



2025 Guardianship Proceedings for Appointed Counsel

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AGENDA

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| 8:45 to 9:00am | Welcome <i>Timothy Heinle, Teaching Assistant Professor</i> UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 9:00 to 10:00am | What Recent Statutory Changes Mean for GALs <i>Meredith Smith, Associate Professor of Public Law and Gov't</i> UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 10:00 to 10:15am | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:15 to 11:15am | Common Challenges and Ideas for Handling Them <i>Adam Hopley, Partner,</i> Hopley, Wilms, & Hanna, PLLC, Durham, NC |
| 11:15 to 11:30am | <i>Break</i> |
| 11:30am to 12:30pm | Let's Talk About Appeals <i>Timothy Heinle, Teaching Assistant Professor</i> UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 12:30 to 1:15pm | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 1:15 to 2:45pm | Navigating Differences: Practical Communication Strategies for GAL Attorneys <i>Dr. Mina Ratkalkar, Forensic Psych.</i> New Spark Therapy, Durham, NC |
| 2:45 to 3:00pm | <i>Break</i> |
| 3:00 to 4:00pm | Whose Eyes and Ears? The True Role of the GAL [Ethics] <i>Timothy Heinle, Teaching Assistant Professor</i> UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 4:00pm | <i>End of program</i> |

Estimated 5.5 hours of CLE, including 1.0-hour ethics credit, pending bar approval.