This guide describes the main works located in the law library (including electronic access, where available) dealing with North Carolina law. The Clarence W. Walker North Carolina Alcove (Level 3) houses most North Carolina legal materials in print, although additional titles are available in the General Collection (Level 2) and the Reserve Collection (Level 3).

There are two print choices for statutory code research in North Carolina. The General Statutes of North Carolina, the official version published by Lexis Publishing, and West’s North Carolina General Statutes Annotated are located in both the North Carolina Alcove and also with the other State Codes (Level 3). Electronic versions of the General Statutes of North Carolina
Annotated can be found in Lexis Advance (Law School users only) and in the university-wide database Nexis Uni (https://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE008121060). West’s North Carolina General Statutes Annotated can be found electronically on Westlaw (Law School users only). Unannotated versions of the General Statutes are also provided online by the North Carolina General Assembly (http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/statutes/Statutes.asp), on Bloomberg Law (Law School users only), and in the university-wide database Fastcase (https://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE006257307).

The North Carolina General Assembly’s Legislation page (http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Legislation/Legislation.html) also provides the texts of bills and bill status information from 1985 forward, and session laws back to 1959. Earlier session laws, from colonial times to present day, are digitized in HeinOnline’s Session Laws Library (https://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE003901900). For an annual survey of new legislation passed by the General Assembly, see Legislative Summaries (https://lrs.sog.unc.edu/lrs/legsumms/), formerly a print series called North Carolina Legislation (Superseded Ref: KFN7821.N864 1974-2008).

The official North Carolina case reporters and the North Carolina Reporter (containing North Carolina cases from the South Eastern Reporter), as well as the North Carolina Digest and Shepard’s North Carolina Citations, are located in the North Carolina Alcove on Level 3. Additional copies of the official reporters are on Level 2 in KFN. Opinions of the North Carolina Supreme Court and Court of Appeals from 1998 to the present are also available on the Administrative Office of the Courts web page at http://appealate.nccourts.org/opinions/.

Briefs for many North Carolina Supreme Court and Court of Appeals cases are located in the NC Records & Briefs Collection (Level 1), organized by opinion citation. Briefs and records for cases filed beginning in 1998 are available online at http://www.ncappellatecourts.org/. Recent briefs from the Supreme Court are also on microfiche in the Microforms Room. For more information about finding records and briefs generally, view the Court Records and Briefs Research Guide: http://www.law.duke.edu/lib/researchguides/records_briefs.

Proposed executive agency regulations are first published in the North Carolina Register (weekly), and once passed, are incorporated into the North Carolina Administrative Code. Current editions of both the Register and the Code are located in the North Carolina Alcove and available online from the state Office of Administrative Hearings (http://www.ncoah.com/rules/). Historical editions of the NC Register can be found at the call number KFN7436.N67 (from 1986); prior editions of the Administrative Code can be found in the Superseded Codes collection and in the Microforms Room on Level 1.
For current awareness and news about North Carolina law and lawyers, see *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly* (NC Alcove & at http://nclawyersweekly.com/?dmcss=login; see Reference Desk for access).

## I. Court Information


## II. Court Rules

*Annotated Rules of North Carolina* (annual). Shelved with all copies of *General Statutes of North Carolina*.

*North Carolina Rules of Court*. West, 2 vols. (annual). This commercial publication includes rules for practice in state courts and local federal courts, as well as ethics rules and NC Rules of Civil Procedure and Evidence. It is shelved in the NC Alcove and on Reserve.


## III. Legislative History

Researching North Carolina legislative history can be challenging. For guidance, consult chapter 6 of Childs & Sampson’s *North Carolina Legal Research*, 2d ed. (Ref. KFN7475 .C48
Many resources are available in Raleigh at the North Carolina Legislative Library (http://www.ncleg.net/Library/) and the North Carolina Supreme Court Library (http://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Appellate/SCLibrary.asp).

However, some North Carolina legislative history materials have been digitized. The General Assembly website includes selected study reports back to 1927 (http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/DocumentSites/browseDocSite.asp?nID=1&sFolderName=%Study\%20Reports\%20to\%20the\%20NCGA\%20available\%20online%29) and Journals from 2001 to the present (http://www.ncleg.net/; click on House or Senate to access the appropriate journals). Historical journals of the North Carolina Senate (1858 to 1969) are also available: http://archive.org/search.php?sort=publicdate&query=scanningcenter%3Achapelhill+AND+mediatype%3Atexts+AND+call_number%3Ab1877627. House Journals from 1869-1969 are online: http://archive.org/search.php?sort=publicdate&query=scanningcenter%3Achapelhill+AND+mediatype%3Atexts+AND+call_number%3Ab1886933. The Goodson Law Library also has many of these journal volumes in print.

IV. Directories of Attorneys


V. Encyclopedias and General Practice

North Carolina General Practice Deskbook. 4v. 3d ed. 2004 (on Bloomberg Law & Lexis Advance).

Strong’s North Carolina Index. 4th ed. Lawyers Cooperative, 1990- . (NC Alcove; also available on Westlaw under State Materials > North Carolina > Secondary Sources, or by typing “NCINDEX” into search bar).

VI. Form Books

The official forms published by the Administrative Office of the Courts are available in the North Carolina Judicial Department Forms Manual (NC Alcove KFN7468 .N677 1984- ). An increasing number of these same forms are now available on the AOC’s website at http://www.nccourts.org/Forms/FormSearch.asp, and there is also an index to the forms available at http://www.nccourts.org/Forms/Documents/CompleteIndex.pdf.


VII. Jury Instructions


VIII. Subject Treatises

A. Administrative Law


B. Business Organizations


C. Civil Procedure


D. Criminal Law and Procedure


E. Debtor/Creditor Law


F. Elder Law


G. Employment Law


H. Environmental Law


I. Estate Planning and Probate


J. Evidence


   Brobst, Jennifer A., Admissibility of Evidence in North Carolina. annual. (NC Alcove KFN7940 .F69 & online in Westlaw).


K. Family Law


L. **Juvenile Law (Child Abuse / Neglect and Juvenile Delinquency)**


M. **Landlord and Tenant Law**

N. **Motor Vehicles**


O. **Real Property and Property Taxation**


P. **Taxation**
Q. Torts


R. Trial Practice and Appellate Advocacy


S. Additional Practice Areas of Interest
Works on other topics, or additional works on the topics listed above, can be found with a search of the Duke University Libraries catalog (https://search.library.duke.edu/) with a keyword or subject search including the phrase *north carolina*; e.g., *mental health laws – north Carolina*.

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