

Contested Hearings: Essentials for Clerks

February 24-25, 2022

Thursday, February 24

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Meredith Smith, UNC School of Government
- 9:15 a.m. **The Authority of the Clerk**
Meredith Smith
- 9:45 a.m. **Hearing Basics**
Emily Turner, UNC School of Government
- 10:15 a.m. *Break*
- 10:30 a.m. **Evidence Essentials**
Timothy Heinle, UNC School of Government
- 12:00 p.m. *Lunch at the School of Government*
- 12:45 p.m. **Ex Parte Communications**
Meredith Smith
- 1:45 p.m. *Break*
- 1:55 p.m. **Direct Criminal Contempt**
Meredith Smith
- 2:30 p.m. *Break*
- 2:45 p.m. **Putting It All Together: Drafting a Solid Order**
Emily Turner
- 5:00 p.m. *Adjourn*

Friday, February 25

- 9:00 a.m. **Are We Fair Yet?**
Jim Drennan, UNC School of Government
- 10:30 a.m. *Break*
- 10:45 a.m. **Practical Advice from the Bench**
Meredith Edwards, Clerk of Superior Court, Alamance County
Dana Hackney, Clerk of Superior Court, Chatham County
Mark Kleinschmidt, Clerk of Superior Court, Orange County
Nicole Brinkley, Office of General Counsel, NC Administrative Office of the Courts
Meredith Smith, UNC School of Government, Moderator
- 11:45 a.m. *Lunch at the School of Government*
- 12:30 p.m. **Legal Research and Rendering a Decision**
Meredith Smith
- 2:00 p.m. *Break*
- 2:15 p.m. **Mock Hearing**
Meredith Smith
Emily Turner
- 3:30 p.m. *Adjourn*

Total Credit Hours: 11.50