

North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization
2025 Appellate Practice Exam: Open-Book Materials

The following materials are available for use on the multiple-choice, short-essay, and take-home examination modules. *Listed under the title of each publication are the rules and statutes the Appellate Practice Specialization Committee recommends that examinees study and/or be familiar with before the examination.*

*Note that the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear twice in the open-book materials that you should have on hand.

- I. North Carolina Rules of Court Volume I – State (Thomson Reuters 2025) and any supplement/pocket part
 - A. North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure
 - B. North Carolina Business Court Rules
 - C. North Carolina Rules of Appellate Procedure
 - D. The Revised Rules of Professional Conduct of the North Carolina State Bar
- II. North Carolina Rules of Court Volume II – Federal (Thomson Reuters 2025) and any supplement/pocket part
 - A. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*
 - B. Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure*
 - C. United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit-Local Rules and Internal Operating Procedures
- III. *Federal* Civil Judicial Procedure and Rules (2025 Revised Edition) (Thomson Reuters)
 - A. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*
 - B. The Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure*
 - C. Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States
 - D. Title 28, U.S. Code, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure. Examinees should focus on 28 U.S.C. §§ 1-49 & 1251-1296
- IV. Supplemental Open Book Reference Materials. (For study purposes, a PDF of the material is available on the State Bar’s Specialization Website), including:
 - N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1-15
 - N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1-51 to 1-52
 - N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1-270 to 1-271
 - N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1-277
 - N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1-279.1
 - N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1-569.28
 - N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-5
 - N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-16
 - N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-25 to 7A-27

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-30 to 7A-31
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-1001
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-1441 to § 15A-1443
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-1446 to § 15A-1449
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 50-19.1
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-4.1
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 97-86
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-293 to § 143-294
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