



## Indigent Defenders in Civil Proceedings Webinar

June 28, 2024 / 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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The webinar, presented by School of Government faculty Timothy Heinle, will cover **(i) lay witness fact and opinion testimony, (ii) expert witness qualifications, including grounds for tendering and challenging the admission of a witness as an expert, and (iii) permissible expert testimony in proceedings involving children.** The webinar will be live, meaning that in addition to a visual and audio presentation, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and share comments in real time.

Details on a new expert witness resource for civil defenders will also be shared.

**CLE Credit: 1.50 Hours of General CLE Credit**

### **SPEAKERS**

**Timothy Heinle**, *Teaching Assistant Professor*

Timothy Heinle is an expert on civil indigent defense in North Carolina, including abuse, neglect, and dependency cases, guardianship, and child support contempt proceedings. As a faculty member in the School's Public Defense Education program, he focuses on providing education and resources to civil defense attorneys, including parent attorneys and guardian ad litem attorneys in adult incompetency matters. Heinle joined the School in 2020.

Previously, Heinle practiced law in areas including trial and appellate level work on juvenile abuse, neglect, and dependency cases; termination of parental rights hearings; incompetency and guardianship matters; and child support contempt proceedings. In 2022, he received the School's Margaret Taylor Writing Award for "outstanding writing that displays [a] clear and direct style," for *The First Seven Days as a Parent Defender* and the Performance Excellence Award for "collaborative, dedicated, and innovative efforts that advance the mission of the School of Government." Heinle earned a J.D. from New England Law in Boston.