2023 Higher-Level Felony Defense Training
September 12-14, 2023 /Chapel Hill, NC

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**Tuesday, Sept. 12**

12:45-1:15 pm  Check-in

1:15-1:30 pm  **Welcome**

1:30-2:30 pm  **Preparing for Serious Felony Cases** (60 mins.)
Phil Dixon, Teaching Assistant Professor
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

2:30-3:30 pm  **Defending Eyewitness Identification Cases** (60 mins.)
Laura Gibson, Assistant Public Defender
Beaufort County Office of the Public Defender, Washington, NC

3:30-3:45 pm  **Break**

3:45-4:30 pm  **Storytelling and Visual Aides at Sentencing** (45 mins.)
Sophorn Avitan and Susan Weigand, Assistant Public Defenders
Mecklenburg Co. Public Defender’s Office, Charlotte, NC

4:30-5:15 pm  **Self-Defense Update** (45 mins.)
John Rubin, Professor of Public Law and Government
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

5:15 pm  **Adjourn**
### Wednesday, Sept. 13

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| 9:00-10:00 am | **The Law of Sentencing Serious Felonies** (60 mins.)
Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 10:00-10:15 am| **Break**                                                                               |
| 10:15-11:00 am| **Mitigation Investigation** (45 mins.)
Josie Van Dyke, Mitigation Specialist
Sentencing Solutions, Inc., Knightdale, NC |
| 11:00-11:45 pm| **Preventing Low Level Felonies from Becoming High Level Habitual Felonies** (45 mins.)
Jason St. Aubin, Assistant Public Defender
Mecklenburg County Office of the Public Defender, Charlotte, NC |
| 11:45-12:45 pm| Lunch (*provided in building)*                                                          |
| 12:45-2:15 pm | **Brainstorming, Preparing, and Presenting a Sentencing Argument** (90 mins.)
Small Group Workshops                                                                 |
| 2:15-2:30 pm  | **Break**                                                                               |
| 2:30-3:30 pm  | **Preservation Essentials** (60 mins.)
Glenn Gerding, Appellate Defender
Office of the Appellate Defender, Durham, NC |
| 3:30-4:30 pm  | **Client Rapport** (60 mins. ETHICS)
Tucker Charns, Regional Defender
Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC |
| 4:30 pm       | **Adjourn**                                                                             |
| 6:00 pm       | **Optional Social Gathering**                                                           |
|               | TBA                                                                                    |
Thursday, Sept. 14

9:00-10:00 am  Basics of Batson Challenges (60 mins.)
Hannah Autry, Staff Attorney
Elizabeth Hambourger, Senior Attorney and Public Information Liaison
Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Durham, NC

10:00-10:15 am  Break

10:15-11:00 am  Addressing Race and Other Sensitive Topics in Voir Dire (45 mins.)
Emily Coward, Director of Inclusive Juries Project
Center for Criminal Justice and Professional Responsibility, Duke Univ., Durham, NC

11:00-12:00 pm  Peremptory and For Cause Challenges (60 mins.)
James Davis, Attorney
Davis and Davis, Salisbury, NC

12:00 pm  Wrap up and Adjourn

TOTAL CLE HOURS: 12.25 (including 1.0 hours of Ethics credit)