

**County and DSS Attorneys'
Summer Conference 2011
Sheraton Atlantic Beach**

Thursday, July 21, 2011

1:00-2:30 **The Responsible Individuals List: Explanation, Problem Areas, and Possible Solutions**

Moderator: Jane R. Thompson, Assistant Attorney General

*Panelists: Terri Reichert, NC Division of Social Services
Julie Southwick, Assistant County Attorney, Wake County
Lauren Vaughan, Senior Department Attorney, Catawba County*

2:30-2:45 **Break**

2:45-4:15 **Confidentiality Issues Involving Mental Health and Substance Abuse Records**

Mark Botts, School of Government, UNC at Chapel Hill

4:15-4:30 **Break**

4:30-5:30 **Case and Legislative Update**

Janet Mason, School of Government, UNC at Chapel Hill

6:30- 8:00 **Opening Reception** for County and DSS Attorneys and Guests-
Sheraton Atlantic Beach

Friday, July 22, 2011

7:15-8:00 **Breakfast**

8:00-9:00 **Joint Session: Substance Abuse and Addiction**

Douglas Smith, Forensic Toxicology Consultant

9:00-10:00 **Joint Session: Ethics**

Chris McLaughlin, School of Government, UNC at Chapel Hill

10:00-10:15 **Break**

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10:15-11:15 Joint Session: Exploring Different Approaches to Representing DSS

Moderator: Aimee Wall, UNC School of Government

Chuck Frye, Davidson County Attorney

Elizabeth Gurnee, Cumberland County DSS

E.B. Borden Parker, Partner, Baddour, Parker and Hine

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-12:15 County Attorneys: Legal and Legislative Hot Topics

Amy Bason, Legislative Counsel

Sharon Scudder, General Counsel

North Carolina Association of County Commissioners

11:30-12:15 Social Services Attorneys: Greetings, Attorneys... I come in Peace: A visit from IDS's Parent Representation Coordinator

Wendy Sotolongo, Parent Representation Coordinator,

N.C. Office of Indigent Defense Services

**6:00-9:00 Offsite Dinner Cruise/Reception Aboard the Crystal Coast Lady
*Limited Space Available; Advance Reservation Required***

Saturday, July 23, 2011

7:30- 8:30 Breakfast

8:30-9:30 Practicing Before the Property Tax Commission

Janet L. Shires, General Counsel

North Carolina Property Tax Commission

Harvey W. "Butch" Raynor, III

Deputy County Attorney, Cumberland County

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*Jimmie Hicks, Partner
Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks & Hart, P.A.
County Attorney to Craven, Jones, and Pamlico*

9:30-10:30 Bankruptcy Issues for County Government

*David Warren, Partner
Poyner Spruill*

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:15 Workers Compensation Law: Reform, Case Law and the Practical Impact on Counties

*Tracey Jones, Partner
Teague, Campbell, Dennis & Gorham*

11:15- 11:45 Law Enforcement Litigation: Recent Case Law and Court Trends

*Chris Geis, Partner
Womble Carlyle*

11:45-12:00 County Attorney Association Business Session: Election of Officers and Presentation of the County Attorney of the Year Award.

*Debra Bechtel, President
North Carolina Association of County Attorneys
Catawba County Attorney*

7:00-8:30 Closing Reception
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