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The Masters series features previous winners of the Smith/Gilchrist awards, given annually to one outstanding defense attorney (Smith Award) and prosecutor (Gilchrist Award) statewide. This program provides valuable information, strategies and techniques for attorneys practicing in criminal courtrooms in North Carolina.

- **Why do we do this work?** Joe Cheshire examines the way criminal defense attorneys need to approach their jobs and the damage done to the justice system when they fail to perform their function.

- **The many faces of argument:** Locke Clifford delves into the world of framing an argument, including techniques and approaches for making winning arguments to a trier of fact in trial, to a prosecutor in plea negotiations and to a judge in sentencing.

- **Theories? We don’t need no stinkin’ theories:** Tommy Manning discusses developing an overall strategy for a trial centering on theory of the case. Attendees are given tools and strategies that can be used to build a cohesive and comprehensive trial plan tied to the theory of the defense.

- **Let’s make a federal case out of it!** Leslie C. Dismukes explains the policies, guidelines and factors that their offices use in determining whether to initiate a federal prosecution.

- **The ethics of prosecution:** Howard Cummings and Barton Menser participate in a panel discussion of ethics in the criminal justice system with an emphasis on the specific ethical challenges and obligations of prosecutors.

- **A life in the criminal justice system — was it worth it?** Sean Devereux offers critiques and criticisms of both the actual and the perceived state of the criminal justice system, as well as strategies for practitioners who recognize the difference to use to the benefit of their clients.

- **Time to bring in the closer:** Wade Smith, the first recipient of the award that now bears his name, explains how to put it all together for the trier of fact in a way likely to lead to a win.

**AVAILABLE FORMATS**

- **LIVE**
- **WEBCAST**
- **VIDEO REPLAYS**
- **ON DEMAND**

**PROGRAM SUMMARY**
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

8:30  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:55  Welcome and Introductions
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9:00  Why We Do What We Do
Cheshire
Practicing on either side of the aisle in the criminal justice system is taxing, stressful and usually thankless work. It is, however, vital that when this work is undertaken, it is done well. Joe Cheshire explains why we do this, how we should be doing it and why we need to get out of the way if we can’t do it right.

9:50  The Many Faces of Argument
Clifford
As advocates, our job often boils down to simply convincing others to consider and adopt a certain point of view. Tactics for achieving this vary greatly, not only based on the subject matter at hand, but on the audience we are seeking to convince. Locke Clifford offers techniques and approaches to frame winning arguments that attorneys can make to a trier of fact in trial, to opposing counsel in plea negotiations and to a judge in sentencing.

10:40  Break

10:55  Theories? We Don’t Need No Stinkin’ Theories
Manning
Attorneys need to be strategic in each and every aspect of a criminal case, especially in the context of a trial. A portion of this strategy involves establishing and maintaining a consistent theme. Tommy Manning discusses developing an overall trial strategy and centering that strategy around a well-defined theory of the case.

11:45  Let’s Make a Federal Case Out of It!
Dismukes
Sometimes it is easy to see the feds coming and other times it comes as more of a surprise. Leslie C. Dismukes explains the policies, guidelines and factors that their office uses in determining whether to initiate a federal prosecution.

12:35  Networking Lunch

Criminal Justice Section Annual Meeting
Patrick B. Weede, Weede Law PLLC, Raleigh, 2018-2019
Section Chair, presiding
1:35  **The Ethics of Prosecution***
Cummings and Menser
A prosecutor is unlike any other lawyer and their ethical responsibilities are unique. Howard Cummings and Barton Menser participate in a panel discussion of ethics in the criminal justice system with an emphasis on the specific ethical challenges and obligations of prosecutors.

2:35  **Break**

2:50  **Perception vs. Reality in the Criminal Courtroom**
Devereux
The criminal justice system is one of fiction’s favorite subject matters. Because of this, outsiders often feel as if they know the ins and outs of the system. Sean Devereux offers critiques and criticisms of both the actual and the perceived state of the criminal justice system, as well as strategies for practitioners who recognize the difference to use to the benefit of their clients.

3:40  **Time to Bring in the Closer**
Smith
Wrapping an entire defense into a closing argument is one of the things that separates the greats from the rest of the pack. Anticipating or responding to your opponent's argument, determining the issues upon which the trier of fact will swing, and formulating and delivering an argument that swings them to your side are the kinds of things of which great closing arguments are made. Wade Smith, one of the masters of our profession, explains how it’s done.

4:30  **Adjourn**

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- Joseph B. Cheshire V, Cheshire Parker Schneider & Bryan PLLC, Raleigh
- Locke T. Clifford, Clifford & Harris PLLC, Greensboro
- Howard J. Cummings, Wake County District Attorney’s Office, Raleigh
- Sean P. Devereux, Devereux & Banzhoff PLLC, Asheville
- Leslie C. Dismukes, North Carolina Department of Justice, Raleigh
- Thomas C. “Tommy” Manning, Manning Law Firm PLLC, Raleigh
- Barton M. Menser, Charlotte
- Wade M. Smith, Tharrington Smith LLP, Raleigh

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