



CHAPTER 8

ARTICLE 7 - COMPETENCY OF WITNESSES

N.C.G.S. § 8-53.5.

Communications between licensed marital and family therapist and client(s).

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No person, duly licensed as a licensed marriage and family therapist, nor any of the person's employees or associates, shall be required to disclose any information which the person may have acquired in rendering professional marriage and family therapy services, and which information was necessary to enable the person to render professional marriage and family therapy services. Any resident or presiding judge in the district in which the action is pending may, subject to G.S. 8-53.6, compel disclosure, either at the trial or prior thereto, if in the court's opinion disclosure is necessary to a proper administration of justice. If the case is in district court the judge shall be a district court judge, and if the case is in superior court the judge shall be a superior court judge.

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APPARATUS I
5 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1979	c. 697, s. 2		ENACTED
02	1983	c. 410, ss. 6, 7		AMENDED
03	1985	c. 223, s. 1		AMENDED

04	2001	S.L. 2001-487, s. 40(a)	AMENDED
05	2004	S.L. 2004-203, s. 18	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

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. 8-53.6		"action is pending may, subject to"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 8-53.5 (2004).

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