

Contested Hearings for Clerks of Superior Court

October 1 – 2, 2025

School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

Room 2402

Wednesday, October 1

- 9:00 a.m.** **Welcome and Introductions**
Joseph Laizure, UNC School of Government
- 9:15 a.m.** **The Authority of the Clerk** [.50 hrs CLE]
Joseph Laizure, UNC School of Government
- 9:45 a.m.** **Hearing Basics** [.50 hrs CLE]
Joseph Laizure, UNC School of Government
- 10:15 a.m.** *Break*
- 10:30 a.m.** **Evidence Essentials** [1.5 hrs CLE]
Timothy Heinle, UNC School of Government
- 12:00 p.m.** *Lunch at the School of Government*
- 12:45 p.m.** **Ex Parte Communications** [1.0 hr CLE]
Meredith Smith, UNC School of Government
- 1:45 p.m.** *Break*
- 2:00 p.m.** **Direct Criminal Contempt** [.50 hrs CLE]
Cheryl Howell, UNC School of Government
- 2:30 p.m.** *Break*
- 2:45 p.m.** **Introduction to Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law** [2.25 hrs CLE]
Joseph Laizure, UNC School of Government
- 5:00 p.m.** *Adjourn*

Thursday, October 2

- 9:00 a.m.** **Legal Research and Rendering a Decision** [1.5 hrs CLE]
Meredith Smith, UNC School of Government

- 10:30 a.m.** *Break*
- 10:45 a.m.** **Panel: Practical Advice from the Bench** [1.0 hr CLE]
Mark Kleinschmidt, Clerk of Superior Court, Orange County
John Satterfield, Clerk of Superior Court, Caswell County
Yancey Washington, Clerk of Superior Court, Granville County
Dana M. Hackney, Clerk of Superior Court, Chatham County
Joseph Laizure, Moderator
- 11:45 a.m.** *Lunch at the School of Government*
- 12:30 p.m.** **Cognitive Errors and Decision-making** [1.5 hrs CLE]
Joseph Laizure, UNC School of Government
- 2:00 p.m.** *Break*
- 2:15 p.m.** **Mock Hearing** [1.25 hrs CLE]
Joseph Laizure, UNC School of Government
- 3:30 p.m.** *Adjourn*

This program will have **11.50** hours of CLE credit.