

S.C. Commission on Prosecution Coordination

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Glossary

Term, Phrase or Acronym	Meaning of the Term, Phrase or Acronym
Adjudication	Juveniles, charged with committing crimes or status offenses (an offense that would not be a crime for an adult, such as Runaway, Incurability, and Truancy), have their charges, subject to some exceptions, handled in the Family Court. If the prosecution establishes beyond a reasonable doubt that the juvenile committed the violation in question, the juvenile is adjudicated delinquent rather than found “guilty.” An adjudication of delinquency is not a criminal conviction but, for many practical purposes, is treated the same as a criminal conviction.
CDV	The crime of Criminal Domestic Violence. <i>See Criminal Domestic Violence.</i>
CLE	Continuing legal education. Attorneys are required to attend 14 hours of CLE each year, to include two hours of ethics; every three years, attorneys are required to attend one hour of substance abuse/mental health training.
Criminal Domestic Violence	Statutory crimes that involve, with or without aggravating circumstances, the causing of physical harm or injury to a person's own household member, or the offer or attempt to cause physical harm or injury to a person's own household member with apparent present ability under circumstances reasonably creating fear of imminent peril. This crime was repealed by the amendment of S.C. Code Sections 16-25-20 and 16-25-65 in 2015; covered conduct committed prior to June 4, 2015, is still prosecuted as Criminal Domestic Violence, while covered conduct committed on or after that date is punished as Domestic Violence (<i>See below</i>).
DAODAS	Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services
DUI	The crime of Driving Under the Influence.
DV	The crime of Domestic Violence. <i>See Domestic Violence.</i>
Disposition	Resolution of a criminal charge, which may be either conviction (through trial or plea), not guilty verdict, adjudication (Family Court), or dismissal. Reasons for dismissals include lack of evidence, inability to proceed (for reasons including absence of witnesses, adverse rulings by the trial court, and a defendant’s inability to stand trial), and alternative resolution of case (successful completion of a pretrial intervention program, an alcohol education program, traffic education program, or some other diversion-type program operated by a Solicitor’s Office).

Diversion Program	Alternative means of resolving a criminal charge that usually do not result in a conviction or adjudication. Examples include Pre-Trial Intervention, Alcohol Education Program, Traffic Education Program, and Juvenile Arbitration.
Domestic Violence	A statutory crime of varying degrees, effective June 4, 2015, that involves the causing of physical harm or injury to a person's own household member, or the offer or attempt to cause physical harm or injury to a person's own household member with apparent present ability under circumstances reasonably creating fear of imminent peril. <i>See</i> S.C. Code Section 16-25-20.
E-Discovery	Electronic discovery (collection and disclosure of discovery materials by electronic means, rather than by and using paper).
General Sessions Court	The criminal “side” of the Circuit Court, and the highest level criminal trial court in the state unified court system.
Judicial Circuit	South Carolina’s 46 counties are divided into 16 Judicial Circuits, each represented by an elected Solicitor. Seven Judicial Circuits include two counties; three Judicial Circuits include three counties, 5 Judicial Circuits include four counties, and 1 Judicial Circuit includes five counties.
OVSEC	State of South Carolina Office of Victim Services Education and Certification; OVSEC certifies victim advocates and accredits trainings for them.
SCCJA	South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy; the Academy accredits trainings for law enforcement officers.
SCCPC	South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination.
SCSA	Solicitors’ Association of South Carolina, Inc., a nonprofit South Carolina corporation.
SLED	South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.
Solicitor	In South Carolina, the position of "Circuit Solicitor" is comparable to that of State's Attorney or District Attorney in other jurisdictions – that is, the official who, either directly or through one of the assistant Solicitors, represents the government in the prosecution of criminal offenses. The State Constitution establishes one Solicitor (elected for a four-year term) for each Judicial Circuit.
Summary Court	A term used to collectively refer to the magistrate and municipal courts, the lowest level trial courts in the state unified court system.
TSRP	Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, an attorney position within the SCCPC funded by a federal grant to conduct trainings for and assisting attorney and police officer prosecutors on traffic-related criminal cases.