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This edition of *Arrest, Search, and Investigation in North Carolina (ASI)* marks the last time this important publication will be written by Bob Farb. He has produced this key reference work for nearly 40 years, and it bears the hallmark qualities of Bob's work.

The book is comprehensive, well organized, analytical, clearly written, and practical. Bob always offers an objective summary of the prevailing law, not his personal opinion. *ASI* has become the definitive interpretation of the law in this area, largely due to the credibility and trust built by Bob.

*ASI* is used regularly by an incredibly diverse group of readers. It is remarkable that anyone could create a publication that simultaneously meets the needs of judges, prosecutors, indigent defense attorneys, magistrates, law enforcement officers, private attorneys, and so many others. Bob has the singular ability to write about the law in a way that resonates with practitioners who approach criminal procedure issues from many different perspectives.

Bob has another quality that has been crucial in researching and writing multiple editions of *ASI* over the years—discipline. His colleagues have marveled at his ability to shut out all distractions and consistently produce page after page of brilliant legal analysis. When I joined the Institute of Government in 1978 an earlier and much different version of *ASI* was under 100 pages long. Today it is a much longer and a more useful publication, and it reflects Bob's vision that *ASI* could cover more issues in greater depth without losing its practical usefulness.

It is hard to imagine future editions of *ASI* without Bob's guiding hand, but I'm confident it will continue along the solid path that he has established. My colleagues and I are grateful for all the ways that Bob has advanced the School's mission over the years. We are especially grateful for his continued work on *ASI* following his retirement, and now we wish him the very best as he fully retires.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Smith".

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