

# Termination of Parental Rights Training

William and Ida Friday Center

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7:30–9:00	Registration
9:00–9:15	Welcome
9:15–9:45	<b>Background: The Statutory Scheme</b> Janet Mason, Professor, Institute of Government
9:45–10:30	<b>DSS Cases: The Road from Abuse/Neglect/Dependency to Termination of Parental Rights</b> Jane Thompson, Assistant Attorney General
10:30–10:45	Break
10:45–11:45	<b>Procedure in TPR Cases</b> Janet Mason
11:45–12:15	<b>Grounds and Best Interest</b> Kella Hatcher, formerly Associate Counsel, Guardian Ad Litem Program
12:15–1:15	Lunch
1:15–1:45	<b>Grounds and Best Interest Exercise</b> Kella Hatcher
1:45–2:30	<b>Appeals</b> The Honorable Martha Geer, North Carolina Court of Appeals
2:30–2:45	Break
2:45–3:45	<b>Group Breakouts</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Parent Attorneys, with Jay Bryan, JD, and Jo Ann Ragazzo, JD, Chapel Hill</li><li>2. DSS Attorneys, with Brenda White, DSS Attorney, Randolph County</li><li>3. Attorney Advocates, with Jane Volland, Administrator, and Tracie Jordan, Associate Counsel, GAL Program</li><li>4. Judges, with Janet Mason</li></ol>
3:45–4:45	<b>Evidence Issues</b> John Rubin, Professor, Institute of Government