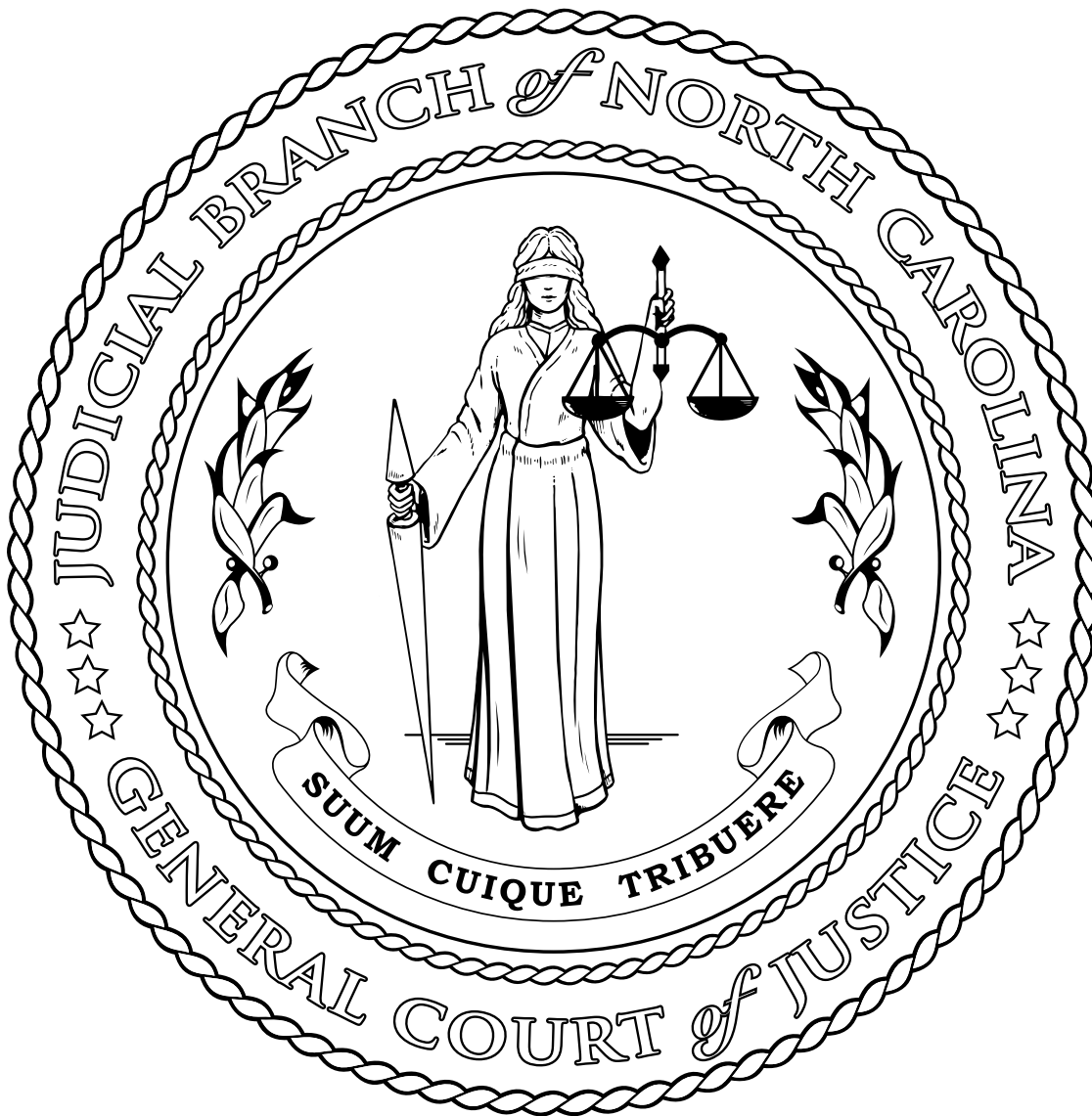


# COLOR THE NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH SEAL

## ABOUT THE SEAL



Primary colors used in the Judicial Branch seal are dark blue and gold.

- **JUDICIAL BLUE**—The dark blue symbolizes authority, confidence, dignity, intelligence, stability, trust, and truth.
- **JUDICIAL GOLD**—The gold represents courage, illumination, knowledge, and wisdom.

The North Carolina Judicial Branch seal includes elements also found in the seal of the Supreme Court of North Carolina. Elements and symbolism in the seal include:

- **LADY JUSTICE**—Lady Justice symbolizes the moral force in judicial systems.
- **BALANCED SCALES**—The balanced scales held by Lady Justice represent the impartiality with which justice is served.
- **SWORD**—The sword held by Lady Justice symbolizes the power of justice and reason.
- **BLINDFOLD**—Lady Justice is blindfolded to show that justice is not subject to influence.
- **THREE STARS**—The three stars collected together symbolize three co-equal branches within North Carolina's state government – legislative, executive, and judicial.
- **GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**—The General Court of Justice refers to a unified judicial system. As defined by the General Statutes: "North Carolina's court system, called the General Court of Justice, is a unified statewide, state-operated system comprised of three divisions."
- **SUUM CUIQUE TRIBUERE**—The phrase "Suum Cuique Tribuere" is Latin for "To render to every one his own."

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