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*North Carolina Judicial College*

# Abuse, Neglect, Dependency, & Termination of Parental Rights: A Course for District Court Judges

August 4 – 8, 2025

School of Government, Chapel Hill

## Monday, August 4 [4.25 CJE hrs]

- 10:30 a.m. Welcome and Course Objectives**
- 11:00 a.m. An Overview of Abuse, Neglect, or Dependency Cases [1.5 CJE]**  
Sara DePasquale, School of Government  
(unless indicated otherwise, teaching all sessions)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch (Boxed Lunches in Classroom)**
- 1:15 p.m. The Child's Perspective [0.5 CJE]**
- 1:45 p.m. The Structure of the NC Child Welfare System [1.0 CJE]**  
Gail Carelli, Assistant General Counsel for Child Welfare & County Operations, NCDHHS
- 2:45 p.m. Break**
- 3:00 p.m. Respondent Representation [1.25 CJE]**  
Timothy Heinle, School of Government
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn**

## Tuesday, August 5 [5.5 CJE]

- 8:30 a.m. Questions from Yesterday**
- 8:40 a.m. UCCJEA [1.5 CJE]**  
Cheryl Howell, School of Government
- 10:10 a.m. Break**
- 10:25 a.m. Preadjudication and Paternity [1.5 CJE]**
- 11:55 a.m. Lunch (Boxed Lunches in Classroom)**
- 12:45 p.m. Nonsecure Custody [1.0 CJE]**
- 1:45 p.m. Break**
- 2:00 p.m. Adjudicating Abuse, Neglect, or Dependency [1.5 CJE]**
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn**

## **Wednesday, August 6** [5.5 CJE]

- 8:30 a.m.**      **Questions from Yesterday**
- 8:45 a.m.**      **Evidence** [1.5 CJE]  
Timothy Heinle, School of Government  
*Break determined by instructor*
- 10:30 a.m.**      **Dispositional Stages: Timing and Factors** [1.5 CJE]
- 12:00 p.m.**      **Lunch** (*Boxed Lunches in Classroom*)
- 12:45 p.m.**      **Dispositional Alternatives** [1.5 CJE]
- 2:15 p.m.**      **Break**
- 2:30 p.m.**      **Visitation** [1.0 CJE]  
J. Corpening, Chief District Court Judge, Judicial District 6
- 3:30 p.m.**      **Adjourn**
- 5:30 p.m.**      **Group Dinner Sponsored by the North Carolina Judicial College**  
Bru's Public House (370 East Main Street #110, Carrboro, NC 27510)

## **Thursday, August 7** [5.25 CJE]

- 8:30 a.m.**      **Check-In from Yesterday**
- 8:45 a.m.**      **Dispositional Case Plans** [1.5 CJE]
- 10:15 a.m.**      **Break**
- 10:30 a.m.**      **Youth Involvement** [1.25 CJE]
- 11:45 a.m.**      **Lunch** (*SOG Dining Room*)
- 12:30 p.m.**      **Orders and Appeals** [0.75 CJE]
- 1:15 p.m.**      **Responsible Individuals List** [0.5 CJE]
- 1:45 p.m.**      **Break**
- 2:00 p.m.**      **Procedural Issues in Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Proceedings** [1.25 CJE]
- 3:15 p.m.**      **Adjourn**

## **Friday, August 8** [5.25 CJE]

- 8:30 a.m.**      **Check-In**
- 8:35 a.m.**      **Adjudicating TPR Grounds** [1.5 CJE]
- 10:05 a.m.**      **Break**
- 10:15 a.m.**      **Judicial Notice at TPR** [0.5 CJE]  
Timothy Heinle
- 10:45 a.m.**      **TPR: Disposition and Status of Case** [1.0 CJE]

<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Lunch</i></b> ( <i>SOG Dining Room</i> )
<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Achieving a Permanent Plan</b> [1.25 CJE]
<b>1:45 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Break</i></b>
<b>1:55 p.m.</b>	<b>Role of the Judge</b> [1.0 CJE] J. Corpening, Chief District Court Judge, Judicial District 6
<b>2:55 p.m.</b>	<b>Final Thoughts &amp; Evaluations</b>
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Adjourn</i></b>

This program will have **25.75** hours of instruction for continuing judicial education credit under Rule II.C of Continuing Judicial Education. All **25.75** hours count towards Juvenile Certification credit.

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