



2023 Misdemeanor Defender Training

November 14-17, 2023 / Chapel Hill, NC

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& Office of Indigent Defense Services*

Tuesday, November 14

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| 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 | <i>Break</i> |
| 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 | <i>Break</i> |
| 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 | <i>Adjourn</i> |



Wednesday, November 15

- 9:15-10:15 am **Client Interviewing and Rapport** (60 min.)
Tucker Charns, 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.)
Whitney Fairbanks, Assistant Director & General Counsel
North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, 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.)
Matt Suczynski, 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 Policies 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
