE

Harris v. Nationwide Mutual Ins. Co. State v. Walker Perkins v. CCH Computax, Inc.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

### 1 JULY 1991 - 30 JUNE 1992

TABLE I

NUMBER OF OPINIONS AUTHORED BY EACH JUSTICE

JUSTICE	NUMBER OF OPINIONS AUTHORED	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
EXUM	32	21.5
MEYER	25	17
MITCHELL	16	11
MARTIN	8	5.5
FRYE	18	12
WEBB	28	19
WHICHARD	18	12
LAKE	3	2
TOTAL	148	100%
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Per Curiam Decisions

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TABLE II

ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL JUSTICES

### Opinions Written

	Opinions of	Concur-			Concur- rences	Dissents	
	the Court	rences*	Dissents*	Total	Joined	Joined	Total
EXUM	32	0	2	34	2	9	11
MEYER	25	5	15	45	2	7	9
MITCHELL	16	6	11	33	2	11	13
MARTIN	8	4	4	16	0	2	2
FRYE	18	2	3	23	0	3	3
WEBB	28	4	4	36	0	4	4
WHICHARD	18	0	3	21	1	3	4
LAKE	3	0	0	3	0	3	3
TOTAL	148	21	42	211	7	41	48

<sup>\*</sup> Dissents and concurrences include dissents and concurrences as to sentence and in part.

TABLE III

NUMBER OF OPINIONS FILED BY THE JUSTICES ACCORDING TO
SIX CATEGORIES

	Criminal	Criminal (Death)	Criminal (Minor)*	Worker's Comp.	Domestic Relations	Civil*	Total
EXUM	4	9	1	1	1	16	32
MEYER	4	13	1	0	0	7	25
MITCHELL	2	12	0	0	0	2	16
MARTIN	1	1	0	1	0	5	8
FRYE	3	6	* <b>0</b>	0	0	9	18
WEBB	5	9	0	0	1	13	28
WHICHARI	) 4	10	0	0	0	4	18
LAKE	0	1	0	00	1	1	3
TOTAL	23	61	2	2	3	57	148

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Criminal (Minor)" includes all cases where the victim was a minor, i.e., sexual abuse and rape cases.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

### TABLE IV

### **VOTING ALIGNMENTS**

	EXUM	MEYER	MITCHELL	MARTIN	FRYE	WEBB	WHICHARD	LAKE
EXUM (32)								
majority	-	18	28	30	32	31	31	-
concur*	-	2	3	1	-	-	-	-
dissent*	-	3	4	-	-	1	1	-
MEYER (25)								
majority	23	-	21	24	23	20	24	10
concur*		-	2	-	-	3	•	-
dissent*	2	-	2	1	2	1	-	1
MITCHELL (1	6)							
majority	15	12	-	16	15	16	14	2
concur*	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-
dissent*	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	1
MARTIN (8)								
majority	7	4	6	-	7	6	8	-
concur*	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
dissent*	1	3	2	-	1	1	-	-
FRYE (18)								
majority	16	13	14	15	-	14	16	-
concur*	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
dissent*	1	3	3	•	-	3	1	-
WEBB (28)								
majority	23	20	20	23	23	-	24	1
concur*	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	
dissent*	5	5	6	2	4	-	3	-
WHICHARD (	18)							
majority	18	15	14	17	18	17	-	6
concur*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
dissent*	-	3	4	1	-	1	-	2
LAKE (3)								
majority	2	3	3	-	2	2	3	-
concur*	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
dissent*	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> All dissents include dissents as to sentence and dissents in part. They also include dissents written by the individual justices and dissents in which the justices joined each other. Concurrences are tabulated in the same way. Thus, the stated number of dissents and concurrences accurately states the number of justices who dissented or concurred, but not necessarily the number of such opinions filed.

TABLE V

NUMBER OF AUTHORED DISSENTS\* BY EACH JUSTICE AND TYPE OF CASE

		Criminal		Worker's	Domestic		
	Criminal	(Death)	Juvenile	Comp.	Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
MEYER	3	6	0	1	0	5	15
MITCHELL	1	2	1	1	1	5	11
MARTIN	0	1	0	0	0	3	4
FRYE	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
WEBB	0	1	0	0	1	2	4
WHICHARI	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
LAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	7	11	1	2	2	19	42

<sup>\*</sup> Dissents include dissents as to sentence and dissents in part.

TABLE VI

NUMBER OF DISSENTS\* JOINED BY EACH JUSTICE AND
TYPE OF CASE

	Criminal	Criminal (Death)	Juvenile	Worker's Comp.	Domestic Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	1	0	0	0	0	8	9
MEYER	0	4	0	1	1	1	7
MITCHELL	3	5	0	0	0	3 ´	11
MARTIN	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
FRYE	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
WEBB	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
WHICHARI	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
LAKE	0	11	0	0	0	2	3
TOTAL	7	12	1	1	2	19	42

<sup>\*</sup> Dissents include dissents as to sentence and dissents in part.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

TABLE VII

### NUMBER OF AUTHORED CONCURRENCES\* BY EACH JUSTICE AND TYPE OF CASE

		Criminal		Worker's	Domestic		
	Criminal	(Death)	Juvenile	Comp.	Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEYER	0	3	0	0	0	2	5
MITCHELL	0	3	0	1	0	2	6
MARTIN	1	2	0	0	0	1	4
FRYE	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
WEBB	0	i 2	0	0	0	2	4
WHICHARI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	12	0	1	0	7	21

<sup>\*</sup> Concurrences include concurrences as to sentence and concurrences in part.

TABLE VIII

### NUMBER OF CONCURRENCES\* JOINED BY EACH JUSTICE AND TYPE OF CASE

		Criminal		Worker's	Domestic		
	Criminal	(Death)	Juvenile	Comp.	Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
MEYER	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
MITCHELL	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
MARTIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FRYE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEBB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHICHARI	0 0	1	0	0	0	0	1
LAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	5	0	1	0	2	8

<sup>\*</sup> Concurrences include concurrences as to sentence and concurrences in part.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

### TABLE IX

#### 4-3 DECISIONS

### JUSTICES CONSTITUTING THE MAJORITY

Meyer, Martin, Webb, Whichard Exum, Martin, Frye, Webb Exum, Mitchell, Martin, Whichard Exum, Martin, Frye, Whichard Martin, Frye, Webb, Whichard Meyer, Frye, Webb, Whichard Meyer, Mitchell, Webb, Whichard Meyer, Martin, Frye, Webb, Whichard Exum, Martin, Frye, Webb Exum, Frye, Webb, Whichard Mitchell, Martin, Frye, Webb Exum, Meyer, Martin, Frye, Webb Exum, Meyer, Martin, Frye, Whichard Exum, Martin, Frye, Whichard Exum, Frye, Webb, Whichard

### TITLE OF CASE

Swanson v. State of North Carolina

State v. McLaughlin

Tomlinson v. Camel City Motors

State v. Lyons

Davis v. Dennis Lilly Co.

Baker v. Martin

In Re Estate of Norton

Swanson v. State of North Carolina

State v. Canady

Sikes v. Sikes

Yates v. New South Pizza, Ltd.

State v. Hall

State v. Holmes

State v. Phipps

<sup>\*</sup> Author is italicizied.

### 1 JULY 1990 - 30 JUNE 1991

TABLE I

### NUMBER OF OPINIONS AUTHORED BY EACH JUSTICE

JUSTICE	NUMBER OF OPINIONS AUTHORED	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
EXUM	12	10.2
MEYER	17	14.4
MITCHELL	24	20.3
MARTIN	17	14.4
FRYE	15	12.7
WEBB	10	8.5
WHICHARD	23	19.5
TOTAL	118	100.0
Per Curiam Decisions	43	

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TABLE II

ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL JUSTICES

	<u>О</u> р	inions Writt		Dissenting Votes			
	Opinions of the Court	Concur- rences	Dissents	Total	Authored	Joined	Total
EXUM	12	0	0	12	0	2	2
MEYER	17	1	11	29	11	1	12
MITCHELL	24	0	2	26	2	5	7
MARTIN	17	2	8	27	8	4	12
FRYE	15	1	2	18	2	3	5
WEBB	10	1	4	15	4	3	7
WHICHARD	23	1	3	27	3	1	4
PER CURIAM	43	00	0	43	0	0	0
TOTAL	161	6	30	197	30	19	49

TABLE III

NUMBER OF OPINIONS FILED BY THE JUSTICES ACCORDING TO

SIX CATEGORIES

	Criminal	Criminal (Death)	Criminal* (Minor)	Workers' Comp.	Domestic Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	1	7	0	0	0	4	12
MEYER	5	2	0	1	0	9	17
MITCHELL	17	3	0	1	0	3	24
MARTIN	6	0	1	0	2	8	17
FRYE	6	1	0	0	1	7	15
WEBB	5	1	0	0	0	4	10
WHICHARI	8	6_	0	0	1	8	23
TOTAL	48	20	1	2	4	43	118

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Criminal (Minor)" includes all cases where the victim was a minor, i.e., sexual abuse and rape cases.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

### TABLE IV

### **VOTING ALIGNMENTS**

	EXUM	MEYER	MITCHELL	MARTIN	FRYE	WEBB	WHICHARD
EXUM (12)							
majority	_	12	12	10	10	12	11
concur*	-	0	0	1	2	0	
dissent*	-	0	0	1	0	0	0
MEYER (17)							
majority	17	-	16	15	17	15	16
concur*	0	-	0	0	0	0	
dissent*	0	-	1	2	0	2	
MITCHELL (	24)						
majority	24	21	-	22	22	22	23
concur*	0	0	-	0	0	' 1	0
dissent*	0	3	-	2	2		
MARTIN (17)							
majority	16	13	15	-	16	15	16
concur*	0	1	1	-	0	0	0
dissent*	1	3	1	-	1	2	
FRYE (15)							
majority	14	13	14	14	-	13	14
concur*	0	0	0	0	-	0	0
dissent*	1	2	1	1	-	2	
WEBB (10)							
majority	10	10	9	8	10	-	10
concur*	0	0	0	1	0	-	0
dissent*	0	0	1	1	0		0
WHICHARD	(23)						
majority	23	19	20	18	21	23	-
concur*	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
dissent*	0	4	3	5	2	0	-

<sup>\*</sup> Dissents include dissents as to sentence and dissents in part. In this table, authored dissents and joined dissents are counted as dissenting votes. Concurrences were tabulated in the same way. Justice Frye concurred in part and dissented in part in State v. Moore. In State v. Quick, Justice Meyer dissented in part and concurred in part, with Justices Mitchell and Martin joining. These votes have been treated as dissents for the purposes of this study.

TABLE V

### NUMBER OF AUTHORED DISSENTS\* BY EACH JUSTICE AND TYPE OF CASE

		Criminal.	Criminal	Worker's			
	Criminal	(Death)	(Minor)	Comp.	Domestic	Civil**	Total
EXUM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEYER	4	2	0	0	0	5	11
MITCHELL	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
MARTIN	1	0	0	0	0	7	8
FREYE	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
WEBB	1	0	0	0	1	2	4
WHICHARI	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
TOTAL	7	2	0	0	2	19	30

<sup>\*</sup> Opinions dissenting in part and dissenting as to sentences are counted as dissents for purposes of constructing this table. Justice Frye concurred in part and dissented in part in one case, State v. Moore. In State v. Quick, Justice Meyer concurred in part and dissented in part and was joined by Justices Mitchell and Martin. These were counted as dissents (or joined dissents).

TABLE VI

NUMBER OF DISSENTS JOINED BY EACH JUSTICE AND TYPE OF

CASE

	Criminal	Criminal (Death)	Criminal (Minor)	Worker's Comp.	Domestic	<u>Civil</u> *	Total
EXUM	0	0	. 0	0	0	2	2
MEYER	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MITCHELL	2	1	0	0	1	1	5
MARTIN	2	0	0	0	0	2	4
FREYE	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
WEBB	0	0	0	. 0	1	2	3
WHICHARI	0 0	0	0 .	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	4	1	0	0	2	12	19

<sup>\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

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TABLE VII

### NUMBER OF AUTHORED CONCURRENCES\* BY EACH JUSTICE AND TYPE OF CASE

	Criminal	Criminal (Death)	Criminal (Minor)	Worker's Comp.	Domestic	Civil**	Total
EXUM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEYER	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MITCHELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARTIN	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
FRYE	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
WEBB	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
WHICHARI	0 0	0	0	0	0	11	11
TOTAL	2	2	0	0	0	2	6

<sup>\*</sup> Concurrences include concurrences as to sentence and concurrences in part.

TABLE VIII

### NUMBER OF CONCURRENCES\* JOINED BY EACH JUSTICE AND TYPE OF CASE

	Criminal	Criminal (Death)	Criminal (Minor)	Worker's Comp.	Domestic	Civil**	Total
EXUM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEYER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MITCHELL	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MARTIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FRYE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WEBB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHICHARD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	2	2

<sup>\*</sup> Concurrences include concurrences as to sentence and concurrences in part.

#### TABLE IX

### 4-3 DECISIONS

### JUSTICES CONSTITUTING

THE MAJORITY\*

Exum, Meyer, Martin, Frye

Exum, Meyer, Martin, Frye

Exum, Mitchell, Webb, Whichard

Exum, Frye, Webb, Whichard

### TITLE OF CASE

In re Adoption of Clark

Concerned Citizens v. Holden Beach Enterprises

State v. Moore

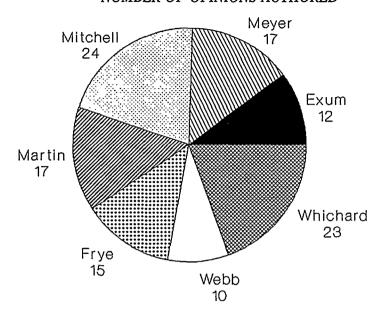
VanCamp v. Brugner and State v. Quick

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

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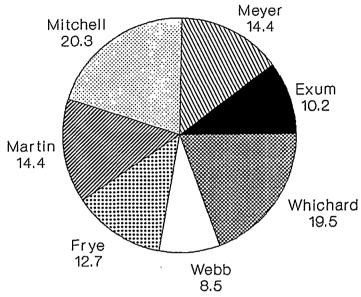
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## SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA NUMBER OF OPINIONS AUTHORED



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## SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA PERCENTAGE OF OPINIONS AUTHORED



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TABLE I

NUMBER OF OPINIONS AUTHORED BY EACH JUSTICE

JUSTICE	NUMBER OF OPINIONS AUTHORED	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
EXUM	9	9.4%
MEYER	20	20.8%
MITCHELL	11	11.5%
MARTIN	18	18.8%
FRYE	13	13.5%
WEBB	10	10.4%
WHICHARD	15	15.6%
TOTAL	96	100.0%

TABLE II

ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL JUSTICES

	<u>Opir</u>	ions Writte		enting Voti isposition l			
	Opinions of the Court	Concur- rences	Dissents	Total	Opinion	Joining	Total
EXUM	9	3	2	14	2	0	2
MEYER	20	0	6	26	6	2	8
MITCHELL	11	2	5	18	5	3	8
MARTIN	18	1	7	26	7	0	7
FRYE	13	4*	5	22	5	2	7**
WEBB	10	4	5	19	5	4	9
WHICHARD	15	0	2	17	2	2	4
PER CURIAM	I 37	0	0	37	0	0	0
TOTAL	133	14	32	179	32	13	45

<sup>\*</sup> This includes a concurrence as to result, written by Justice Whichard, in State v. Ricky Lee Price.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Two of these dissents are as to the sentence—State v. Quesinberry (written by Justice Whichard), and State v. Huff (written by Justice Meyer).

TABLE III

NUMBER OF OPINIONS FILED BY THE JUSTICES ACCORDING TO

SIX CATEGORIES

	Criminal	Criminal (Death)	Criminal (Minor)*	Worker's Comp.	Domestic Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	4	. 0	0	0	0	5	9
MEYER	9	` 3	2	0	0	6	20
MITCHELL	2	3	1	0	0	5	11
MARTIN	7	3	0	0	1	7	18
FRYE	6	0	0	0	0	7	13
WEBB	6	0	1	0	1	2	10
WHICHARI	5	4	0	0	0	6	15
TOTAL	39	13	4.	0	2	38	96

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Criminal (Minor)" includes all cases in which the victim was a minor, i.e., sexual abuse and rape cases.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

TABLE IV

VOTING ALIGNMENTS

	EXUM	MEYER	MITCHELL	MARTIN	FRYE	WEBB	WHICHARD
EXUM (9)							
majority	-	8	8	9	9	7	8
concur*	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
dissent*	-	1	1	0	0	2	1
MEYER (20)							
majority	17	_	18	19	17	13	20
concur*	2	_	1	1	0	3	0
dissent*	1	-	1	0	3	4	0
MITCHELL (1	11)						
majority	11	8	-	. 9	10	11	9
concur*	0	0	-	0	1	0	0
dissent*	0	3	-	2	. 0	0	2
MARTIN (18)							
majority	17	16	18	-	17	16	18
concur*	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
dissent*	1	2	0	-	1	2	0
FRYE (13)							
majority	13	13	9	11	-	11	12
concur*	0	0	1	0	-	1	0
dissent*	0	0	3	2	-	1	1
WEBB (10)							
majority	10	9	10	10	8	-	10
concur*	0	0	0	0	2	-	0
dissent**	0	1	0	0	0	-	0
WHICHARD (	(15)						
majority	14	14	12	11	11	15	-
concur*	1	0	· 0	1	1	0	-
dissent**	0	1	3	3	3	0	-

<sup>\*</sup> Dissents include dissents as to sentence and dissents in part. They also include dissents written by the individual justices and dissents in which the justices joined one another. Concurrences were tabulated in the same way.

TABLE V

NUMBER OF AUTHORED DISSENTS\* BY EACH JUSTICE AND
TYPE OF CASE

	Criminal	Criminal (Death)	Criminal (Minor)	Worker's Comp.	Domestic Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
MEYER	1	0	0	0	0	5	6
MITCHELL	4	0	0	0	0	1	5
MARTIN	0	1	0	0	0	6	7
FRYE	0	3	0	0	0	2	5
WEBB	2	1	0	0	1	1	5
WHICHARI	0 0	0	0	0	0	2	2
TOTAL	7	. 6	0	0	1	18	32

<sup>\*</sup> Dissents include dissents as to sentence and dissents in part.

TABLE VI

NUMBER OF DISSENTS\* JOINED BY EACH JUSTICE AND
TYPE OF CASE

	Criminal	Criminal (Death)	Criminal (Minor)	Worker's Comp.	Domestic Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEYER	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
MITCHELL	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
MARTIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FRYE	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
WEBB	2	0	0	0	0	2	4
WHICHARI	) 1	0	0	0	0	11	2
TOTAL	3	2	0	0	0	8	13

<sup>\*</sup> Dissents include dissents as to sentence and dissents in part.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes all civil cases except worker's compensation and domestic relations.

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TABLE VII NUMBER OF AUTHORED CONCURRENCES\* BY EACH JUSTICE AND TYPE OF CASE

	Criminal	Criminal (Death)	Criminal (Minor)	Worker's Comp.	Domestic Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
MEYER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MITCHELL	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
MARTIN	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
FRYE	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
WEBB	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
WHICHARI	0 0	0	0	0	_0	0	0_
TOTAL	7	4	0	0	0	1	12

<sup>\*</sup> Concurrences include concurrences as to sentence and concurrences in part.

TABLE VIII NUMBER OF CONCURRENCES\* JOINED BY EACH JUSTICE AND TYPE OF CASE

	Criminal	Criminal (Death)	Criminal (Minor)	Worker's Comp.	Domestic Relations	Civil**	Total
EXUM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEYER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MITCHELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARTIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FRYE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEBB	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
WHICHARI	0 0	0	0	0	00	0	0
TOTAL	2	0	.0	0	0	0	2

<sup>\*</sup> Concurrences include concurrences as to sentence and concurrences in part.

### TABLE IX

### 4-3 DECISIONS

### JUSTICES CONSTITUTING THE MAJORITY

Exum, Meyer, Martin, Frye Meyer, Mitchell, Martin, Whichard Exum, Frye, Webb, Whichard Exum, Mitchell, Martin, Frve Exum, Mitchell, Frye, Webb

#### \* Author italicized unless otherwise indicated.

### TITLE OF CASE

State v. Whiteside Finch v. City of Durham State v. Davis

Browne v. Casualty Co. Crump v. Board of Education

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