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Thursday, January 27, 2022
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Program Summary

As the court system evolves, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important for attorneys to have the tools necessary for continuing success. This program features an outstanding lineup of presenters covering useful topics to benefit all state and federal practitioners, including different mitigation strategies that enable attorneys to learn about a client's life history and story, a helpful tutorial on the new eCourts electronic filing system (tailored specifically to criminal attorneys), and tips for preparing a strong defense in federal drug cases. We also dive into ethical issues facing prosecutors and defense attorneys, explore the use of technology in North Carolina courtrooms as we navigate COVID-19 and beyond, and hear an update on the latest DWI case law.

Past Program Testimonials

“ *Very knowledgeable speakers.*

“ *This program was very interesting and probably one of the best seminars/webinars I've attended in a long time.*

— Attendees, *The Pursuit of Equal Justice (2021 Criminal Justice Section Program)*, February 12, 2021

AGENDA

Thursday, January 27, 2022 | 8:55 AM–4:25 PM

8:55 **Welcome and Introductions**

9:00 **Mitigation Strategies** | Van Dyke

Mitigation information is critical in plea negotiations and sentencing preparation. Learn how to obtain this necessary information.

10:00 **Break**

10:10 **eCourts⁺** | Fowler, Jami and Soeder

North Carolina is moving to an electronic filing system. Gain an understanding of the background information from members of the Administrative Office of the Courts and receive a helpful tutorial specific to criminal attorneys.

11:10 **Break**

11:20 **Cross of the Snitch** | Fialko

Attorneys representing clients in federal narcotics cases must work through challenging facts, including a determination of the drug weight, offense level under the United States Sentencing Guidelines and complex legal issues. Listen as a criminal defense attorney describes his experience and shares tips for preparing a strong defense in these cases.

12:20 **Lunch Break**

1:05 **The Prosecution, the Defense and Ethics*** | Martin and Tin

As attorneys, we must always vigorously represent our side — whether the State or a client — while maintaining the highest principles. Discuss important ethical issues that arise in those roles and in working with the other side.

2:05 **Break**

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- 2:15 **Technology in the Courtroom*** | Judge Baddour
The COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated modifications in the court system. Hear about the work and recommendations of the Technology and Innovations Working Group and the Webex Protocol Subcommittee.
- 3:15 **Break**
- 3:25 **DWI Case Law Update** | Laughrun
Attorneys who handle DWI cases must always keep up with the case law. End the day with an overview of the latest DWI case law.
- 4:25 **Adjourn**

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Speakers

- **Judge R. Allen Baddour Jr.**, North Carolina Superior Court, Pittsboro
- **Chris C. Fialko**, Fialko Law, Charlotte
- **Brad D. Fowler**, North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, Raleigh
- **Sarvani Jami**, North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, Raleigh
- **George V. Laughrun II**, Goodman Carr Laughrun Levine & Greene PLLC, Charlotte
- **Jennifer L. Martin**, Forsyth County District Attorney's Office, Winston-Salem
- **Kristina P. Soeder**, North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, Raleigh
- **Noell P. Tin**, Tin Fulton Walker & Owen PLLC, Charlotte
- **Josie Van Dyke**, Sentencing Solutions, Raleigh

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- **William R. "Rob" Heroy**, Goodman Carr Laughrun Levine & Greene PLLC, Charlotte
- **Patrick B. Weede**, Weede Law PLLC, Raleigh

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