

# AGENDA

## 2007 Spring Public Defender Conference, May 16–18, 2007 Holiday Inn Sunspree, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina

This program contains 12.25 CLE hours. All hours are general credit hours unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday afternoon and evening, May 16 (all sessions on Wednesday afternoon are in the main ballroom)

11:30 Check-in

1:25 Welcome

1:30 **Ethics and Client Communication** (60 min.) (Ethics)  
David Feige, Former Bronx Public Defender

2:30 **The Problem of False and Coerced Confessions in the Post DNA Age** (75 min.)  
Steven Drizin, Professor, Northwestern University

3:45 Break

4:00 **Debilitating Mental Conditions and Substance Abuse** (60 min.) (Substance Abuse)  
Louis Allen, III, Middle Federal Public Defender, NC

5:00 Adjourn

6:00 **Reception** (by the pool, weather permitting)  
Sponsored by the North Carolina Public Defender Association

Thursday morning, May 17

7:45 Continental Breakfast (included in your registration fee; located outside main ballroom)

	<b>APPELLATE AND WRITING</b> <i>Soundwatch</i>	<b>GENERAL INTEREST</b> <i>Main Ballroom</i>	<b>SPECIAL PRACTICE AREAS</b> <i>Turtle and Oceanwatch</i>
8:45	<b>Writing Workshop</b> (2 hrs, 30 min.) Jordynn Jack, Assistant Professor, UNC-CH Dept. of English and Comparative Studies	<b>Probation Violation Strategies</b> (60 min.) Judy Blevins, Assistant Public Defender, Mecklenburg County	<b>Capital Brainstorming Session</b> (60 min.) Robert Hurley, Capital Defender
9:45	Break		
10:00	<b>Writing Workshop</b> Cont'd	<b>Telling the Story of the Defense through Voir Dire</b> (45 min.) David Feige, Former Bronx Public Defender	<b>Juvenile Brainstorming Session</b> (45 min.) Eric Zogry, Juvenile Defender
10:45	Short Break		
10:50	<b>Writing Workshop</b> Cont'd	<b>The Case of Earl Washington</b> (45 min.) Margaret Edds, Journalist and Author of <i>An Expendable Man: The Near Execution of Earl Washington, Jr.</i>	<b>Involuntary Commitment Brainstorming Session</b> (45 min.) Dolly Whiteside, Special Counsel Supervising Attorney

11:35 Lunch on your own, except:

- Chief Public Defenders and IDS meet for lunch in the hotel restaurant (Veranda Alcove)
- Parent Defenders are invited to join Wendy Sotolongo, Parent Representation Coordinator, for lunch at a location to be announced.

Additional Information on Thursday morning sessions:

**The Case of Earl Washington, Jr. (10:50 to 11:35)**

Margaret Edds, journalist for *The Virginian-Pilot*, will discuss the case of Earl Washington, Jr., a mentally retarded man who was nearly put to death in the state of Virginia for a crime he confessed to, but did not commit. Ms. Edds' book on the Washington case was a finalist for Virginia's non-fiction book award. Along with other participants in the case, she won the 2004 Dybwad Humanitarian Award of the American Association on Mental Retardation.

**Writing Workshop (8:45 to 11:35)**

This workshop is open to attorneys doing appellate work. Limited space is also available to trial attorneys interested in working on their writing skills. *If you are a trial attorney and want to attend this session, please sign up beforehand at the registration table.*

**Capital Brainstorming Session (8:45 to 9:45)**

Capital Defender Bob Hurley will facilitate a brain storming session on problems or issues that attorneys are confronting in handling capital cases, with a discussion of what the Office of the Capital Defender can do to assist them.

**Juvenile Brainstorming Session (10:00 to 10:45)**

This session is for attorneys who practice or are interested in practicing in juvenile delinquency court. Juvenile Defender Eric Zogry will provide an update of the projects of the Office of the Juvenile Defender and lead a brainstorming session on problems or issues that you are confronting in your district and what the Office of the Juvenile Defender can do to assist you.

**Involuntary Commitment Brainstorming Session (10:50 to 11:35)**

This session is for attorneys who are doing civil commitment work or, crazy as it may sound, who are interested in doing civil commitment work. Special Counsel Supervising Attorney Dolly Whiteside will lead you in brainstorming issues and problems that you are facing in your own districts. Please bring any challenges that you'd like to discuss.

Thursday afternoon, May 17

	<b>FELONY</b> <i>Tidewater and Airlie (half of ballroom)</i>	<b>MISDEMEANOR</b> <i>Causeway and Masonboro (half of ballroom)</i>	<b>LexisNexis</b> <i>Soundwatch</i>	<b>Immigration</b> <i>Information Table: Main Concourse</i>
1:00	<b>DNA for Dummies</b> (60 min.) Ron Ostrowski, Ph.D. Retired Professor, UNC Charlotte	<b>How to Combat the New DWI Law</b> (60 min.) David Teddy, Attorney, Teddy and Meekins, P.L.L.C.	<b>Tutorials</b> (sign-up at registration) Heidi McAra, J.D., Applications Consultant	<b>Sejal Zota</b> The attorney who is authoring an Immigration Manual for NC Defenders will be on hand to talk to you about immigration consequences of criminal convictions.
2:00	<b>Felony Law Update: Sex Offender Registration</b> (30 min.) John Rubin, Professor, School of Government	<b>Misdemeanor Law Update</b> (30 min.) Alyson Grine, Defender Educator, School of Government		
2:30	Break			
2:45	<b>Challenging Search Warrants</b> (45 min.) Wayne Harrison, Attorney, Greensboro, NC	<b>Field Sobriety Tests: NHTSA Guidelines</b> (45 min.) Tami Marano, Assistant Public Defender, Cumberland County	<b>Tutorials Cont'd</b>	<b>Sejal Zota, cont'd.</b>
3:30	Break			
3:45	<b>'Twas the Night Before Trial</b> (45 min.) Susan Brooks, Contracts Administrator, Office of Indigent Defense Services	<b>Coffee Talk</b> (45 min.) Roger Smith, Sr., Attorney, Tharrington, Smith, LLP	<b>Tutorials Cont'd</b>	<b>Sejal Zota, cont'd.</b>
4:30	Adjourn; dinner on your own			

8:00 pm: Veteran actor Mike Wiley will perform “Dar He: The Lynching of Emmett Till,” a ninety-minute production about race relations and jurisprudence in Mississippi circa 1955 where a black youth was murdered for whistling at a white woman. Sponsored by the NC Academy of Trial Lawyers. (Does not count for CLE credit). There is no charge. **Please join us for this special performance (in the Main Ballroom).**

Additional Information on Thursday afternoon sessions

**'Twas the Night Before Trial (3:45 to 4:30)**

Susan Brooks will lead a lively discussion on those details you want to have in order before heading into trial such as organization of your trial notebook, jury selection questions, motions in limine and jury instructions. There is a checklist in it for you!

**Coffee Talk (3:45 to 4:30)**

Roger Smith, Sr. is a seasoned trial and appellate lawyer who has been lead counsel on numerous high profile cases and is currently representing one of the accused Duke lacrosse players. Mr. Smith will lead a discussion on maintaining appropriate interpersonal boundaries with clients while advocating zealously for them.

Friday morning, May 18 (all sessions on Friday are in the main ballroom)

- 7:45 Continental Breakfast (included in your registration fee; located outside main ballroom)
- 8:45 **Crews, Cliques, Posses, Near Groups and Criminal Street Gangs** (60 min.)  
Steven Cureton, Associate Professor, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- 9:45 NC Public Defender Association Business Meeting (20 min)  
James Williams, President, NC Public Defender Association, and Public Defender, Orange and Chatham Counties
- 10:05 Break
- 10:20 **Indigent Defense Update** (30 min.)  
Tye Hunter, Executive Director and Danielle Carman, Assistant Director, Office of Indigent Defense Services
- 10:50 **Crawford Update: Making Winning Arguments After Davis** (60 min.)  
Jessica Smith, Professor, School of Government
- 11:50 Break
- 12:00 **Client Conflicts: When to Withdraw** (60 min.) (Ethics)  
John Rubin
- 1:00 Adjourn