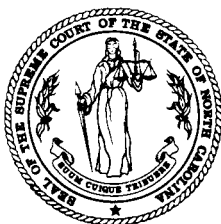


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Rule 26(c) of the North Carolina Rules of Appellate Procedure, 287 N.C. 671, 738 is hereby amended to read as follows (new material appears in italics):

Manner of Service

Service may be made in the manner provided for service and return of process in Rule 4 of the N.C. Rules of Civil Procedure, and may be so made upon a party or upon his attorney of record. Service may also be made upon a party or his attorney of record by delivering a copy to either or by mailing it to either at his last known address, or if no address is known, by filing it in the office of the clerk with whom the original paper is filed. Delivery of a copy within this Rule means handing it to the attorney or to the party, or leaving it at the attorney's office with a partner or employee. Service by mail is complete upon deposit of the paper enclosed in a postpaid, properly addressed wrapper in a Post Office or official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Post Office Department, *or, for those having access to such services, upon deposit with the State Courier Service or Inter-Office Mail.*

Adopted by the Court in Conference this 11th day of February 1982, to become effective upon adoption. This amendment shall be promulgated by the publication in the Advance Sheets of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

MITCHELL, J.
For the Court