SUMMARY: This CLE provides attendees with a comprehensive understanding of the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act, new legislation that will expand juvenile court jurisdiction in North Carolina, and bring significant changes to the state’s juvenile system and other youth-serving institutions. It also covers many of the practical and ethical implications of these reforms.
Raise the Age: A New Era for Juvenile Justice in North Carolina
Juvenile Justice & Children’s Rights Section Annual Meeting
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Program Agenda

Thursday, May 10, 2018, 8:00a–3:00p

8:00a  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:25  Welcome and Introductions

8:30  North Carolina’s Juvenile System: 100 Years in the Making
LaToya B. Powell and Eric J. Zogry
An overview of North Carolina’s juvenile system including its history, purpose and practical differences from the adult criminal system. The session also provides a detailed summary of the “Raise the Age” legislation (Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act) passed in 2017, as well as an update on statewide implementation efforts.

9:30  Local Perspectives on Raise the Age Implementation
Moderator: Veronika Sykorova
Panelists: Judge Donald R. Cureton Jr., Judge Louis A. Trosch Jr. and Heather L. Taraska
Although “Raise the Age” won’t be effective until December 2019, local jurisdictions are already planning for the influx of young people to the juvenile system and its impact on local resources. This panel features several stakeholders from one jurisdiction (Charlotte-Mecklenburg) who share the ways they are already collaborating to ensure smooth implementation at the local level.

10:30  Break

10:45  Raise the Age: Not Just a Juvenile Justice Problem
Moderator: Matthew P. Ellinwood
Panelists: Deana K. Fleming, Virginia H. Fogg and Sheri L. A. Woodyard
The juvenile system is not the only system preparing for “Raise the Age.” This panel features experts in the areas of child welfare, education and mental health who share the ways in which expanding juvenile court jurisdiction will impact other systems and the way they serve youth.

12:15p  Juvenile Justice & Children’s Rights Section Annual Meeting
LaToya B. Powell, North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, 2017-2018 Section Chair, presiding

12:30  Networking Lunch

1:00  School-Justice Partnerships
Chief Judge Julius H. Corpening II
This session provides an overview of school-justice partnerships aimed at diverting youth from court for school-based offenses. It also provides an update on how these partnerships are being implemented across the state pursuant to the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act.

2:00  Ethical Considerations of Representing Children in Adult Court*
Valerie E. Pearce
With the passage of “Raise the Age,” there is a recognition that most 16- and 17-year olds are developmentally different than adults and should be served in juvenile court. However, until the new law goes into effect in December 2019, 16- and 17-year olds continue to be sent to adult court. This session covers the ethical duty of attorneys representing 16- and 17-year old clients in adult court in the wake of the Raise the Age legislation (Rule 1.14).

3:00  Adjourn

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Planners
• Matthew P. Ellinwood, Policy Analyst, NC Justice Center, Chapel Hill
• Peggy D. Nicholson, Southern Coalition for Social Justice, Durham

Speakers
• Chief Judge Julius H. Corpening II, North Carolina District Court, Wilmington
• Judge Donald R. Cureton Jr., North Carolina District Court, Charlotte
• Judge Louis A. Trosch Jr., North Carolina District Court, Charlotte
• Matthew P. Ellinwood, Policy Analyst, NC Justice Center, Chapel Hill
• Deana K. Fleming, Holcomb & Stephenson LLP, Durham
• Virginia H. Fogg, Disability Rights NC, Raleigh
• Valerie E. Pearce, Indigent Defense Services, Hampstead
• LaToya B. Powell, North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, Raleigh
• Veronika Sykorova, Council for Children’s Rights Inc., Charlotte
• Heather L. Taraska, Charlotte
• Sheri L. A. Woodyard, County of Davidson Office of the County Attorney, Lexington
• Eric J. Zogry, Office of the Juvenile Defender, Raleigh

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