

Agenda

Superior Court Judges' Summer Conference

June 23-25, 2010

Wilmington, NC

Wednesday, June 23 *(UNC Wilmington)*

- 12:00 p.m. **Check-In**
- 1:00 p.m. **Criminal Law Update & Review**
Jessica Smith, UNC School of Government
- 2:30 p.m. **Innocence Inquiry Commission Update**
Calvin E. Murphy, Special Superior Court Judge, District 26
- 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. **Criminal Discovery**
Ronald E. Spivey, Superior Court Judge, District 21
- 3:45 p.m. **Mental Retardation in Capital Cases**
Paul G. Gessner, Superior Court Judge, District 10
- 4:30 p.m. **Update from the DOC**
Edwin G. Wilson Jr., Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 17A
Alvin W. Keller, Secretary of Correction, N.C. Dept. of Correction
- 5:15 p.m. **Recess**
- 6:30 p.m. **Reception** *(Clocktower Lounge, UNC Wilmington)*

Thursday, June 24 *(UNC Wilmington)*

- 8:00 a.m. **Education Committee Meeting** *(Fisher Student Center, Azalea Coast Room A&B)*
- 9:00 a.m. **Covenants Not to Compete**
Cressie H. Thigpen, Special Superior Court Judge, District 10
- 9:50 a.m. **The Co-Conspirator Exception to the Hearsay Rule**
Michael R. Morgan, Superior Court Judge, District 10
- 10:20 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. **Remarks**
John R. Wester, President, N.C. Bar Association
- 11:15 a.m. **Remarks**
Sarah E. Parker, Chief Justice, N.C. Supreme Court
John W. Smith II, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch** *(on your own)*
Conference Board of Directors Meeting *(Fisher Student Center, Azalea Coast Room A&B)*

- 1:30 p.m. **Civil Law Update**
Don Cowan, Ellis & Winters, LLP
- 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 p.m. **Civil Law Update**, continued
- 4:00 p.m. **Recognizing & Responding to Substance Abuse**
Melvin Wright, Executive Director, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism
John Sarratt, Harris, Winfield, Sarratt & Hodges, LLP
- 4:30 p.m. **Business Meeting**
- 5:15 p.m. **Recess**
- 5:00 p.m. - **Bar reception in honor of the Judiciary** (*Azalea Ballroom at the Wilmington Hilton until 7 pm*)

Friday, June 25 (*Wilmington Hilton*)

- 9:00 a.m. **Recent Cases in Judicial Administration: *Citizens United & Presley v. Georgia***
(*Cape Fear Ballroom Salon A*)
Michael Crowell, UNC School of Government
- 9:50 a.m. **Break**
- 10:00 a.m. **Judicial Selection & Evaluation** (*Magnolia Ballroom*)
The Honorable Rebecca Love Kourlis, Institute for Advancement of the Legal System
- 10:45 a.m. **Panel Response** (*Magnolia Ballroom*)
Don Cowan, Ellis & Winters, LLP
W. Allan Cobb, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, District 5
Robert C. Ervin, Superior Court Judge, District 25A
Allison Van Laningham, Smith Moore Leatherwood, LLP
Tom Comerford, Comerford & Britt, LLP
- 12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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