



# The Pursuit of Equal Justice

## 2021 Criminal Justice Section CLE

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**Friday, February 12, 2021**  
**Live Webcast**

**North Carolina: 6.00 MCLE Hours**

**Includes:**

- 1.00 Ethics/Professional Responsibility**
- 1.00 Technology Training**

**Qualifies for NC State Bar Criminal Law Specialization**

**Planned by the NCBA Criminal Justice Section**

Join a distinguished group of speakers — including prosecutors, defense attorneys and representation from the bench — for the *2021 Criminal Justice Section CLE*. With a focus on equal justice, this program is beneficial to all criminal practitioners in state and federal courts.

Key topics include:

- Federal sentencing advocacy and federal sentencing during the pandemic
- The dynamics of diversity
- Protecting the record
- Protest cases, police encounters and racial justice
- Engaging with jurors and opposing counsel in a digital world
- Developments in federal and state traffic laws

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8:55 AM– 4:10 PM

- 8:55 Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:00 Federal Sentencing Advocacy**  
**Judge Myers and Melo**  
**Moderator: Heroy**  
Start the day off with a discussion on effective advocacy for compassionate relief and sentencing arguments based on COVID-19.
- 10:00 Break**
- 10:10 Dynamics of Diversity\***  
**Judge Corpening, Montgomery-Blinn and Thomas**  
With an experienced panel, explore what judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys should know about competent communications with people from different backgrounds and experiences. Learn how to use supportive and compassionate language to engage with a diverse population and communities impacted by inequity.
- 11:10 Break**
- 11:20 Do We Need to Try This Case Again?**  
**Gerding**  
Review key points that prosecutors and defense attorneys must remember in protecting the record.
- 12:20 Lunch Break**
- 12:50 Protest Cases, Police Encounters and Racial Justice**  
**Judge Ridgeway, Nieman and Quander**  
As we strive each day to ensure equal justice for all, a judge, an assistant district attorney and a criminal defense attorney share their experiences on this important topic.
- 1:50 Break**
- 2:00 Making Connections in a Digital World<sup>‡</sup>**  
**Ball and Malekpour**  
Gain insight on how attorneys can strengthen their ability to connect with jurors, opposing counsel and others in this digital world.

- 3:00 Break**
- 3:10 Should We File a Motion to Suppress?**  
**Dagger**  
Receive an overview of the important developments in federal and state case law regarding traffic stops.
- 4:10 Adjourn**

\* Indicates portion providing Ethics/Professional Responsibility credit

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## Speakers

- Chief Judge J.H. Corpening II, North Carolina District Court, Wilmington
- Judge Richard E. Myers II, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Wilmington
- Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Paul C. Ridgeway, North Carolina Superior Court, Raleigh
- David Ball, Malekpour & Ball, Chapel Hill
- Kelly M. Dagger, Ellis & Winters, Raleigh
- G. Glenn Gerding, Office of the Appellate Defender, Durham
- Artemis H. Malekpour, Malekpour & Ball, Chapel Hill
- Jim Melo, Tin Fulton Walker & Owen PLLC, Raleigh
- Kendra A. Montgomery-Blinn, Durham County District Attorney's Office, Durham
- Jeffrey L. "Jeff" Nieman, North Carolina 15B District Attorney's Office, Chapel Hill
- James E. Quander, Quander & Rubain PA, Winston-Salem
- Deonte' L. Thomas, Wake County Public Defender's Office, Raleigh

## Planners

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