

Basic Substance Abuse for Judges

January 16-18, 2008

North Carolina Judicial College

UNC Chapel Hill

Audience: Up to 30 district and superior court judges

Level: Basic introduction to substance abuse in the courts. Instructors will assume little or no expertise in the areas of alcohol or drug abuse.

Topics: Substance abuse in society; recent trends in drug usage; the nature of addiction and the basic pharmacology of substance abuse; substance abuse assessments; drug testing; evaluating treatment plans; confidentiality laws

Schedule: Class begins Wednesday, January 16 at 12:30 p.m. and ends Friday, January 18 at 2:30 p.m. All classes will be held at the School of Government on the campus of UNC Chapel Hill. The course offers 14.25 hours of CJE.

Class Objectives:

Improve ability of participants to:

Recognize substance abuse issues arising in a variety of case types, including criminal, domestic violence and juvenile cases

Choose appropriate testing and/or assessment procedures for individual cases involving litigants with substance abuse issues and interpret the results of those procedures

Create appropriate and enforceable criminal, civil and juvenile dispositions in cases involving litigants with substance abuse issues

Evaluate quality of local assessment and treatment programs

Evaluate testimony of witnesses concerning testing, assessment and treatment for substance abuse issues

Monitor compliance with orders involving persons with substance abuse issues