

Private Process Servers of North Carolina

Presenting to the Committee on Private Process Servers

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The Association was founded in 2013 by a group of concerned Process Servers and Private Investigators. We had support from NAPPS – National Association of Professional Process Servers, which is 35 years old. One of the Training and Educational Directors from New Jersey joined us at our first meeting to assist in establishing the professional ground work for this new association. Below is our Mission Statement.

NCAPPS Mission Statement

Dedicated to ensuring all North Carolina Process Servers are qualified and to further the profession by improving procedures, education and training for all servers in the state. To promote the profession in all courts, legal community and legislature and the general public. To insure that each member is of the highest integrity.

Ruth Reynolds of Reynolds Professional Service in Charlotte, North Carolina started the First Service of Process Company in our state. She has over thirty years experience in the field. She is a licensed Private Investigator in North Carolina and South Carolina. She is a member of the following associations: NAPPS, NCAPPS, NCAPI and SCALI and also NCISS member too. She is also a member of multiple State Association for Process Servers. The North Carolina Private Protective Services Board within the Department of Public Safety has approved her three hour classroom course on Service of Process. The only other course approved is an online course of Service of Process.

In early 1994, Ruth Reynolds and another Process Server in our state, lobbied to get the law changed from having to file a motion and order and affidavit for each service of process we received. We helped establish Rule 4 – H1.

- **North Carolina does not require registration or license to serve Process in North Carolina**
- **Rule 4 of N.C. General Statutes – states if it is filed in N.C. it has to go to the Sheriffs office first (unless it is a Subpoena)**
- **Under Rule 4 H 1 – Anyone over the age of 21 years old and not a party to the action or related by blood or marriage may serve.**
- **Some states that required licensing and registrations are Alaska, Arizona, California, Illinois, Montana, Nevada, and Oklahoma.**
- **Due to the growth of N.C. and people from other states moving here that serve process – we need to have requirements in place to ensure proper training and some form of accreditation for servers that think they can do Process without following rules of Civil Procedure.**
- **Most states are going to some form of education and regulations for this industry.**

- **State laws making assault on a Process Servers or Private Investigators a Class D Felony are: Illinois, California, Florida, New York, Arizona and Hawaii, which is working on laws currently.**
- **Process Services from out-of-state does not have to go to the County Sheriffs, where service is to be affected.**
- **Process Services from another state must follow the rules of the originating state.**
- **Process Serving is changing in our state, E-filing, servicing by Face book and the future is unknown.**
- **Five ways of Serving Process in North Carolina are: Personal, Substitute Service, Certified Mail, Fed EX/ UPS and Publication. With all these options – how are you going to get an affidavit of Service from Fed Ex/ UPS that requires a notary?**

- **Companies that support our industry with databases for inputting cases and keeping up with notifying our clients immediately upon service. More Servers are using GPS technology that give date and time stamp along with GPS coordinates showing exactly when and where the service occurred. Others may include pictures and or video of services.**
- **PAAPRS – Promoting Assault Awareness and Protective Regulations for Servers – This Company is out of Colorado and helps monitor all states and supplies information and updates on changing laws and new technology. Offering webinars on subjects related to the industry.**
- **Proper documentation is essential to completing an assignment. Your affidavit is your finished products. It has to be detailed and factual.**