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Agenda

Orientation for New Superior Court Judges

School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

Monday, January 25, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome & Introductions (30 min)**
Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy,
UNC School of Government
- 9:30 a.m. **Tools of the Trade: The Judges' Benchbook & Other Online Resources for
Judges (30 min)**
Jamie Markham
- 10:00 a.m. **Criminal Court: From Grand Jury to Charging Instruments (50 min)**
Hon. F. Donald Bridges, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge
District 27B
- 10:50 a.m. *Break*
- 11:00 a.m. **Criminal Court: Guilty Pleas (60 min)**
Jamie Markham
- 12:00 p.m. *Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m. **Criminal Court: Jury Selection & Jury Management (50 min)**
Don Bridges
- 1:50 p.m. *Break*
- 2:00 p.m. **Criminal Court: From Presentation of Evidence to Verdict (90 min)**
Don Bridges
- 3:30 p.m. *Recess*



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Tuesday, January 26

- 9:00 a.m. **Structured Sentencing (50 Min)**
Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy,
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- 9:50 a.m. *Break*
- 10:00 a.m. **Structured Sentencing, continued (50 min)**
Jamie Markham
- 10:50 a.m. *Break*
- 11:00 a.m. **Probation Revocations (50 min)**
Jamie Markham
- 12:00 p.m. *Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m. **Self-Represented Litigants (50 min)**
Hon. R. Allen Baddour, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 15B
- 1:50 p.m. *Break*
- 2:00 p.m. **Jury Instructions (60 min)**
Allen Baddour
- 3:00 p.m. *Recess*



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Wednesday, January 27

- 9:00 a.m. **Evidence: A Judge's Perspective (80 min)**
Hon. G. Bryan Collins Jr., Superior Court Judge, District 10
- 10:20 a.m. *Break*
- 10:30 a.m. **Transition to the Superior Court Bench (50 min)**
Hon. Robert C. Ervin, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 25A
- 11:20 a.m. *Break*
- 11:30 a.m. **Transition to the Superior Court Bench, continued (60 min)**
Bob Ervin
- 12:30 p.m. *Recess*



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Thursday, January 28

- 9:00 a.m. **Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law (50 min)**
Hon. Paul C. Ridgeway, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 10
- 9:50 a.m. *Break*
- 10:00 a.m. **Judicial Ethics (50 min)**
Carolyn Dubay, Executive Director, Judicial Standards Commission
- 10:50 a.m. *Break*
- 11:00 a.m. **Judicial Ethics, continued (60 min)**
Carolyn Dubay
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **TROs and Preliminary Injunctions and Voluntary Discovery and Sanctions Authorities (50 min)**
Hon. Eric Levinson, Superior Court Judge, District 26
- 1:50 p.m. *Break*
- 2:00 p.m. **Dispositive Motions/ Rules 59 and 60 (50 min)**
Eric Levinson
- 2:50 p.m. *Break*
- 3:00 p.m. **Attorney fees and costs/ Gatekeeping Orders (60 min)**
Eric Levinson
- 4:00 p.m. *Recess*



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Friday, January 29

- 9:00 a.m. **Fairness and the Courts (90 min)**
Jim Drennan, Adjunct and Former Albert Coates Professor
UNC School of Government
- 10:30 a.m. *Break*
- 10:40 a.m. **Interpreter Issues (80 min)**
Brooke Bogue, Manager, Office of Language Access Services
Administrative Office of the Courts
- 12:00 p.m. *Break*
- 12:10 p.m. **Scheduling, Commissions & the Master Calendar (60 min)**
David F. Hoke, Assistant Director, Administrative Office of the Courts
- 1:10 p.m. **Wrap-up and Evaluations**
Jamie Markham
- 1:15 p.m. *Adjourn*

This orientation will have 21.25 hours of instruction, all of which will qualify for continuing judicial education credit under Rule II.C of Continuing Judicial Education.

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