

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENT FOR **13th Annual CLE/CPE**

Overview and Legislative updates (DSS)

Sharlene Anderson – Moore County Attorney's Office

In this session, we will cover the latest legislative and judicial updates and hot topics in NCGS 7B cases and Chapter 35A proceedings. The updates will be presented within the current legal framework to give both the inexperienced and veteran practitioners an overview of both CPS and APS cases in court. **(1 hour-15 minutes)**

Using Shared Parenting in Foster Care Cases to Build Stronger Permanent Plans

Angie Stephenson – Stephenson & Fleming, LLP

Regardless of the ultimate permanent plan, shared parenting between a foster child's parent and their placement provider can open possibilities that would not otherwise be available. Ms. Stephenson will lead a panel to discuss how Chatham County is using shared parenting to strengthen permanency planning. The session will provide a legal framework for what is happening at the agency and in the homes of the parents and placement providers. The discussion will range from reunification to relinquishment and adoption, touching on other topics between these extremes. **(1 hour-15 minutes)**

Generative AI: Balancing the Risks and Rewards for Attorneys (Technology)

Kristi Nickodem – NC School of Government

Generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools like ChatGPT have exploded in popularity and are beginning to change how some lawyers do their work. As AI continues to evolve, it brings new opportunities and challenges to attorneys and the clients they serve. This session will provide an overview of how generative AI tools work, the limitations in their capabilities, and the legal pitfalls and ethical risks associated with using these tools. **(1 hour)**

Secrets from the Bench

Judge Ashleigh Parker – 10th District

Judge Ashleigh Parker will provide insights and perspectives from the bench on the Rules of Professional Conduct, ex parte communications, artificial intelligence, and other topics that we see in the profession. **(1 hour)**

Contempt

Cheryl D. Howell – NC School of Government

Contempt has long been the most common procedure for enforcing child support and child custody orders, yet there often is confusion over the proper application and use of the process. This session will provide an overview of the law relating to both civil and criminal contempt and will examine the legal issues that arise most frequently in these cases. **(1 hour – 15 minutes)**

Q&A - (15 minutes)