

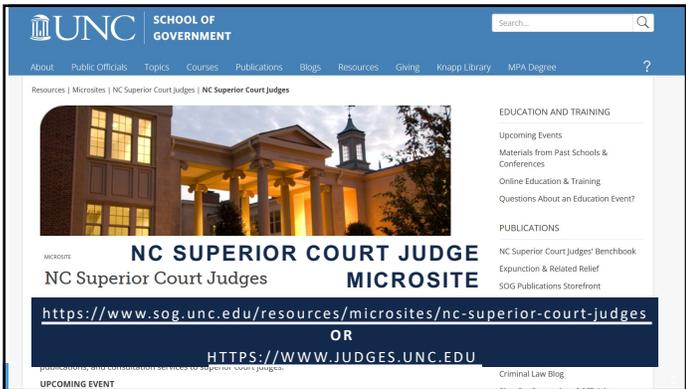
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The Judges' Benchbook and Other Resources

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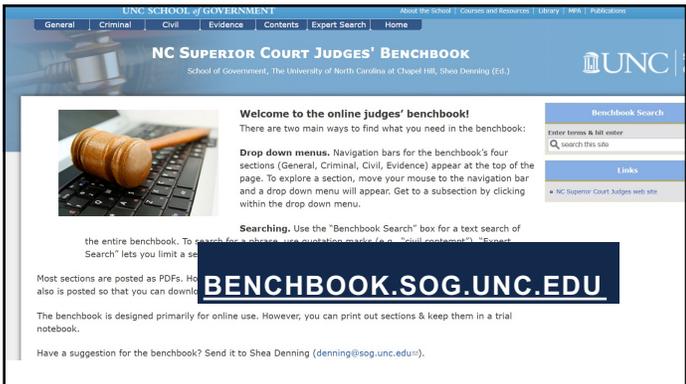
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Most sections are posted as PDFs. However, you can also post so that you can download them.

The benchbook is designed primarily for online use. However, you can print out sections & keep them in a trial notebook.

Have a suggestion for the benchbook? Send it to Shea Denning (denning@sog.unc.edu).

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- 2025 Updates to Pattern Jury Instructions for Civil Cases
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The Judicial Authority and Administration microsite includes articles and links related to judicial authority, administration, and structure in North Carolina. It is intended primarily for judges but may be useful to lawyers as well. The site provides information about topics that do not fit neatly into standard categories of criminal and civil law and procedure, though there certainly is overlap. The articles collected here have more to do with a judge's administrative duties, or the authority to control the courtroom and manage cases, or the structure of the court.

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November 16, 2020
Law Enforcement Agency Policies Prohibiting Officers from Associating with Criminals
Jeff Welty

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associational rights under the United States Constitution, and concludes with a few points to consider about the scope of such policies.

Policies prohibiting officers from associating with criminals are widespread. Here are some examples of policies adopted by North Carolina law enforcement agencies:

- Raleigh Police Department, Departmental Operating Instruction 1104-05: "All employees are prohibited from having regular or continuous associations or dealings with any person the employee knows, or should know, is under criminal investigation or indictment. Employees are prohibited from associations with persons who have a reputation in the community or the Department for present involvement in felonious or criminal behavior, except as necessary in the

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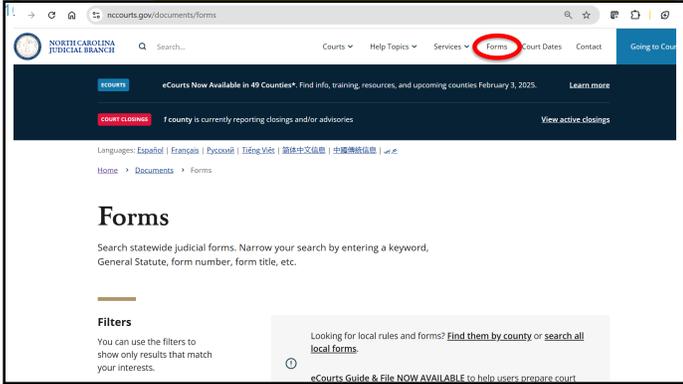
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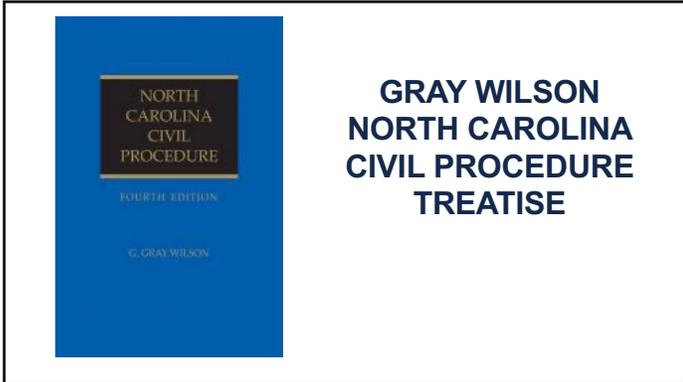
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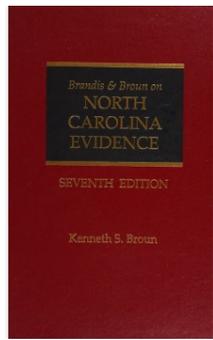


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| January 28 - 30, 2026 (Chapel Hill, NC)

Sentencing Seminar
| February 6 - 7, 2026 (Chapel Hill, NC) - This course has multiple offerings available.

Judicial Decision-Making for Judges
| February 26 - 27, 2026 (Chapel Hill, NC)

Getting Justice Done: A Judicial District Executive Seminar
| March 29 - 27, 2026 (Chapel Hill, NC) - This course has multiple offerings available.

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Leadership Training
| April 16 - 17, 2026 (Chapel Hill, NC)

Capital Case Law and Death Penalty Litigation
| May 4 - 5, 2026 (Chapel Hill, NC)

NC Superior Court Judges' Conferences
| June 24 - 26, 2026 (New Bern, NC)

NC Superior Court Judges' Conferences
New Bern, NC. Click here to sign up to receive a notification when registration becomes available for this offering
| June 24 - 26, 2026

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This course is sponsored by Administrative Office of the Courts.
Held twice a year, in the Summer and Fall, the conferences provide continuing judicial education in legal and other areas of interest to Superior Court Judges.

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Each judge and justice of the trial and appellate division shall attend at least thirty (30) hours of instruction in one or more approved continuing legal or judicial education programs in each biennium... (July 1, 2025 – June 1, 2027)

Rule II B of the Rules of Continuing Judicial Education.

Each judge must report in writing to the Administrative Office of the Courts, no later than July 31 following the end of each year of an educational biennium, the continuing education programs he has attended.

Rule IVB of the Rules of Continuing Judicial Education

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