2023 Misdemeanor Defender Training
November 14-17, 2023 / Chapel Hill, NC

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Tuesday, November 14

12:30-12:45 pm  Welcome and Introductory Remarks

12:45-2:00 pm  Basics of Driving While Impaired:
Elements, Sentencing, and Motions Practice (75 min.)
Shea Denning, Professor of Public Law and Government
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

2:00-2:15 pm  Break

2:15-3:15 pm  Basics of Driving While Impaired, cont’d. (60 min.)
Shea Denning, Professor of Public Law and Government
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

3:15-3:30 pm  Break

3:30-4:15 pm  Challenging Pleadings (45 min.)
Candace Washington, Ass’t. Appellate Defender
Jim Grant, Ass’t. Appellate Defender
North Carolina Office of the Appellate Defender, Durham, NC

4:15-5:00 pm  Pretrial Release Advocacy (45 min.)
Emily Mistr, Supervising Attorney
Blanchard Community Law Clinic, Campbell School of Law, Raleigh
Raleigh, NC

5:00 pm  Adjourn
Wednesday, November 15

9:15-10:15 am  Client Interviewing and Rapport (60 min.)
Tucker Charms, Regional Defender
North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC

10:15-11:15am  Crimmigration (60 min.)
Barbara Lagemann, Assistant Public Defender
Office of the Public Defender, Durham, NC

11:15-12:15 pm  Lunch

12:15-1:45 pm  Introduction to Structured Sentencing (90 min.)
Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

1:45-2:00 pm  Break

2:00-3:00 pm  Probation Violations (60 min.)
Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

3:00-3:15 pm  Break

3:15-4:15 pm  Ethical Issues in District Court (ETHICS) (60 min.)
Thomas Maher, Attorney
Law Offices of Amos Tyndall, Carrboro, NC

4:15 pm  Adjourn
Thursday, November 16

9:15-10:00 am  Negotiating Effectively (45 min.)
Derek Brown, Attorney
The Derek K. Brown Law Firm, PC, Greenville, NC

10:00-10:15 am  Break

10:15-11:30 am  Negotiation Workshops (75 min.)

11:30-11:45 am  Break

11:45-1:00 pm  Suppressing Evidence in District Court (75 min.)
Phil Dixon, Jr., Director of Public Defense Education
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

1:00-2:00 pm  Lunch

2:00-3:00 pm  Driving Records and Getting Your Client Back on the Road (60 min.)
Michael Paduchowski, Attorney
Law Office of Matthew Charles Suczynski, Chapel Hill, NC

3:00-3:15 pm  Break

3:15-4:15 pm  Introducing Evidence (60 min.)
John Donovan, Magistrate Judge
Judicial District 14, Durham, NC

4:15-5:00 pm  IDS Polices and Procedures (45 min.)
Becky Whitaker, Defender Policy and Planning Attorney
Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC

5:00 pm  Adjourn
Friday, November 17

9:00-9:45 am  Theory of Defense/Emotional Themes (45 min.)
Tucker Charns, Regional Defender
Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC

9:45-10:15 am  Cross Examination (30 min.)
Phil Dixon, Jr., Director of Public Defense Education
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

10:15-10:30 am  Break

10:30-12:00 pm  Cross Examination Workshops (90 min.)

12:00-1:00 pm  Lunch

1:00-1:30 pm  Direct Examination (30 min.)
Timothy Heinle, Assistant Teaching Professor
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

1:30-1:45 pm  Break

1:45-2:30 pm  Closing Arguments (45 min.)
Kevin Boxberger, Regional Defender
Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC

2:30-3:30 pm  Rules of Evidence Refresher (60 min.)
Jonathan Broun, Senior Staff Attorney
NC Prisoner Legal Services, Raleigh, NC

3:30 pm  Final Wrap-Up and Adjourn

CLE HOURS: 20.25
Includes 1 hour of ethics/professional responsibility