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Leslie Cooley-Dismukes
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Re: Governor's Designation of Executive Agency for N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-1380.5

Ms. Cooley-Dismukes:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §15A-1380.5, the Governor hereby designates the North Carolina Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission as the executive agency or board to which a resident Superior Court Judge may make recommendation as to alteration of sentence pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-1380.5.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-1380.5(d), upon review of a sentence of life without parole for offenses committed on or after 1 October 1994 through 30 November 1998, a resident Superior Court Judge, "shall recommend to the Governor or to any executive agency or board designated by the Governor whether or not the sentence of the defendant should be altered or commuted." N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-1380.5(d) (1994), *repealed by 1998 N.C. Sess. Law 212 §2(q)*. The Governor's designation of the North Carolina Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission as the executive agency or board requires a resident Superior Court Judge, pursuant to this statute, to recommend to the North Carolina Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission whether the defendant should be considered for parole. Recommendations as to commutations pursuant to this statute should be made to the Governor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory S. McLeod".

Gregory S. McLeod

Deputy General Counsel