



**Criminal Investigation & Adjudication Committee**

November 23, 2015

NC Judicial Center

Agenda

- 10:30      **Welcome & Approval of Minutes of October Meeting**  
The Honorable William Webb, Committee Chair  
**Overview of Meeting**  
Professor Jessica Smith, Committee Reporter
- 10:45      **The Role of Indigent Defense**  
The Honorable Rhoda Billings, former Chief Justice, NC Supreme Court
- 11:00      **Indigent Defense Services in North Carolina**  
Thomas K. Maher, Executive Director, NC Indigent Defense Services
- 12:15      **Panel: The Defense Lawyer's Perspective on Indigent Defense**  
Moderator: Committee member Robert C. Kemp III, Public Defender (Dist. 3A) &  
President, NC Public Defenders Association  
Panelists:  
James E. Williams, Chief Public Defender (Dist. 15B)  
Jeff Cutler, Attorney (Contract Attorney, Wake)  
Desmond McCallum (Private Appointed Counsel, Mecklenburg)
- 12:45      **Lunch**
- 1:15        **Panel: The Prosecutor's Perspective on Indigent Defense**  
Moderator: Committee member R. Andrew Murray, Jr., District Attorney  
(Prosecutorial District 26) & President, NC Conference of District Attorneys  
Panelists:  
Lorrin Freeman, District Attorney (Prosecutorial District 10)  
Seth H. Edwards, District Attorney (Prosecutorial District 2)  
Michael D. Waters, District Attorney (Prosecutorial District 9)

1:45

**The Judge's Perspective on Indigent Defense**

The Honorable Athena F. Brooks, Chief District Court Judge & President, NC  
Conference of District Court Judges (District 29B)

The Honorable Henry W. Hight, Jr., Superior Court Judge (Judicial District 9)

2:15

**Models for Providing Indigent Defense**

John Rubin, Albert Coates Professor of Public Law and Government, UNC School  
of Government

3:00

**Next Steps**

3:30

**Adjourn**