

# Juvenile Law in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District

Sponsored by the N.C. Office of the Parent Defender

Pitt County Courthouse

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## AGENDA

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

### **What's New and What's the Same in Parent Defense**

- Grandparents' role in A/N/D and TPR cases
- \$ for unlicensed relative caretakers
- Safe Babies Court
- Right to counsel
- Rule 17 GALs for parents

*Wendy C. Sotolongo, Parent Defender  
N.C. Indigent Defense Services*

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

### **Preventing Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Claims**

- Right to counsel = right to effective counsel
- Procedural due process rights
- Client contact: when and how much is enough?
- Is it ever acceptable to not attend a hearing?
- How to avoid an IAC claim

*Annick Lenoir-Peek, Deputy Parent Defender  
N.C. Indigent Defense Services*

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

### **Break**

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

### **Promoting Your Client's Objectives: Strategizing Disposition**

- What you need to know when
- Juvenile Code requirements
- Using the DHHS Manual

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