

CIVIL JUSTICE COMMITTEE UPDATE

January 29, 2016

Darrell Miller, Committee Reporter

OCTOBER 22, 2015

Topics

- North Carolina Court System
- North Carolina Business Court

Speakers

- Professor Thomas Thornburg
 - *UNC School of Government*
- Judge James L. Gale
 - *Chief Special Superior Court Judge for Complex Business Cases*

NOVEMBER 6, 2015

Topics

- Equal Access to Justice

Speakers

- Celia Pistolis
 - *Assistant Director, Legal Aid of North Carolina, and Chair, Equal Justice Alliance*
- Rick Glazier
 - *Executive Director, NC Justice Center, and Vice Chair, Equal Justice Alliance*

DECEMBER 4, 2015

Topics

- Case Calendaring and Management
- Rotation of Superior Court Judges

Speakers

- Kathy Shuart, *Trial Court Administrator (Durham)*
- Daneen Barrier, *Superior Court Coordinator (Durham)*
- Carolyn Dobbins, *Trial Court Coordinator(Stokes/Surry)*
- Chris Nichols, *Past Chair, NCBA Litigation Section*
- Bert Kemp, *Chair, NCBA Criminal Section*
- David Hoke, *Assist. Dir., NCAOC*
- Brad Fowler, *Research & Planning, NCAOC*
- Judge Osmond Smith, *Sr. Resident Superior Court Judge*
- Judge Martin McGee, *Sr. Resident Superior Court Judge*

FUTURE INVESTIGATION

Topics

- North Carolina Rules Enabling Act
- Electronic Filing, Video Conferencing and Other Technology Enabled Proceedings
- Case Identification and Tracking
- Collateral Effects of Civil Justice Penalties
- Conference of Chief Justices's Report on the Landscape of Civil Litigation in State Courts

Speakers

- Chief Justice Burley Mitchell, *Partner, Womble Carlyle, Retired Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court*
- Judge Gregory Mize, *Fellow National Center for State Courts, Senior Judge District of Columbia Superior Court*
- John Wester, *Partner, Robinson Bradshaw*

CONSIDERING HOW NORTH CAROLINA COURTS
CAN BEST MEET INSTITUTIONAL NEEDS
AND 21ST CENTURY PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS