



CHAPTER 5A
ARTICLE 1 - CRIMINAL CONTEMPT

N.C.G.S. § 5A-13.

Direct and indirect criminal contempt;
proceedings required.

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- § 5A-13(a) Criminal contempt is direct criminal contempt when the act:
- (1) Is committed within the sight or hearing of a presiding judicial official; and
 - (2) Is committed in, or in immediate proximity to, the room where proceedings are being held before the court; and
 - (3) Is likely to interrupt or interfere with matters then before the court.

The presiding judicial official may punish summarily for direct criminal contempt according to the requirements of G.S. 5A-14 or may defer adjudication and sentencing as provided in G.S. 5A-15. If proceedings for direct criminal contempt are deferred, the judicial official must, immediately following the conduct, inform the person of his intention to institute contempt proceedings.

- § 5A-13(b) Any criminal contempt other than direct criminal contempt is indirect criminal contempt and is punishable only after proceedings in accordance with the procedure required by G.S. 5A-15.

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2 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. 5A-14	(a)	"contempt according to the requirements of"
G.S. 5A-15	(a)	"adjudication and sentencing as provided in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

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