# NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS



# Western Regional Advanced Clerk Academy Friday, October 13, 2023 Transylvania County 101 S. Broad St. Brevard, NC 28712

#### **AGENDA**

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Registration/Continental Breakfast** 

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Welcome/Introductions

Trisha Hogan, Clerk to the Board

**Welcoming Remarks** 

Jason Chappell, Chair

Jaime Laughter, County Manager

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. NCACC Certification/IIMC Certification Discussion

Lindsay K. Ray, President, North Carolina Association of

**County Clerks** 

Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and

Government, UNC School of Government

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Everything you need to know to be ready for an

**Election Year** 

Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and

Government, UNC School of Government

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Break/Snacks** 

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Everything you need to know to be ready for an Election Year (continued)  Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School of Government
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Records Retention in a Digital World  Jason Woolf, Records Analyst, Records Analysis Unit, NC  Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	How a Bill Becomes Law in North Carolina Christine Wunsche, Director, Legislative Reporting Services, UNC School of Government
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Break/Snacks
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Clerk BINGO! Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School of Government
4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Regional Wrap-up/Questions Lindsay K. Ray, President, North Carolina Association of County Clerks Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School of Government

The MMC Advanced Academies are presented by the School of Government, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The school is the International Institute of Municipal Clerks' approved provider of educational programs for clerks in North Carolina.

Clerks who successfully complete MMC Advanced Academy will be eligible for 3.00 MMC/CMC points and 6.0 credit hours towards recertification as an NCCCC or, if applicable, certification or recertification as an NCMCC.

Partial credit is not available for the Academy.

# North Carolina Association of County Clerks Speaker/Session Information

# 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.:

# **NCACC Certification/IIMC Certification Discussion**

Lindsay K. Ray, President, North Carolina Association of County Clerks Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government

Time is being allotted for questions and answers about the IIMC (CMC and MMC) and the NCACC (NCCCC and NCMCCC) clerk certifications.

# 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.:

# **Everything you need to know to be ready for an Election Year**

Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government UNC School of Government

An election year is fast approaching, and clerks often play an active role in pre- and post-election processes. This session will address laws surrounding oaths of office, the organizational meeting, bonds, campaign ethics and requirements, and tricky first amendment issues that might arise during campaign season.

# 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.:

# **Records Retention in a Digital World**

Jason Woolf, Records Analyst, Records Analysis Unit

State Archives of North Carolina, Government Records Section

With the pandemic came a lot of changes in how local governments operate. Local governments quickly shifted to virtual meetings and various online platforms for interoffice communication and meetings. This session will take a look at how the records retention schedule addresses the types of documents that these virtual platforms create and help clerks better understand where these documents fall into the retention schedule.

#### 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.:

## **How a Bill Becomes Law in North Carolina**

Christine Wunsche, Director, Legislative Reporting Services

**UNC School of Government** 

Clerks frequently are responsible for staying abreast of changes in legislation. This session will explore the legislative process and give clerks resources to find, understand, and apply developing and newly enacted legislation.

# 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

#### Clerk BINGO!

Kristina Wilson, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government UNC School of Government

# **Speaker Biographies**

## Lindsay K. Ray:

Lindsay Ray is the Clerk to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and is the current President of the North Carolina Association of County Clerks and also an At-Large board member for the Alumni Association of the Municipal and County Administration Course at the SOG. Lindsay has been designated a North Carolina Master County Clerk by the NCACC. Lindsay was hired as Deputy Clerk in August of 2011 and was appointed as Clerk in January of 2014 and has been one of the core instructors for the Chatham County Leadership Academy since 2017.

#### **Kristina Wilson:**

Kristina Wilson joined the School of Government in September 2021. Her work focuses on local government structure and authority, board procedures, and public records and transparency issues. Prior to joining the School, Wilson was a civil litigation associate at Yates, McLamb & Weyher LLP where her practice included medical malpractice defense, general liability defense, employment disputes, and constitutional matters in both federal and state court. She also worked for the U.S. Department of Justice in its Access to Justice Office addressing civil constitutional issues including nuisance ordinances and public housing and a proposed civil right to counsel. Prior to law school, Wilson worked as a communications associate for the Center for Global Development, an international development think tank in Washington, D.C. Wilson earned her J.D. cum laude from Wake Forest University School of Law where she was a published member and executive online editor of the Wake Forest Law Review. Wilson earned undergraduate degrees in English and Spanish cum laude from Georgetown University. She is a member of the North Carolina State Bar.

#### **Jason Woolf:**

Jason Woolf has been a Records Analyst with State Archives, Government Records branch since 2011. Previously, he worked on a digital history project at Hunter Library, Western Carolina University.

#### **Christine Wunsche:**

Christine Wunsche joined the School of Government in 2007 as director of the Legislative Reporting Service (LRS). Wunsche's LRS duties include acting as editor of the Daily Bulletin and running the LRS website. She also manages the LRS office, coordinating a staff of lawyers and professionals who create the Daily Bulletin and LRS online content. Prior to taking on the role of director, Wunsche worked during the 2007 legislative session as an attorney in the LRS office. Before joining the School of Government, she lobbied for clean water issues as an attorney for Environment North Carolina. Wunsche earned a B.A. and a J.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill.