

**North Carolina and South Carolina
Public Defender Investigators Conference
March 15 through 17, 2006**

Sponsored by the NC Office of Indigent Defense Services, SC Commission on Indigent Defense,
NC Public Defender Investigators Association, and The UNC School of Government

Wednesday, March 15

- 11:30 Registration
1:15 Welcome
1:30 **Why Go On**
Harry Dest, Chief Public Defender, York County, SC, and Chair, SC Commission on Indigent Defense
2:00 **Crime Scene Investigation: Arson, Meth Labs, and Other Issues**
James McDonald, Professor, Greenville Technical College, Greenville, SC
3:00 Break
3:15 **Crime Scene Investigation (cont'd)**
4:45 **Collaborative Investigation**
John Rubin, Professor, UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, NC
5:30 **Adjourn to reception** (sponsored by the NC Public Defender Investigators Association, NC Public Defenders Association, and other hosts)

Thursday, March 16

- 8:45 **Developments in Ballistics Testing**
Fred Whitehurst, Attorney, Bethel, NC
9:45 **Mitigation Investigation: Doing Your Own, Working with Others**
Kara Richards-Baker, LCSW, Mitigation Specialist, Hillsborough, NC
10:45 Break
11:00 **Internet for Investigators: An Overview**
David Vine, David Vine Associates, Aiken, SC
12:00 Lunch (on your own)
1:30 **Computer Forensics: The Right Way and the Wrong Way**
Larry Daniel, President, YourTechnician.com, Clayton, NC
3:00 Break
3:15 **Ethics Issues in Investigation: What to Do When You Get that Bad Feeling**
John Rubin
4:15 **Where We Go from Here—NC** **Where We Go from Here—SC**
Margaret Gressens, Research Director, T. Patton Adams, Executive Director,
NC Office of Indigent Defense Services SC Commission on Indigent Defense; and
Harry Dest
5:15 Adjourn for day

Friday, March 17

- 9:00 **Discourse Analysis: A Method for Evaluating the Credibility of What Witnesses Say**
Walter C. Harper, Detective Lieutenant, Henderson County Sheriff's Office, and Adjunct Instructor, NC Justice Academy
10:30 Break
10:45 **Discourse Analysis (cont'd)**
12:15 Business Meeting
12:30 Adjourn program