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Preface

This publication replaces my “Criminal Procedure for Magistrates,” *Administration of Justice Bulletin* No. 2009/08 (Dec. 2009), and serves as the new criminal procedure text for the School of Government’s Basic School for Magistrates. It summarizes criminal procedure for North Carolina magistrates and is current through the 2013 legislative session and appellate cases through December 31, 2013.

Coverage includes criminal process and pleadings, initial appearance, pretrial release, fugitives, and search warrants. This publication does not address a magistrate’s authority under Section 7A-273 of the North Carolina General Statutes to accept guilty pleas or admissions of responsibility for infractions and certain Class 3 misdemeanors, commonly called waiver list jurisdiction. Listings of the offenses subject to waiver list jurisdiction are available online at www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs/CurrentW.asp.

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