

# Chief District Court Judges Leadership Training

September 3-5, 2025

School of Government, Chapel Hill

## Wednesday, September 3

- 11:00 a.m. Welcome from Chief Justice, AOC** [0.75 CJE]  
Chief Justice Paul Newby, NC Supreme Court  
Ryan Boyce, Director, NC Administrative Office of the Courts
- 11:45 a.m. Introductions**  
Shea Denning, UNC School of Government  
Willow Jacobson, UNC School of Government
- 12:30 p.m. Boxed Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. Where Have We Been, Where Are We Going? Leading On and Off the Bench** [1.75 CJE]  
Shea Denning, UNC School of Government  
Willow Jacobson, UNC School of Government
- 2:45 p.m. Break**
- 3:00 p.m. Courthouse Challenges and Hot Topic Discussion** [2.0 CJE]  
Shea Denning, UNC School of Government
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn**

## Thursday, September 4

- 9:00 a.m. Vision and Values** [1.0 CJE]  
Shea Denning, UNC School of Government  
Willow Jacobson, School of Government
- 10:00 a.m. Case Management** [0.75 CJE]  
Emily Mehta, NC Administrative Office of the Courts  
Sean Callan, NC Administrative Office of the Courts  
Julianna Kirschner, NC Administrative Office of the Courts  
Meagan Pittman, NC Administrative Office of the Courts
- 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 11:00 a.m. Case Management (continued)** [1.0 CJE]
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (SOG Dining Room)**
- 12:45 p.m. Aligning Vision with Values** [1.0 CJE]
- 1:45 p.m. Break**
- 2:00 p.m. Data Strategies and Culture** [0.25 CJE]  
Shea Denning, UNC School of Government  
Willow Jacobson, School of Government

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- 2:15 p.m.**      **Culture and Respect** [1.0 CJE]  
Elliot Stoller, UNC School of Government
- 3:15 p.m.**      **Break**
- 3:30 p.m.**      **Culture and Respect** (*continued*) [1.0 CJE]
- 4:30 p.m.**      **Wrap-up**
- 4:45 p.m.**      *Recess*
- 5:30 p.m.**      **Group Dinner/Activity** [1.0 CJE]  
*Wedgewood Cheese Bar*

## Friday, September 5

- 9:00 a.m.**      **Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership** [1.5 CJE]  
Shea Denning, UNC School of Government  
Willow Jacobson, UNC School of Government
- 10:30 a.m.**      *Break*
- 10:45 a.m.**      **Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership** (*continued*) [1.5 CJE]
- 12:15 p.m.**      **Wrapping Up** [0.25 CJE]
- 12:30 p.m.**      **Networking Lunch**  
(*Boxed lunches provided*)
- 1:30 p.m.**      *Adjourn*

### CJE CREDIT HOURS = 14.75 hrs

This program will have 14.75 hours of instruction, all of which will qualify for continuing judicial education credit under Rule II.C of Continuing Judicial Education.