



Agenda

Superior Court Judges' Summer Conference

June 18-20, 2025

Doubletree Asheville - Biltmore

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Wednesday, June 18

- 11:00 a.m. Education Committee Lunch Meeting**
- 11:45 a.m. Check-in and Onsite Registration**
- 12:30 p.m. Welcome**
Hon. Kent Harrell, Conference President
Hon. Gale Adams, Co-Chair, Education Committee
Hon. Michael O'Foghlu, Co-Chair, Education Committee
- 12:40 p.m. State Crime Lab**
Susan Brooks, Ombudsperson, NC State Crime Lab
- 12:45 p.m. Remarks and AOC Updates [1.0 CJE]**
Hon. Paul Newby, Chief Justice of North Carolina
Ryan Boyce, Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts
Brad Fowler, Chief Business Officer, Administrative Office of the Courts
- 1:45 p.m. Update from Indigent Defense Services [0.5 CJE]**
Mary Pollard, Executive Director, Office of Indigent Defense Services
- 2:15 p.m. Transfer to 3-Judge Panel: The Law and The Logistics [0.5 CJE]**
Ragan Oakley, Assistant Director, NC Administrative Office of the Courts
- 2:45 p.m. Break**
- 3:00 p.m. Ethics Panel [1.0 CJE]**
Carmen Bannon, Counsel, North Carolina State Bar
Hon. Carla Archie, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 26
Hon. Jeff Foster, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 3
Moderator: Shea Denning, UNC School of Government

- 4:00 p.m. Top Civil Procedure Nuggets [1.5 CJE]**
Hon. Richard Gottlieb, Resident Superior Court Judge, District 31
Hon. Michael Robinson, Chief Judge, North Carolina Business Court
Hon. Robert Ervin, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 36
Moderator: Joseph Laizure, UNC School of Government
- 5:30 p.m. Recess content**
- 5:30 p.m. Reception**

Thursday, June 19

- 7:45 a.m. Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. Civil Procedure Update [1.0 CJE]**
Joseph Laizure, UNC School of Government
- 10:00 a.m. There Are No Stupid Questions [1.0 CJE]**
Hon. Craig Croom, Special Superior Court Judge, District 10
Hon. Dawn Layton, Resident Superior Court Judge, District 21
Hon. Nathaniel Poovey, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 19
Moderator: Shea Denning, UNC School of Government
- 11:00 a.m. Break**
- 11:15 a.m. Emergency and Threat Response [1.0 CJE]**
Chris Palmer, Court Security Director, Utah State Courts
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch on your own**
Board of Directors Lunch Meeting
- 1:45 p.m. Evidence Issues in Child Sexual Abuse Cases [0.75 CJE]**
Danny Spiegel, UNC School of Government
- 2:30 p.m. Victim's Rights – The Law [0.5 CJE]**
Jamie Markham, UNC School of Government
- 3:00 p.m. Recess**

Friday, June 20

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. Art of Pretrial Conference [1.0 CJE]**
Hon. Matt Houston, Judge, NC Business Court
Hon. Paul Ridgeway, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 10
- 10:00 a.m. Motions for Appropriate Relief (MARs) [1.0 CJE]**
Joseph Hyde, UNC School of Government
- 11:00 a.m. Break**
- 11:15 a.m. Criminal Law Update [1.5 CJE]**
Shea Denning, UNC School of Government
Jamie Markham, UNC School of Government
- 12:45 p.m. Business Meeting**
- 1:30 p.m. Adjourn**

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