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Defending Sexual Assault Cases

April 16-17, 2026 / Chapel Hill, NC

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Thursday, April 16

9:00-9:15 am	**Welcome and Introductory Remarks** Daniel Spiegel, Assistant Professor UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
9:15-10:45 am	**Introduction to Defending Sexual Assault Cases:** **Pretrial Investigation and Motions Practice** (90 min.) Susan Weigand, former Assistant Public Defender Melani McIntosh, former Investigator Mecklenburg County Public Defender's Office, Charlotte, NC
10:45-11:00 am	*Break*
11:00-12:15 pm	**Interviews at the Children Advocacy Center (and Elsewhere)** (75 min.) Dr. Amy James, Clinical and Forensic Psychologist New Bern, NC
12:15-1:15 pm	*Lunch*
1:15-2:15 pm	**Theme and Theory in Child Sexual Assault Cases** (60 min.) Missy Owen, Attorney Tin, Fulton, Walker, & Owen, Charlotte, NC
2:15-3:15 pm	**The SANE Exam** (60 min.) Lana Pearce, BSN, RN, CEN, SANE-A, SANE-P UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC
3:15-3:30 pm	*Break*
3:30-4:30 pm	**Common Legal Issues in Child Sexual Assault Cases** (60 min.) Mark Montgomery, Attorney Durham, NC
4:30 pm	*Adjourn*

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Friday, April 17

9:00-10:15 am	**Challenging the State's Expert and Working with Defense Experts (with Demonstration of Cross-Examination)** (75 min.) Jason St. Aubin, Attorney St. Aubin Law, Davidson, NC
10:15-10:30 am	*Break*
10:30-12:00 pm	**Satellite-Based Monitoring, the Sex Offender Registry, and Sentencing** (90 min.) Jamie Markham, Professor of Public Law and Government UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
12:00-1:00 pm	*Lunch*
1:00-2:30 pm	**Workshop- Handling Child Sexual Assault Cases** (90 min.)
2:30-2:45 pm	*Break*
2:45-3:45 pm	**Consent** (60 min.) Emilia Beskind, Attorney Thomas, Ferguson, & Beskind, Durham, NC
3:45-4:45 pm	**Psychosexual Evaluation** (60 min.) Jan Tate, LCSW, MEd, CSOTP Tate Psychological Services, Mebane, NC
4:45 pm	*Adjourn*

CLE HOURS: 12.00