

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA

No. 439A01

FILED: 7 MARCH 2002

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.

v.

OGDEN PLANT MAINTENANCE COMPANY OF NORTH CAROLINA and THE BUDD  
GROUP, INC.

Appeal pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-30(2) from the  
decision of a divided panel of the Court of Appeals, 144 N.C.  
App. 503, 548 S.E.2d 807 (2001), reversing and remanding an order  
signed 12 February 2000 by Duke, J., in Superior Court, Wilson  
County. Heard in the Supreme Court 12 February 2002.

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Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, P.L.L.C., by Jerry S.  
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Walter L. Tippett, Jr.; and Yates, McLamb & Weyher,  
L.L.P., by Rodney E. Pettey, for defendant-appellants.*

PER CURIAM.

AFFIRMED.