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# Course Catalog



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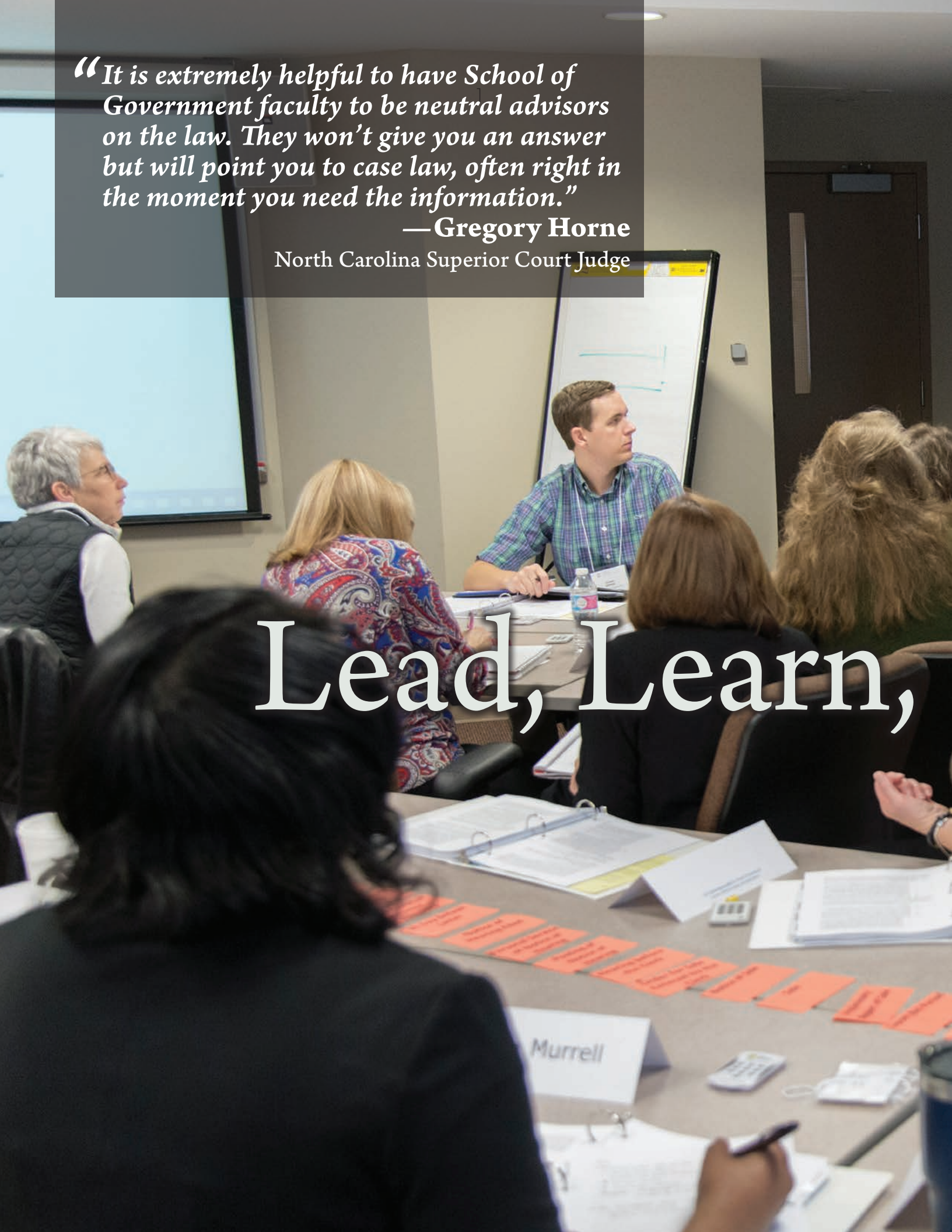
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*“It is extremely helpful to have School of Government faculty to be neutral advisors on the law. They won’t give you an answer but will point you to case law, often right in the moment you need the information.”*

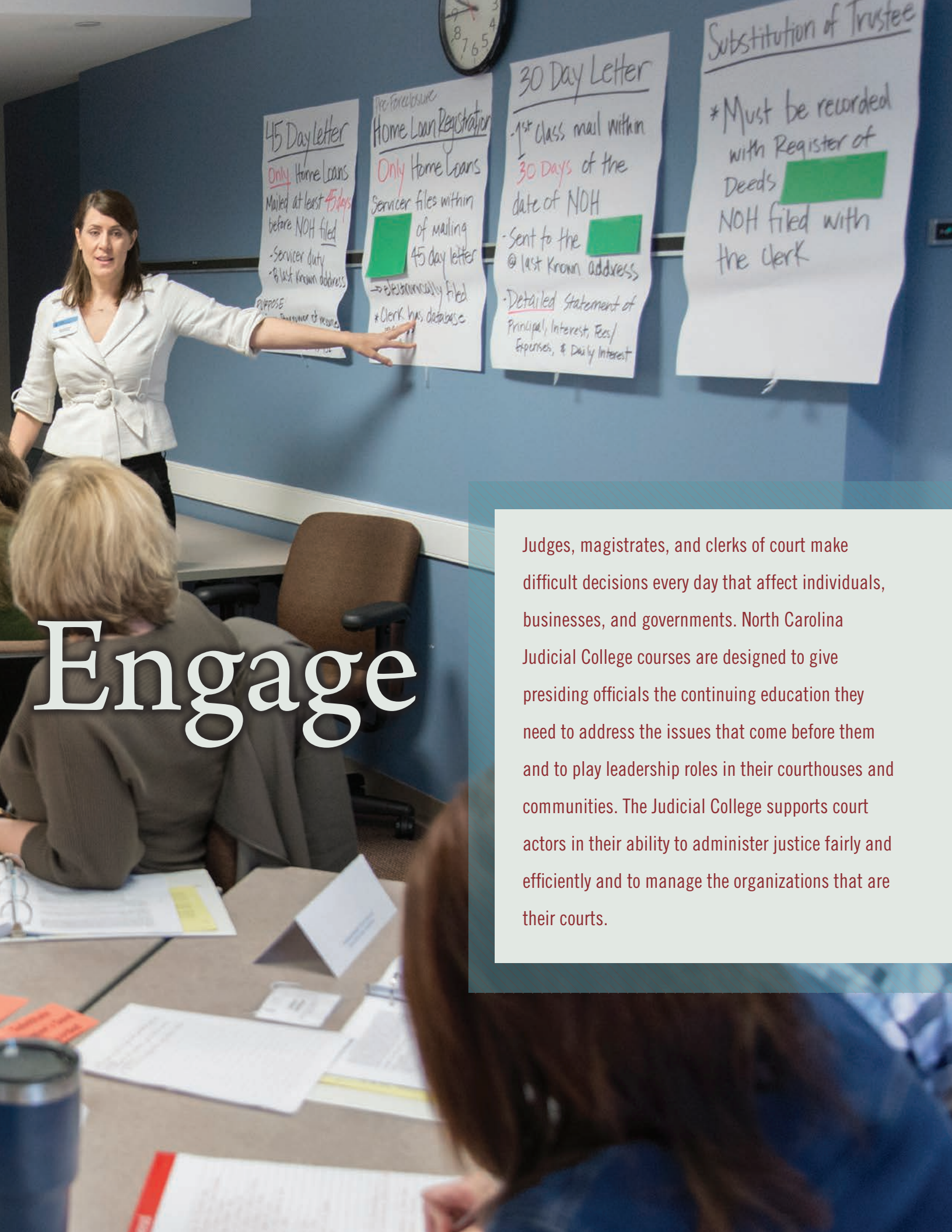
**—Gregory Horne**

North Carolina Superior Court Judge

A photograph of a meeting room. A man in a plaid shirt is standing and presenting to a group of people seated around a large table. The table is covered with papers, orange sticky notes, and a name tag that reads "Murrell". A whiteboard is visible in the background.

# Lead, Learn,





# Engage

Judges, magistrates, and clerks of court make difficult decisions every day that affect individuals, businesses, and governments. North Carolina Judicial College courses are designed to give presiding officials the continuing education they need to address the issues that come before them and to play leadership roles in their courthouses and communities. The Judicial College supports court actors in their ability to administer justice fairly and efficiently and to manage the organizations that are their courts.

# ABOUT THE NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL COLLEGE

**The North Carolina Judicial College** provides education and training for judicial officials, including judges, magistrates, and clerks of court. It includes training for new officials, continuing education seminars, and online offerings such as webinars and self-study modules. Much of the work of the Judicial College is done in partnership with, and is supported by, the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, the School's primary court education partner. The Judicial College also collaborates with organizations that offer specialized expertise in science, business, technology, and other complex topics that are coming before the courts with increasing frequency.

The Judicial College is part of the UNC School of Government, and many School of Government faculty members coordinate and teach in its programs.

## OUR HISTORY

The UNC School of Government has worked with court officials since its founding by Albert Coates in the 1930s. In 2005, the Judicial College was funded by the North Carolina General Assembly and School faculty member Jim Drennan was named the founding director.

## MEETING YOUR NEEDS

Since its inception, the Judicial College has addressed the increasing demand for training coming from a growing court system. We understand the need for education about black-letter law as well as the need for information about leadership, technology, substance abuse, and other topics pertinent to the courts.

## A NETWORK OF PEERS

Our faculty are experts in nurturing small-group, interactive educational events that allow judicial officials to discuss the challenges of their profession in a safe learning environment.

## AUDIENCES

The Judicial College offers courses for the following groups:

Magistrates	Chief District Court Judges
Clerks of Superior Court	Superior Court Judges
Assistant and Deputy Clerks of Superior Court	Senior Resident Superior Court Judges
District Court Judges	Appellate Judges

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## TRAINING FOR NEW OFFICIALS

### BASIC SCHOOL FOR MAGISTRATES

Mandatory for newly appointed magistrates, this course provides essential training on civil and criminal law, including small claims, involuntary commitments, search warrants, criminal pleadings, and pretrial release.

**AUDIENCE:** Magistrates

**FREQUENCY:** Twice per year, in winter and summer

**ENROLLMENT:** Invitation only

**LENGTH:** 10 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Dona G. Lewandowski

### ORIENTATION FOR NEW CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGES/SENIOR RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

This course is for trial court judges who are new to an administrative role as a senior resident superior court judge or a chief district court judge. Topics include scheduling, performance measures, facilities and court security, case management, human resources, court leadership, and relations with the news media.

**AUDIENCE:** Chief District Court Judges, Senior Resident Superior Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Odd-numbered years in winter

**ENROLLMENT:** Invitation only

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Ann M. Anderson, Shea Riggsbee Denning

### ORIENTATION FOR NEW DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

This course provides training and orientation for new district court judges on conducting criminal, civil, and juvenile court, including issues of ethics and fairness as well as substantive legal topics.

**AUDIENCE:** District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Annually, with one week in winter and one in spring

**ENROLLMENT:** Invitation only

**LENGTH:** 10 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Cheryl D. Howell

### ORIENTATION FOR NEW SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

This course for new superior court judges focuses on conducting criminal court, transitioning from the bar to the bench, sentencing, evidence, pro se litigation, motions for appropriate relief, ethics, fairness, computer training, civil issues, and more.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Annually

**ENROLLMENT:** Invitation only

**LENGTH:** 5 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Jessica Smith

### TRAINING FOR NEW CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

Designed for new clerks of superior court, this course covers critical topics such as estates, foreclosures, and guardianship and adoption. It also provides information about the role and liability of the clerk.

**AUDIENCE:** Clerks of Superior Court

**FREQUENCY:** Odd-numbered years

**ENROLLMENT:** Invitation only

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Meredith Smith

## CRIMINAL LAW

### ADVANCED CRIMINAL EVIDENCE

This course helps judges develop skills to decide evidence issues quickly and accurately. Topics include character and habit, hearsay, the Confrontation Clause, experts, child witnesses, and authentication.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Every 5 years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 4 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Jessica Smith



James C. Drennan

### ADVANCED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

This course focuses on advanced criminal procedure issues that may be encountered by superior court judges, including motions practice, jury selection and management, sentencing, and post-conviction proceedings.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Every 5 years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 5 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Jessica Smith

### ADVANCED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE FOR MAGISTRATES

This course for experienced magistrates focuses on criminal procedure, including the law and practice of determining probable cause, selecting process, conducting initial appearances, and setting bonds.

**AUDIENCE:** Magistrates

**FREQUENCY:** Odd-numbered years in winter

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 2 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Jeffrey B. Welty

### ARREST, SEARCH, AND INVESTIGATION

This course addresses important issues in the rapidly-changing law of search, seizure, and investigation. Past topics have included drug dogs, traffic stops, digital evidence, and probation searches.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges, District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Every 5 years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 2 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Jeffrey B. Welty

### CAPITAL CASE MANAGEMENT

This course is designed to help superior court judges handle capital cases efficiently and correctly, addressing such issues as case management, jury selection, experts and discovery, and capital sentencing hearings.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Every 5 years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 2 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Jeffrey B. Welty

### POST-CONVICTION PROCEEDINGS

This course is designed to help judges effectively rule on issues that arise after conviction in a criminal case. Topics include procedural issues related to motions for appropriate relief, substantive claims such as ineffective assistance of counsel, post-conviction sex offender registration proceedings, habeas corpus, and post-conviction DNA testing.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Every 5 years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 1 day

**LEAD FACULTY:** Jessica Smith

### PROCESSING DWIs UPON ARREST

This course is intended for magistrates and district court judges who seek to improve their performance in cases involving alleged impaired driving. Topics include elements of impaired driving, applicable legal procedures, completion of required paperwork, standardized field sobriety tests, information from drug recognition experts, pretrial release and detention, vehicle forfeitures, and ethics.

**AUDIENCE:** Magistrates and District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Even-numbered years in fall

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 2 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Shea Riggsbee Denning

## SENTENCING SEMINAR

Conducted in conjunction with a UNC-Chapel Hill law school seminar on North Carolina sentencing practices, this seminar focuses on the discretionary aspects of sentencing, using a case and discussion format. A judge, prosecutor, or defender present cases, and participants have the opportunity to decide how they would have sentenced the defendants.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges, District Court Judges, Others

**FREQUENCY:** Annually in spring

**ENROLLMENT:** Invitation only

**LENGTH:** 7 days, spread across an academic semester

**LEAD FACULTY:** James M. Markham

## ADVANCED SENTENCING

This program is designed to help judges craft sentences that get the results they want—both legally and as a practical matter in light of Division of Adult Correction policies, procedures, and resources. Judges will leave the course better able to identify and avoid common sentencing errors and with an improved understanding of how their judgments are interpreted and administered.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges, District Court Judges who handle Class H and I felonies

**FREQUENCY:** Annually in September

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 1 day

**LEAD FACULTY:** James M. Markham

## ACTIVE SENTENCING: FACILITIES TOUR

This course provides court officials with a better understanding of how their judgments are administered. Participants tour and learn about the correctional facilities, treatment programs, and Division of Adult Correction administrative offices.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges, District Court Judges, Clerks

**FREQUENCY:** Annually in fall

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 2 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** James M. Markham

## PUBLICATIONS AND BLOGS

The UNC School of Government publishes essential books, manuals, reports, bulletins, and other print and online content critical to the judicial system in North Carolina. For more information on publications, visit [sog.unc.edu/pubs](http://sog.unc.edu/pubs).

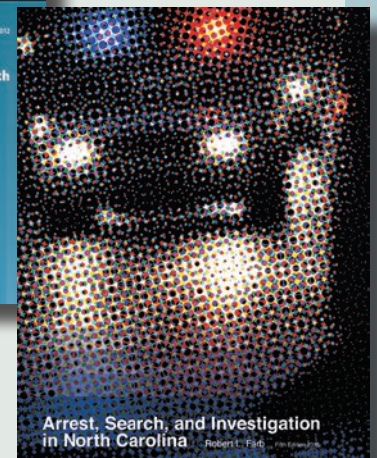
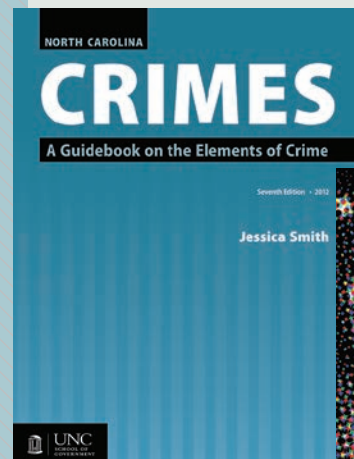
Two popular and free blogs cover North Carolina criminal and civil law.

North Carolina Criminal Law:

[nccriminallaw.sog.unc.edu](http://nccriminallaw.sog.unc.edu)

On the Civil Side:

[civil.sog.unc.edu](http://civil.sog.unc.edu)





# JUVENILE LAW

## JUVENILE COURT CERTIFICATION

The North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts offers district court judges certification as juvenile court judges. Certification requires that a judge complete courses in child development; substance abuse; abuse, neglect, dependency, and termination of parental rights; and juvenile delinquency. Judges are also required to reach certain experience benchmarks. For more information about certification, see [sog.unc.edu/courses/course-lists/juvenile-certification](http://sog.unc.edu/courses/course-lists/juvenile-certification).

## EVIDENCE

### ADVANCED CRIMINAL EVIDENCE

This course helps judges develop skills to decide evidence issues quickly and accurately. Topics include character and habit, hearsay, the Confrontation Clause, experts, child witnesses, and authentication.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Every 5 years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 4 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Jessica Smith

## JUVENILE LAW

### ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY

This course is intended for district court judges who are relatively new to juvenile court and serves as a refresher for judges with substantial experience in juvenile court. The topics that will be covered include Subchapter I of the Juvenile Code: from pre-petition to post-disposition stages in abuse, neglect, dependency, and termination of parental rights cases.

**AUDIENCE:** District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Even-numbered years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 4 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Sara DePasquale

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT

This course is intended for district court judges who are relatively new to juvenile or domestic relations court. The content will cover basic concepts of child development. The topics that will be covered include the stages of normal child development for both young children and adolescents and the effects of abuse and neglect on those stages of development.

**AUDIENCE:** District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Even-numbered years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Sara DePasquale

### DELINQUENCY

This course is intended for district court judges who are relatively new to juvenile court, but it could also serve as a refresher for judges with substantial experience in juvenile court. The topics that will be covered include Subchapter II of the Juvenile Code: from pre-petition to post-disposition stages in delinquency cases.

**AUDIENCE:** District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Odd-numbered years in November

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 4 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** LaToya B. Powell

### JUVENILE LAW SEMINAR

This course examines a rotating specialized topic that relates to juvenile proceedings. Past courses have addressed the intersection between school issues and juvenile proceedings; fatherhood issues in abuse, neglect, and dependency actions; and serious and violent offenders in juvenile delinquency court.

**AUDIENCE:** District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Odd-numbered years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Sara DePasquale, LaToya B. Powell

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE FOR JUDGES

This is a basic introduction to substance abuse in the courts. The course covers substance abuse in society, recent trends in drug use, and the nature of the addiction and the basic pharmacology of substance abuse. It also covers substance abuse assessments, drug testing, and treatment alternatives.

**AUDIENCE:** District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Odd-numbered years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** LaToya B. Powell





Jeff Welty

### THE COURTS' RESPONSE TO CHILDREN WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

This course examines the authority of the courts to address the needs of children with mental health issues when those children are the subject of proceedings alleging delinquency; abuse, neglect, or dependency; or the need for admission to inpatient treatment.

**AUDIENCE:** District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Even-numbered years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Sara DePasquale, LaToya B. Powell

## FAMILY LAW

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**AUDIENCE:** District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Even-numbered years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Sara DePasquale

### EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION

This course is designed for judges with experience trying equitable distribution cases. Participants will discuss equitable distribution cases in a small-group, interactive setting. Topics include classification of marital and divisible property and debt, evaluation methodologies, trial management techniques, and post-judgment issues.

**AUDIENCE:** District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Even-numbered years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Cheryl D. Howell

### FAMILY LAW FOR JUDGES PART 1

This course is intended for district court judges who are relatively new to domestic relations court and who do not have substantial experience with family law matters. It will cover equitable distribution, alimony, and agreements related to both.

**AUDIENCE:** District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Odd-numbered years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Cheryl D. Howell

### FAMILY LAW FOR JUDGES PART 2

This course is intended for district court judges who are relatively new to domestic relations court and who do not have substantial experience with family law matters. It will cover child custody, child support, and agreements related to both.

**AUDIENCE:** District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Odd-numbered years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

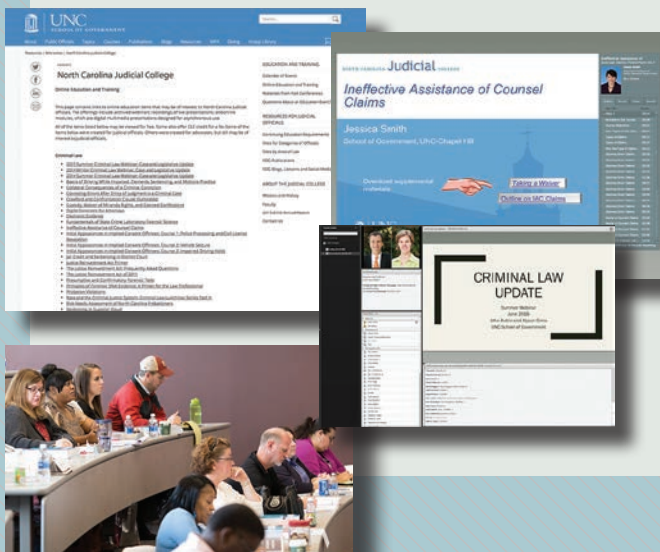
**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Cheryl D. Howell

## CJES AND CLES

All North Carolina judges and justices are subject to the Rules of Continuing Judicial Education adopted by the Supreme Court of North Carolina. The rules are reproduced on side two of form AOC-A-161. For a summary of the principal requirements of the rules, visit [sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/north-carolina-judicial-college/continuing-education-requirements](http://sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/north-carolina-judicial-college/continuing-education-requirements).

The Judicial College also offers a variety of free online education and training opportunities, some of which offer CLE credit for a fee. For a listing, visit [sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/north-carolina-judicial-college/online-education-and-training](http://sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/north-carolina-judicial-college/online-education-and-training).



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**AUDIENCE:** District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Odd-numbered years

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** LaToya B. Powell

## CIVIL LAW AND PROCEDURE

### ADVANCED CIVIL TOPICS

Each time it is offered, this course focuses on a different aspect of civil litigation, such as medical malpractice cases, local government litigation, or presiding over a bench trial.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Periodically as needed

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 2 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Ann M. Anderson

### FORECLOSURE

This course addresses issues that arise with foreclosure hearings, including the timing and procedure for the hearing, the power of sale, and the impact of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act.

**AUDIENCE:** Clerks and Assistant Clerks of Superior Court

**FREQUENCY:** Annually

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 2 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Meredith Smith

### GUARDIANSHIP

This course covers issues that arise with incompetency and guardianship hearings, such as the use of limited guardianship, legal representation of the respondent, procedural and evidentiary issues, judicial and medical determination of incapacity, public guardianship, and restoration. This course is for clerks who have experience with incompetency and guardianship proceedings or who have previously taken the course offered through the Administrative Office of the Courts entitled *Essential Skills for New Hearing Clerks: Incompetency Proceedings*.

**AUDIENCE:** Clerks and Assistant Clerks of Superior Court

**FREQUENCY:** Annually

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Meredith Smith

### INTRODUCTION TO SMALL CLAIMS

This course for magistrates new to holding small claims court focuses on topics such as judicial demeanor, small claims procedure, and a more detailed exploration of the law pertaining to contracts, summary ejectment, and negligence.

**AUDIENCE:** Magistrates

**FREQUENCY:** Annually

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Dona G. Lewandowski



## SPECIAL TOPICS IN SMALL CLAIMS

This course is the next step for small claims magistrates who have completed introductory training. The program provides more detail than the introductory course and reaches new topics, such as judicial demeanor and actions to recover personal property. Specific course content varies each year, based on a survey of topic areas completed by course participants when they register.

**AUDIENCE:** Magistrates

**FREQUENCY:** Annually

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Dona G. Lewandowski

## INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT

This course is intended for magistrates who conduct hearings related to involuntary commitments. Topics include identifying information relevant to the commitment decision, developing proficiency in interviewing, making the legal determinations of the presence of a mental illness and dangerousness, and properly implementing the decision to initiate the involuntary commitment process.

**AUDIENCE:** Magistrates

**FREQUENCY:** Annually in spring

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Dona G. Lewandowski

# LEADERSHIP

## CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGES' LEADERSHIP TRAINING

This course is designed to develop the leadership skills chief district court judges need in their administrative and supervisory roles. Each year the course addresses a particular aspect of leadership, such as communication, team building, strategic planning, case management, and managing conflict.

**AUDIENCE:** Chief District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Annually

**ENROLLMENT:** Invitation only

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Shea Riggsbee Denning, Willow S. Jacobson,  
Donna E. Warner

# MOBILE APPS, PODCASTS, AND MORE

Faculty within the North Carolina Judicial College take advantage of popular tech trends to deliver content to judicial officials in new ways. For instance, the Structured Sentencing app was created in 2014 to help court actors quickly predict and prepare lawful sentences for any felony or misdemeanor sentenced under Structured Sentencing and for drug trafficking.

In 2016, the School launched Beyond the Bench, a podcast about the North Carolina court system. Season one features interviews with interesting people who work in the criminal justice system and segments about the law itself; season two covers how the child welfare system in North Carolina responds to juvenile homelessness.





### JUDICIAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE SEMINAR

This series of seminars is focused on providing assistance to the key leaders in a judicial district who are willing to work together to improve the justice system in their district. The sessions help participants identify their leadership styles, focus on the stresses and demands being placed on the courts, anticipate the trends that will affect the courts in the future, and discuss the nature of shared decision making in a complex environment.

**AUDIENCE:** Multiple roles, including Senior Resident Superior Court Judges, Chief District Court Judges, Clerks of Superior Court, District Attorneys, Public Defenders, and others

**FREQUENCY:** Periodically as needed

**ENROLLMENT:** Invitation only

**LENGTH:** 9 days spread across 3 sessions

**LEAD FACULTY:** James C. Drennan, Willow S. Jacobson, Donna E. Warner

### ORIENTATION FOR NEW CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGES/SENIOR RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

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**AUDIENCE:** Chief District Court Judges and Senior Resident Superior Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Odd-numbered years in winter

**ENROLLMENT:** Invitation only

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Ann M. Anderson, Shea Riggsbee Denning

### SENIOR RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE PROGRAM

This session addresses topics of interest to senior resident superior court judges, including new developments in the law, case management, personnel management, and judicial authority.

**AUDIENCE:** Senior Resident Superior Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Annually immediately before the Superior Court Judges' Fall Conference

**ENROLLMENT:** Invitation only

**LENGTH:** Half day

**LEAD FACULTY:** Ann M. Anderson

## OTHER

### ACTIVE SENTENCING: FACILITIES TOUR SERIES

This course gives court officials a better understanding of how their judgments are administered. Participants tour the correctional facilities, treatment programs, and Division of Adult Correction administrative offices. Each stop includes time for relevant legal instruction.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges, District Court Judges, Clerks

**FREQUENCY:** Annually in fall

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 2 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** James M. Markham

### APPELLATE TRAINING: NEW AND EMERGING LEGAL ISSUES

Description: This course focuses on new and emerging legal issues that are likely to come before the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Coverage varies year to year but typically includes sessions on recent Supreme Court cases, criminal law, civil law, juvenile law, family law, and evidence.



**AUDIENCE:** North Carolina Court of Appeals Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Annually in winter

**ENROLLMENT:** Open

**LENGTH:** 2 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Jessica Smith

## CONTESTED HEARINGS

This course is for clerks and assistant clerks who would like to become more comfortable conducting contested hearings. It emphasizes estate and trust hearings. Topics include a clerk's authority, hearing procedures, time management, common evidence problems, drafting an order, and fairness and bias.

**AUDIENCE:** Clerks and Assistant Clerks of Superior Court

**FREQUENCY:** Annually in summer

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 2 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Ann M. Anderson, Meredith Smith

## DISCRETION AND DECISION MAKING IN THE COURTS

This course examines common decisions judges make that are entrusted to their discretion. Case studies and seminar discussions about those cases will be used to illustrate factors that contribute to judicial decisions and to give participants a chance to learn how their colleagues handle similar situations.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges, District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Periodically as needed

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 2 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** James C. Drennan, Ann M. Anderson

## MAGISTRATES' ONE DAY SCHOOL

This series of regional events changes focus from year to year but always addresses civil topics of interest to magistrates, including small claims and civil commitment proceedings.

**AUDIENCE:** Magistrates

**FREQUENCY:** Multiple times per year in the fall

**ENROLLMENT:** Open

**LENGTH:** 1 day

**LEAD FACULTY:** Dona G. Lewandowski

## SPECIAL TOPIC SEMINAR

This seminar provides intensive instruction on a particular topic of interest to district court judges. Examples of topics covered during previous seminars include juvenile court, equitable distribution, domestic violence, race and the law, and substance abuse.

**AUDIENCE:** District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Annually in spring

**ENROLLMENT:** Nomination by chief district court judge

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Cheryl D. Howell, Shea Riggsbee Denning

## SUPREME COURT SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON, DC

This course centers on a trip to the United States Supreme Court to hear oral argument, learn about the Court and its history, and meet with individuals involved in Supreme Court litigation. The trip also may include visits to the National Archives, the National Center for State Courts, and other institutions.

**AUDIENCE:** Varies; may include Superior Court Judges, District Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Periodically

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 2–4 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Varies

## UNITED KINGDOM COURTS SEMINAR IN LONDON, UK

This course centers on a trip to London and Cambridge to learn about the United Kingdom's legal system. It involves meeting judges and attending court as well as lectures on law-related topics.

**AUDIENCE:** Superior Court Judges

**FREQUENCY:** Pilot offering in November 2016

**ENROLLMENT:** Application

**LENGTH:** 5 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Jessica Smith

# ANNUAL CONFERENCES

A core part of judicial education in North Carolina, annual conferences are organized by a variety of associations and other groups of court officials, including the North Carolina Association of District Court Judges, the North Carolina Conference of Clerks of Superior Court, the North Carolina Association of Superior Court Judges, and the North Carolina Magistrates' Association. Though most of these conferences are not hosted by the North Carolina Judicial College or the UNC School of Government, they are included here to provide as comprehensive a view of judicial education opportunities as possible.

## ASSISTANT AND DEPUTY CLERKS' CONFERENCE

This is the annual training conference for assistant and deputy clerks. Topics include all facets of clerks' responsibilities, such as estates, juvenile matters, civil and special proceeding, criminal matters, computer training, and supervision skills.

**ORGANIZER:** North Carolina Conference of Clerks of Superior Court

**AUDIENCE:** Assistant and deputy clerks

**FREQUENCY:** Annually

**ENROLLMENT:** Open

**LENGTH:** 3 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Meredith Smith

### CLERKS' SUMMER CONFERENCE

This conference provides continuing education on matters important to clerks of superior court. Topics change each year. The conference includes both legal and administrative topics.

**ORGANIZER:** North Carolina Conference of Clerks of Superior Court

**AUDIENCE:** Clerks

**FREQUENCY:** Annually in late summer

**ENROLLMENT:** Open

**LENGTH:** 5 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Meredith Smith, in conjunction with the Conference of Clerks of Superior Court

### CLERKS' WINTER CONFERENCE

This conference provides continuing education on matters important to clerks of superior court. Topics change each year. The conference includes both legal and administrative topics.

**ORGANIZER:** North Carolina Conference of Clerks of Superior Court

**AUDIENCE:** Clerks

**FREQUENCY:** Annually in late winter

**ENROLLMENT:** Open

**LENGTH:** 4 days

**LEAD FACULTY:** Meredith Smith

### DISTRICT COURT JUDGES' SUMMER CONFERENCE

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