CENTRAL YOUTH DEFENDER FORUM

NEGOTIATE AND LITIGATE: NECESSARY TOOLS TRAINING FOR YOUTH DEFENSE

December 4, 2026

AGENDA

8:50	**Welcome & Introductions** NC Office of the Juvenile Defender
9:00-10:00	**Pre-Adjudication Negotiations** Matrice Mebane-Williams, Justin Todtenkopf, *Assistant Public Defenders* *Durham County Public Defender's Office* Abigail Holloway, *Assistant District Attorney,* *Cumberland County District Attorney's Office*
10:00-11:00	**Transfer Hearing Strategies** Timothy Emry, *Attorney* Law Office of Timothy Emry
11:00-11:15	**Break**
11:15-12:30	**Alternatives to Disposition** Woodrena Baker-Harrell, Crista Collazo, Melissa French, Catherine Perez, Demetria Stuart-Heslip, *Orange/Chatham County Public Defender's Office*
12:30-1:30	**Lunch**
1:30-2:30	**Secure Custody Strategies and Tips** Marcus Jackson, *Attorney* Law Office of Marcus Jackson
2:30-2:45	**Break**
2:45-3:45	**Suppression Hearings** Jennifer Meyer, *Assistant Public Defender* Forsyth County Public Defender's Office
3:45-4:45	**Trial and Disposition Hearing Strategies** Cindy Ellis, Attorney Martin, Van Hoy, & Raisbeck, LLP