



Summer Criminal Law Update Webinar

June 12, 2026, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

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

The Summer Criminal Law Update will cover recent criminal law decisions issued by the North Carolina appellate courts and highlight significant criminal law legislation enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly. School of Government faculty Phil Dixon, Daniel Spiegel, and Jamie Markham, will discuss a wide range of issues affecting felony and misdemeanor cases in the North Carolina state courts. The webinar includes a dynamic visual presentation, live audio, and interactive Q & A.

CLE Credit: 1.5 Hours of General CLE Credit

SPEAKERS

Phil Dixon Jr., Teaching Associate Professor; Director, Public Defense Education

Phil Dixon primarily works with public defenders and defense lawyers. He joined the School of Government in 2017. Previously, he worked as a defense lawyer in eastern North Carolina for over eight years. During that time, he represented criminal defendants and juveniles charged with all types of crimes at the trial level. In 2023, he was named director of the School's Public Defense Education group. In collaboration with Indigent Defense Services, he works to provide training and consultation to defenders and other court system actors, as well as to research and write on criminal law and related issues. He earned a bachelor's degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and law degree with highest honors from North Carolina Central University School of Law.

Daniel Spiegel, Assistant Professor of Criminal Law, Procedure, and Evidence

Daniel Spiegel is an assistant professor at the School of Government, specializing in criminal law, procedure, and evidence. He joined the School's courts faculty in January 2024. Spiegel serves as a criminal law expert and teaches and consults with court actors on criminal justice issues, with an emphasis on public defense. Previously, he practiced criminal law in North Carolina for 13 years, serving as an assistant public defender in Mecklenburg and Hoke Counties, assistant appellate defender statewide, and assistant district attorney and policy counsel in Durham County. Spiegel earned a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University, a Master of Music from The Juilliard School, and a J.D. cum laude from Harvard University.

Jamie Markham, Professor of Public Law and Government

Markham joined the School of Government faculty in 2007. His area of interest is criminal law and procedure, with a focus on the law of sentencing, corrections, and the conditions of confinement. He was named Albert and Gladys Coates Distinguished Term Associate Professor for 2015–2017. Markham earned a bachelor's degree with honors from Harvard College and a law degree with high honors, Order of the Coif, from Duke University, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Duke Law Journal*. He is a member of the North Carolina Bar. Prior to law school, Markham served five years in the United States Air Force as an intelligence officer and foreign area officer. He was also a travel writer for Let's Go Inc., contributing to the Russia and Ukraine chapters of *Let's Go: Eastern Europe*.

CLE HOURS: 1.5