MARIA TERESA PALMER, Guardian ad litem for J. CARMEN FUENTES, Employee v. W. BRENT JACKSON d/b/a JACKSON'S FARMING COMPANY, Employer, and COMPANION PROPERTY AND CASUALTY, Carrier

No. 336PA03

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On discretionary review pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-31 of a unanimous decision of the Court of Appeals, 157 N.C. App. 625, 579 S.E.2d 901 (2003), vacating and remanding orders entered 10 July and 24 July 2001 by Judge Russell J. Lanier, Jr., in Superior Court, Sampson County. Heard in the Supreme Court 16 March 2004.

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PER CURIAM.

DISCRETIONARY REVIEW IMPROVIDENTLY ALLOWED.