2022 Higher-Level Felony Defense Training
September 20-22, 2022 / Chapel Hill, NC

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**Tuesday, Sept. 20**

12:45-1:15 pm  Check-in

1:15-1:30 pm  Welcome

1:30-2:30 pm  Preparing for Serious Felony Cases (60 mins.)
Phil Dixon, Teaching Assistant Professor
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

2:30-3:30 pm  Defending Eyewitness Identification Cases (60 mins.)
Laura Gibson, Assistant Public Defender
Beaufort County Office of the Public Defender, Washington, NC

3:30-3:45 pm  Break

3:45-4:30 pm  Preventing Low Level Felonies from Becoming High Level Habitual Felonies (45 mins.)
Jason St. Aubin, Assistant Public Defender
Mecklenburg County Office of the Public Defender, Charlotte, NC

4:30-5:15 pm  Self-Defense Update (45 mins.)
John Rubin, Professor of Public Law and Government
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

5:15 pm  Adjourn
**Wednesday, Sept. 21**

9:00-10:00 am  **The Law of Sentencing Serious Felonies** (60 mins.)  
Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy  
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

10:00-10:15 am  **Break**

10:15-11:00 am  **Mitigation Investigation** (45 mins.)  
Josie Van Dyke, Mitigation Specialist  
Sentencing Solutions, Inc., Knightdale, NC

11:00-11:45 am  **Storytelling and Visual Aides at Sentencing** (45 mins.)  
Sophorn Avitan and Susan Weigand, Assistant Public Defenders  
Mecklenburg Co. Public Defender’s Office, Charlotte, NC

11:45-12:45 pm  Lunch *(provided in building)*

12:45-2:15 pm  **Brainstorming, Preparing, and Presenting a Sentencing Argument** (90 mins.)  
Small group workshops

2:15-2:30 pm  **Break**

2:30-3:30 pm  **Preservation Essentials** (60 mins.)  
Glenn Gerding, Appellate Defender  
Office of the Appellate Defender, Durham, NC

3:30-4:30 pm  **Client Rapport** (60 mins. ETHICS)  
Vicki Jayne, Assistant Capital Defender  
Office of the Capital Defender, Asheville, NC

4:30 pm  **Adjourn**

6:00 pm  **Optional Social Gathering**  
TBA
Thursday, Sept. 22

9:00-10:00 am  Basics of Batson Challenges (60 mins.)
Hannah Autry, Staff Attorney
Elizabeth Hambourger, Senior Attorney and Public Information Liaison
Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Durham, NC

10:00-10:15 am  Break

10:15-11:00 am  Addressing Race and Other Sensitive Topics in Voir Dire (45 mins.)
Emily Coward, Policy Director
The Decarceration Project, Durham, NC

11:00-12:00 pm  Peremptory and For Cause Challenges (60 mins.)
James Davis, Attorney
Davis and Davis, Salisbury, NC

12:00 pm  Wrap up and Adjourn

TOTAL CLE HOURS: 12.25 (including 1.0 hours of Ethics credit)