

WD/MDNC Federal Criminal Defense Seminar 2026 Agenda – 12 hours CLE approved for NC (including 1 hour professional well-being, 2 hours ethics, 1 hour technology)

Day One – August 20

8:00-8:45a	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45-9:00a	Welcome – Eric Placke and John Baker
9:00-10:00a	Duty to Advise Naturalized Citizen Clients – Helen Parsonage, JD
10:00-11:00a	Fourth Circuit and Supreme Court Update – Josh Carpenter, JD, WDNC Appellate Chief and Ann Hester, JD, WDNC Appellate Attorney
11:00-11:15a	Break
11:15-12:15p	Law Enforcement Use of AI – Lars Daniel, Director of Digital Forensics, Rimkus Consulting Group
12:15-1:30p	Lunch on your own
1:30-2:30p	What Criminal Defense Attorneys Need to Know about Cryptocurrency – Robert Nordlander, CPA CFE
2:30-3:30p	What Defenders Should Know About Sex Offense Civil Commitment Proceedings – Joseph Craven, JD, Susanna Henry, JD, EDNC AFPDs
3:30-3:45p	Break
3:45-4:45p	Making the Most of CJA Expert Resources – Emily Munn, JD, CJA Budgeting Attorney, Fourth Circuit
5:00p	Adjourn to cash bar

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Day Two – August 21

8:00-9:00a	Sign in and Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:00a	Neuroscience and Sexual Offending – Emilie Picard, PhD
10:00-10:15a	Break
10:15-12:15p	Probabilistic Genotyping: Interpreting Complex DNA Mixtures with STRmix – Dr. Maher “Max” Nouredine, PhD
12:15-1:30p	Lunch on your own
1:30-2:30p	Secondary Trauma in Indigent Criminal Defense Work – Carla Huff, LCSW
2:30-3:30p	Sentencing Guidelines: 2025 Mitigating Role Reduction Changes and 2026 Amendment Updates – Elizabeth Blackwood, JD, National Sentencing Resource Counsel
3:30-3:45p	Break
3:45-4:45p	Classification, Designation, and Resolving Outstanding Issues through the BOP – Kacey Tilley, JD, Staff Attorney, FCC Butner