

**North Carolina Conference of Superior Court Judges  
Racial Equity Training**

**Session 1: Racial Inequity in the Criminal Justice System  
August 21, 2020**

1. Welcome ..... Judge Wayland Sermons (9:00)  
President, North Carolina Conference of Superior Court Judges
2. Purpose .....Judges Bob Ervin and Carla Archie (9:03)  
Co-Chairs, NCCSCJ Equity Training Committee
3. Governor’s Task Force on Racial Equity in Criminal Justice ... Judge Alan Thornburg  
(9:06)
4. Logistics .....Elizabeth Watkins Price (9:08)  
Associate Director of Curriculum and Administration  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Government
5. Opening Remarks..... Chief Justice Cheri Beasley (9:10)  
Supreme Court of North Carolina
6. Racial Inequity in Charging Decisions .....Professor Frank Baumgartner (9:30)  
Richard J. Richardson Distinguished Professor of Political Science  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
7. Break .....(10:15)
8. Sentencing Decisions and Race..... Michelle Hall (10:30)  
Director, NC Sentencing & Policy Advisory Commission
9. Public Perception of the Justice System ..... Professor Jim Drennan (11:15)  
Adjunct Professor of Government  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
10. Closing Remarks ..... Judge Carla Archie (11:55)  
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