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North Carolina Judicial College

Orientation for New Superior Court Judges

School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

Monday, January 23, 2023

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Shea Denning, UNC School of Government
- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome from the Administrative Office of the Courts** [30 mins]
Judge Andrew Heath, Director, NC Administrative Office of the Courts
- 10:00 a.m. **Tools of the Trade: The Benchbook and other Online Resources** [20 mins]
Shea Denning
- 10:20 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Transition to Superior Court** [50 mins]
Hon. Robert C. Ervin, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 25A
- 11:20 a.m. **Break**
- 11:30 a.m. **Transition to Superior Court, continued** [50 mins]
Bob Ervin
- 12:20 p.m. **Headshots & Lunch at the School of Government**
- 1:30 p.m. **Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law** [50 mins]
Hon. Paul C. Ridgeway, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 10
- 2:20 p.m. **Break**
- 2:30 p.m. **Civil Procedure Basics** [2 hours]
Emily Turner, UNC School of Government
- 4:30 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, January 24

- 9:00 a.m. **Judicial Ethics** [50 mins]
Hon. Chris Dillon, Court of Appeals Judge, Chair, N.C. Judicial Standards Commission
Brittany Pinkham, Commission Counsel, N.C. Judicial Standards Commission
- 9:50 a.m. **Break**
- 10:00 a.m. **Judicial Ethics, continued** [50 mins]
Judge Chris Dillon
Brittany Pinkham
- 10:50 a.m. **Break**

- 11:00 a.m. **Interpreter Issues** [1 hr]
Kara Mann, Office of Language Access Services, Administrative Office of the Courts
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 12:50 p.m. **Beginning to Form a Judicial Philosophy** [1 hr 30 mins]
Jim Drennan, Adjunct Professor, UNC School of Government
- 2:20 p.m. **Break**
- 2:30 p.m. **Evidence: A Judge's Perspective** [1 hr 30 mins]
Hon. Bryan Collins, Jr., Resident Superior Court Judges, District 10
- 4:00 p.m. **Break**
- 4:10 p.m. **Contempt** [50 mins]
Cheryl Howell, UNC School of Government
- 5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, January 25

- 9:00 a.m. **Structured Sentencing** [1 hr 40 mins]
Jamie Markham
- 10:40 a.m. **Break**
- 10:50 a.m. **Probation Violations** [1 hr 10 mins]
Jamie Markham
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch (Boxed Lunches)**
- 12:45 p.m. **Depart for Tour of Central Prison and Death Row** [3 hours]
- 5:30 p.m. Arrive back to Chapel Hill
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner at NODA Brewing Tapas**

Thursday, January 26

- 9:00 a.m. **Criminal Court: From Grand Jury to Charging Instruments** [1 hr 15 mins]
Hon. Todd Pomeroy, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 27B
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:25 a.m. **Criminal Court: Guilty Pleas** [45 mins]
Shea Denning
- 11:10 a.m. **Criminal Court: Jury Selection and Jury Management** [50 mins]
Todd Pomeroy
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch at the School of Government**

- 1:00 p.m. **Criminal Court: The Right to Counsel** [1 hr 15 mins]
John Rubin, Albert Coates Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School of Government
- 2:15 p.m. **Break**
- 2:25 p.m. **Criminal Court: From Presentation of Evidence to Verdict** [1 hr 30 mins]
Todd Pomeroy
- 4:00 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, January 27

- 8:45 a.m. **Self-Represented Litigants** [50 mins]
Hon. R. Allen Baddour, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 15B
- 9:35 a.m. **Research Assistant: Pattern Jury Instructions** [50 mins]
Allen Baddour
- 10:25 a.m. **Break**
- 10:35 a.m. **Search Warrants** [1 hr]
Jeff Welty, UNC School of Government
- 11:35 a.m. **Boxed Lunches**
- 12:00 p.m. **Scheduling, Commissions, and the Master Calendar** [1 hr]
Dawn Turnley, Administrative Office of the Courts
Ragan Oakley, Assistant Director, Administrative Office of the Courts
- 1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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