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2021 Administrative Law and Government & Public
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Program Summary

“[I]n order for us to truly create and contribute to the world, we have to be able to connect countless dots, to cross-pollinate ideas from a wealth of disciplines, to combine and recombine these pieces and build new castles.”

— Maria Popova

We all have to be able to connect the dots between new laws and initiatives, regardless of the type of law we practice or if we are in the government, private or public service sector.

Content for new laws and initiatives come from the General Assembly, local governments, occupational licensing and our North Carolina communities. Learn why you need to know about re-imagining emergency response, community policing and decriminalization — even if you’re not in criminal law practice — and why election law practitioners aren’t the only ones who should know about elections, redistricting and legislative changes.

Then hear about hot new laws from the General Assembly in areas as different as remote notary and ABC law, and how they affect you. Connect the dots between these on-the-surface disparate topics and increase your potential for creativity in your legal work.

As Steve Jobs said, “Creativity is just connecting things.”

AGENDA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021 | 8:55 AM–4:25 PM

8:55 **Welcome and Introductions**

9:00 **“Everything Starts With a Dot.” (Wassily Kandinsky) — Governing in a Pandemic: Hot Topics** | Carter-Coley, Stallworth and Thomas

An expert panel places the first dot as they discuss the impact of recent changes in law, including remote notary, ABC, and many other laws affecting the daily lives and practice of lawyers.

10:00 **Break**

10:10 **“Polka Dots Can’t Stay Alone.” (Yayoi Kusama) — Elections, Voting and Redistricting Updates** | Cox, Mattingly, Narasimhan and Riggs

Elections are how we get together in democracy to create the pattern of our lives for the next few years. This session examines how and where we vote and our voting rights. With filing beginning on December 6, 2021, hear a timely expert discussion of electoral topics and how they affect you.

11:10 **Break**

11:20 **Dots That Change the World, Like Morse Code: Decriminalization and Alternative Responses to Community Challenges** | Blackwood, House, Merriweather and Smith

What does it mean to you, and to your practice, that we are decriminalizing “poverty-related crimes” in NC? In government, administrative law and private sector, how can we respond to behaviors that are now outside the criminal justice system?

12:20 **Lunch Break**

1:05 **Using Dots in a New Way, Like Braille: Second-Chance Hiring and Its Impacts on Practitioners, the Community and Occupational Licensing** | Atkinson, Gray and Pittman

Similar to how the six dots of braille, and other technological advances and accommodations, connected people with visual impairments to employment opportunities, second-chance hiring practices can change North Carolina for people with criminal records and reduce recidivism rates. During this session, the speakers discuss the racial equity implications of second-chance hiring and recent legislative developments in that area with special considerations for licensing boards.

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2:05 **Break**

2:15 **Collecting the Dots: Reimaging Emergency Responses** | Aagaard, Johnson, Sneed and Williams

You have to collect the dots before you can connect them. Attorneys, communities and first responders in NC are collecting and connecting the dots of emergency response, access to social work and mental health professionals. What do you, in whatever type of practice, need to know about these trends and changes in law and practice?

3:15 **Break**

3:25 **"Innovation Is to Connect the Dots." (Pearl Zhu) – Community Involvement in Law Enforcement: Civilian Review** | Carruthers, Fairley and McMillan | Moderator: McGhee

As lawyers, we have a special responsibility for the quality of justice. We need innovation in relationships, in law enforcement accountability and in community involvement. Whether in your daily practice or in your status as a lawyer, you have a role in discussions about community-law enforcement interactions. Learn how you can support improvements in areas of community policing strategies, civilian review boards and other areas.

4:25 **Adjourn**

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Speakers

- **Brian Aagaard**, RTI International, Research Triangle Park
- **Daryl V. Atkinson**, Forward Justice, Garner
- **Charles S. Blackwood**, North Carolina Sheriff's Association, Hillsborough
- **Tom Carruthers**, NC League of Municipalities, Raleigh
- **Stacey Carter-Coley**, North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, Raleigh
- **Paul M. Cox**, North Carolina State Board of Elections, Raleigh
- **Sharon R. Fairley**, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL
- **Jeffrey P. Gray**, Bailey & Dixon LLP, Raleigh
- **Daniel Lee House Jr.**, NC State University Police Department, Raleigh
- **Megan Johnson**, Town of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill
- **Jonathan C. Mattingly**, Duke University, Durham
- **Shaun L. McMillan**, Fayetteville Police Accountability Task Force, Fayetteville
- **Spencer B. Merriweather III**, Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office, Charlotte
- **Sripriya Narasimhan**, North Carolina Department of Justice, Raleigh
- **Kerwin Pittman**, Recidivism Reduction Educational Program Services Inc., Raleigh
- **Allison J. Riggs**, Southern Coalition for Social Justice, Durham
- **Jessica "Jessie" Smith**, UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill
- **Tiffanie W. Sneed**, Town of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill
- **Ozie H. Stallworth**, North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State, Raleigh
- **Blake Thomas**, North Carolina Office of State Human Resources, Raleigh
- **Erin Williams**, City of Greensboro, Greensboro

Moderator

- **Jasmine S. McGhee**, North Carolina Department of Justice, Raleigh

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