

**2007 Fall Public Defender Seminar: Defending Drug Cases**  
**November 29 – November 30, 2007**  
**Crowne Plaza Resort**  
**Asheville, NC**

Wednesday afternoon, November 28

4:00 – 6:00 Check-in

Thursday morning, November 29

8:00 Check-in and Continental Breakfast

8:45 **Welcome**

Alyson Grine, Defender Educator, UNC School of Government;

9:00 **Hot Topics in Defending Drug Cases: Legislative and Caselaw Update**

John Rubin, Professor, UNC School of Government

10:00 Break

10:15 **Cross Examining Snitches**

Noell Tin, Tin, Fulton, Greene & Owen, PLLC, Charlotte, NC

11:15 **Those Aren't My Drugs: Attacking the Element of Possession**

James "Butch" Williams, Jr., Law Offices of James D. Williams, Jr., Durham, NC

12:00 Lunch (provided at hotel as part of program)

Thursday afternoon, November 29

	Roan Section of the Ballroom	Mitchell Section of the Ballroom
1:30	<b>Sentencing and Mitigation for Drug Convictions</b> Carolyn Cameron Bidwell, Regional Administrator for Sentencing Services Programs, Fairview, NC	<b>Immigration Consequences of Drug Offenses</b> Sejal Zota, Research Attorney, UNC School of Government
2:15	Break	
2:30	<b>Drug Dogs</b> Leann Melton, Assistant Public Defender, Buncombe County	<b>What Weed is This? Problems with Lay Identification of Marijuana</b> Fred Whitehurst, Attorney and Forensic Consultant, Bethel, NC
3:15	Break	
3:30	<b>Drug Court Panel</b> The Honorable Susan Burch, District Court Judge, Guilford County; Sherrill Foust, Drug Treatment Court Graduate and Operations Coordinator, Charlotte, NC; Bob Ward, Assistant Public Defender, Mecklenburg County; Steve Ward, Assistant District Attorney, Mecklenburg County	<b>Dual Prosecutions: State/Federal Interplay</b> Tom Cochran, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender for the Middle District of NC
4:30	Adjourn	

Friday morning, November 30

8:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 **Meth Labs**

James McDonald, Instructor of Criminal Justice and Forensics, Greenville  
Technical College, Greenville, SC

10:15 Break

10:30 **Suppression Issues Stemming from House Searches**

Keith Williams, Law Offices of Keith A. Williams, P.A., Greenville, NC

11:30 **Substantial Assistance (Ethics)**

Lyle Yurko, Yurko & Owens, PA, Charlotte, NC

12:30 Adjourn