



CHAPTER 29

ARTICLE 6 - CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK

N.C.G.S. § 29-19.

Succession by, through and from children born out of wedlock.

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§ 29-19(a)

For purposes of intestate succession, a child born out of wedlock shall be treated as if that child were the legitimate child of the child's mother, so that the child and the child's lineal descendants are entitled to take by, through and from the child's mother and the child's other maternal kindred, both descendants and collaterals, and they are entitled to take from the child.

§ 29-19(b)

For purposes of intestate succession, a child born out of wedlock shall be entitled to take by, through and from:

- (1) Any person who has been finally adjudged to be the father of the child pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 49-1 through 49-9 or the provisions of G.S. 49-14 through 49-16.
- (2) Any person who has acknowledged himself during his own lifetime and the child's lifetime to be the father of the child in a written instrument executed or acknowledged before a certifying officer named in G.S. 52-10(b).
- (3) A person who died prior to or within one year after the birth of the child and who can be established to have been the father of the child by DNA testing.

Notwithstanding the above provisions, no person shall be entitled to take hereunder unless the person has given written notice of the basis of the person's claim to the personal representative of the putative father within six months after the date of the first publication or posting of the general notice to creditors.

§ 29-19(c)

Any person described under subdivision (b)(1), (2), or (3) of this section and the person's lineal and collateral kin shall be entitled to inherit by, through and from the child.

§ 29-19(d)

Any person who acknowledges that he is the father of a child born out of wedlock in his duly probated last will shall be deemed to have intended that the child be treated as expressly provided for in the will or, in the absence of any express provision, the same as a legitimate child.

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APPARATUS I
9 ACTS

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01	1959	c. 879, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1973	c. 1062, s. 1	AMENDED
03	1975	c. 54, s. 1	AMENDED
04	1977	c. 375, s. 6	AMENDED
05	1977	c. 591	AMENDED
06	1977	c. 757, s. 3	AMENDED
07	2011	S.L. 2011-344, s. 5	AMENDED
08	2013	S.L. 2013-198, s. 9	AMENDED
09	2025	S.L. 2025-75, s. 3	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 49-1	(b)(1)	"child pursuant to the provisions of"

G.S. 49-14	(b)(1)	"through 49-9 or the provisions of"
G.S. 52-10(b)	(b)(2)	"before a certifying officer named in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

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