

PREFACE TO THE 2025 EDITION

This year marks the 22nd year since the initial publication of North Carolina Juvenile Code: Practice and Procedure, a work that has been in continuous production since 2003. This edition provides the same comprehensive, up to date treatment of the juvenile law in North Carolina which continues to be unmatched in its coverage of the law regarding child welfare, juvenile delinquency, undisciplined actions, termination of parental rights actions, emancipation and the Interstate Compact. Noteworthy changes in the present edition include:

- A new section on juvenile dependency adjudications;
- An expanded section on placing a juvenile in the custody of a relative;
- A new section on certain aggravating factors which may preclude reunification efforts;
- An expanded section on forfeiture of the right to appointed counsel;
- A new section on juvenile contempt;
- Comprehensive updates on new case law and legislation affecting juvenile court proceedings; and
- Updated forms.

I would like to thank all those persons who have over the past 22 years made this publication possible, including those editors at Thompson Reuters who have brought the yearly updates to market and the many others who have made this work a success. I would also like to thank those who have purchased this work over the years and continue to hope that my labors might assist you in your important work, whether that involves representing parents, juveniles, a county department of social service agency, or those, like myself, who attempt to render fair, impartial and appropriate decisions from the bench.

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Additionally, I would strongly encourage lawyers and judges to feel free to offer any suggestions that would make this work more useful to the important work done in the juvenile courts.

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