

**OFFICE OF THE  
CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT  
OF THE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**ORDER**

*Stuart Stout, an individual; Shelby Stout, an individual; Jonah Hirsch, an individual; and MFWH Productions, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company*

*v.*


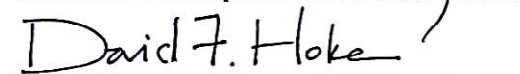
*Alcon Entertainment, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; Alcon Media Group, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; Andrew Kosove, an individual; Broderick Johnson, an individual; Walden Media, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and Steven Wegner, an individual*

*Mecklenburg County File Number: 20-CVS-6417*

*To the Honorable Louis A. Bledsoe, III, Chief Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases, 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, N.C.G.S. § 7A-45.4(a), in order to determine whether this action meets the designation requirements of a **mandatory complex business case**, you are assigned this case to ascertain whether the action is (1) properly designated as a **mandatory complex business case** in accord with N.C.G.S. 7A-45.4(b), and if so, to assign the case to a **Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases**; or (2) if not so properly designated, to advise the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of **Judicial District 26** so that the action may then be treated as any other civil action, wherein designation as a Rule 2.1 exceptional case may be pursued with the Senior Resident Judge.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, on this day, **June 23, 2020**.*

  
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina  
  
Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice