2021 Felony Defender Training
February 9-12
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
Co-sponsored by the UNC School of Government & Office of Indigent Defense Services

Tuesday, February 9

9:50 to 10:00  Welcome
Phil Dixon Jr., Defender Educator
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

10:00 to 10:45  Felony Case Preparation - What’s Different in Superior Court (45 mins)
Phil Dixon Jr., Defender Educator
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

10:45 to 11:00  Break

11:00 to 12:00  Ethics for Felony Defenders (60 mins) (1.0 ethics)
Whitney Fairbanks, Deputy Director and General Counsel
Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC

12:00 to 1:00  Lunch

1:00 to 2:15  Voir Dire and Demonstration (75 mins)
Kelley DeAngelus, Assistant Public Defender
Wake County Public Defender’s Office, Raleigh, NC

2:15  Adjourn
**Wednesday, February 10**

9:30 to 10:45  **Developing an Investigative and Discovery Strategy** (75 mins)  
Keith A. Williams, Attorney  
Law Offices of Keith Williams, Greenville, NC

10:45 to 11:00  *Break*

11:00 to 12:30  **WORKSHOP: Developing an Investigative and Discovery Strategy** (90 mins)

12:30-1:30  *Lunch*

1:30-2:30  **Lab Reports and Issues Surrounding Them** (60 mins)  
Sarah R. Olson, Forensic Resource Counsel  
Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC

2:30  *Adjourn*

**Thursday, February 11**

9:00 to 10:00  **Motions to Suppress: Statements, Property and Identification** (60 mins)  
Susan Seahorn, Former Chief Public Defender  
Orange County Public Defender's Office, Hillsborough, NC

10:00-10:15  *Break*

10:15-11:45  **WORKSHOP: Evidence Blocking and Motions to Suppress** (90 mins)

11:45-12:45  *Lunch*

12:45-1:45  **Preserving the Record** (60 mins)  
Glenn Gerding, Appellate Defender  
Office of the Appellate Defender, Durham, NC

1:45-2:30  **The Basics of Pleading Guilty in Superior Court** (45 mins)  
Derek Brown, Attorney  
Brown Law Firm, PLLC, Greenville, NC

2:30  *Adjourn*
Friday, February 12

9:00-10:00  Jury Instructions (60 mins)
Belal Elrahal, Assistant Public Defender
Mecklenberg County Public Defender’s Office, Charlotte, NC

10:00-10:15  Break

10:15-11:15  Sentencing in Superior Court (60 mins)
Jamie Markham, Associate Professor of Public Law and Government
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC

11:15-11:30  Break

11:30-12:30  Sentencing Advocacy-A View from the Bench (60 mins)
Hon. MaryAnn Tally, Resident Superior Court Judge
Judicial District 12C, Fayetteville, NC

12:30  Final Remarks and Adjourn