

WELCOME TO THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE COURTS



***WE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU IF WE CAN.
HOWEVER, WE ARE ALLOWED TO HELP YOU ONLY IN
CERTAIN WAYS, SINCE WE WANT TO BE FAIR TO
EVERYONE IN A CASE.***

**THIS IS A LIST OF SOME THINGS THE COURT STAFF *CAN* AND *CANNOT* DO FOR YOU.
PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE ASKING THE COURT STAFF FOR HELP.**

WE CAN explain and answer questions about how the court works.

WE CAN tell you what the requirements are to have your case considered by the court.

WE CAN give you some information from your case file.

WE CAN provide you with samples of court forms that are available.

WE CAN usually answer questions about court deadlines.

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WE CANNOT provide you with guidance on how to fill out forms.

WE CANNOT GIVE YOU LEGAL ADVICE. Only your lawyer can give you legal advice.

WE CANNOT tell you whether or not you should bring your case to court.

WE CANNOT give you an opinion about what will happen if you bring your case to court.

WE CANNOT recommend a lawyer, but we can provide you with the telephone number of a local lawyer referral service.

WE CANNOT talk to the judge for you about what will happen in your case.

WE CANNOT let you talk to the judge outside of court.

WE CANNOT change an order issued by a judge.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HELPING YOU IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THESE GUIDELINES.**