



## 2020 Misdemeanor Defender Training

November 3-6, 2020

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& Office of Indigent Defense Services*

### **Tuesday, November 3**

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| 12:30-12:45 | Welcome and Introductory Remarks                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 12:45-2:00  | <b>Introduction to Structured Sentencing</b> (75 min.)<br>Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy<br>UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC                     |
| 2:00-2:15   | <i>Break</i>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2:15-3:00   | <b>Pretrial Release Advocacy</b> (45 min.)<br>Emily Mistr, Attorney                                                                                                                                  |
| 3:00-3:15   | <i>Break</i>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3:15-3:30   | <b>Introduction to Structured Sentencing</b> ( <i>continued</i> ) (15 min)<br>Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy<br>UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 3:30-4:30   | <b>Probation Violations</b> (60 min.)<br>Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy<br>UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC                                      |
| 4:30        | <i>Adjourn</i>                                                                                                                                                                                       |



**Wednesday, November 4**

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| 9:00-10:00  | <b>Ethical Issues in District Court (ETHICS)</b> (60 min.)<br>Whitney Fairbanks, General Counsel<br>North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC                                     |
| 10:00-10:15 | <i>Break</i>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 10:15-11:00 | <b>Client Interviewing</b> (45 min.)<br>Tucker Charns, Regional Defender<br>North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC                                                             |
| 10:45-11:00 | <i>Break</i>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11:00-12:15 | <b>Basics of Driving While Impaired:<br/>Elements, Sentencing, and Motions Practice</b> (75 min.)<br>Shea Denning, Professor of Public Law and Government<br>UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 12:15-1:30  | <i>Recess for lunch</i>                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1:30-2:15   | <b>Basics of Driving While Impaired</b> ( <i>continued</i> ) (45 min.)<br>Shea Denning, Professor of Public Law and Government<br>UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC                            |
| 2:15        | <i>Adjourn</i>                                                                                                                                                                                         |



**Thursday, November 5**

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| 9:00-9:30   | <b>Negotiating Effectively</b> (30 min.)<br>Derek Brown, Attorney<br>The Derek K. Brown Law Firm, PC, Greenville, NC                                                   |
| 9:30-9:45   | <i>Break</i>                                                                                                                                                           |
| 9:45-11:00  | <b>Suppressing Evidence in District Court</b> (75 min.)<br>Phil Dixon, Jr., Defender Educator<br>UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC                             |
| 11:00-11:15 | <i>Break</i>                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11:15-12:00 | <b>Problems with Pleadings</b> (45 min.)<br>Belal Elrahal, Assistant Public Defender<br>Mecklenburg County Office of the Public Defender, Charlotte, NC                |
| 12:00-1:00  | <i>Recess for lunch</i>                                                                                                                                                |
| 1:00-1:45   | <b>Driving Records and Getting Your Client Back on the Road</b> (45 min.)<br>Michael Paduchowski, Attorney<br>Law Office of Matthew Charles Suczynski, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 1:45        | <i>Adjourn</i>                                                                                                                                                         |



**Friday, November 6** (Mini Bench Trial School Using Hypotheticals)

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| 9:00-9:45   | <b>Theory of Defense/Emotional Themes</b> (45 min.)<br>Tucker Charns, Regional Defender<br>North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC |
| 9:45-10:15  | <b>Cross Examination</b> (30 min.)<br>Jeff Connolly, Regional Defender<br>North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC                  |
| 10:15-10:30 | <i>Break</i>                                                                                                                                              |
| 10:30-12:00 | <b>Cross Examination Workshops</b> (90 min.)                                                                                                              |
| 12:00-1:00  | <i>Recess for lunch</i>                                                                                                                                   |
| 1:00-1:30   | <b>Direct Examination</b> (30 min.)<br>Susan Brooks, Public Defender Administrator<br>North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC      |
| 1:30-1:45   | <i>Break</i>                                                                                                                                              |
| 1:45-2:30   | <b>Rules of Evidence Refresher</b> (45 min.)<br>Jonathan Broun, Attorney<br>North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services, Raleigh, NC                           |
| 2:30        | <i>Adjourn</i>                                                                                                                                            |

**CLE HOURS: 14.25**

*Includes 1 hour of ethics/professional responsibility*

*\*Pending approval by the NC State Bar\**