



## **AGENDA**

2017 North Carolina Child Welfare Law Trial Skills Academy Training  
March 9-10, 2017 / Chapel Hill, NC

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of the Courts Court Improvement Program &  
NC Office of Indigent Defense Services*

### **Day 1: Thursday, March 9**

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| 8:00 - 8:45am | Check-in  |
| 8:45 - 9:00   | Welcome, Announcements & Acknowledgments<br>UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government, NC  |
| 9:00 - 9:50   | <b>Introduction &amp; Story of Your Case [50 min.]</b><br><i>Annick Lenoir-Peek, Assistant Appellate Defender<br/>Office of Parent Representation, Durham, NC</i>     |
| 9:50—10:35    | <b>Witness Preparation [45 min.]</b><br><i>Karen Jackson, Parent Attorney<br/>Greensboro, NC</i>  |
| 10:35—10:45   | Refuel  |
| 10:45—11:30   | <b>Direct Examination of a Witness [45 min.]</b><br><i>Lyana Hunter, Assistant Public Defender<br/>Office of Public Defender, Wilmington, NC</i>                      |
| 11:30—12:15pm | <b>Cross Examination of a Fact Witness [45 min.]</b><br><i>Twyla Hollingsworth-Richardson, Managing Attorney<br/>Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services</i> |
| 12:15—1:00    | Lunch (provided in building)*   |
| 1:00—2:15     | <b>Child Testimony [75 min.]</b><br><i>Nita Stanley, Attorney, Guardian ad Litem Program<br/>Charlotte, NC</i>  |
| 2:15—2:25     | Refuel  |



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| 2:25—4:05 | <b>Qualification &amp; Direct Examination of an Expert Witness [100 min.]</b><br><i>Phil Dixon, Jr., Defender Educator</i><br><i>UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC</i> |
| 4:05—4:50 | <b>Motions Practice [45 min.]</b><br><i>Shannon Poore, Parent Attorney</i><br><i>Batch, Poore &amp; Williams, PC, Raleigh, NC</i>  |
| 4:50—5:00 | <b>Closing</b>   |

**Day 2 Friday, March 10**

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| 9:00—9:45am   | <b>Discovery [45 min.]</b><br><i>Sydney Batch, Parent Attorney</i><br><i>Batch, Poore &amp; Williams, PC, Raleigh, NC</i>   |
| 9:45—10:25    | <b>Stipulations, Consent Orders, and Settlements [40 min.]</b><br><i>Wendy Sotolongo, Parent Representation Coordinator</i><br><i>Office of Parent Representation, Durham, NC</i> |
| 10:25—10:35   | Refuel  |
| 10:35—11:00   | <b>Evidence Basics [25 min.]</b><br><i>Melissa, DSS County Attorney</i><br><i>Randolph County, Asheboro, NC</i>   |
| 11:00—12:00pm | <b>Laying the Foundation [60 min.]</b><br><i>Heather Peagler Mobley, Parent Attorney</i><br><i>Concord, NC</i>  |
| 12:00—12:45   | Lunch (provided in building)*   |
| 12:45—1:45    | <b>Making and Meeting Objections [60 min.]</b><br><i>Beth Spillman, GAL Attorney Advocate</i><br><i>25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Caldwell, Burke &amp; Catawba)</i>         |
| 1:45—2:40     | <b>Hearsay [55 min.]</b><br><i>Susan Lynch, Assistant Public Defender</i><br><i>Hoke County, NC</i>   |

\*IDS employees may not claim reimbursement for lunch



2:40–2:50

Refuel

2:50–3:50

**Ethical Considerations When Representing Clients  
with Diminished Capacity [60 min.]**

*Kristine Sullivan, Senior Attorney*

*Disability Rights North Carolina, Raleigh, NC*

3:50 – 5:00

Closing and Brainstorming Session

**CLE HOURS**

**General Hour(s): 11.50**

**Ethics Hour(s): 1.00**

**Total CLE Hours: 12.50**