

2019 Higher-Level Felony Defense TrainingNovember 12-14, 2019 / Chapel Hill, NC

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Tuesday, Nov. 12

12:45-1:15 pm	Check-in
1:15-1:30 pm	Welcome (15 mins.) John Rubin, Professor of Public Law and Government UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
1:30-2:30 pm	Preparing for Serious Felony Cases (60 mins.) Phil Dixon, Defender Educator UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
2:30-3:15 pm	Defending Eyewitness Identification Cases (45 mins.) Laura Gibson, Assistant Public Defender Beaufort County Office of the Public Defender
3:15-3:30 pm	Break
3:30-4:15 pm	Preventing Low Level Felonies from Becoming High Level Habitual Felonies (45 mins.) Jason St. Aubin, Assistant Public Defender, Violent Crimes Unit Mecklenburg Co. Public Defender's Office, Charlotte, NC
3:30-4:15 pm 4:15-5:00 pm	High Level Habitual Felonies (45 mins.) Jason St. Aubin, Assistant Public Defender, Violent Crimes Unit



Wednesday, Nov. 13

9:00-10:00 am	The Law of Sentencing Serious Felonies (60 mins.) Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
10:00-10:15 am	Break
10:15-11:00 am	Mitigation Investigation (45 mins.) Josie Van Dyke, Mitigation Specialist Sentencing Solutions, Inc.
11:00-11:45 am =	Storytelling and Visual Aides at Sentencing (45 mins.) Sophorn Avitan, Assistant Public Dender Susan Weigand, Special Victim's Chief Mecklenburg Co. Public Defender's Office, Charlotte, NC
11:45-12:45 pm	Lunch (provided in building)
12:45-2:45 pm	Brainstorming, Preparing, and Presenting a Sentencing Argument (120 mins.)
2:45-3:00 pm	Break
3:00-4:00 pm	Client Rapport (60 mins. ETHICS) Elaine Gordon, Attorney Raleigh, NC
3:30-3:45 pm	Break
3:45-4:15 pm	Brainstorm Voir Dire Fact Pattern (30 mins.)
4:15-5:15 pm	Goals and Methods of Jury Selection (60 mins.) Kevin Tully, Public Defender Mecklenburg Co. Public Defender's Office, Charlotte, NC
5:15 pm	Adjourn



Thursday, Nov. 14

8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast for Jurors
9:00-11:00 am	Voir Dire Workshops (120 mins.)
11:00-11:15 pm	Break
11:15-12:00 pm	Peremptory and For Cause Challenges (45 mins.) James Davis, Attorney Davis and Davis, Salisbury, NC
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch (in the building)
1:00-1:30 pm	Addressing Race and Other Sensitive Topics in Voir Dire (30 mins.) Emily Coward, Research Attorney UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
1:30-2:15 pm	Basics of Batson Challenges (45 mins.) Erica Webber Washington, Staff Attorney Hannah Autry, Staff Attorney Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Durham, NC
2:15-2:30 pm	Break
2:30-3:30 pm	Essentials of Preservation (60 mins.) Glenn Gerding, Appellate Defender Office of the Appellate Defender, Durham, NC
3:30 pm	Adjourn