Agenda

Special Topic Seminar:

Ethics and Professionalism: Being a Judge Inside and Outside the Courtroom

April 2-4, 2014

School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

Wednesday, April 2

**12:15 p.m. Check-in**

**1:00 p.m. Welcome**  
Chief Justice Sarah Parker, NC Supreme Court  
Judge Wanda Bryant, Chair, NC Judicial Standards Commission

**1:15 p.m. Remarks: Why Ethics Matter [Ethics]**

Jim Drennan, UNC School of Government

**The Judge as an Elected Official**

**1:45 p.m. The Rules: Election-Related Conduct [Ethics]**

Chris Heagarty, Executive Director, NC Judicial Standards Commission

**2:15 p.m. “But, what if…”: Applying the Rules in a Real Election [Ethics]** Moderator: Paul Ross, Former Executive Director, NC Judicial Standards

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Judge John Martin, Chief Judge, NC Court of Appeals  
 Judge Marty McGee, Special Superior Court Judge, Concord  
 Judge Tanya Wallace, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, Wadesboro

**3:30 p.m. Break**

**3:45 p.m. The Rules: Recommendations and Endorsements [Ethics]**  
 Paul Ross

**4:15 p.m. Social Media and the Public Official**

Shannon Tufts, UNC School of Government

**5:15 p.m. Adjourn**

**Thursday, April 3**

**The Judge in the Courtroom**

**9:00 a.m. The Rules: Courtroom/Courthouse Conduct [Ethics]**

Paul Ross

**9:30 a.m. The Law of Recusal [Ethics]**

Michael Crowell, UNC School of Government

**10:00 a.m. The Law of Entry of Judgment [Ethics]**

Cheryl Howell, UNC School of Government

**10:15 a.m. Break**

**10:30 a.m. Group Discussion: Courtroom Issues in Practice (Skits) [Ethics]**

**12:15 p.m. Lunch at School of Government**

**1:15 p.m. Handling Problem-Lawyers & Helping Lawyers with Problems: Resources & Strategies for Judges [Substance Abuse/Mental Health]**

Carmen Bannon, Deputy Counsel, NC State Bar  
Robynn Moraites, NC Lawyer Assistance Program

Mel Wright, NC Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism

**2:15 p.m. Break**

**2:30 p.m. Handling Problem-Lawyers and Helping Lawyers with Problems [Substance Abuse/Mental Health]** *(Continued)*

**3:30 p.m. Break**

**The Judge in the Community**

**3:45 p.m. The Rules: Community Involvement and Seeking Resources for the Court [Ethics]**Paul Ross

**4:30 p.m. How to Advocate for Change and Seek Funding for Court Programs**  
Moderator: Cheryl Howell, UNC School of Government

Judge Jennifer Green, District Court Judge, Raleigh

Judge Marcia Morey, Chief District Court Judge, Durham

Judge John Smith, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts

**5:30 p.m. Adjourn**

**Friday, April 4**

**9:00 a.m. Building Public Trust and Confidence through Education and Advocacy**   
Moderator: Cheryl Howell, UNC School of Government

Todd Nuccio, Trial Court Administrator, Charlotte  
Justice Timmons-Goodson, Retired, NC Supreme Court

Judge Rebecca Tin, District Court Judge, Charlotte

**9:45 a.m. Yikes! A Complaint Has Been Filed Against Me With Judicial Standards. Now What?**

Moderator: Shea Denning, UNC School of Government

Glenn Joyner, Investigator, NC Judicial Standards Commission  
Judge Marcia Morey, Chief District Court Judge, Durham

Joe Zeszotarski, Esq., Gammon, Howard & Zeszotarski, Raleigh

**11:00 a.m. Break**

**11:15 a.m. Looking Up from Counsel Table: The Leadership We Expect**Moderator: Shea Denning, UNC School of Government

Marcia Armstrong, Esq., The Armstrong Law Firm, P.A., Smithfield

Joe Cheshire, Esq., Cheshire, Parker, Schneider & Bryan, Raleigh

Colon Willoughby, Esq., Former District Attorney, Wake County

**12:30 p.m. Wrap-Up / Adjourn**

CLE Hours: General = 5.25 hours

Ethics = 6.5 hours

SA/MH= 2 hours

Total= 13.75 hours

This conference will have **14** hours of instruction, all of which will qualify for continuing judicial education credit under Rule II.C of Continuing Judicial Education.