

County Attorneys Conference Agenda

January 29-30, 2026

Thursday, January 29

9:00-12:00pm

Fundamentals Workshop: Liability for County Attorneys

*Becca Fisher-Gabbard, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government
Roger Askew, Wake County Attorney
William Bulfer, Partner, Teague Campbell*

Thursday, January 29

1:00-1:15pm

Introductions & Announcements

1:15-2:15pm

Technology Session: Practical Issues in Navigating E-Courts

*Brad Fowler, Chief Business Officer, NC Administrative Office of the Courts
Andrew Brown, General Counsel, NC Administrative Office of the Courts*

2:15-2:30pm

Break

2:30-3:30pm

Planning Law Update

Adam Lovelady, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government

3:30-3:45pm

Break

3:45-5:15pm

Contracting Law Update

*Crista Cuccaro, UNC-CH School of Government
County Attorney Groups*

5:15pm

Reception

Friday, January 30

9:00-10:00am

Legislative and Case Law Update

*Joy Hicks, NC Association of County Commissioners
Josh Lanier, NC Association of County Commissioners*

10:00-10:15am

Break

10:15-11:00am

Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

Diane Juffras, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government

11:00-11:15am

Break

11:15-12:15pm

Attorney Ethics & Lobbying

*Chris McLaughlin, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government
Amy Bason, NC Association of County Commissioners
Adam Pridemore, NC Association of County Commissioners
Josh Lanier, NC Association of County Commissioners
Gordon Watkins, Forsyth County Attorney*

12:15pm

Business Meeting