

Unified Family Courts of North Carolina

Since its inception in 1999, North Carolina Family Courts have helped families resolve difficult legal issues of child custody, child support and property distribution in a timely, more affordable and often non-adversarial manner utilizing alternative dispute resolution methods. Families receive personalized attention and the stability of specially trained judges and court personnel under the intrinsic and proven One Judge/One Family approach.

Benefits to Families

- Personalized attention and direction to families navigating a complex legal system.
- One Judge/One Family for continuity of decision making.
- Expedited resolution of cases to quickly return stability back to families.
- Reduced psychological trauma to children through the delivery of parent education programs and resources.
- Lower cost of litigation through efficient resolution of cases.

Benefits to Taxpayers

- Quicker establishment of child support, spousal support, and distribution of marital assets, which reduces demands on public assistance that might otherwise occur through the loss of homes, vehicles and businesses.
- Quicker permanent placement of children in the custody of the Department of Social services lowers foster care costs.

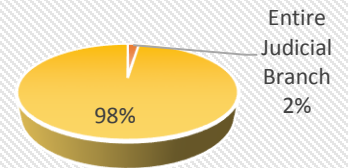
Benefits to Employers

- Consolidation of issues results in fewer hearings; which mean fewer days away from work for mothers and fathers.
- Quicker disposition rates bring a return to normalcy for litigants resulting in less distracted and more productive employees.

Other Important Factors

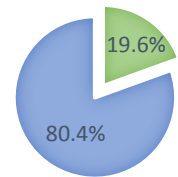
- There are currently Family courts in fourteen judicial districts covering twenty-seven counties with 46.2% of North Carolina's population.
- Justice delayed is justice denied. Delay creates unintended winners and losers by giving the party with custody of the children or assets defacto control. Family Court delivers the timely justice citizens deserve.

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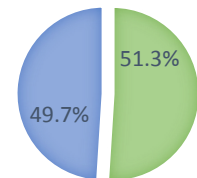


PERCENTAGE OF CASES OLDER THAN ONE YEAR

FAMILY COURT DISTRICTS



NON-FAMILY COURT DISTRICTS



■ Less than one year ■ More than one year
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PENDING MEDIAN AGE OF DOMESTIC CASES



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