



A Closer Look at Termination of Parental Rights

May 27-29, 2026

School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

Room 2401

Wednesday, May 27 [4.5 CJE]

- 10:00 a.m.** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 10:15 a.m.** **What's the Purpose of Terminating Parental Rights** [0.75 CJE]
Sara DePasquale, UNC School of Government
- 11:00 a.m.** *Break*
- 11:15 a.m.** **Commencing the TPR** [1.0 CJE]
Sara DePasquale, UNC School of Government
- 12:15 p.m.** *Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m.** **Pretrial and Preliminary Hearings** [1.0 CJE]
Sara DePasquale, UNC School of Government
- 2:00 p.m.** *Break*
- 2:15 p.m.** **Parent Representation** [1.0 CJE]
Annick Lenoir-Peek, Parent Defender, Indigent Defense Services
- 3:15 p.m.** *Break*
- 3:30 p.m.** **Adjudication Procedure** [0.75 CJE]
Sara DePasquale, UNC School of Government
- 4:15 p.m.** *Recess*

Thursday, May 28 [5.5 CJE]

- 8:30 a.m.** **Questions and Discussion from Day 1** [0.25 CJE]
- 8:45 a.m.** **Adjudication Grounds** [3.0 CJE]
Sara DePasquale, UNC School of Government
- Breaks designated by instructor*
- 12:15 p.m.** *Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m.** **Evidence in TPR Proceedings** [2.25 CJE]
Timothy Heinle, UNC School of Government
- Breaks designated by instructor*
- 3:30 p.m.** *Recess*

Friday, May 29 [4.25 CJE]

8:30 a.m. Questions and Discussion from Day 2 [0.25 CJE]

8:45 a.m. Dispositions and the Child's Best Interests [2.0 CJE]
Sara DePasquale, UNC School of Government

Breaks designated by instructor

11:00 a.m. Orders, Appeals, Jurisdiction [1.0 CJE]
Sara DePasquale, UNC School of Government

12:00 p.m. Break, Get Box Lunch

12:15 p.m. Working Lunch; Facilitated Discussion on Shared Practices and Experiences [1.0 CJE]

1:15 p.m. Feedback

1:30 p.m. Adjourn

This program will have **14.25** hours of instruction for continuing judicial education credit under Rule II.C of Continuing Judicial Education for District Court Judges. All **14.25** hours are designated as Juvenile Court and Family Court hours. This course is required for Advanced Child Welfare Certification.