

## NORTH CAROLINA Judicial COLLEGE

## **Contested Hearings: Essentials for Clerks**

July 23-24, 2019 School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

## Tuesday, July 23

9:00am Welcome and Introductions

Meredith Smith, UNC School of Government

9:15am The Authority of the Clerk

Meredith Smith

9:45am Hearing Basics

Ann Anderson, UNC School of Government

10:15am Break

10:30am Evidence Essentials

Ann Anderson

**12:00pm** Lunch (SOG Dining Hall)

12:45pm Ex Parte Communications; Establishing Control in the Courtroom

Meredith Smith

1:45pm Break

1:55pm Direct Criminal Contempt

Meredith Smith

2:30pm Break

2:45pm Putting it All Together: Drafting a Solid Order

Ann Anderson

5:00pm Adjourn

## Wednesday, July 24

9:00am Are We Fair Yet?

Jim Drennan, UNC School of Government

10:30am Break

10:45am Practical Advice from the Bench

Meredith Smith, UNC School of Government, Moderator

Matt Kraus, Office of General Counsel, AOC

Becky Spragins, CSC Halifax County

Yancey Washington, CSC Granville County

11:45am Lunch (SOG Dining Hall)

12:30pm Legal Research and Rendering a Decision

Meredith Smith

2:00pm Break

2:15pm Mock Hearing

Meredith Smith and Ann Anderson

3:30pm Adjourn

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