



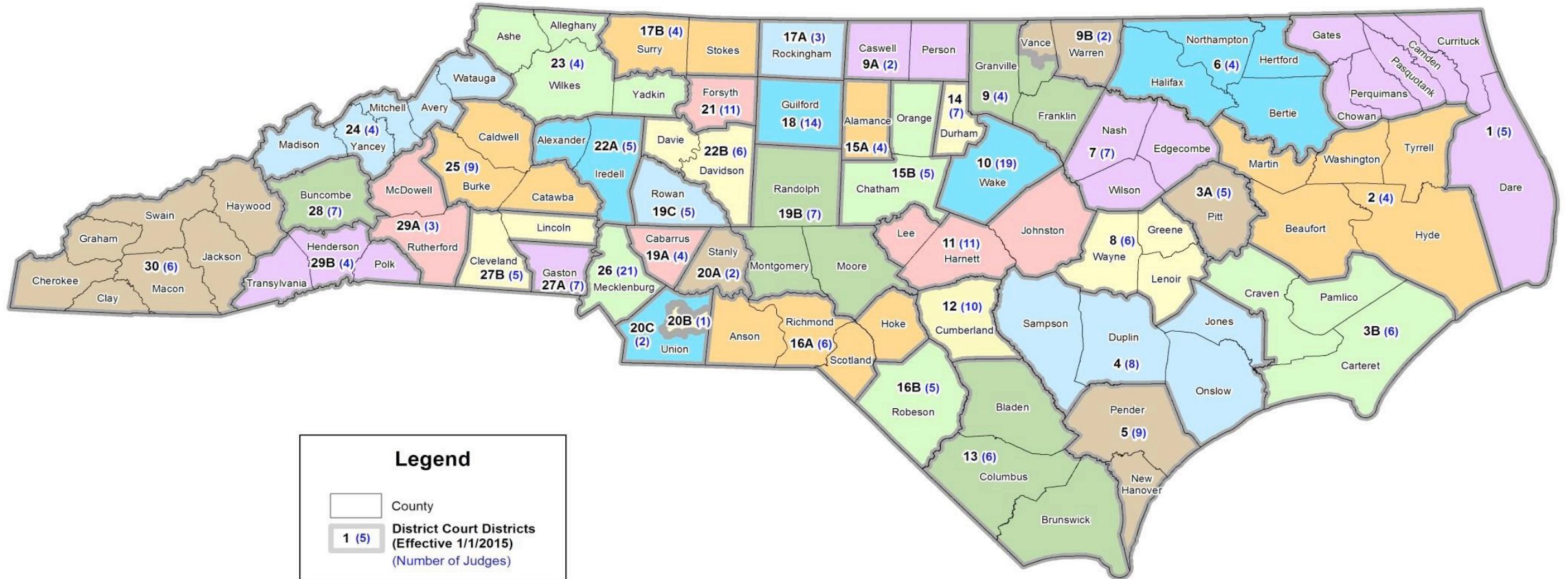
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# eCourts: Civil Domestic Violence System

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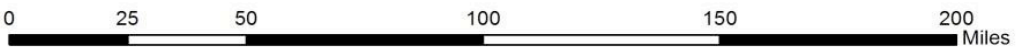
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# District Court Districts (Effective 1/1/2015)



**Legend**

- County
- 1 (5)** District Court Districts (Effective 1/1/2015) (Number of Judges)



Not depicted here is one at-large judgeship in Union County, designated as district 20D.  
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 Map based on G.S. 7A-133.  
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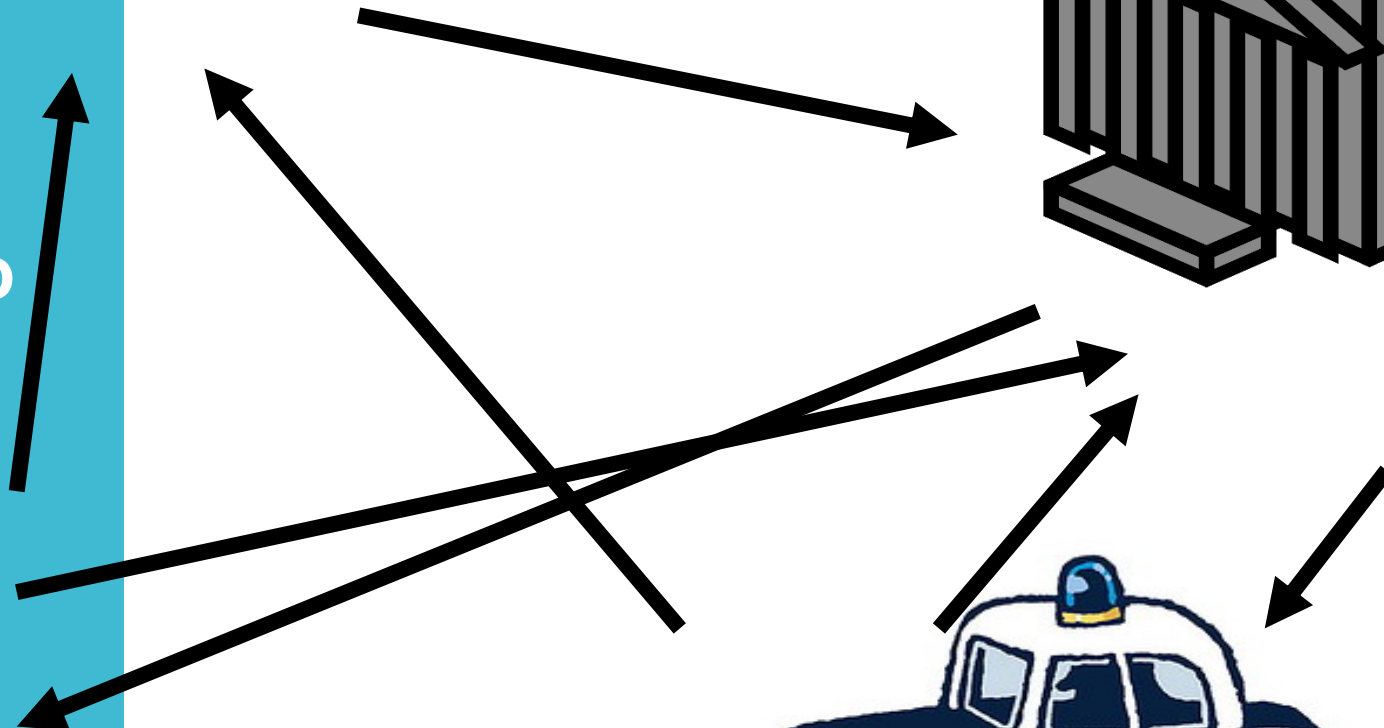
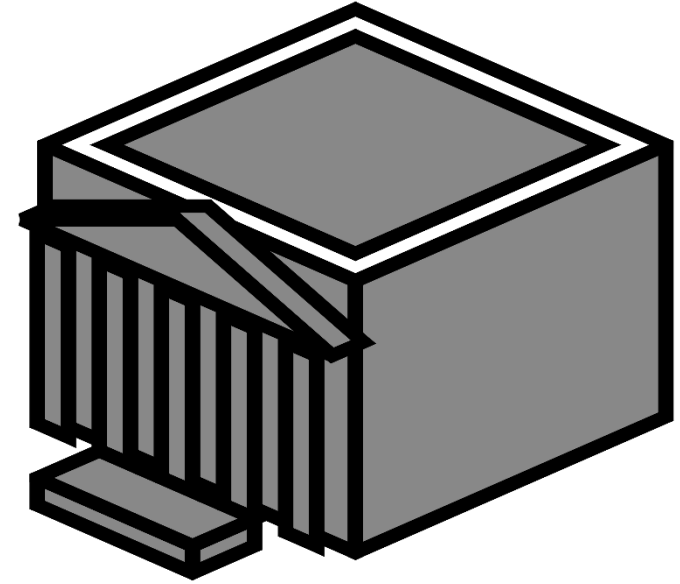
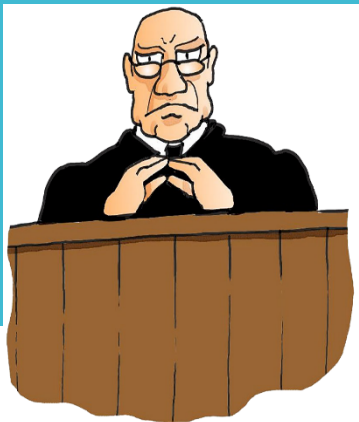


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# Statewide Statistics

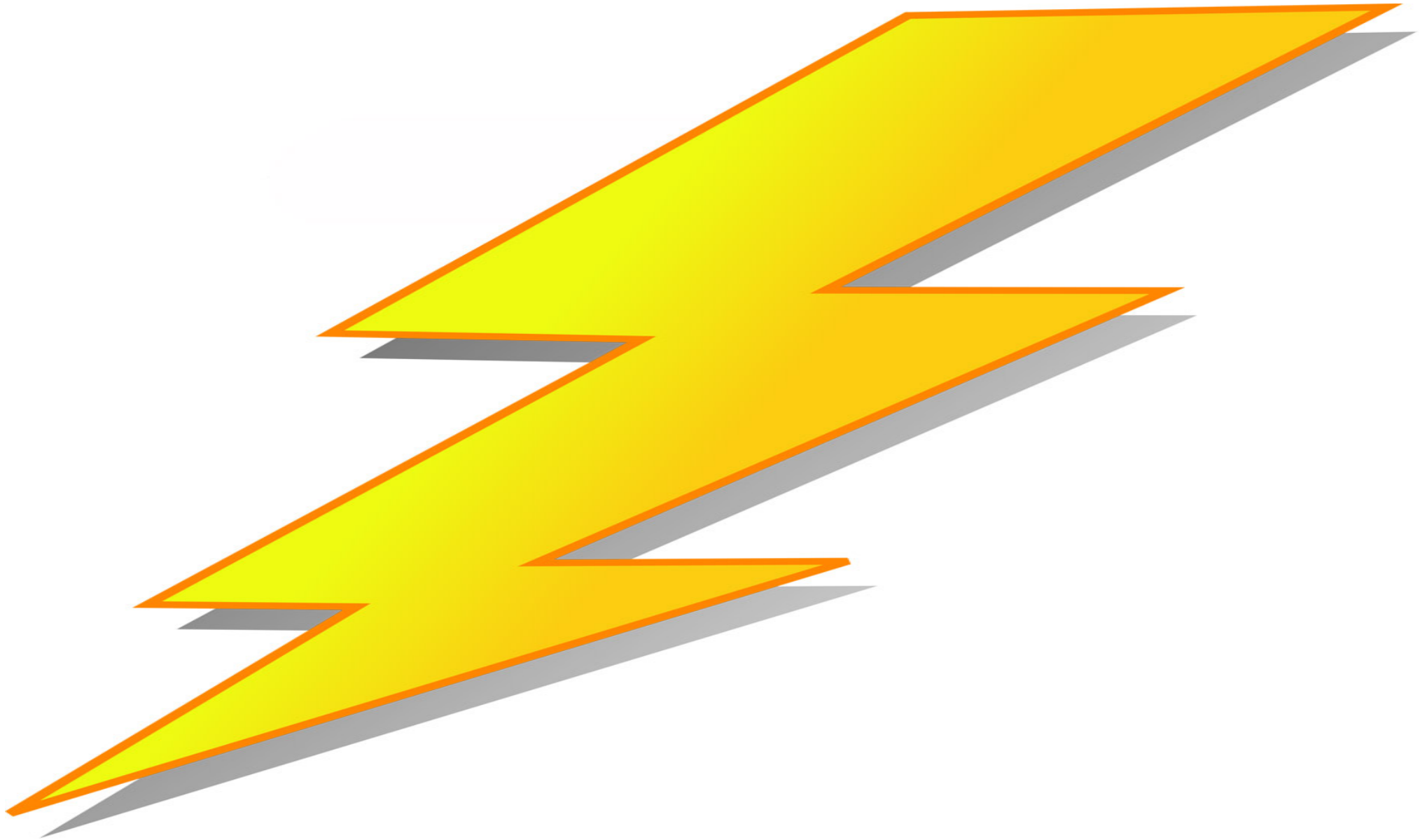
- Population: 10,506,879  
(2019)
- DOME Filings: 32,715
- Orders Granted: 10,662
- Orders Denied: 2,774
- Voluntarily Dismissed: 7,723
- Involuntarily Dismissed: 9,885
  
- DV Homicides: 110 (2017)

# Alamance Model Prior to June 2013

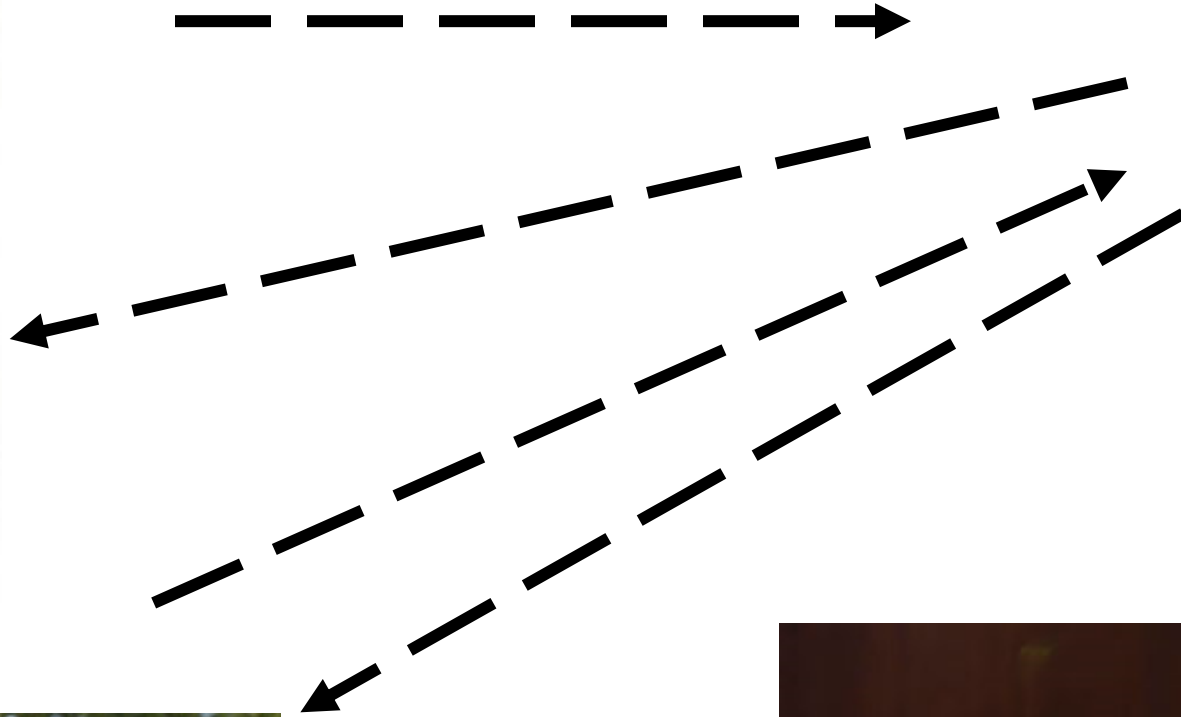


# Issues with the current system

- Victim Safety
- Courthouse personnel safety
- Drain on DV agency resources
- Discontinuance of the process
- Reluctance to seek judicial assistance to address future needs
- Efficiency
- Loss of work for the victim
- Child care
- Law enforcement safety







# Current eCourts Civil Domestic Violence Counties

## Alamance County

Launched June 26, 2013

- Population:  
151,131 (2018)
- DOME Filings: 485
- Orders Granted: 235
- Orders Denied: 6
- Voluntary Dismissals: 143
- Involuntary Dismissals: 95
- DV Homicides: 0 (2018)

## Guilford County

Launched August 3, 2015

- Population:  
526,953 (2018)
- DOME Filings: 1,582
- Orders Granted: 503
- Orders Denied: 19
- Voluntary Dismissals: 421
- Involuntary Dismissals: 584
- DV Homicides: 3 (2018)

# Current eCourts Civil Domestic Violence Counties

## Wake County

Launched May 16, 2016

- Population:  
1,072,203 (2018)
- DOME Filings: 2,318
- Orders Granted: 820
- Orders Denied: 130
- Voluntary Dismissals: 548
- Involuntary Dismissals: 769
  
- DV Homicides: 3 (2018)

## Davidson County

Launched October 31, 2016

- Population:  
165,466 (2018)
- DOME Filings: 660
- Orders Granted: 186
- Orders Denied: 36
- Voluntary Dismissals: 140
- Involuntary Dismissals: 216
  
- DV Homicides: 0 (2018)

# Current eCourts Civil Domestic Violence Counties

## Durham County

Launched May 8, 2017

- Population: 311,640 (2018)
- DOME Filings: 894
- Orders Granted: 360
- Orders Denied: 94
- Voluntary Dismissals: 142
- Involuntary Dismissals: 303
- DV Homicides: 0 (2018)

## Forsyth County

Launched August 21, 2017

- Population: 376,320 (2018)
- DOME Filings: 987
- Orders Granted: 343
- Orders Denied: 118
- Voluntary Dismissals: 222
- Involuntary Dismissals: 289
- DV Homicides: 3 (2018)

# Current eCourts Civil Domestic Violence Counties

## New Hanover County

Launched October 31, 2017  
Terminated January 30, 2018

- Population: 227,198 (2018)
- DOME Filings: 965
- Orders Granted: 311
- Orders Denied: 182
- Voluntary Dismissals: 102
- Involuntary Dismissals: 381
  
- DV Homicides: 10 (2017)



# Current eCourts Civil Domestic Violence Counties

## Onslow County

Launched January 29, 2018

- Population: 193,893 (2018)
- DOME Filings: 616
- Orders Granted: 188
- Orders Denied: 72
- Voluntary Dismissals: 159
- Involuntary Dismissals: 159
- DV Homicides: 1 (2018)

## Cumberland County

Launched June 4, 2018

- Population: 332,546 (2018)
- DOME Filings: 1,764
- Orders Granted: 368
- Orders Denied: 223
- Voluntary Dismissals: 454
- Involuntary Dismissals: 696
- DV Homicides: 4 (2018)

# Current eCourts Civil Domestic Violence Counties

## Rowan County

Launched February 4, 2019

- Population: 140,644 (2018)
- DOME Filings: 589
- Orders Granted: 193
- Orders Denied: 2
- Voluntary Dismissals: 121
- Involuntary Dismissals: 273
- DV Homicides: 1 (2018)

## Orange County

Launched April 8, 2019

- Population: 144,946 (2018)
- DOME Filings: 199
- Orders Granted: 88
- Orders Denied: 11
- Voluntary Dismissals: 67
- Involuntary Dismissals: 13
- DV Homicides: 0 (2018)

# NCAware Link

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## Managing Processes

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# Current eCourts Civil Domestic Violence Counties

## Brunswick County

Launched June 10, 2019

- Population: 140,644 (2018)
- DOME Filings: 589
- Orders Granted: 193
- Orders Denied: 2
- Voluntary Dismissals: 121
- Involuntary Dismissals: 273
- DV Homicides: 1 (2018)

## Mecklenburg County

Expected Launch October 28, 2019

- Population: 1,044,946 (2018)
- DOME Filings: 199
- Orders Granted: 88
- Orders Denied: 11
- Voluntary Dismissals: 67
- Involuntary Dismissals: 13
- DV Homicides: 0 (2018)

# Invited eCourts Civil Domestic Violence Counties

## 2019

- Davie County

## 2020

- Bladen County
- Pender County
- Columbus County
- Rockingham County
- Surry County
- Gaston County

# Numbers

By the end of 2020 we hope to have accomplished the following:

- Population Served 51%
- Total Number of DVPOs Electronically Filed 53%
- Total Number of Calls for Service 35%
- Total Number of Criminal Charges Filed 49%

# Benefits to the Petitioner

- Petitioner can seek the assistance of the judicial system without having to leave the safety of a DV agency.
- The petitioner can receive wraparound services, such as safety planning, child care, and housing assistance.
- Increased likelihood that the petitioner will complete the process by appearing for their permanent order.
- Short circuits the batterer's usual methods of accessing the petitioner and manipulate the process.



## Benefits to the Court Clerks

- Efficient processing of court documents.
- Integration with VCAP eliminates the need for data entry replication.
- Significant reduction in the number of hours spent processing civil domestic violence documents.



## Benefits to the Judge

- Immediate access to ex parte DV cases, with assuredness that the petitioner is present, via remote feed, and prepared to go forward with their proceedings.
- Courtroom docket flows more efficiently and matters are heard timely.
- Provides a one-on-one opportunity with the petitioner to address the concerns outlined in the DVPO application.



# Benefits to Law Enforcement

- Immediate access to the protective order documents, even in patrol cars.
- Facilitates faster service of process.
- Ready access to current and legible documents increases confidence in executing warrantless arrests for violations of domestic violence protective orders.
- Enhances officers sense of safety and job satisfaction.



“I had to go through this process before and it was so confusing. Being able to stay in one place, makes such a huge difference! It is nowhere near as scary for me and my kids.”

“I was so nervous thinking about what to expect with the 50B process. Not having to go through security or find the right courtroom is huge. I feel so much safer being here at the Family Justice Center and talking to the Judge through the computer.”

“This (the 50B process) is AMAZING! So much easier! The words thank you just don't seem like enough!”