



## 2024 Misdemeanor Defender Training

November 12-15, 2024 / Chapel Hill, NC

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### **Tuesday, November 12**

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| 12:30-12:45 pm | Welcome and Introductory Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12:45-2:00 pm  | <b>Basics of Driving While Impaired:<br/>Elements, Sentencing, and Motions Practice (75 min.)</b><br>Belal Elrahal, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government<br>UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC |
| 2:00-2:15 pm   | <i>Break</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2:15-3:15 pm   | <b>Basics of Driving While Impaired, cont'd. (60 min.)</b><br>Belal Elrahal, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government<br>UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC                                        |
| 3:15-3:30 pm   | <i>Break</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 3:30-4:15 pm   | <b>IDS Policies and Procedures (45 min.)</b><br>Becky Whitaker, Defender Policy and Planning Attorney<br>Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC                                                          |
| 4:15-5:00 pm   | <b>Challenging Pleadings (45 min.)</b><br>Candace Washington, Assistant Appellate Defender<br>Jim Grant, Assistant Appellate Defender<br>North Carolina Office of the Appellate Defender, Durham, NC              |
| 5:00 pm        | <i>Adjourn</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



**Wednesday, November 13**

- 9:00-10:30 am      **Introduction to Structured Sentencing** (90 min.)  
Jamie Markham, Professor of Public Law and Government  
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 10:30-10:45 am      *Break*
- 10:45-11:45 am      **Probation Violations** (60 min.)  
Jamie Markham, Professor of Public Law and Government  
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 11:45-12:45 pm      *Lunch*
- 12:45-1:45 pm      **Common Evidence Issues** (60 min.)  
Danny Spiegel, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government  
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 1:45-2:00 pm      *Break*
- 2:00-3:00 pm      **Ethical Issues in District Court (ETHICS)** (60 min.)  
Whitney Fairbanks, Assistant Director & General Counsel  
North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC
- 3:00-3:15 pm      *Break*
- 3:15-4:30 pm      **Pretrial Release Advocacy** (75 min.)  
Elana Fogel, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law & Director, Criminal Defense Clinic  
Duke Law School, Durham, NC
- 4:30 pm      *Adjourn*



**Thursday, November 14**

- 9:00-9:45 am      **Negotiating Effectively** (45 min.)  
Daniel Meier, Attorney  
Meier Law Group, PLLC, Durham, NC
- 9:45-10:00 am      *Break*
- 10:00-11:15 am      **Negotiation Workshops** (75 min.)
- 11:15-11:30 am      *Break*
- 11:30-12:45 pm      **Suppressing Evidence in District Court** (75 min.)  
Phil Dixon, Jr., Director of Public Defense Education  
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 12:45-1:45 pm      *Lunch*
- 1:45-2:45 pm      **Driving Records and Getting Your Client Back on the Road** (60 min.)  
Mike Paduchowski, Attorney  
Law Office of Matthew Charles Suczynski, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2:45-3:00 pm      *Break*
- 3:00-4:00 pm      **Client Interviewing and Rapport** (60 min.)  
Tucker Charns, Chief Regional Defender  
Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC
- 4:00-5:00 pm      **Crimmigration** (60 min.)  
Barbara Lagemann, Assistant Public Defender  
Office of the Public Defender, Durham, NC
- 5:00 pm      *Adjourn*



**Friday, November 15**

- 9:00-9:45 am      **Theory of Defense/Emotional Themes** (45 min.)  
Tucker Charns, Chief Regional Defender  
Office of Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC
- 9:45-10:15 am    **Cross Examination** (30 min.)  
Phil Dixon, Jr., Director of Public Defense Education  
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 10:15-10:30 am    *Break*
- 10:30-12:00 pm    **Cross Examination Workshops** (90 min.)
- 12:00-1:00 pm     *Lunch*
- 1:00-2:00 pm      **Litigating Ability to Pay** (60 min.)  
Whitley Carpenter, Senior Criminal Justice Counsel & Policy Manager  
Forward Justice, Durham, NC  
Laura Webb, Director, Fair Chance Criminal Justice Project  
North Carolina Justice Center  
Danny Spiegel, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government  
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2:00-2:30 pm      **Direct Examination** (30 min.)  
Timothy Heinle, Assistant Teaching Professor  
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2:30-2:45 pm      *Break*
- 2:45-3:30 pm      **Closing Arguments** (45 min.)  
John Fitzpatrick, Attorney  
The Law Office of John C. Fitzpatrick, Durham, NC
- 3:30-4:30 pm      **Rules of Evidence in Practice** (60 min.)  
Jonathan Broun, Senior Staff Attorney  
NC Prisoner Legal Services, Raleigh, NC
- 4:30 pm            *Final Wrap-Up and Adjourn*

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**CLE HOURS: 21.75**

*Includes 1 hour of ethics/professional responsibility*

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