

County Attorneys Conference Agenda

January 29-30, 2026

Thursday, January 29

9:00-12:00pm

Fundamentals Workshop: Liability for County Attorneys

Becca Fischer-Gabbard, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government

Thursday, January 29

1:00-1:15pm

Introductions & Announcements

1:15-2:15pm

Technology Session: Practical Issues in Navigating E-Courts

Brad Fowler, Chief Business Officer, NC Administrative Office of the Courts

Andrew Brown, General Counsel, NC Administrative Office of the Courts

2:15-2:30pm

Break

2:30-3:30pm

Planning Law Update

Adam Lovelady, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government

3:30-3:45pm

Break

3:45-5:15pm

Contracting Law Update

Overview of Current Issues

Breakouts to Discuss Procurement Policies and Practices

Crista Cuccaro, UNC-CH School of Government

County Attorney Groups

5:15pm

Reception

Friday, January 30

9:00-10:00am

Legislative and Case Law Update

Amy Bason, NC Association of County Commissioners

Adam Pridemore, NC Association of County Commissioners

Josh Lanier, NC Association of County Commissioners

10:00-10:15am

Break

10:15-11:00am

Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

Diane Juffras, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government

11:00-11:15am

Break

11:15-12:15pm

Attorney Ethics & Lobbying

Chris McLaughlin, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government

Amy Bason, NC Association of County Commissioners

Adam Pridemore, NC Association of County Commissioners

Gordon Watkins, Forsyth County Attorney

12:15pm

Business Meeting