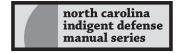
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Common Abbreviations (source unknown)

# **Preface to the Second Edition**

We are proud to release this second edition of the North Carolina Civil Commitment Manual. Our aim has been to create a clear, usable resource for attorneys appointed to represent respondents in civil commitment cases. We hope this edition of the manual continues to meet that goal. We also hope the manual will be a useful source of information for others who work in this challenging area.

We have the honor of writing this preface, but much of the credit for the manual belongs to others. First, the manual reflects the extraordinary work of the first edition's lead author, Lou Newman, who practiced law for many years in Wake County. She had just the right combination of qualities to get the project off the ground: experience as a respondent's attorney, expertise in the law, and a talent for synthesizing the valuable input we received from the editorial board on the first edition.

Second, thanks go to Rob Stranahan, Special Counsel, Central Regional Hospital, who read drafts of this edition, and to the members of the first edition's editorial board—Mark F. Botts, Associate Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School of Government; Becky C. Zogry, Esq., Kernersville, NC; Judith L. Kornegay, Esq., Rocky Mount, NC; Willia G. Mills, Special Counsel, John Umstead Hospital; Rob Stranahan; and Eric J. Zogry, Juvenile Defender, Office of Indigent Defense Services. They volunteered their time to review each chapter, offer their insights into the civil commitment process, and endure long meetings to see the manual to its conclusion.

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