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NC SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES' BENCHBOOK

School of Government, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Jessica Smith, Esq.

Welcome to the online judges' benchbook!

There are two main ways to find what you need in the benchbook:

BENCHBOOK.SOG.UNC.EDU

To explore a section, move your mouse to the navigation bar and a drop down menu will appear. Get to a subsection by clicking within the drop down menu.

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Use the "Benchbook Search" box for a text search of the entire benchbook. To search for a phrase, use quotation marks (e.g., "civil contempt"). "Expert Search" lets you limit a search to section titles, keywords, and abstracts.

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Indigent Defense Manual Series

John Rubin, Editor

Defender Manual

Michael Brady

Welcome to the UNC School of Government's Indigent Defense Manual Series!

The North Carolina Indigent Defense Manual Series is a collection of reference and practical materials for public defenders and appointed counsel, and presentation of counsel at state expense. The series was created to address the comprehensive reference materials for public defenders and appointed counsel, time, skill, and effort to representing poor people. In addition to assisting indigent their responsibilities, the manuals may be useful to others who work in the courts, a reference source on the law. In keeping with the School of Government's commitment to practical scholarship, the manuals are written by authors with subject-matter expertise in their respective fields, experience in developing effective educational materials, and knowledge of how things work in the courts. The series was recently expanded to add Indigent Defense Practice Guides, which are primers on specific areas of procedure.

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2024 Updates to Pattern Jury Instructions

The following PDF files contain updated instructions included in the most recent annual supplements to the North Carolina Pattern Jury Instructions

- 2024 Updates to Pattern Jury Instructions for Civil Cases
- 2024 Updates to Pattern Jury Instructions for Criminal Cases
- 2024 Updates to Pattern Jury Instructions for Motor Vehicle Negligence Cases

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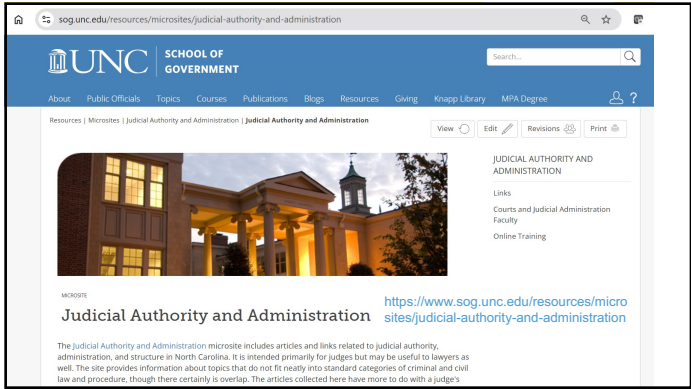
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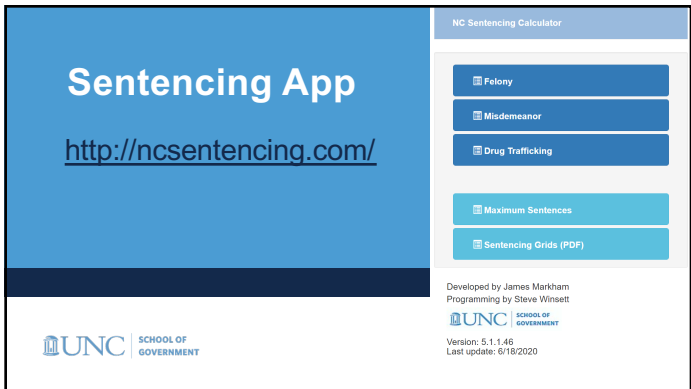
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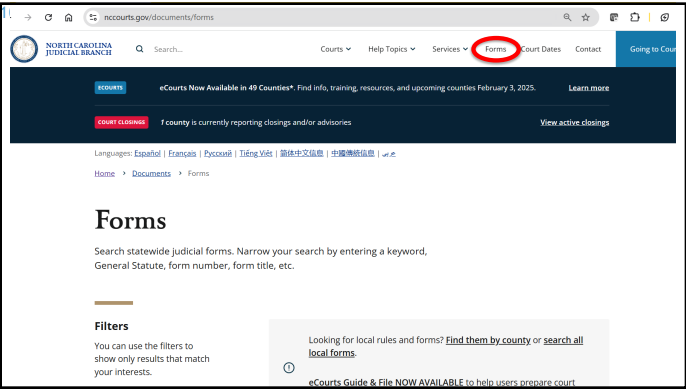
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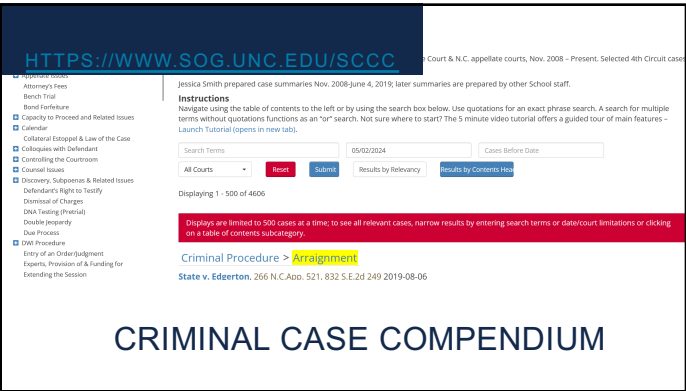
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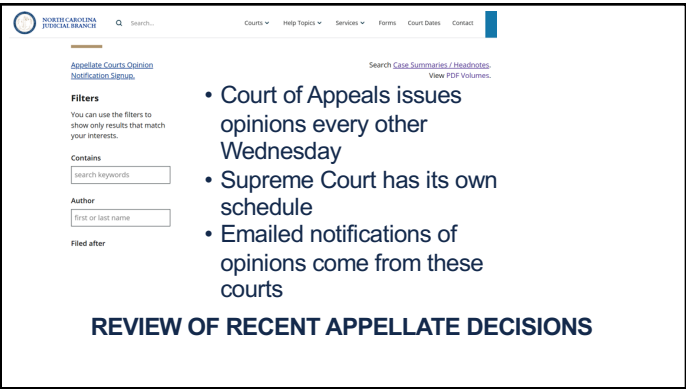
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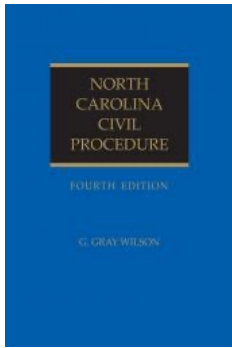
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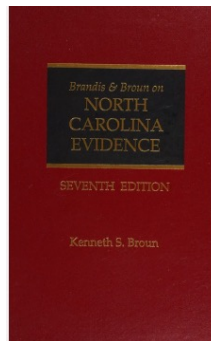
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Orientation for New Senior Resident Superior Court Judges
January 22 - 24, 2025 (Chapel Hill, NC)

Orientation for New Superior Court Judges
January 27 - 31, 2025 (Chapel Hill, NC)

Sentencing Seminar
February 7 - 8, 2025 (Chapel Hill, NC) - this course has multiple offerings available.

Advanced Criminal Procedure for Superior Court Judges
February 24 - 27, 2025 (Chapel Hill, NC)

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Leadership Training
April 14 - 15, 2025 (Chapel Hill, NC)

Advanced Criminal Evidence
April 28 - May 1, 2025 (Chapel Hill, NC)

NC Superior Court Judges' Conferences
June 18 - 20, 2025 (Asheville, NC)

NC Superior Court Judges' Conferences

Asheville, NC: Click here to sign up to receive a notification when registration becomes available for this offering
June 18 - 20, 2025

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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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CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION


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, 2023 – June 1, 2025)

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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