

Chapter 29

Witnesses

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This chapter discusses selected topics dealing with witnesses, including securing the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents at trial through the use of subpoenas. Subpoenas and other mechanisms for obtaining records before trial are also addressed in the chapter on discovery in Volume 1 of this manual. *See* 1 NORTH CAROLINA DEFENDER MANUAL § 4.6A, Evidence in

Possession of Third Parties, and § 4.7, Subpoenas (2d ed. 2013). Also covered in this chapter are the sequestration of witnesses, competency of adult and child witnesses to testify, general rules governing the examination of witnesses, use of remote testimony, and oaths and affirmations. The chapter does not address the requirements for the admission of expert testimony.