



NORTH CAROLINA **Judicial** COLLEGE

Agenda

## Contested Hearings: Essentials for Clerks

July 19-20, 2018

School of Government, Chapel Hill

### Thursday, July 19

- 8:45 a.m.     **Welcome and Introductions**  
Meredith Smith, Albert & Gladys Hall Coates Distinguished Term Assistant Professor  
UNC School of Government
- 9:00 a.m.     **The Authority of the Clerk**  
Meredith Smith
- 9:30 a.m.     **Hearing Basics**  
Ann Anderson, Albert & Gladys Hall Coates Distinguished Term Associate Professor  
UNC School of Government
- 10:00 a.m.    *Break*
- 10:10 a.m.    **Evidence Essentials**  
Ann Anderson
- 11:40 p.m.    *Lunch at the School of Government*
- 12:30 p.m.    **Ex Parte Communications; Establishing Control in the Courtroom**  
Meredith Smith
- 1:30 p.m.     *Break*
- 1:40 p.m.     **Contempt**  
Meredith Smith
- 2:15 p.m.     *Break*
- 2:25 p.m.     **Putting It All Together: Drafting a Solid Order**  
Ann Anderson
- 4:25 p.m.     *Break*
- 4:30 p.m.     **Unrepresented Litigants in the Courtroom**  
Ann Anderson
- 5:00 p.m.     *Adjourn*

**Friday, July 20**

- 8:30 a.m.     **Are We Fair Yet?**  
Jim Drennan, Adjunct and Former Albert Coates Professor  
UNC School of Government
- 10:25 a.m.     *Break*
- 10:30 a.m.     **Practical Advice from the Bench**  
Meredith Smith, Moderator  
Sam Cooper, Clerk of Superior Court, Chatham County  
Susan Hicks, Clerk of Superior Court, Moore County  
J. Yancey Washington, Clerk of Superior Court, Granville County  
Jonathan P. Watson, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court, Cabarrus County
- 11:30 a.m.     **Legal Research and Rendering a Decision**  
Meredith Smith
- 12:45 p.m.     *Lunch*
- 1:30 a.m.     **Mock Hearing**  
Meredith Smith and Ann Anderson
- 3:30 p.m.     *Adjourn*