



2021 Higher-Level Felony Defense Training

Sept. 14-16, 2021 / Chapel Hill, NC

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Tuesday, Sept. 14

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| 9:00-9:30 am | Check-in |
| 9:30-9:45 am | Welcome (15 mins.) |
| 9:45-10:45 | Preparing for Serious Felony Cases (60 mins.)
Phil Dixon, Defender Educator
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 10:45-11:00 am | <i>Break</i> |
| 11:00-12:00 pm | Defending Eyewitness Identification Cases (60 mins.)
Laura Gibson, Assistant Public Defender
Beaufort County Office of the Public Defender, Washington, NC |
| 12:00-1:00 pm | <i>Lunch</i> (provided in the building) |
| 1:00-2:00 pm | Habitual Felon Cases (60 mins.)
Jason St. Aubin, Assistant Public Defender
Mecklenburg County Office of the Public Defender, Charlotte, NC |
| 2:00-2:15 pm | <i>Break</i> |
| 2:15-3:00 pm | Mitigation Investigation (45 mins.)
Josie Van Dyke, Mitigation Specialist
Sentencing Solutions, Inc. |
| 3:00-4:00 | Client Rapport (60 mins.) (Ethics)
Tucker Charns, Regional Defender
Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC |
| 4:00 pm | Adjourn |



Wednesday, Sept. 15

- 9:00-10:15 am **The Law of Sentencing Serious Felonies** (75 mins.)
Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 10:15-10:30 am *Break*
- 10:30-11:30 am **Essentials of Preservation** (60 mins.)
Glenn Gerding, Appellate Defender
Office of the Appellate Defender, Durham, NC
- 11:30-12:30 pm **Storytelling and Visual Aides at Sentencing** (60 mins.)
Sophorn Avitan and Susan Weigand, Assistant Public Defenders
Mecklenburg Co. Public Defender's Office, Charlotte, NC
- 12:30-1:30 pm Lunch (*provided in building*)*
- 1:30-3:00 pm **Brainstorming, Preparing, and Presenting a Sentencing Argument** (90 mins.)
- 3:00-3:15 pm *Break*
- 3:15-4:00 pm **Working with Experts** (45 minutes)
Sarah Olson, Forensic Resource Counsel
Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC
- 4:00 pm **Adjourn**



Thursday, Sept. 16

- 9:30-10:15 am **Addressing Race and Other Sensitive Topics in Voir Dire** (45 mins.)
Emily Coward, Research Attorney
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 10:15-10:30 *Break*
- 10:30-11:30 **Basics of Batson Challenges** (60 mins.)
Hannah Autry, Attorney
Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Durham, NC
Lisa Miles, Attorney, Durham NC
- 11:15-12:15 pm **Peremptory and For Cause** (60 mins.)
James Davis, Attorney
Davis and Davis, Salisbury, NC
- 12:15 pm **Concluding Remarks**
- 12:30 pm **Adjourn**

TOTAL CLE HOURS: 13.00 (including 1.0 hours of Ethics credit) *pending CLE Approval

Note: State employees, including assistant public defenders, may not claim reimbursement for lunches provided during the course.



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