



2024 Higher-Level Felony Defense Training

September 10-12, 2024 / Chapel Hill, NC

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& Office of Indigent Defense Services*

Tuesday, Sept. 10

12:30-1:00 pm	<i>Check-In</i>
1:00-1:15 pm	Welcome
1:15-2:15 pm	Defending Eyewitness Identification Cases (60 mins.) Laura Gibson, Assistant Public Defender Beaufort Co. Public Defender's Office, Washington, NC
2:15-3:15 pm	Mitigation Investigation (60 mins.) Josie Van Dyke, Mitigation Specialist Sentencing Solutions, Inc., Knightdale, NC
3:15-3:30 pm	<i>Break</i>
3:30-4:15 pm	Preparing to Defend High Level Felonies (45 mins.) Phil Dixon, Teaching Associate Professor UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
4:15-5:00 pm	Self-Defense Update (45 mins.) John Rubin, Professor of Public Law and Government UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
5:00 pm	<i>Adjourn</i>



Wednesday, Sept. 11

- 9:00-10:15 am **The Law of Sentencing Serious Felonies** (75 mins.)
Jamie Markham, Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy
UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
- 10:15-10:30 am *Break*
- 10:30-11:15 am **Storytelling and Visual Aides at Sentencing** (45 mins.)
Sophorn Avitan and Susan Weigand, Assistant Public Defenders
Mecklenburg Co. Public Defender's Office, Charlotte, NC
- 11:15-12:00 pm **Preventing Low Level Felonies from Becoming
High Level Habitual Felonies** (45 mins.)
Jason St. Aubin, Assistant Public Defender
Marcilliat & Mills, PLLC, Charlotte, NC
- 12:00-1:00 pm *Lunch (provided)*
- 1:00-2:30 pm **Brainstorming, Preparing, and Presenting a Sentencing Argument** (90 mins.)
Small group workshops
- 2:30-2:45 pm *Break*
- 2:45-3:45 pm **Preservation Essentials** (60 mins.)
Glenn Gerding, Appellate Defender
Office of the Appellate Defender, Durham, NC
- 3:45-4:45 pm **Client Rapport** (60 mins.) (ETHICS)
Tucker Charns, Regional Defender
Indigent Defense Services, Durham, NC
- 4:45 pm *Adjourn*
- 5:30 pm **Optional Social Gathering**
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Thursday, Sept. 12

- 9:00-10:00 am **Basics of Batson Challenges** (60 mins.)
Hannah Autry, Ass't. Capital Defender, Office of the Capital Defender, Durham, NC
Kailey Morgan, Staff Attorney, Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Durham, NC
- 10:00-10:15 am *Break*
- 10:15-11:00 am **Protecting Jurors from Removals for Cause** (45 mins.)
Emily Coward, Director of the Inclusive Juries Project,
Johanna Jennings, Director, The Decarceration Project
Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC
- 11:00am-12:00 pm **Peremptory and For Cause Challenges** (60 mins.)
James Davis, Attorney
Davis and Davis, Salisbury, NC
- 12:00 pm *Wrap Up and Adjourn*

CLE HOURS: 12.50

*includes 1.0 hour of ethics/professional responsibility
*pending approval by the NC State Bar**