



Parent Attorney Conference

August 20, 2026 / Chapel Hill, NC

*Co-sponsored by the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government
& the North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services*

Thursday, August 20

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| 8:00 – 8:30 am | <i>Check In</i> |
| 8:30 – 8:45 | Welcome and Updates from the Office of the Parent Defender |
| 8:45 – 9:00 | Rule 17 GALs (15 min)
Timothy Heinle, Albert and Gladys Coates Term Professor
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 9:00 – 10:30 | Evidence (90 min)
Timothy Heinle, Albert and Gladys Coates Term Professor
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | Continuances, Delays, and Mandamus (30 min)
Annick Lenoir-Peek, Parent Defender
NC Office of the Parent Defender, Durham, NC |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Adjudication (30 min)
Annick Lenoir-Peek, Parent Defender
NC Office of the Parent Defender, Durham, NC |
| 11:45 – 12:30 pm | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 12:30 – 1:15 | Initial Disposition and Review Hearings (45 min)
Sara Depasquale, Associate Professor of Public Law and Government
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 1:15 – 1:45 | Eliminating Reunification (30 min)
Sara Depasquale, Associate Professor of Public Law and Government
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
Jacky Brammer, Assistant Parent Defender
NC Office of the Parent Defender, Durham, NC |
| 1:45 – 2:00 | <i>Break</i> |
| 2:00 – 2:15 | Gag Orders (15 min)
Sara Depasquale, Associate Professor of Public Law and Government
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 2:15 – 2:45 | Visitation (30 min) |



Jacky Brammer, Assistant Parent Defender
NC Office of the Parent Defender, Durham, NC

2:45 – 3:00

G.S. 7B-911 (Civil Child Custody Orders) (15 min)

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3:00 – 3:15

Break

3:15 – 3:45

TPR Grounds and Incarceration (30 min)

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3:45 – 4:15

TPR Disposition (30 min)

Sara Depasquale, Associate Professor of Public Law and Government
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

4:15 pm

Adjourn

CLE HOURS: 6.0

(pending State Bar approval)