

Clients of Cauley Pridgen, P.A. Go 4 and 0 in 45 Days of Appellate Decisions

(January, 2017) Within the course of only 45 days, the North Carolina Court of Appeals and North Carolina Supreme Court have sided with the positions taken by the firm's lawyers in four cases presented at the respective courts.

On November 15th, the Court of Appeals overturned a decision by the Superior Court for Edgecombe County to deny a change of venue request brought by the City of Kinston for an incident that occurred in Lenoir County. [Jim Cauley](#) and [David M. Rief](#), of the firm's Wilson and Kinston offices, respectively, along with insurance defense counsel, represented the City's interests as well as those of the City's employees. See [Williams v. Woodmen](#).

On December 6th, the Court of Appeals affirmed a decision by the District Court for Lenoir County denying a motion to vacate, set aside, or modify a default judgment. [Kelly V. Chase](#), of the firm's Wilson office, represented the City of Kinston and Lenoir County in the matter. See [County of Lenoir v. Helen Davis](#).

On December 21st, the North Carolina Supreme Court overturned a Court of Appeals decision and affirmed a trial court decision from Wake County to grant summary judgment to the City of Asheville in its claim against the State of North Carolina over the taking of the City's water infrastructure. Due to the impact of the State's actions as well as the potential impacts the Court of Appeals' decision would have on the interests of other local governments within the state, the City of Wilson participated as amicus curiae. Lawyers, [Jim Cauley](#) and [Gabriel Du Sablon](#), of the firm's Wilson office prepared the brief on behalf of the City of Wilson. See [City of Asheville v. State of North Carolina](#).

On December 30th, the Court of Appeals issued its decision reversing and remanding a decision by the Brunswick County Superior Court which held that there had been an inverse condemnation by the City of Boiling Spring Lakes in connection with that City's alteration of a lake's outlet structure. [Jim Cauley](#) and [David M. Rief](#) represented the City at the trial court and were joined on the appeal by [Geneva Yourse](#), of the firm's Raleigh office, and former Court of Appeals Judge Jack Cozort. See [Wilkie v. City of Boiling Spring Lakes](#).

"It has been a busy time and it is good to be able to deliver these types of results for our clients", said firm CEO, Jim Cauley. "We appreciate the confidence our clients show in this firm's lawyers to represent their interests in the State's highest courts."

Cauley Pridgen, P.A. traces its history back to the 1940s and limits its practice to matters related to business, government, utilities and land. The firm's lawyers have extensive experience in the representation of local governments and elected officials at both the trial and appellate levels. The firm maintains offices in Raleigh, Wilson and Kinston. For more information, contact the firm at 877-641-8848 or visit the website at www.CauleyPridgen.com