



# Practical Skills for New Prosecutors

November 14 - 18, 2022

NC Judicial Center, Raleigh

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## Monday, November 14

- 8:30 a.m.     **Check-in**  
*Registration area in the lobby of the NC Judicial Center building*
- 8:50 a.m.     **Welcome (Oak Room)**  
Kimberly Spahos, Executive Director, NC Conference of District Attorneys  
Jonathan Holbrook, Dir. of Training, NC Conference of District Attorneys  
Jeff Welty, Professor, UNC School of Government
- 9:00 a.m.     **Constitutional and Statutory Disclosure Obligations (60mins) – Ethics**  
Jordan Ford, Senior Financial Crimes Prosecutor, NC Conference of District Attorneys
- 10:00 a.m.    **The State Bar Grievance Process and Most Common Grievances Involving Prosecutors (60mins) – Ethics**  
Jonathan Holbrook, Director of Training, NC Conference of District Attorneys
- 11:00 a.m.    *Break*
- 11:15 a.m.    **Trust Accounting (60mins) – Ethics**  
Leonor Hodge, Trust Accounting Compliance Counsel, NC State Bar
- 12:15 p.m.    *Lunch*
- 1:15 p.m.     **Work/Life Balance (60mins) – Substance Abuse**  
Kimberly Overton Spahos, Director, NC Conference of District Attorneys
- 2:15 p.m.     **Organizing and Managing a District Courtroom (60mins) – Ethics**  
Lisa Coltrain, Resource Prosecutor, NC Conference of District Attorneys
- 3:15 p.m.     *Break*
- 3:30 p.m.     **Professionalism Panel (90mins) – Ethics**  
Kimberly Overton Spahos, Director, NC Conference of District Attorneys  
Ned Mangum, District Court Judge, District 10  
Jamie Adams, Assistant District Attorney, District 21  
Lee Turner, Attorney, Turner Law Office
- 5:00 p.m.     *Adjourn*



## Tuesday, November 15

- 8:30 a.m.      **Charging Documents and Bond (105mins)**  
Jeff Welty, Professor, UNC School of Government
- 10:15 a.m.      *Break*
- 10:30 a.m.      **DWI Law: From Charge to Sentencing (90mins)**  
Shea Denning, Professor, UNC School of Government
- 12:00 p.m.      **Field and Chemical Testing in Driving While Impaired Cases (45mins)**  
Kenny Benfield, State DRE/SFST/ASTD Programs Coordinator Division  
of Public Health, Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch
- 12:45 p.m.      *Working Lunch (pick up and bring back to room)*
- 1:15 p.m.      **Field and Chemical Testing Control Exercise (30mins)**
- 1:45 p.m.      **How to Effectively Prosecute DWI: Practical Exercises (60mins)**  
Ike Avery, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, NC Conference of District Attorneys  
Sarah Garner, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, NC Conference of District Attorneys
- 2:45 p.m.      *Break*
- 3:00 p.m.      **How to Effectively Prosecute DWI: Practical Exercises (60mins)**  
Ike Avery, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, NC Conference of District Attorneys  
Sarah Garner, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, NC Conference of District Attorneys
- 4:00 p.m.      *Break*
- 4:15 p.m.      **Wildlife Offenses (60mins)**  
Kyle van Althuis, NC Wildlife Resources Commission
- 5:15 p.m.      *Adjourn*

## Wednesday, November 16

8:30 a.m.      **Practical Exercises in Evidence** (30mins, Oak Room) (285mins total)  
Kimberly Overton Spahos, Director, NC Conference of District Attorneys

<p><b>Faculty Group 1:</b> Tom Anglim, Asst. District Attorney, District 2 Alan Martin, Asst. District Attorney, District 33 Whitney Belich, Resource Prosecutor, NC Conference of District Attorneys Katy Pomeroy, Asst. District Attorney, District 10</p>	<p><b>Faculty Group 2:</b> Milton Fletcher, Asst. District Attorney, District 35 Patrick Latour, Asst. District Attorney, District 10 Marissa Jensen, Spc. Dep. Attorney General, NCDOJ Kyle Smith, Resource Prosecutor, NC Conference of District Attorneys</p>
<p><b>Faculty Group 3:</b> David Spence, Asst. District Attorney, District 4 Mary Beth Usher, Asst. District Attorney, District 30 Chekeshia Hukins, Asst. District Attorney, District 4 Jonathan Holbrook, Dir. of Training, NC Conference of District Attorneys</p>	<p><b>Faculty Group 4:</b> Rob Taylor, Asst. District Attorney, District 33 Ben Szany, Asst. Attorney General, NCDOJ Sarah Garner, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, NC Conference of District Jordan Ford, Resource Prosecutor, NC Conference of District Attorneys</p>

9:00 a.m.      *Break*

9:15 a.m.      **Practical Exercises in Evidence - Break-outs** (30 mins, Maple and Wisteria rooms)

9:45 a.m.      *Break*

10:00 a.m.     **Practical Exercises in Evidence - Break-outs** (45 mins)

10:45 a.m.     *Break*

11:00 a.m.     **Practical Exercises in Evidence - Break-outs** (45 mins)

11:45 a.m.     *Lunch*

12:45 p.m.     **Practical Exercises in Evidence - Break-outs** (45 mins)

1:30 p.m.      *Break*

1:45 p.m.      **Practical Exercises in Evidence - Break-outs** (45 mins)

2:30 p.m.      *Break*

2:45 p.m.      **Practical Exercises in Evidence - Break-outs** (45 mins)

3:30 p.m.      *Break*

3:45 p.m.      **Getting Answers – NC PRO, Guides, Primers, and More** (30 mins, Oak Room)  
Jonathan Holbrook, Dir. of Training, NC Conference of District Attorneys

4:15 p.m.      **Professionalism (60mins) - Ethics**  
David Spence, Assistant District Attorney, District 4

5:15 p.m.      *Adjourn*

## Thursday, November 17

- 9:00 a.m.     **Technology for Prosecutors (60mins) – Technology**  
Tom Anglim, Asst. District Attorney, District 2
- 10:00 a.m.     *Break*
- 10:15 a.m.     **Domestic Violence: Understanding Victim/Perpetrator Behavior (120mins)**  
Ty Hands, District Court Judge, District 26
- 12:15 p.m.     *Lunch*
- 1:15 p.m.     **Breakout Sessions**

<p><b>Practical Issues in Prosecuting Domestic Violence Cases (120 mins)</b></p> <p>Amber Lueken Barwick, Resource Prosecutor, NC Conference of District Attorneys</p> <p>Emily Everest, Assistant District Attorney, District 12</p>	<p><b>Juvenile Delinquency: Practical Issues; Law and Procedure (120 mins)</b></p> <p>Amber Hardy, Resource Prosecutor, NC Conference of District Attorneys</p> <p>Jacquelyn Greene, Professor, UNC School of Government</p>
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- 3:15 p.m.     *Break*
- 3:30 p.m.     **Victims' Rights and Working with Victims (60mins) – Ethics**  
Megan Lively, Resource Victim Legal Assistant, Conference of District Attorneys  
Kimberly Overton Spahos, Director, NC Conference of District Attorneys
- 4:30 p.m.     **Technology, Ethics, and Professionalism (45mins) – Technology**  
Whitney Belich, Resource Prosecutor NC Conference of District Attorneys
- 5:15 p.m.     *Adjourn*



## Friday, November 18

- 9:00 a.m.     **Sentencing (90mins)**  
                  Jamie Markham, Professor, UNC School of Government
- 10:30 a.m.     *Break*
- 10:45 a.m.     **Probation Violations (75mins)**  
                  Jamie Markham, Professor, UNC School of Government
- 12:00 p.m.    *Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m.     **Personal Finance Management (45mins) - Ethics**  
                  Robyn Withrow, Assistant District Attorney, District 26
- 1:45 p.m.     **Plea Bargaining (60mins) -- Ethics**  
                  Bruce Lillie, Assistant District Attorney, District 26
- 2:45 p.m.     Wrap-up and Evaluations
- 3:00 p.m.     *Adjourn*

**PNA hours:                    12**

**Additional CLE hours:        19.5**

**\*Total Hours for full week: 31.5**

\*The School of Government will cover the cost of up to 24 CLE credit hours (including the 12 PNA hours)