



2023 Higher-Level Felony Defense Training

September 12-14, 2023 /Chapel Hill, NC

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Tuesday, Sept. 12

12:45-1:15 pm	Check-in
1:15-1:30 pm	Welcome
1:30-2:30 pm	Preparing for Serious Felony Cases (60 mins.) Phil Dixon, Teaching Assistant Professor UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
2:30-3:30 pm	Defending Eyewitness Identification Cases (60 mins.) Laura Gibson, Assistant Public Defender Beaufort County Office of the Public Defender, Washington, NC
3:30-3:45 pm	Break
3:45-4:30 pm	Storytelling and Visual Aides at Sentencing (45 mins.) Sophorn Avitan and Susan Weigand, Assistant Public Defenders Mecklenburg Co. Public Defender's Office, Charlotte, NC
4:30-5:15 pm	Self-Defense Update (45 mins.) John Rubin, Professor of Public Law and Government UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
5:15 pm	Adjourn



Wednesday, Sept. 13

- 9:00-10:00 am **The Law of Sentencing Serious Felonies** (60 mins.)
Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 10:00-10:15 am **Break**
- 10:15-11:00 am **Mitigation Investigation** (45 mins.)
Josie Van Dyke, Mitigation Specialist
Sentencing Solutions, Inc., Knightdale, NC
- 11:00-11:45 am **Preventing Low Level Felonies from Becoming
High Level Habitual Felonies** (45 mins.)
Jason St. Aubin, Senior Attorney
Jetton & Meredith, Charlotte, NC
- 11:45-12:45 pm Lunch (*provided in building*)*
- 12:45-2:15 pm **Brainstorming, Preparing, and Presenting a Sentencing Argument** (90 mins.)
Small Group Workshops
- 2:15-2:30 pm **Break**
- 2:30-3:30 pm **Preservation Essentials** (60 mins.)
Glenn Gerding, Appellate Defender
Office of the Appellate Defender, Durham, NC
- 3:30-4:30 pm **Client Rapport** (60 mins. ETHICS)
Tucker Charns, Regional Defender
Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC
- 4:30 pm **Adjourn**
- 6:00 pm **Optional Social Gathering**
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Thursday, Sept. 14

- 9:00-10:00 am **Basics of Batson Challenges** (60 mins.)
Hannah Autry, Staff Attorney
Elizabeth Hambourger, Senior Attorney and Public Information Liaison
Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Durham, NC
- 10:00-10:15 am **Break**
- 10:15-11:00 am **Addressing Race and Other Sensitive Topics in Voir Dire** (45 mins.)
Emily Coward, Director of Inclusive Juries Project
Center for Criminal Justice and Professional Responsibility, Duke Univ., Durham, NC
- 11:00-12:00 pm **Peremptory and For Cause Challenges** (60 mins.)
James Davis, Attorney
Davis and Davis, Salisbury, NC
- 12:00 pm **Wrap up and Adjourn**

TOTAL CLE HOURS: 12.25 (including 1.0 hours of Ethics credit)