

2024 Public Defender Spring Conference

May 8-10, 2024

Winston-Salem, NC

Sponsored by the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government,
North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services &
North Carolina Association of Public Defenders

ATTORNEY AGENDA

(This conference offers 13.75 hours of CLE credit.

All hours are general credit hours unless otherwise noted.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 – Winston 2

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Check-in
12:00-12:15 p.m.	Welcome
12:15-12:45 p.m.	Chief Justice Newby's Professionalism Award Chief Justice Paul Newby North Carolina Supreme Court, Raleigh, NC
12:45-1:30 p.m.	IDS Update, Recognitions, and PD Association Elections [45 mins.] Mary Pollard, Executive Director Dawn Baxton, Chief Public Defender Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC
1:30-2:30 p.m.	When Pregnant People Encounter the Justice System [60 mins.] Megan Williams, Research Associate Collaborative for Maternal and Infant Health, UNC School of Medicine Liz Barber, Director of Policy & Advocacy, ACLU of NC
2:30-2:45 p.m.	<i>Break</i>
2:45-3:45 p.m.	Trauma-Informed Lawyering [60 mins.] [Professional Wellbeing] Carla Huff, IDS Training and Recruitment Coordinator Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC
3:45-4:45 p.m.	Ethical Obligations of the Prosecution [60 mins.] [Ethics] Joe Hyde, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government UNC Chapel Hill School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC Jonathan Holbrook, Director of Training North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys, Raleigh, NC
4:45 p.m.	<i>Adjourn</i>
5:00 p.m.	Optional Social Gathering – Winston Foyer

THURSDAY, MAY 9

	Track #1 – MISDEMEANOR - Winston 2	Track #2 – FELONY - Winston 1
8:00-9:00 a.m.	<i>Breakfast (provided)</i>	
9:15-10:00 a.m. [45 mins.]	Calendaring Authority and Challenges Daniel Spiegel, Asst. Prof. of Public Law and Gov't. UNC School of Gov't., Chapel Hill, NC	2nd Amendment Criminal Issues David Eil, Assistant Public Defender Mecklenberg County, NC
10:00-11:00 a.m. [60 mins.]	The DWI Notebook: A Primer for Practitioners James Davis, Attorney Davis and Davis, PC, Salisbury, NC	Litigating Destruction of Evidence Claims Brennan Aberle, Attorney Aberle and Wall, LLC, Greensboro, NC
11:00-11:15 a.m.	<i>Break</i>	
11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. [45 mins.]	District Court Appeals Phil Dixon, Director of Public Defense Education UNC School of Gov't., Chapel Hill, NC	Drone Surveillance and the 4th Amendment Ashely Cannon, Attorney Statesville, NC
12:00-1:30 p.m.	<i>Recess for Lunch</i>	
1:30-2:30 p.m. [60 mins.]	DWI Defenses Marcus Hill, Attorney Durham, NC	Satellite-Based Monitoring and Petitions to Terminate Jamie Markham, Prof. of Public Law and Gov't. UNC School of Gov't., Chapel Hill, NC
2:30-3:30 p.m. [60 mins.]	eCourts: What to Expect Takeeta Tyson, Systems Analyst NC Administrative Office of the Courts Raleigh, NC	Expert Evidence in Cases Involving Children Timothy Heinle, Asst. Teaching Professor UNC School of Gov't., Chapel Hill, NC
3:30-3:45 p.m.	<i>Break</i>	
3:45-4:15 p.m. [30 mins.]	Capacity to Proceed Update John Rubin, Prof. of Public Law and Gov't. UNC School of Gov't., Chapel Hill, NC	State Crime Lab Update Susan Brooks, Ombudsperson NC State Crime Lab, Raleigh, NC
4:15-5:15 p.m. [60 mins.]	Property Forfeitures: What Defenders Should Know Maria Perry, Attorney Perry Legal Services, Durham, NC	Introduction to the Scientific Literacy Project Sarah Olson, Forensic Resource Counsel Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC V. Marika Meis, Supervising Attorney & Director Forensic Science Project, New York, NY M. Chris Fabricant, Director of Strategic Litigation Center for Appellate Litigation, New York, NY
5:15 p.m.	<i>Adjourn</i>	

12:00 p.m. – *Lunch is on your own, except:*

- Chief Public Defenders and IDS Administration meet for lunch (*on-site* – Winston 3BC)
- NC Forensic Consultant Network Attorneys meet for lunch (*off-site*)
- Juvenile Defenders meet for lunch (TBA)

FRIDAY, MAY 10 – Winston 2

- 7:45-8:45 a.m. *Breakfast (provided)*
- 8:30-9:30 a.m. **Client-Centered Advocacy [60 mins.] [Ethics]**
Beth Stang, Chief Public Defender
Matt Schofield, Assistant Public Defender
District 42, Brevard, NC
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Artificial Intelligence and Criminal Defense [60 mins.] [Technology]**
Kristi Nickodem, Distinguished Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
Dr. Sarra Alqahtani, Assistant Professor of Computer Science
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. *Break*
- 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. **Firearms and Forensics [60 mins.]**
Brandon Garrett, Distinguished Professor of Law
Director, Wilson Center for Science and Justice
Duke University, Durham, NC
- 11:45-12:45 p.m. **Criminal Case and Legislative Update [60 mins.]**
Phil Dixon, Director of Public Defense Education
Daniel Spiegel, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government
UNC Chapel Hill School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 12:45 p.m. *Adjourn*

CLE HOURS

General: Up to 9.75
Ethics: Up to 2.0
MHSA: Up to 1.0
Technology: 1.0
Total CLE Hours: 13.75

*Final CLE hours are subject to change in
accordance with NC State Bar Approval*