



AGENDA

2017 North Carolina Child Welfare Law Trial Skills Academy Training
March 9-10, 2017 / Chapel Hill, NC

*Cosponsored by the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government, NC Administrative Office
of the Courts Court Improvement Program &
NC Office of Indigent Defense Services*

Day 1: Thursday, March 9

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| 8:00 - 8:45am | Check-in |
| 8:45 - 9:00 | Welcome, Announcements & Acknowledgments
UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government, NC |
| 9:00 - 9:50 | Introduction & Story of Your Case [50 min.]
<i>Annick Lenoir-Peek, Assistant Appellate Defender
Office of Parent Representation, Durham, NC</i> |
| 9:50—10:35 | Witness Preparation [45 min.]
<i>Karen Jackson, Parent Attorney
Greensboro, NC</i> |
| 10:35—10:45 | Refuel |
| 10:45—11:30 | Direct Examination of a Witness [45 min.]
<i>Lyana Hunter, Assistant Public Defender
Office of Public Defender, Wilmington, NC</i> |
| 11:30—12:15pm | Cross Examination of a Fact Witness [45 min.]
<i>Twyla Hollingsworth-Richardson, Managing Attorney
Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services</i> |
| 12:15—1:00 | Lunch (provided in building)* |
| 1:00—2:15 | Child Testimony [75 min.]
<i>Nita Stanley, Attorney, Guardian ad Litem Program
Charlotte, NC</i> |
| 2:15—2:25 | Refuel |



2:25—4:05 **Qualification & Direct Examination of an Expert Witness [100 min.]**
Phil Dixon, Jr., Defender Educator
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

4:05—4:50 **Motions Practice [45 min.]**
Shannon Poore, Parent Attorney
Batch, Poore & Williams, PC, Raleigh, NC

4:50—5:00 **Closing**

Day 2 Friday, March 10

9:00—9:45am **Discovery [45 min.]**
Sydney Batch, Parent Attorney
Batch, Poore & Williams, PC, Raleigh, NC

9:45—10:25 **Stipulations, Consent Orders, and Settlements [40 min.]**
Wendy Sotolongo, Parent Representation Coordinator
Office of Parent Representation, Durham, NC

10:25—10:35 Refuel

10:35—11:00 **Evidence Basics [25 min.]**
Melissa, DSS County Attorney
Randolph County, Asheboro, NC

11:00—12:00pm **Laying the Foundation [60 min.]**
Heather Peagler Mobley, Parent Attorney
Concord, NC

12:00—12:45 Lunch (provided in building)*

12:45—1:45 **Making and Meeting Objections [60 min.]**
Beth Spillman, GAL Attorney Advocate
25th Judicial District (Caldwell, Burke & Catawba)

1:45—2:40 **Hearsay [55 min.]**
Susan Lynch, Assistant Public Defender
Hoke County, NC

*IDS employees may not claim reimbursement for lunch



2:40–2:50

Refuel

2:50–3:50

**Ethical Considerations When Representing Clients
with Diminished Capacity [60 min.]**

Kristine Sullivan, Senior Attorney

Disability Rights North Carolina, Raleigh, NC

3:50 – 5:00

Closing and Brainstorming Session

CLE HOURS

General Hour(s): 11.50

Ethics Hour(s): 1.00

Total CLE Hours: 12.50