

Judicial District Bar Professionalism Programs

In conjunction with Lawyer's Mutual Liability Insurance Company, the CJCP has implemented District Bar professionalism programs on an annual rotating basis. Developed with basic requirements for the 3.0 hours of ethics/professional responsibility CLE credit and the local Bar's desires and needs, the program is very flexible and includes useful materials and help on starting a Professionalism Support Initiative (PSI) program.

Lawyer's Mutual provides notebooks and CD ROMs for each attendee and also contributes \$500.00 toward a luncheon. The CJCP sponsors the CLE and also the luncheon. On behalf of the CJCP, either the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals attends and speaks to the attendees.

The local Bar seeks additional sponsors to help defray the costs of the luncheon or to sponsor additional social outings. The CLE program lasts approximately one half day, has no sponsorship fees, and the luncheon is free.

The programs are best attended when they have the active support of both District and Superior Court judges, as well as their participation.

In 2004, the CJCP sponsored (and is scheduled to sponsor) this program in the following Judicial Districts:

19A/C – Salisbury
15B – Chapel Hill
24 – Boone
20A/B – Matthews
21 – Winston-Salem
1 – Elizabeth City
3A – Greenville

In 2005, the following District Bar Presidents received a letter requesting participation:

28 – Asheville
18A-E – Guilford County
5A-C – Pender County
25A – Caldwell, Burke Counties
9 – Granville, Vance, Warren, and Franklin Counties
30 – Haywood, Jackson Counties
23 – Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes, and Yadkin Counties
12A-C – Cumberland County