



## 2025 Intensive Parent Defender Training: Termination of Parental Rights

March 6 –7, 2025 / Chapel Hill, NC

Co-sponsored by UNC School of Government & NC Office of Indigent Defense Services

### Thursday, March 6

- 8:45 to 9:00      **Welcome and Program Overview**  
*Timothy Heinle, Teaching Assistant Professor*  
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 9:00 to 10:00      **Seven Steps to Avoid TPR**  
*Wendy Sotolongo, Chief Parent Defender*  
Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC
- 10:00 to 10:15      *Break*
- 10:15 to 10:45      **Parent Representation at TPR**  
*Timothy Heinle, Teaching Assistant Professor*  
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 10:45 to 11:45      **Commencement & Reviewing Pleadings**  
*Lyana Hunter, Assistant Public Defender*  
District 5, New Hanover County, NC
- 11:45 to 12:30      *Lunch*
- 12:30 to 1:15      **Motions Practice**  
*Wendy Sotolongo, Chief Parent Defender*  
Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC
- 1:15 to 1:45      **Individual Work** (handout to be distributed)
- 1:45 to 4:30      **Adjudication (Grounds)** (with breaks at instructors' discretion)  
*Annick Lenoir-Peek, Deputy Parent Defender*  
Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC  
*Sara DePasquale, Professor of Public Law and Government*  
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 4:30                      *End of Day 1*



**Friday, March 7**

- 8:45 to 10:30      **Evidence at TPR** (with a break at instructor's discretion)  
*Timothy Heinle, Teaching Assistant Professor*  
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 10:30 to 10:45      *Break*
- 10:45 to 12:15      **Disposition (Best Interests)**  
*Sydney Batch, Partner*  
Batch, Poore, & Williams, PC, Chapel Hill, NC
- 12:15 to 1:00      *Lunch*
- 1:00 to 2:00      **Post-TPR Responsibilities**  
*Jacky Brammer, Assistant Parent Defender*  
Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC
- 2:00 to 2:15      *Break*
- 2:15 to 3:15      **Trauma Informed TPR Practices [Ethics]**  
*Hon. C. Renee Little, District Court Judge*  
N.C. District Court 26, Mecklenburg County, NC
- 3:15      *End of program*

This program offers an estimated 10.5 hours of CLE credit, including 1.0 hours of ethics CLE credit, pending Bar approval.