



Drafting Orders for Clerks of Superior Court

June 4 – 5, 2026

School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

Room 2401

Thursday, June 4

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| 9:15 a.m. | <i>Check-in opens</i> |
| 9:30 a.m. | Welcome and Introductions
Meredith Smith, Associate Professor, UNC School of Government |
| 9:45 a.m. | Fundamentals of an Order and Standards of Review [1.0 hr CLE]
Meredith Smith |
| 10:45 a.m. | <i>Break</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. | How to Think About the Rules of Evidence When Drafting an Order [1.0 hr CLE]
Timothy Heinle, Albert and Gladys Coates Term Teaching Assistant Professor, UNC School of Government |
| 12:00 p.m. | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 1:00 p.m. | Making Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law [1.0 hr CLE]
Sara DePasquale, Professor, UNC School of Government |
| 2:00 p.m. | <i>Break</i> |
| 2:15 p.m. | Exercise: Draft Your Order, Part 1 [1.0 hr CLE]
Meredith Smith |
| 3:15 p.m. | <i>Break</i> |
| 3:30 p.m. | Exercise: Draft Your Order, Part 2 [1.0 hr CLE]
Meredith Smith |
| 4:30 p.m. | <i>Recess</i> |

Friday, June 5

9:00 a.m.	Recap
9:15 a.m.	Exercise Caution: Attorney Drafted Orders and Entry of an Order [1.25 hr CLE] Sara DePasquale
10:30 a.m.	<i>Break</i>
10:45 a.m.	Exercise: Peer Review of Your Drafted Order [1.25 hr CLE] Meredith Smith
12:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 p.m.	Judicial Decision Making and Discretion [1.5 hr CLE, ethics] Shea Denning, James E. Holshouser Distinguished Professor; Professor of Public Law and Government; Director, North Carolina Judicial College, UNC School of Government
2:30 p.m.	<i>Adjourn</i>

This program will have **9.0** hours of CLE credit (including **1.5** hours of ethics credit).