IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA

No. 532A05

FILED 7 APRIL 2006

JAMES and CHARLOTTE COKER, ROBERT and REBECCA DARCONTE, and DONALD and BONITA SHOE

V.

DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION

Appeal pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-30(2) from the decision of a divided panel of the Court of Appeals, ___ N.C. App. ___, 617 S.E.2d 306 (2005), affirming an order and opinion dismissing plaintiffs' amended complaint entered on 5 January 2004 by Judge Ben F. Tennille in Superior Court, Rowan County. Heard in the Supreme Court 16 March 2006.

Wallace & Graham, P.A., by Cathy A. Williams and Mona Lisa Wallace; Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton LLP, by K. Edward Greene; and Shipman & Wright, L.L.P., by Gary K. Shipman, for plaintiff-appellants.

Smith Moore LLP, by Sidney S. Eagles, Jr. and Allison O. Van Laningham, and Bush Seyferth Kethledge & Paige PLLC, by Raymond M. Kethledge, for defendant-appellee.

Jonathan Wall, Counsel for the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, amicus curiae.

Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, by Burley B. Mitchell, Jr. and Sean E. Andrussier, for the National Association of Manufacturers and the American Tort Reform Association, amici curiae.

PER CURIAM.

AFFIRMED.

Justice MARTIN did not participate in the consideration or decision of this case.