

JAMES and CHARLOTTE COKER, ROBERT and REBECCA DARCONTE, and DONALD and BONITA SHOE v. DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION

No. 532A05

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Appeal pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-30(2) from the decision of a divided panel of the Court of Appeals, \_\_\_ N.C. App. \_\_\_, 617 S.E.2d 306 (2005), affirming an order and opinion dismissing plaintiffs' amended complaint entered on 5 January 2004 by Judge Ben F. Tennille in Superior Court, Rowan County. Heard in the Supreme Court 16 March 2006.

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PER CURIAM.

AFFIRMED.

Justice MARTIN did not participate in the consideration or decision of this case.