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This webinar will cover recent criminal law decisions issued by the North Carolina appellate courts and U.S. Supreme Court and will highlight significant criminal law legislation enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly. School of Government criminal law experts John Rubin, Phil Dixon, and Jonathan Holbrook will discuss a wide range of issues in felony and misdemeanor cases in the North Carolina state courts. Webinar participants will be able to ask questions online, in real time. Additional information about the webinar is located at <https://www.sog.unc.edu/courses/criminal-law-webinars-case-and-legislative-updates>

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SPEAKERS

John Rubin, *Albert Coates Professor of Public Law & Government*

John Rubin joined the School of Government in 1991. He previously practiced law for nine years in Washington, DC, and Los Angeles. At the School, he specializes in criminal law and indigent defense education. He has written several articles and books on criminal law; teaches and consults with judges, prosecutors, public defenders, and other officials in the criminal justice system; and manages the School's indigent defense education program. He is a frequent consultant to the Office of Indigent Defense Services, which is responsible for overseeing and enhancing legal representation for indigent defendants and others entitled to counsel under North Carolina law. In 2008, he was awarded a two-year distinguished professorship for faculty excellence. In 2012, he was named Albert Coates Professor of Public Law and Government. Rubin earned a BA from the University of California at Berkeley and a JD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Phil Dixon, Jr., *Defender Educator, Indigent Defense Education*

Phil Dixon joined the School of Government in 2017. Previously he worked for eight years as an attorney in Pitt and surrounding eastern North Carolina counties, focusing primarily on criminal defense and related matters. Dixon served as assigned counsel to indigent clients throughout his career and represented adult and juvenile clients charged with all types of crimes at the trial level. He earned a BA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a JD with highest honors from North Carolina Central University. He works with the indigent education group at the School to provide training and consultation to public defenders and defense lawyers, as well as to research and write about criminal law issues.

Jonathan Holbrook, *Prosecutor Educator*

Jonathan Holbrook joined the School of Government in 2017 as the School's first-ever Prosecutor Educator. Jonathan previously worked as a prosecutor for nearly ten years, both in state court with the Wake County District Attorney's Office and in federal court with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Jonathan earned his B.A. from Northwestern University, and his J.D. with Honors from UNC Chapel Hill School of Law. Jonathan writes and updates legal entries for NC PRO, the new online criminal procedure resource for prosecutors, as well as the NC Criminal Law Blog, and he provides assistance, consultation, and training to prosecutors on a wide variety of issues.