

Felony Defender Training

February 7-9, 2024

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Wednesday, February 7

- 9:00-9:15 a.m. *Check-in and Welcome*
- 9:15-10:15 a.m. **Felony Case Preparation - What's Different in Superior Court** (60 mins)
Phil Dixon Jr., Assistant Teaching Professor
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. *Break*
- 10:30-11:45 a.m. **Discovery and Investigation in Felony Cases** (75 mins)
Keith Williams, Attorney
Law Offices of Keith William, Greenville, NC
- 11:45-12:45 p.m. *Lunch*
- 12:45-2:00 p.m. **WORKSHOP: Developing an Investigative and Discovery Strategy** (75 mins)
- 2:00-2:15 p.m. *Break*
- 2:15-3:45 p.m. **Sentencing in Superior Court** (90 mins)
Jamie Markham, Associate Professor of Public Law and Government
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 3:45-4:00 p.m. *Break*
- 4:00-4:45 p.m. **Evidence Blocking** (45 mins)
John Rubin, Professor of Public Law and Government
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 4:45 p.m. *Adjourn*

Thursday, Feb. 8

- 9:00-10:15 a.m. **Motions to Suppress: Statements, Property and Identification** (75 mins)
Phil Dixon, Assistant Teaching Professor
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. *Break*
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Ethics for Felony Defenders** (60 mins) (1.0 ethics)
Kelley DeAngelus, Deputy Counsel
Cameron Lee, Deputy Counsel
North Carolina State Bar, Raleigh, NC
- 11:30-12:30 p.m. *Lunch*
- 12:30-1:45 p.m. **WORKSHOP: Motions to Suppress and Evidence Blocking** (75 mins)
- 1:45-2:00 p.m. *Break*
- 2:00-3:15 p.m. **Voir Dire and Demonstration** (75 mins)
Michael Kabakoff, Assistant Public Defender
Mecklenburg County Public Defender's Office, Charlotte, NC
- 3:15-3:30 p.m. *Break*
- 3:30-4:15 p.m. **Combatting Biases in the Courtroom** (45 mins)
Dawn Blagrove, Executive Director and Attorney
Emancipate NC, Durham, NC
- 4:15 p.m. *Adjourn*

Friday, Feb. 9

- 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Lab Reports and Issues Surrounding Them** (60 mins)
Sarah R. Olson, Forensic Resource Counsel
Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. **Preservation Essentials** (60 mins)
Amanda Zimmer, Assistant Appellate Defender
Director of Training, Outreach and Special Litigation
Office of the Appellate Defender, Durham, NC
- 11:00-11:15 a.m. *Break*
- 11:15-12:15 p.m. **The Basics of Pleading Guilty in Superior Court** (60 mins)
Derek Brown, Attorney
Brown Law Firm, PLLC, Greenville, NC
- 12:15-1:00 p.m. *Lunch*
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. **Jury Instructions** (60 mins)
Belal Elrahal, Assistant Public Defender
Mecklenburg County Office of the Public Defender, Charlotte, NC
- 2:00-2:15 p.m. *Break*
- 2:15-3:15 p.m. **A View from the Bench** (60 min.)
Hon. Alyson Grine, Resident Superior Court Judge
Judicial District 15B, Hillsborough, NC
- 3:15 p.m. *Final Remarks and Adjourn*

CLE HOURS: 16.25

*Includes 1.0 hour of ethics/professional responsibility