



# Understanding Substance Use Disorder: A Course for District Court Judges

May 20-21, 2026

School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

## Wednesday, May 20 [5.0 CJE]

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Class Overview**
- 10:15 a.m. Substance Use and the Courts: What Judges Need to Understand [1.5 CJE]**  
Joe Buckner, Retired Chief District Court Judge, Judicial District 18  
Panelists
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. The Nature of Addiction and Recovery [1.5 CJE]**  
Dr. Michael Baca-Atlas, UNC School of Medicine
- 2:15 p.m. Break**
- 2:30 p.m. Emerging Substances [1.25 CJE]**  
Dr. Michael Baca-Atlas, UNC School of Medicine
- 3:45 p.m. Break**
- 4:00 p.m. Drug Testing [0.75 CJE]**  
Dr. Michael Baca-Atlas, UNC School of Medicine
- 4:45 p.m. Adjourn**

## Thursday, May 21 [4.5 CJE]

- 8:30 a.m. The Laws Addressing Substance Use: Delinquency, Child Welfare, Child Custody [1.0 CJE]**  
Jacqui Greene, UNC School of Government  
Sara DePasquale, UNC School of Government  
Cheryl Howell, UNC School of Government
- 9:30 a.m. Break**
- 9:45 a.m. Adolescent Substance Use [1.0 CJE]**  
Dr. Lucien Gonzalez, UNC School of Medicine
- 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 11:00 a.m. Parenting and Substance Use [1.0 CJE]**  
Dr. Evette Horton, Director of Child Services, UNC Horizons
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. Substance Use Treatment and Confidentiality [1.5 CJE]**  
Mark Botts, UNC School of Government

**2:15 p.m.      Feedback**

**2:30 p.m.      Adjourn**

This program will have **9.50** hours of instruction for continuing judicial education credit under Rule II.C of Continuing Judicial Education for District Court Judges. ***All 9.50 hours are designated as Juvenile Court and Family Court hours.***